



# Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

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Welcome to the January 2020 edition of the Club Bulletin. Hopefully the festive season was kind to you. With bush fires still raging in various parts of Australia, it has not been a great summer for many people around the country. It has been tough going for too many people. Hopefully it rains in the right parts soon and brings a little bit of relief to those who need it.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The various club championship events are well underway. Good luck to those participating. Congratulations to Fred Duthie and Carl Giardina for making the finals of the Men's Singles Finals. The final has been played and won. Fred Duthie is our new club champion. Well done Fred!

## **NIGHT TOURNAMENT**

The seven week NIGHT TOURNAMENT at Doncaster gets underway on Tuesday February 25th. Twelve teams have already entered. If you have not played bowls on balmy summer nights, why not give it a go. We can certainly take more entries. Contact Dinesh Balgovind if you would like to participate. Composite and visiting teams are most welcome.

## **THE DONCASTER CLASSIC**

The Doncaster Classic is only weeks away. We now have a full book of entries. All we need is some fine weather and a few more donations for our raffle prizes. So if you can help, please contact Richard Lovell or simply put your donations in the big box at the club.

## **FIFTH MONDAY PAIRS MEDLEY**

On Monday March 30th our club will host a special tournament, a Pairs Medley, consisting of a game of 2-4-2 pairs followed by a game of 3 bowls pairs, followed by a lunch break and then a game of 2-2-2-2 pairs. For anyone who loves playing pairs, it simply pairs heaven. There's great prize money and all games are only 10 ends. Entry forms are at the club and more information at the club and on our website. Contact Dinesh Balgovind if you are interested.

## **FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

### Back Green Replacement Project

Following the majority agreement by the DBC Inc. members at the Special General Meeting held on Thursday, 12th December, to support the Motion put by the BOM to replace the tiff dwarf Back Green with a synthetic green, and the return to the Club by members from the Christmas break, the Chair of the Back Green Assessment Sub-Committee wrote to the to the Club's contact Council officer on 14th January 2020, seeking details of the procedure for preparing an application for funding assistance from the Manningham Council.

It should be noted that the relevant officer, in a visit to the Club in the first week of November of last year, asked for and was given a copy of the preferred contractor's quote for the supply and installation of the synthetic green, and subsequently, the drawings and quote of the proposed "In Fill" area.

The purpose of the 14th January email was to advise the officer that the proposal was endorsed by the Club members at the Special General Meeting and to seek information on the next step. It also sought a meeting to discuss the advice.

A search of the Manningham Council's website located a link to the Community Facilities Capital Works Funding Program, and whilst it was a 2018 page, it set the program out, including links to the "Community Capital Works Funding Expression of Interest Form" and the "Community Capital Works Funding Application". It noted that the latter could be completed electronically and the closing date was March 30th. Any reasonable person searching the site, in the absence of any updated process, would expect the current year's procedure to be the same. The applications also needed to be endorsed by the Club's President and Treasurer.

We were greatly shocked, and somewhat perplexed, when the response from the relevant officer indicated that he had, following the meeting that we had with him on site in November last year, put forward the Club's ideas to management and had submitted a business case for the project for them to review. He also advised that additional documentation such as the Club's proposal and business strategy were also included?

He went on to say that we have just missed that deadline for them to review this in time for the 2020/21 budget, but all of the details of the project have been submitted for review which will take place later in 2020 (for 2021/22 budget). He noted in a subsequent advice, following the Club's follow up for an explanation, that the cut-off date for applications for projects to be considered for the 2020/21 financial year was March last year. Nothing to this effect is shown anywhere on Manningham's website that we could locate.

The Club has had further discussions with the officer without much conclusion other than the recognition that the website should contain all the relevant details including the cut-off dates for applications and the cut-off dates for internal review. The BOM is considering if it has further follow up options in this matter.

#### Request for Additional Volunteers:

The Club has embarked on an expanded program of activities this year which has stretched the usual troop of volunteer helpers to the limit.

A call is now out for those who may have the willingness to help, who, for whatever reason, have not taken the step forward, but to do so now. Not matter how small the task may be, and the tasks are varied, you can help, and your help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tricia O'Connor, for advice, and to include your name.

