



# Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

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*Welcome to the March 2020 Club Bulletin*

## **NEW PLATINUM SPONSOR**

We are delighted to welcome the McKenzie Aged Care Group as our Platinum sponsor. McKenzie is an Australian family owned organisation with two sisters, Sally McKenzie and Mary-Ann McKenzie at the helm. Their motto is: *People come first*. They run 17 aged care facilities around Australia, six of which are located in Victoria. Two of their beautiful aged care facilities are located in close proximity to our club. *Newmans on the Park* and *Charlesbrook* are both located in Templestowe offering both respite care and permanent aged care facility. As our Platinum Sponsor, the McKenzie group sponsors our premier event, the Doncaster Classic tournament and our new club shirts for the next season. Should you be interested in finding out more about aged care or respite care in general, do not hesitate to contact Kacee Jarvis, the Sales Manager on 9814 8100 or email her on [KJarvis@mckenzieacg.com](mailto:KJarvis@mckenzieacg.com)

McKenzie Aged Care website: <https://mckenzieacg.com/locations#vic>

## **NIGHT TOURNAMENT AT DONCASTER**

The seven week Tuesday Night tournament is underway with 16 teams participating. Apart from our local members we are delighted to have players from Blackburn, Richmond Union, Donvale, Lilydale and Heathmont participating. After two rounds, Frank Grasso's team leads with 37 points closely followed by Joe Arcuri's (Richmond Union) team and Teresa Bowden's team both on 36 points. There is still plenty of time left for the others to make inroads into the competition and cause those big upsets.

## **FIFTH MONDAY PAIRS MEDLEY**

On **Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>** our club will host the Doncaster Pairs Medley. Offering good prize money, it is a day of Open Pairs competition with variety: A game of 2-4-2 pairs followed by a game of 3 bowl pairs, followed by a lunch break and then the final game of the more traditional 2-2-2-2 pairs. All games are only 10 ends. Entries are coming in steadily. If you are interested, find a partner and put your name on the list at the club. Composite teams and visiting teams are most welcome. Contact Dinesh Balgovind for further information.

## **SUMMARY OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

With Wednesday evening meals coming to an end this week a few accolades are in order. We have had 18 weeks of meals from October till March with a rotation of four different leaders each with their own team of 10 helpers. Robert Bateup has been the MC each evening. On a few nights we have had entertainment, thanks to Darryl Bishop and Irene Garrett. But the largest work load and therefore the biggest thanks goes by a mile to Pauline and Brian Donovan. Every week Brian has bought the chicken schnitzels, the flathead tails and the steaks then supervised their cooking. He has also obtained the raffle prizes. Every week Pauline has bought and brought the different sweets and has helped with making the meat balls. Weekly she has helped in the kitchen and calculated the profit. Pauline is not even a member. The teams work once a month but the Donovan's work four times a month!

It is wonderful to have this social get-to-gather, and these dedicated volunteer teams work hard, other clubs are not so lucky, ....but there are many Doncaster members, who don't, but could, come at least once or twice a year. This would make meals nights more successful. \$15 for a two

course meal plus the free raffle ticket is far better value than a restaurant or pub dinner. Please give this some serious thought for next year if the meals are to continue.

*Lyn Goodman*

### **PENNANT SEASON**

The tables below show our current standings in the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Pennant competition. Doncaster has a total of 11 teams participating in the competition. While it has not been a stellar season for the club in terms of the pennant competition, it is still pleasing to see that Doncaster has teams in the finals. Well done! Please do support our sides that will be playing finals.

#### **MIDWEEK PENNANT**

<b>SIDE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

#### **SATURDAY PENNANT**

<b>SIDE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

### **CHANGES TO PENNANT DATES SEASON 2020/21**

For those who like to plan well ahead, our friends at Bowls Victoria have released the dates for the 2020/21 Metropolitan Pennant season. Two things to note in particular are that the season starts a little later and there are two double headers (Saturday and Sunday games) in the weekend competition.

### **Midweek Pennant 2020/21 Season Dates**



**Round 1** – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Round 2** – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Round 3** – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (Played on a Wednesday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day)

**Round 4** – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Round 5** – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

2020 Victorian Open – 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Round 6** – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (First Game After Victorian Open)

**Round 7** – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 (Midweek Pennant Double Header)

**Round 8** – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Round 9** – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Round 10** – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 (Last Game Before Christmas)

Christmas/New Year Break

**Round 11** – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Round 12** – 28<sup>h</sup> January 2021 (Played on a Thursday in lieu of Australia Day)

**Round 13** – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

**Round 14** – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Round 15** – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Round 16** – 23<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Round 17** – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

**Round 18** – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Sectional Semi Final** – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Sectional Final** – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Division Quarter Final** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

