



# Club Bulletin

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*Welcome to the April 2020 Club Bulletin*

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

Also, like me, I would expect that you are all missing the fellowship of DBC and itching to get back of the greens.

We live in hope that eventually things will get back to normal. Time will tell!

It is some four weeks now since advice was received from Bowls Victoria that both Bowls Victoria, and Bowls Australia recommended that all club competitions and events be postponed indefinitely.

Even though DBC advice was put out to members, some are still unsure of the events that quickly followed. The process is worth repeating.

What followed became a fast moving environment, with changes occurring regularly and rapidly, with the State Government implementing Stage 3 restrictions on all Victorians.

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, Manningham Council issued a bulletin on user group access to Manningham owned and operated pavilions.

The effect of this Bulletin was to prohibit access to all Manningham pavilions, and also prohibited access to the greens area.

The Bulletin covered in detail, instructions relevant to:

- What needed to be done immediately (removing perishable items, etc., and securing the property, and turning off all unnecessary equipment including heating/air-conditioning).
- Access arrangements after midnight Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March (no access).
- Club Maintenance (as per the Federal Government guidelines).
- Club Operations (assistance or guidance if needed).

This effectively put DBC in a total shutdown.

What was of concern to DBC, however, was the instruction to prohibit access by any volunteer member to the greens area, particularly at a time when some basic work would be needed to be done to the greens to ensure that they did not have any long term issues if left unattended.

Neil English, wisely, took up the issue and was able to determine that the “Staying at Home” directions, specifically Section 8, noted that what was allowable, however, was that persons would be allowed to leave the premises to attend work or education.

Attend work is defined as whether paid or voluntary, including for charitable purposes.

Manningham confirmed that volunteer work has been classified by the State Government as work and DBC member volunteers are allowed to attend to basic greens maintenance on the basis that the number restrictions, physical distancing requirements and sanitation measures are maintained.

As well, questions are being asked by some members as to what the Club is doing about the election processes and Annual General Meeting.

Simply, because of the number restrictions and physical distancing requirements under the State Governments Stage 3 Guidelines, both have been put on hold.

An application has been lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) for the lodgement of End of Year Statutory obligations (EOY Financial Statements, Declarations, and AGM Requirements) to be held over for three (3) months. This has been approved.

BOM will monitor the fluid situation of Government requirements and plan around them accordingly.

A question was asked if the BOM could be held by the use of technology.

The simple answer is yes!

CAV have published advice that the Associations Incorporation Act 2012 “permits members to take part in General Meetings by using technology that allows members to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other”. Also the Act “permits meetings of Committees of an Incorporated Association to be conducted by use of technology that allows members to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other”.

Is the running of the AGM by technology, appropriate for DBC?

The answer is No, for all of the technical requirements needed and the logistics required to put it in place for a large number of participants.

Is the running of a Committee meeting appropriate for DBC?

The answer could be yes, if all of the technology was available to the Committee members and the logistics could be organised.

In view of the delay in holding the elections and AGM, the BOM and all other elected Committees will stay in place at this time.

Notwithstanding, the preparation of the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements and Review, have been completed and the collection of the Reports that are required for the preparation of the Club’s Annual Report are being progressed.

The aim is to have the printing of Annual Report completed and distributed to members by the end of April.

In the interim, the BOM will continue to monitor the Governments' directions closely for any changes that may affect the Club and notify members accordingly.

Please stay safe at this difficult time.

*Peter Letos*

### **NEW PENNANT SHIRT FOR DONCASTER**

As mentioned in the last Club Bulletin, we will have a new pennant shirt for the next season with the McKenzie Aged Care Group as our sponsor. Considerable work has been done on the design of this new shirt. Once this has been finalised and approved by the BOM and our sponsor, all club members will receive a detailed email about the design and the process for placing an order for the new shirts.

### **BECONNECTED GRANT SUCCESS**

Be Connected is a new Australian Government program aimed at increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians when they use the internet.



#### **BeConnected Digital Skills Training**

Courses were due to begin at the club in April, of course due to Covid-19 they have been postponed. (And a 3 month grant extension approved).

We also applied for a grant to help "Promote and Deliver" the training. On Friday we were successful in receiving this grant of \$1,500, which will mean we can provide a free lunch and a beer, wine or soft drink, when you attend a training session. **THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH.**

Each session will last 1 - 1 1/2 hours and include lunch and drink. We will advise on the website and Facebook when we are able to start this training. There are still places available for anyone interested in joining the training, just let Tricia know on 0433 166 244 or email: [tricioconnordbc@gmail.com](mailto:tricioconnordbc@gmail.com).

