



Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

October 2019

Welcome to the October edition of the Club Bulletin. The summer pennant season is in full swing. We are yet to get a taste of summer but it is only around the corner. There are plenty of social activities planned at the club in the coming weeks and we look forward to your participation.

Board of Management Report

I mentioned in my report last month that Neil English and his Committee evaluating the future directions of the Back Green were close to making their recommendations to the Board.

This has now been tabled and the Board of Management has put in place a specialised group to complete the assessment process and to prepare the fundamentals for placing the recommendations before a *Special General Meeting* of Members for consideration and with the intent to seek support for the progression of the exercise. A date, possibly in early December will be determined shortly and members advised accordingly.

An update on the state of the lodged Grants applications was also tabled at the BOM meeting. These are:

- State (VicHealth) Active Grants to buy four (4) new sets of Bowls and four (4) Bowling Arms to assist disabled persons to start Bowls. **Grant approved**
- BeConnected Grant. Can be applied to an updated network, wifi extender in the Club House, a new telephone system and five (5) police checks for persons running the training. The Activation Grant requires the Club to register twenty-five (25) learners onto the BeConnected program. Once the target has been reached, or when 80% of the required learners have been registered (who meet the Activation Grant requirements), the Club can then apply for the Building Digital Skills Grant, which is the pathway for a Network Partner. This further Grant, once the target training is met, is up to \$15,000 and would be sufficient to set up two (2) networked computers in the office and to upgrade the printer for cards in the tournament office. **Grant Approved**
- Manningham Small Grants. Application lodged for funds for start-up equipment, specifically, smart TV, wifi extender, four (4) handset phone system, and broadband for a year. **Still to be approved.**

Well done to Brian Donovan and his band of helpers who successfully organised and promoted the New Membership Drive and attendance Day.

To have 15,000 flyers dropped into letter boxes by volunteer members was a mammoth task and was organised with military precision.

The day saw 63 persons attend the Club and thanks are given to the members who greeted the guests, and attended to their Bowls "education" on the Green. At the time of writing this article, ten (10) new members have been signed up.



It was pleasing to see Ward Councillors, Dot Haynes and Anna Chen (Deputy Lord Mayor) attend the day, Anna also got down on the green for a bowl.

Following discussion with Dot and Anna, Neil English, Ash Rowe, and myself, attended a Community Workshop at the Manningham Civic Centre on Monday evening, 14th October. The purpose was to participate in a new project "Imagine Manningham 2040. The project, in essence, is to seek community input into the vision that citizens have for the City in a range of project principles, by the year 2040. It was mentioned that "the 20 year horizon for Manningham 2040" gives time to manage change. We are now at the starting point.

Ash noted on the night that it was also stated that Manningham would seek to create "Activity Centres" as components or parts of a "Liveable City", all aimed at improving "liveability".

Important to our Club, it was also stated that in recognising a changing demographic "what can Council provide for Doncaster Hill precinct", Council will seek to place emphasis on "Community Services" when developing the "liveability City Strategy". We reminded Council officers in attendance that DBC is already embracing the intention to develop and improve the facilities designed to provide a "community activity centre" catering for the broader demographics in and around the Doncaster Hill precinct. This philosophy is embraced in the DBC Strategic Plan of December 2014.

It is expected that a new Master Plan for Precinct 1 will evolve from the project.

DBC will lodge its submission to the project shortly, online.

Peter Letos
Executive Chairman, BOM

XMAS HAMPERS DONATIONS NEEDED

Check your cupboards and pantry for items that would be suitable to fill out our annual Christmas Hampers. These hampers will be raffled off at the Christmas Dinner Dance

MEGA GARAGE SALE

On **Sunday 17th November** between 10am and 3pm our club is holding a MEGA GARAGE SALE.

Items required for the sale: contact Richard Lovell – 0401648964 or take to the club.

Also if any member can give some time on the Saturday to help set up, or on the actual sale day, please contact Richard Lovell. We need a handful of helpers.

