



Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

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Welcome to the July 2020 Club Bulletin

Board of Management Report

Firstly, I hope that all members are coping well with the latest Coronavirus Stay at Home Directions and that you are all keeping safe.

And I hope that those members who have taken advantage of the Safe Return to Bowls at the Club (albeit, in a restricted and regulated environment) have got enjoyment and social wellbeing at being back on the greens.

I said back in April that we live in hope that eventually things will get back to normal. Well here we are, almost at August and still no sign of normality. One has to wonder if “normality” might eventually disappear from our vocabulary.

Some members might have come across the recent well published survey report from the Australian Sports Foundation asking some 4,127 organisations across 100 different sports, how the COVID-19 crisis had affected their clubs, participants and volunteers.

The survey found that 70% anticipated a drop in numbers due to COVID-19. It is also estimated that \$1.2 billion is needed to ensure clubs survive and that the most at-risk clubs – who have cash reserves to last less than three months – will need \$300 million in support.

Not a pretty picture.

However, as a club, with the great support of members in paying their subscriptions and shirt and jacket costs up front, with the prudent financial management of Marg Parker and Peter Hanson, watched over by the BOM, the Club should get through this ok, despite having no general bowls or clubhouse income for the period. No mean effort.

The BOM at its meeting a few days ago, resolved that the election to determine the final composition of the Bowls Committee and the two (2) Selection Committees, will still take place on Saturday, 15th August 2020, conducted on-line. On-line voting may occur at any time during the designated times.

The Annual General Meeting will still be held on Tuesday, 18th August 2020 by video on Zoom. The starting time may change from the previous advised time of 1.30pm.

In respect of the Elections and the Annual General Meeting, specific operational details and advice will be provided to all members by a special Bulletin shortly.

Thank you, and please say safe.

Peter Letos

Success with Grants

Thanks to Tricia O'Connor, we have been successful with another grant.

We were awarded \$5000 *BeConnected* grant to purchase computer equipment especially for people affected by Covid. We bought a Samsung tablet, an Ipad and a laptop as well as three headsets.

John Broadfoot who has been in hospital for weeks and is not allowed visitors will now be able to chat to his family and friends on Messenger on the Samsung tablet.

If you know anyone who would be also isolated without computing equipment let Tricia know.

Club Programme Booklet

Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to plan production for the printing of our Programme Booklet for season 2020/21. When we have confirmation of some normality by way of Pennant Draws, permission to access buildings, and play our monthly tournaments the Club will arrange the printing of a programme booklet albeit in a reduced format.

Back to Bowls

Due to demand our Back to Bowls program is now being increased to 3 days from Monday the 3rd August. Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 4 one hour sessions from 11am. Book a rink from our website.



THE YOUTUBE FIX

Winning at Bowls

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKp13zfjRsk>

What happened to bowls?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R3yMvs1xUI>

How to use ZOOM (Video conferencing for beginners)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>



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