**Division Semi Final** – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Division Grand Finals** – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Weekend Pennant 2020/21 Season Dates



**Round 1** – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
**Round 2** – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
**Round 3** – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020  
**Round 4** – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**Round 5** – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**Round 6** – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (Weekend Pennant Double Header)

2020 Victorian Open – 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Round 7** – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (First Game After Victorian Open)  
**Round 8** – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
**Round 9** – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
**Round 10** – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (Last Game Before Christmas)

Christmas/New Year Break

**Round 11** – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021  
**Round 12** – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
**Round 13** – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 (Weekend Pennant Double Header)  
**Round 14** – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Round 15** – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Round 16** – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Round 17** – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Round 18** – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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**Division Semi Final** – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Division Grand Finals** – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Board of Management met for its February Meeting on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February.

With only two more meetings scheduled before the end of the Club's year, it considered a full agenda of ongoing issues, and issues that would need to be on the agenda for the new, incoming BOM in May. The Minutes of the Meeting have been distributed and are posted on the Club's website.

For the purpose of this report, a snapshot of the key issues are noted below:

#### Finance:

- The Club will report a further loss in the financial year. This is the fourth year in a row that a loss has occurred.
- Bowls revenue is down, bar revenue is down. Other income streams are down.
- Whilst the revenue is down compared to last year, generally, expenses have been contained during the period.

Notwithstanding, the auditor has noted in a partial audit of the accounts, that the Club needs to focus on increasing revenue as the Club's viability is in focus, given that there has been losses for the last four

years. The BOM agrees and the Club's strategies, going forward, is to arrest the trend in its strategic planning.

In this respect, the BOM will consider new revenue streams to support the ongoing viability of the Club. Several options are under consideration. The bottom line is that all of the club's assets that contribute to the revenue stream need to do better, and the BOM considers that they can do better. Similarly, all items of expenditure need to be carefully analysed and savings made where possible. This can be done and the Club's forward planning suggests that progress can be made and that the Club can look forward to a progressive next 70 years.

Every member has a part to play in contributing to the needs of the Club. Please consider this over the next couple of months and identify areas in which you may have expertise that would be of value, or simply to be part of the volunteer group that works diligently to improve the wellbeing of the Club. To simply turn up and enjoy the offerings of the Club, and contribute nothing, is not an option.

The BOM has canvassed a number of ideas for revenue raising, and expense savings, and will meet shortly for a "brainstorming session" to further explore these. Some of these ideas are noted in the Minutes, as is the current diary of Marketing, Special Projects and Clubhouse Functions. All suggestions in any of these areas are welcome.

Notwithstanding, the Club assets remain solid and the future looks bright.

#### **House and Physical Environment:**

Neil English prepared a written report for the BOM, and this report is recorded in the Minutes.

The only new item that has since occurred that will need attention is that three (3) flood lights have ceased to function, two (2) on the NE corner and one (1) on the SE corner. The Club's property contact at Manningham Council has been contacted, seeking Council support in replacing the blown globes, but the request has been rejected.

Neil is currently seeking electricians who may be able to replace the globes, and an estimate of costs. A "cherry picker" will be required.

#### **Greens:**

The report of the Greens Director is included in the Minutes.

#### **Special Event:**

The Club will partner with Manningham Council and Bowls Victoria to promote a Special Day at the Club on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The day will consist of a variety of special events under the umbrella of a Community Family Fun Day, and is being promoted under the name of "Respect Sport and Games".

Manningham Councillor Dot Haynes and Tricia O'Connor are driving the day which promises to be one of the largest community days (if not the largest) ever held on the Club's grounds.

Marketing, advertising and promotions have already commenced and final touches are now being put to the program.

A number of volunteers will be required and further details, including the program of events, and marketing material, will be advised to members shortly.

*Peter Letos*

*Executive Chairman*

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms range from a mild cough to pneumonia. Some people recover easily, others may get very sick very quickly. There is evidence that it spreads from person to person. Good hygiene can prevent infection. For more detailed information visit the Australian Government Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

## **COMING UP**

- 30<sup>th</sup> March Doncaster Pairs Medley (Fifth Monday)
- 2nd April Super Veterans & Life Members Day & President's Day. All members welcome. Bring a plate for lunch to share.
- 18th April Presentation Night and catered dinner.

## **CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR**

We need a new editor for the Club Bulletin. Please contact Dinesh Balgovind even if you are remotely interested.

## **CLUB WEBSITE**

Are you interested in learning about the club website? Learn how to put up photos, documents and other interesting information. If you are, contact Lyn Goodman or Dinesh Balgovind. It is not that difficult. If you are interested, we will provide you with some training and guidelines.

To read this newsletter on line here is the link to our website:

<http://www.doncasterbowlingclub.org.au>

*Dinesh Balgovind*