

# MT GRAVATT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MT GRAVATT BOWLS CLUB.inc  
DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

We have now been operating the Club in our own right for twelve months as at the 7th of January 2020 and it has been a time of a great deal of hard work and many hours to refurbish the premises and to execute the business plan to develop the functions business and the barefoot bowls revenue streams that are crucial for the future financial viability of the Club.

Along the way we have learned some valuable lessons and endured a fairly steep learning curve. Critical to the development of the business side of the Club has been the group of volunteers who work in many areas that save paying wages during this development period. We have a core team of members who work behind the bar, a critical area for saving labour costs, but we could use a few more so if you think you can contribute in this area please see Jeff McLennan, Julie or myself and we can provide you with the training and help you obtain your Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate.

We also have a great team of volunteers who help with the barefoot bowls but, as always, we can always use a few more. Again, see Jeff McLennan or Ian Svensson if you can help out.

When you add the Dad's Army group of volunteers who look after the greens, the surrounds and other general maintenance and the Section Committee members you realise we do have a significant number of members who volunteer their time for the benefit of the Club as a whole and I thank each and every one of them for their efforts because without them the Club could not function.

As we develop the functions business we have been learning that we need to be more diverse if we are going to capture the market and generate enough revenue to sustain the operation of the Club. For example, we have learned that the vast majority of our bookings for the Carson Room have been groups of forty (40) or less for meetings or training and that revenue is insufficient to sustain the operation of the Carson Room in the long term. Unfortunately, we have had to knock back functions offering 100 to 150 people with catering and bar sales because of the small group bookings which is costly. On average it would take ten small group bookings to replace one function with 150 guests so it makes sense to keep the Carson Room

free for the large bookings.

The Carson Room needs to generate at least \$1000 per day so we are investigating converting what we currently call the Bowlers Lounge area into a second conference room by installing an acoustic folding wall. By installing the folding wall the room can be opened up for general purpose such as our bigger bowls days etc. so we retain flexibility.

All the small groups would be booked into the smaller room leaving the Carson Room available for the big groups such as Bunnings or for functions. Once we have obtained all of the costs involved a Special General Meeting will be called to put the proposal to the members for approval. Full details will be distributed prior to the meeting.

The Brisbane City Council has approved the installation of the Solar Power System. We have spoken about funding the Solar Power System through a Debenture Offer but after seeking legal advice it was found that Debentures are too complicated these days and costly to set up and they are bound by too many regulations. The banks were also not an option at this point in time. However, the Treasurer has had a long hard look at our finances and in view of the strong cash flow in November and December he has recommended the club pay for the Solar Power System from cash reserves. This was reviewed by the Finance Sub Committee and subsequently approved by the Board. It was important to have the system installed before the 31st of December 2019 otherwise would lose \$3,000 in Government Subsidies.

The other major item that will be attended to is to replace the ailing PA system. We had obtained a quote from Programmed Electrical Technologies but it was considered to be way too expensive and we are currently waiting on a second quote which we hope will be much more affordable. The work will include the Bar area, the Bowlers Lounge and both Greens.

Thank you one and all for your support over the past year and I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year.

*Graham Chatten*

**Board Chairman**



## MEN'S PRESIDENT REPORT

Hi fellow members.

The first month has now well and truly passed with no major hiccups. Our business manager Reg Walls has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the pressure up with the grant applications, and hopefully we will have some good news soon! I cannot stress strongly enough that we have an excellent board and men's and women's committee members and this is where our progressive future lies. We have great members and with continued support we can only get stronger and more successful as a club!

All for now and good bowling.

*Roger Piasecki*

President



## LADIES PRESIDENT REPORT

This will be my last report for 2019 and I wish to take the opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard for success in the ladies section. The new committee has settled in very well and working hard to continue the work of those ladies who in the past have made our section special.