CLUB UNIFORM

If you require club uniform (shirts, jackets or vests) please contact Dinesh Balgovind. There is not a lot of stock on hand and if your size is not available, an order needs to be placed. It takes around four to five weeks to get stock once the order has been placed. Our supplier now requires upfront payment for any orders placed, so you will need to prepay when placing an order.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information on all club championship events has now been posted on the Championship Noticeboard at the Club. Have a look and put in an entry for the various championships.



MELBOURNE CUP TRIVIA

1. How many Melbourne Cups did Bart Cummings win?
2. The shortest price favourite to win the Melbourne Cup was.....
3. Name the four horses to have won the Cup twice?
4. Name the only horse to have won the Cup three times?
5. This barrier has never produced a Cup winner is
6. The 1983 Cup was won by Kiwi. What was unusual about his performance?
7. Who was the first female trainer of the Melbourne Cup?
8. The 2006 Cup was won by a Japanese horse called
9. How many times did Harry White win the Cup?
10. Who will win the 2019 Melbourne Cup ?

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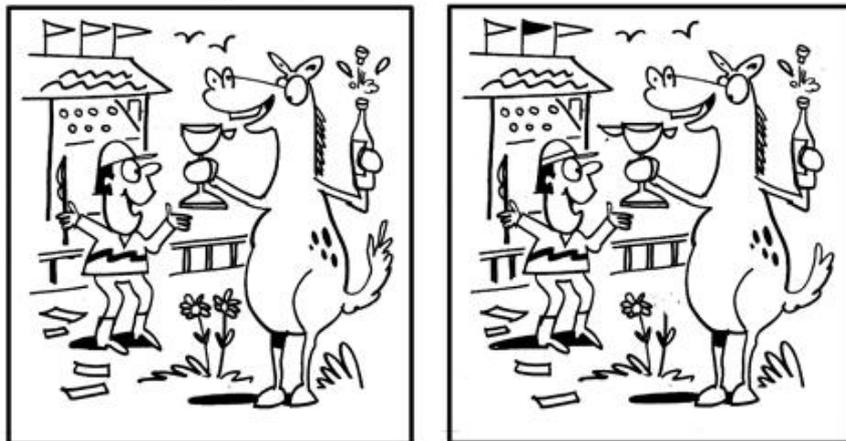
WHAT'S COMING UP

- ✓ Monday November 4th – Melbourne Cup Eve – chicken and champagne dinner only \$20
- ✓ Friday November 22nd - DBC celebrates 70 years - afternoon tea at the club at 2pm
- ✓ Thursday December 5th 10:30am – Blumes Fashions. Champagne/Lunch for only \$10
- ✓ Saturday December 7th – Christmas Dinner Dance - \$30 per head

MELBOURNE CUP TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Bart Cummings is a legend of Australian racing. He won 12 Melbourne Cups and also trained the runner up on several occasions. He was the strapper for his dad when *Comic Court* won the Cup in 1950. He last winner was Viewed in 2008.
2. Phar Lap in 1930 started favourite at 8/11
3. Archer, Peter Pan, Rain Lover and Think Big
4. Makybe Diva won the cup in 2003, 2004 and 2005.
5. Barrier 18 has never won the Cup
6. Kiwi had not been raced in the month before the Cup. Trainer "Snowy" Lupton opting instead to prepare the horse by using him to muster sheep around his New Zealand property! During the race, Kiwi was still last at the 600 metres but won easily under strong riding from jockey Jim Cassidy.
7. Sheila Laxon in 2001, the trainer Ethereal, was the first woman trainer to officially win the Melbourne Cup. In 1938 Melbourne Cup was won by trainer Mrs Allan McDonald who trained Catalogue. Mrs McDonald was a New Zealand trainer but at that time women were not allowed to compete as trainers in Australia so the record books have her husband down as the official trainer
8. Delta Blues
9. Four times: 1974 & 1975 on Think Big, in 1978 on Arwon and on Hyperno in 1979
10. Mustajeer.

Racing spot the difference



There are ten (10) differences between the two cartoons.

1. One less drop from champagne cork.
2. Cup gains handle.
3. Flower missing.
4. Black flag
5. Jockey's shadow longer.
6. Fence post railing appears.
7. Betting slip on ground moves.
8. Horse's tail changes.
9. Stripe on jockey's cap.
10. Bird moves.

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