### **HOME ISOLATION ACTIVITIES**



While our club is in shut down mode at the moment, our website is still on the go. I want to say thanks to the members who sent photos and other items of what they are doing during this lockdown period.

I know not as many people will be checking the Doncaster BC website but communication is still so important especially as many are home alone in this unprecedented time. There are members who still look for news.

I am going to do a second article: so, whether it is a joke, a photo, a good book, something you liked on telly, a special happening, please send it to share. We need to think of many ways to keep our bowling community alive.!!! We are all in this together. So if you did not send something last time please do this time.....after all you do have more time on your hands.

*Lyn Goodman*

## LAWN BOWLS ON YOU TUBE



There are lots of ways to pass you time....watching lawn bowls on you tube. Here are some sites to check out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UO1Myi7w5E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7Yp-ZSpPfc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4ohG2I0NA8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYMuYZ8dBh0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7in1XXjMk8M>

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

## THE TOILET PAPER STORY



### THIS PERSON IS:

- A. SELF ISOLATING
- B. SHELTERING IN PLACE
- C. FLATTENING THE CURVE
- D. SOCIAL DISTANCING
- E. OUT OF TOILET PAPER

In the 2nd century BC Chinese invented wrapping and padding material known as paper. There are many evidences that confirm that they used that paper like toilet paper too.

In the 6th century toilet paper was widely used in China.

Historically the first modern toilet paper was made in 1391, when it was created for the needs of the Chinese Emperor family. Each sheet of toilet paper was even perfumed. That was toilet paper as

we have come to think of it.

In the late fifteenth century, paper became widely available. However, mass manufacturing of modern toilet paper began in the late 19th century.

Joseph C. Gayetty created the first commercially packaged toilet paper in 1857. His toilet papers were loose, flat, sheets of paper. Joseph founded The Gayetty Firm for toilet paper production in New Jersey and his first factory-made toilet paper was "The Therapeutic Paper". This first toilet paper in flat sheets was medicated with aloe. Gayetty named it "Gayetty's Medicated Paper." Joseph Gayetty printed his name on every sheet. Unfortunately, this invention failed.

Thomas Seymour, Edward Irvin and Clarence Wood Scott began selling some kind of toilet paper in Philadelphia in 1867. In 1879, Scott brothers founded the Scott Paper Company. The Scott Paper Company's toilet paper was the first toilet paper sold in rolls. In 1890 the Scott Paper Company made its Waldorf brand toilet paper in rolls.

In 1871, Zeth Wheeler patents rolled and perforated toilet paper. In 1877 he founded the Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Company. In 1897, company began selling and marketing standard perforated toilet paper on a roll.

In 1879, Walter Alcock, a British businessman, created toilet paper on a roll, too. He was the first that used the perforated toilet roll instead of the common flat sheets.

In 1880 the British Perforated Paper Company began selling toilet paper. That toilet paper was sold in boxes of individual squares.

In 1885 Oliver Hewlett Hicks patented package of toilet paper and the manufacturing process.

In 1896, Irvin's son Arthur Scott joined the Scott Paper Company. In 1921 Waldorf brand represented 64% of Scott's total case sales. Company became the leading toilet paper company in the world.

In 1928, German, Hans Klenk become the first toilet paper rolls seller in Europe.

In 1942 toilet paper becomes softer, St. Andrew's Paper Mill in England began selling the first two-ply toilet paper. Today two-ply toilet paper is the standard in many countries.

In 1935 Northern Tissue invented splinter free toilet paper.

In 1973, America experienced first toilet paper shortage. In December 1973 after one of Carson's jokes (Johnny Carson, one of America's most loved comedians) scared consumers into stockpiling supplies.

At the time, people did not speak of the toilet paper frequently. In conservative era it was 'unmentionable' to talk about this product. However, people had a desire for better hygiene and toilet paper slowly fit into the consumer market.

Did you know that approximately 70 – 75% of the world does NOT use toilet paper? Some areas of the world have a lack of trees which means not enough resources to produce the paper. Some people cannot afford toilet paper whilst others just don't want to spend money on fancy paper that is made just to wipe their bums.

- A roll of toilet paper lasts approximately 5 days in an average household.
- On average, people use 8 – 9 sheets of toilet paper per use with an average of 57 sheets per day.
- On average, 384 trees are used to make the toilet paper one person will use in a lifetime.

And finally if you have an abundance of toilet paper now and feel bored:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZX9MFFd\\_Tvg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZX9MFFd_Tvg)

Take it easy and stay safe.

*Dinesh Balgovind*