Our last major event for the year was the Six-a-Side Day held on 18th. November, 2019. The day was a great success with full greens, something not seen too often these days. The success was due to the co-operative way in which our ladies worked. I must thank those who obtained the support of clubs from Ipswich, Darra, Manly, Corinda, Belmont, Wellington Point, Victoria Point, Windsor, Salisbury, Algester, Logan City and three teams from Mt. Gravatt; those who prepared the condition of play booklets and cards for the day; those who helped with setting up the Carson Room; those who gave their time to help with the catering; the men who set up the greens and had the surroundings in perfect condition; and lastly our sponsors who provided prize money for the day. The overall winners were Algester and the Runners-up were Manly/Victoria Point. The First Round Pairs winner was Mt. Gravatt, the First Round Fours winner was Mt. Gravatt and the Second Round Triples winner was Darra.

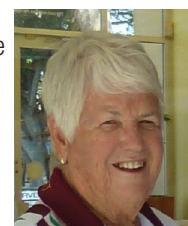
The ladies finish for the Christmas break on the 10th December and return in the New Year on the 7th January. This day will be our Patroness Day at which we will honour our Patroness, Margaret Gallagher.

It is with a very heavy heart that I mention the passing of our member, Nola Wright. Nola has earned the love and respect of all our ladies for the way in which she has fought to continue to play her bowls. She has been an inspiration to all of us and now she is at peace. Although we are all so sad it was a wonderful and rewarding scene to see so many of our members at the church to say farewell to a very special lady. My sincere thanks to you all for showing such compassion as this is the spirit we have in our club. Farewell Nola you will be missed and you will always be remembered as a true friend to everyone. To Ted, who for many years prepared the greens for us on Tuesday, our deepest sympathy and our thoughts are with you and your family.

In closing I wish the Board, the Men's section, the staff, Dad's army and my wonderful ladies the joys of Christmas. Life is short so make the most of time spent with family and friends.

*Bev Geldart.*

President



## MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO THESE MEMBERS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020**

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# BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

## BOWLS CALENDAR

The Bowls Calendar is well advanced for 2020 with most of our existing sponsors agreeing to commit to sponsorship of our events. I still have a few to speak with, however expect to be complete by mid December and Calendar completed shortly thereafter. Remember also not only do we have the paper version of the Calendar, but the electronic version completed on our website.

## GRANTS

### BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANTS

This grant is for the upgrade of lighting on both greens. Application is for \$33,380.00 with a quote accepted at \$44,509.00. We are required to provide 25% of cost. All figures are ex GST. Grant lodged prior to cut off date 9th September. Decision expected very soon.

### SENIORS CELEBRATION DONATION

We received \$165.00 from the Lord Mayor in support of this donation.

## SOLAR POWER

I have forwarded a form titled "Application for Works on a Community Lease site" to BCC Community Facilities Operations Team for approval to install the solar power system passed at the Annual General meeting. Approval in principle has been received subject to us verifying system details and an engineer's report on the roof structure supporting the panels. Neither item should cause us any problems.

## RETIREMENT & LIFESTYLE VILLAGE BOWLS DAY

Most recent day was Friday 8th November which saw two full greens. A great result which once again saw raffles and bar well supported.

## SOUTHSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BAD (BUSINESS AFTER DARK) EVENING

## SPONSORS BOWLS EVENING

The above function was held on Thursday 21st November with a mix of sponsors and chamber members attending, resulting in around 30 people in total. By all measures it was a great occasion, allowing us to showcase our upgraded facilities to all present. A number of favourable comments were received on the night and since.

## 2019 BONNER SENIORS EXPO

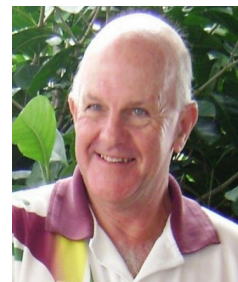
For the second year we attended the above expo at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club on Thursday 31st October. It is estimated that at least 500 people passed through the expo on the day. A number of our sponsors also attended. It is difficult to gauge just what we benefit from attending; however one thing is certain, that being if we are not there we will get nothing. A number of people stopped for a chat during the morning which confirmed our presence is known to attendees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all sponsors for their generosity in their support for our Club. It is very much appreciated as is the friendship of the individual people who represent the sponsors.

