



Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC

December 2021



Seasons Greetings and welcome to the summer edition of the Club Bulletin. With all the activities at our club in recent weeks, thankfully it does feel like the festive season this year. It is great to see lots of people at our club once again.



The festivities continue with the less formal Christmas Eve drinks and nibbles is on **Friday 24th December** from 5:30pm onwards. So, if you can, bring some nibbles and food and let's celebrate. Happy hour at the bar as usual.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Hello Members,

I trust that you are all enjoying the opportunity to be back together both on and off the green after the grind of the Covid lockdowns.

So, listed below are comments to provide you with an update on matters affecting the Club.

Lease:

We are yet to receive a new lease proposal from the Council and therefore are effectively "holding over" under the terms of the lease which expired on 31 March this year.

The Club has received notice from the Council that rental for the period 1 August – 31 December 2021 has been waived, and \$700 is to be credited to our account for Covid related relief.

Back Green:

Conversion of the back green to a synthetic surface is of course our priority project and a meeting with Council has been scheduled for this week to discuss the Club's application for funding assistance which will be submitted early next year.

We will continue to follow up our earlier submission to the federal member, Kevin Andrews, for funding assistance at the federal level.

Defibrillator:

A new defibrillator was recently purchased and will be located in the centre shelter shed adjacent to the umpires' cabinet. Arrangements will be made early next year for instruction courses in the use of this equipment.

Bowls Victoria New HQ:

As advised previously, Bowls Vic. is currently undertaking a feasibility study to identify a favoured site for their proposed new HQ.

We have recently been advised that the scope and time frame for the study has been extended, and





will now include 15-16 Clubs with the appointed consultant to recommend 3-4 Clubs for further study early next year.

Community Activities:

An updated schedule of the community activities which the Club is currently involved with was recently sent out to all members.

The Board has decided that this involvement with the community is the key to the Club's future, particularly if we are to have any chance of success in seeking funds for our larger projects such as the back green conversion and a new deck.

These activities can only happen with the voluntary support of members, so for all of those who are able to do so, please offer your assistance in this area. It can be a very rewarding experience for all of those involved.

Solar Panels:

Preliminary discussions have been held with a supplier / installer regarding the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Clubhouse. Design development and a cost / benefit analysis has for the moment been deferred until the outcome of the Bowls Vic HQ feasibility study is known.

Grants:

The Club has recently been successful in obtaining separate grants for a new eftpos-compatible cash register for the bar, and a new photocopier for the secretary's office.

An application has been made for a federal grant towards the cost of the new ride on mower, defibrillator, new hedge trimmer, and edge trimmer.

And so finally, on behalf of the Board, may I thank all of those who have volunteered their time and effort towards the Club activities throughout the year, and wish all members and their families a very Merry Xmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Ash Rowe

PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY

To promote the Doncaster Bowling Club as a community/sports facility and to enhance the exposure of our partners (sponsors), the club is posting club activities/events with photos on the club website, as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

The club also circulates members personal data - home address, phone number and email address - to other club members as on the members list in the club programme book.

To protect personal privacy, the club would like to request all members to notify the Club Secretary, Robert Graham:

1. If you DO NOT wish your identifiable photos to be used on the club website and/or in any other social media
2. If you DO NOT wish any of your personal data to be circulated to other club members.

VISIT TO VICTORIA BOWLING CLUB BALLARAT

Our club has had a long association with the Victoria Bowling Club at Ballarat East and this time it is our turn to go to Ballarat on Sunday February 6th. More on this later.





THE DONCASTER CLASSIC

The McKenzie Aged Care Group sponsored Doncaster Classic will be held on **Sunday February 20th**. Entries are rolling in. There is great prize money on offer. Should you wish to enter a team or are interested in participating in the club's marquee event, please contact Peter Demeris or Robert Bateup. Visiting teams and composite teams are welcome.

PENNANT – MID SEASON REPORT

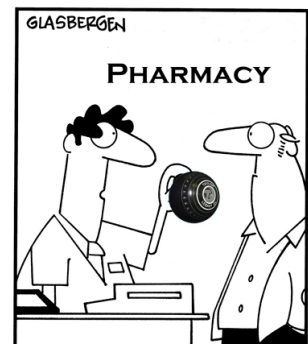
We had a strong finish prior to the mid-season pennant break with five of the six Saturday teams winning. The tables below show our current standings after six rounds of the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Pennant competition. Congratulations to Side 1 in the midweek competition for being the front runners. As can be seen, some sides have a bit of catching up to do, especially given the new pennant structure with respect to promotions and relegations. The good news however is that there is still plenty of time left. So, let's focus and do our best for the remainder of the season and try to get some of the sides into the finals in March.

MIDWEEK PENNANT	
SIDE	POSITION
1	1
2	3
3	6

SATURDAY PENNANT	
SIDE	POSITION
1	2
2	2
3	8
4	4
5	5
6	3

PENNANT PRACTICE AND COACHING

Each week around a 100 Doncaster players participate in the pennant competition. Every Thursday we hold pennant practice between 1pm to 5pm. On average, only around 35 keen and dedicated pennant players turn up to these sessions. It is usually the same people each week. Please do give some thought to your participation in this competition. Skips in particular, please speak to your team and try to get your team members to the pennant training sessions on Thursday afternoons. Pennant training will resume on Thursday January 6th at 1pm.



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You chase it around a bowling green
for an hour a day."

NIGHT TOURNAMENT AT DONCASTER

Have you played bowls at night? Beat the day time heat and play bowls in beautiful conditions under lights. Our 7-week Night Tournament gets underway on Tuesday March 1st and we finish before Easter on April 12th. It is a nominated triples game of 16 ends with one end power play. There is very good prize money on offer at the end of the seven weeks and there is a weekly lucky draw as well. You can put your team entries in on the list at the club or contact Tak Shum for more information.

CLOSURE OF OUR GREENS

The Doncaster greens will be closed from Sunday 19th December and re-open on Wednesday January 5th.





COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

No doubt you are aware that while restrictions have eased considerably, the nasty virus is far from being eradicated. It is therefore important that all members and visitors to our club observe social distancing, practice good hygiene and follow the guidelines which are still valid despite the opening up. QR-code check-ins at our club and away clubs are still required. Proof of vaccination status is also required when playing away.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Yes, it is back again – Wednesday Night Meals resume on January 19th. Put your name and make your meal selection on the list at the club. Family and friends most welcome.

DONCASTER TOURNAMENTS

The regular monthly tournaments at our club will resume on Monday January 10th with the second Monday triples followed by the second Wednesday triples on January 12th.



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