Peter Letos  
Executive Chairman

#### **WANTED**

Volunteers Needed - today, tomorrow, next week.

Doncaster Bowls Club is run by volunteers and all too often it is the same people doing the volunteering. We are looking to support our current volunteers and there are several areas needing additional support. If you can volunteer regularly or even on an ad-hoc basis please put your name down.

For example when we have events at the club, which bring in much needed funds, you may be able to help at these events ongoing or on an ad-hoc basis.

The following areas are in need of additional volunteers now;

- Wednesday Night Meals - 1 volunteer
- Maintenance/Handyman - 1 volunteer
- Gardening - 2 volunteers
- Events - 3 volunteers
- The Doncaster Classic - 4 volunteers for Sunday 16 Feb
- New Members Mentor - 2 volunteers

## **CLUB SUCCESS WITH GRANTS**

Disabled Bowlers - looking for new members who are Disabled

We have been fortunate to receive a VicHealth grant to buy 4 sets of bowls and 4 bowlers arms to assist new disabled bowlers join our club. If you know someone who would be interested in learning bowls but without the need to purchase an arm or bowls for the first year, please let Tricia O'Connor know on 0433 166 244.

BeConnected Grant - IT up-skilling - Phone, Computer, iPad courses.

We have received a BeConnected (Federal Government Grant), this has allowed us to purchase a new telephone system, a new printer for the tournament office, and WiFi upgrade the network at the Club. The grant requires us to run training sessions at the Club to assist mature age people up-skill them on their laptop, phone and iPad use. The courses are all self paced and simple to go through.

We will run several courses, with groups of 5-8 people, and have a presenter to help you out at every stage. This is designed for people with any level of skills, but a desire to improve and become more on-line or computer literate. There are courses for people who have never sent an email or used the internet, and those who are on the computer and internet everyday. There are many many courses, I am sure if you have a desire to improve your skills and knowledge there is something you will find helpful. The tutor will be there to help you out if you get stuck too. The courses take between 10 - 30 minutes. Please put your name down on the sheet at the club, and preferred day and time. We will be running these courses on weekdays, weekends, day and evening if necessary.

The good news is when we get a certain number of courses completed we gain access to more funds to help upgrade the club.

It will benefit everyone who goes online, or wants to learn how to go online.

We need to start these events in February and I am open to run them any day any time. We will have sign up sheets in the Club entry and you can contact me via email; [triciaoconnorDBC@gmail.com](mailto:triciaoconnorDBC@gmail.com). or 0433 166 244. Please come and join up, its simple, fun and you will learn something.

Manningham Local Council Grant

We received \$1,500 from the council to assist in the purchasing of the new Smart TV. We purchased the 2nd TV and sound bar with the proceeds from the Garage Sale.

Tricia O' Connor  
Club Secretary

## **COMING EVENTS**

February 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Meals

February 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Meals

February 16<sup>th</sup> The Doncaster Classic *sponsored by* the McKenzie Aged Care Group

February 17<sup>th</sup> Loel's Costume Collection

February 19<sup>th</sup> ANGOVE Wine Tasting followed by Wednesday Night Meals

March 30<sup>th</sup> The Doncaster Pairs Medley (fifth Monday)

### **WANTED – CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR**

I have been editing the DBC Club Bulletin for a number of years now. I need help. I need someone to spice it up a bit, give it a new lease of life, a new fresh look and take over the editing for the next season. If you are interested, please contact Dinesh. Poetic licence will be granted.

### **TENNIS TRIVIA**

How long was the longest tennis match in history. Six hours? No. A little longer than that. The John Isner and Nicolas Mahut match at the 2010 Wimbledon Championships is the longest tennis match in history. The match began at 6.13pm on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and concluded at 4.47pm on Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Fading light caused the match to be suspended on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. In total the match lasted 11 hours and five minutes. The fifth set lasted 8 hours and 11 minutes. John Isner, the big serving American, won the match eventually with the final score 6-4, 3-6, 6-7, 7-6, 70 – 68. The final set alone was longer than the previous longest match. Both men served over 100 aces each during the match. This longest tennis match record will never be broken as the fifth set is now played as a tie break. The match which was played on Court 18 at Wimbledon now has the following sign:



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

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