My sincere thanks to all who volunteer to be a part of the Friday night raffle team as well as those who assist in running our very successful Retirement and Lifestyle Village Bowls Days. Without these people the days simply do not occur. A thank you also to our fruit tray suppliers, The Fruitologists from Brisbane Markets and our meat tray suppliers, A & M Meats Mt Gravatt.

To everyone, have a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year and drive safely over the Festive season.

*Reg Walls*  
Business Manager





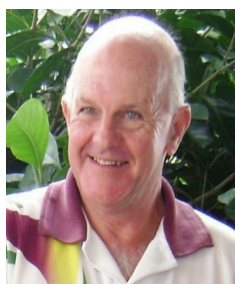
## SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

Sub Committee members Margaret Valentine, Win Worsnop, Kelly Perkins, Malcolm Ferguson and Reg Walls.

The Melbourne Cup function has come and gone with the general consensus being that of a very enjoyable day. Sub Committee was generally happy with the way it turned out; however that doesn't mean we can't make changes for future events to be even better. Many thanks to Henry Gauci for his efforts and enthusiasm in running the sweeps, and all volunteers who took part in the day. Thanks also to Julie and Lynelle for the set up and excellent food.

*Reg Walls*

Sub Committee Member



## COACHING - RON WALTON

I take this opportunity to thank Cheryl Lindfield for offering her services for coaching; together with my other coaches Ray Strudwick, Irvin Lever & Graham Chattin.

It is pleasing to see that our newest members have been received warmly as is the Mt. Gravatt culture.

Courtesy if a virtue which is what we look forward to when playing but remember it is a two way street

Don't crowd players/umpires/measurers during a game.

I recently spoke to Ron Eyres who is now restricted due to his health but was concerned when he has told me that I am the only person who has contacted him to see how he is over the last twelve months. He said we should have a welfare officer to contact people like his self so that they feel they still belong & that people care.

My thanks to all the volunteers for their services whom without the club would not operate.

A special mention to Don Hamilton for his Bi-monthly newsletter which helps keep us all informed.

Merry Xmas & a Happy New-year to all.

Don't forget for coaching you can ask myself or any of the coaches for help.

*Ron Walton*

Coaching Coordinator





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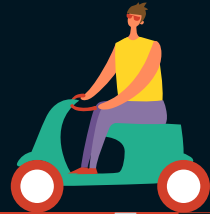


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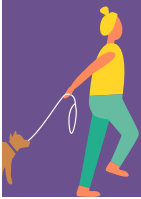
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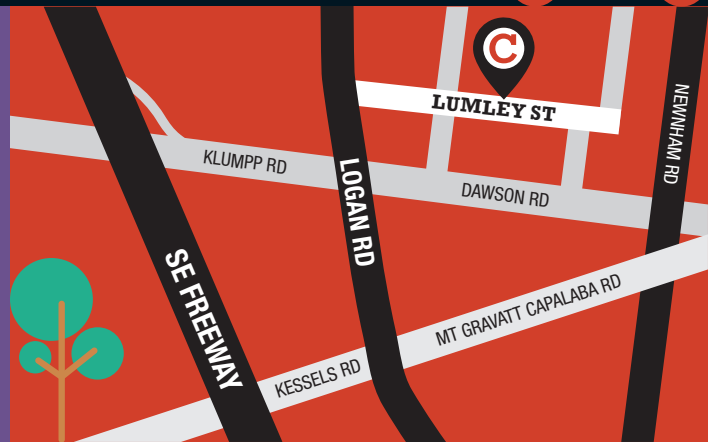


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# BOWLS CALENDAR 2019/20

## BOWLS CALENDAR 2019

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January sponsorship details incomplete at the time of publication.

A complete Bowls Calendar will be sent to all members on email once complete.

December	Time	Event	Sponsor
Tuesday 3	9.00 am	Ladies Bowls	Village at Yeronga
Tuesday 3	6.15 pm	Corporate Bowls Conclude	
Wednesday 4	9.00 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 4	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Stellario Realty Group
Wednesday 4	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 5	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	
Saturday 7	9.00 am	Club Southside Christmas Open Triples	Club Southside
Sunday 8	9.00 am	Club Southside Christmas Open Triples	Club Southside
Tuesday 10	9.00 am	Ladies Break up Day	
Wednesday 11	9.00 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 11	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 11	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 12	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	
Wednesday 18	9.00 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 18	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Peter Donovan
Wednesday 18	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 19	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	
Wednesday 25		Christmas Day Club Closed	
Thursday 26		Boxing Day Club Closed	

Please advise the Club Secretary if you wish to get the newsletter online. As we are now printing the newsletter ourselves distribution by email will help save the Club printing costs. It is important for all members to ensure their personal details- Phone Numbers, email and personal addresses and most important; next of Kin, are kept up to date in the Club Records.

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### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

As another year draws to a close it is a good time to ponder what transpired in 2019 and what might be in 2020. I have compiled a few things I think bear considering in doing this analysis.

Before going into this though, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my loyal readers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I value the comments I get throughout the year and as always, I extend to all of you an invitation to let me know any topics you would like addressed in my 2020 editions of "Keeping You Out of the Ditch". Just speak to me, email or call me with any suggestions. Thanks also to the editorial panel of the newsletter for their assistance in publishing my articles.

2019 in review	2020 predictions
We saw the election of the Morrison Government against all odds. Financially this staved off the perils of Shorten policies that would have severely affected dividend imputation and Capital Gains Tax.	Things will hot up in the US in the lead in to the November 20 <sup>th</sup> Presidential election. Will it be Trump again or will he be impeached before then??
The Reserve Bank embarked on a path or interest rate reductions with 3 cuts each of 0.25% so that the cash rate is currently at 0.75% and anyone relying on interest from savings is really hurting. This combined with increasing costs of living like electricity, petrol and food is making life for our retirees a very uncomfortable place.	Interest rates are expected to continue to fall into the new year. The \$A should also remain below 70c to the US greenback for much of 2020.
To add to our pensioner's worried the Treasurer did address deeming rates but was not fair across the board. He dropped the lower threshold by 0.75% to 1% but the upper threshold was only reduced by 0.25% to 3%. One of the biggest questions I get asked is why am I deemed at 3% when all I can get on a term deposit is about 1.5%? There is no answer unless people are prepared to take more risk with their savings and invest in good Blue Chip Shares that yield a dividend of between 5% and 7%. Not everyone's cup of tea thought with a potential recession looming.	Morrison and Frydenberg are paranoid about a budget surplus at the cost of all other things. Bring on May quickly so they can live their dream then redirect some funds to major infrastructure projects that will benefit the nation as a whole. The budget needs to do something about affordable living especially for our pensioners.
BREXIT dragged on and at the time of writing the UK election had not yet taken place.	BREXIT will drag into the new year and who knows if it will be resolved after 3 ½ years since the referendum.
Share markets have had a very good year. The Dow Jones in Wall Street hit a new all time high of 28,174 points on Thursday November 28 <sup>th</sup> and at home our local market hit a new all time high on the ASX200 of 6,893 on the same day	After 28 consecutive years of positive growth in our local economy a potential recession is looming globally. Will we continue to dodge the bullet? Or are we really already in recession despite not meeting the technical definition of 2 negative quarters of GDP in a row?
Drought, fire and floods ravaged our country.	Hopefully Governments throughout Australia will address the water issue and start projects that will turn rainfall inland. Be nice also if they would do something about electricity, petrol and private health costs.

As always, if you would like further information on any part of this article or if you have any financial planning questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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