

## MT GRAVATT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MT GRAVATT BOWLS CLUB.inc SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 20th of September at 9.00am and we will need nominations for the following six positions:

- Chairperson
- Business Manager (also acts as Deputy Chairperson)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- House Director
- Bowls Director

Jeff McLennan, the current House Director, is retiring this year and Reg Walls and myself have indicted we are going to retire next year so we need members to step up and get involved this year so we have members we can pass the baton on to in September 2021. It's called succession planning.

As a transition initiative, the Board is considering inviting members to become "assistants to Board members" next year and these members will be involved and will be invited to attend Board meetings as observers to "learn the ropes". So, when we call for nominations at the AGM, please consider nominating for one of these positions and you will have a year to become intimately familiar with the way the Board operates. As JFK said many years ago (modified for our club) — "Ask not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for YOUR Club".

It was really disappointing this year that out of 250 registered bowling members we could not get one member to take on the position of Bowls Director. What effectively happened is that it increased the work load of others on the Board with most of the work done by the House Director — he had enough to do. The following is the revised Position Description for the Bowls Director as prepared by Reg Walls:

The Bowls Directors functions include, but are not limited to:

- Control and co-ordination of barefoot bowls in liaison with the Club Manager including maintenance of a roster of volunteers;
- Control and Co-ordination of Corporate
   Bowls including maintenance of a roster of volunteers;
- Maintain stocks of score cards in consultation with the Games Directors.
   Order as required;
- Maintain sufficient stocks of bowls stickers
   order when necessary. Liaise with the Business Manager for sponsorship of stickers.

This is not an onerous task and we have many members who are prepared to assist as a volunteer so it doesn't mean the Bowls Director has to be present for every barefoot bowls booking.

If you have good organisational and people skills then please consider taking on this position and participate in the running of your club. It can be a very rewarding experience.

At the AGM, social distancing will remain in place but we will still be able to seat between seventy and eighty members with the Board members seated at a table on the stage so

please don't take the view you shouldn't attend the meeting. If necessary, courtesy of our new PA system, we can accommodate any overflow in the bar area.

On a more positive note, the Club has traded reasonably well during July and August despite the COVID restrictions and the bowler numbers have also been reasonably good, especially on Wednesdays with a number of ladies now participating which is great to see.

I thank everyone for cooperating when it comes to observing the COVID regulations regarding social distancing, completing the attendance forms, sanitising equipment and washing of hands etc. I think we all lapse at times but we must be vigilant - our lives depend on it.

Take care and stay safe.

Graham Chattin Board Chairman

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## **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **SPONSORS**

I am delighted to advise that we have a new sponsor, Janet Wishart LNP Candidate for Mansfield.

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Janet has already sponsored one day in August and due to sponsor another in October.

#### **BOWLS CALENDAR 2020**

An updated Bowls Calendar has been produced and sent to all on email recently. September-October details are included in this newsletter. Our website Calendar has also been updated to reflect the present position.

Competition results have been updated to reflect the results of recent finals.

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**

Since our restart, our Friday raffles have done very well, reflective of the numbers attending for dinner. We now have two x meat trays provided by A and M Meats, two x fruit trays provided by the Fruitologists Brisbane Markets and two x meal vouchers on offer. My thanks to the ticket sellers who attend on a rostered basis and particularly the new sellers, who commenced this month. More sellers are required, so please contact me and I will include you on the roster.

#### **GRANTS**

## Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF)

Following our unsuccessful attempt to obtain a grant to replace the lighting on both greens with LED, we then looked at simply replacing the bulbs on the top green which would improve the quality of light. We asked for a quote to perform this work and it came in at \$11,134.00 plus GST. Over \$4,000 of this is to gain access to the poles. It was also

suggested we look at a new Phillips product much less expensive than the other LED lighting and not much more expensive than relamping. Cost of this option is \$17,148.19 plus GST of which we have sought a grant from GCBF of \$14,500.00 plus GST which means our contribution is minimal. Benefit is not only better lighting but lower power costs being LED.

I am delighted to say the grant has been approved in full and funds have been received. A meeting with the contractor has put everything in place with lamps and other requirements ordered. Delivery time could be 12 weeks or more based on the contractor's recent experience. Work will be carried out on a Thursday with Friday to complete if required.

#### Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund

A grant of \$10,000.00 plus GST has been applied for to partly cover the cost of painting our Clubhouse roof. Grant is under the Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund by Queensland Government Sport and Recreation Department. A large area of our roof is rusted and this will allow for cleaning down and removing all loose existing rust, treating with rust inhibitor to stabilise the surface, treating with a rust converter and painting with two coats of Dulux Acra-Tex roof membrane. This will not only preserve the

roof, but fill areas which may cause a leak. Total cost is \$11,200.00 plus GST. Decision date for this grant is 30th September 2020.

#### Lord Mayor's COVID-19 Direct Assistance Program 2020-2021

A grant of \$10,000.00 plus GST has been applied for from the Lord Mayor's COVID-19 Direct Assistance Program 2020-2021. Funds are to assist us by reimbursing us for larger expenses during lockdown. Our largest expense over which we have no control is that

of insurance and this has been the expense for which the funds have been requested. There is no stated closing date as the grant will close once sufficient applications have been received to exhaust the allocation of funds.

## RETIREMENT & LIFESTYLE VILLAGE BOWLS DAYS

We had a day planned for August and issued an invitation to Villages to attend. Unfortunately people are not prepared to venture out yet, which is quite understandable under the circumstances. We had a few teams who were prepared to attend, however not sufficient to

run the day. The event was cancelled and we will again investigate the situation in October.

Reg Walls
Business Manager



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## LADY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to our ladies who have decided to put the books, the jigsaws and the knitting away and return to play bowls. Will bowls ever be the same? Who knows?

After a few weeks of Roll ups we are now back to playing "some" competition, but we are all enjoying the company. Our club has been very strict with all the COVID plans and our appreciation must go to all involved. Ladies as long as we sanitise and safe distance we will continue to play.

Pennants this year has taken on a very different look. Due to lack of nominations only Division 1 will be played during September/October. The good wishes of all are with the ladies who have been selected to represent Mt. Gravatt. The Championship Singles has been completed with Gail Pratt the winner from Anne Houghton. The B singles saw a win to Bev Montgomery from Ros Taber. My thanks to our committee who have endeavoured to keep Tuesdays as normal as possible.

My thoughts are with the ladies who have not yet returned. We look forward to seeing you soon. A special thank you to Carol Reardon who has resigned from the club. The many hours you gave to the club in umpiring were certainly

To conclude I would like to say to all our ladies "Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day."

Bev Geldart President

appreciated.





Our Lady Life Member Anne O'Regan turned 91 at the end of August and has been playing bowls with us for 50 years.

Above Image: Lady President Bev Geldart inviting Anne to cut the cake on bowls day Tuesday 28th July.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a year! The future of our club is, I feel, looking very positive and we are fortunate to have so many skilled and dedicated members that are prepared to give their time, expertise and effort. The commitment from our members is gratifying! With the AGM coming up soon, please

seriously consider nomination for a position that you feel you are qualified for. Men's Council has been operating at a subdued level due to the restrictions placed by the COVID situation. Go Mustangs!!

Roger Píaseckí President



## SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

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

For obvious reasons there has been nil activity.

Reg Walls
Sub Committee Member



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## CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Spring already. As we move into September and the weather starts warming up, people are looking ahead to Christmas.

Whether you are planning an end of season celebration, a Christmas work party or a family get together, Mt Gravatt Bowls Club has something for everyone. We have two function rooms and two bowls greens, a fully licensed bar, a bistro and wonderful, friendly staff to help you plan your event.

There are limits on guests at this time, but it is not the quantity but the quality that counts that makes it special.

A reminder that our bistro is now open for lunch Tuesday to Sunday, dinners are served Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights so please come and join us for a delicious meal at very reasonable prices.

If you would like to make a reservation or get any ideas regarding a function, please give us a call on 3349 2367 or just pop in and check us out.

Julie Simkin Club Manager



## MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Many Happy Returns to these members who celebrate their birthday in September and October 2020

**September:** Gary Jones, Rosario Russo, Alan Girvan, Sheena Woods, Bob Moltoni, Margaret Gallagher, John Fealy, Clare Darby, Alex Wright, Peter Connolly, Michael Geronimos, Alan Dick, Mark Secis, Peter Donovan, Barry Easey, Ron Kennedy, Peter James, Sue Alexander, David Frisina...

**October:** Brett Shanahan, Les Ockendon, Kathleen Ptasznik, Lorrie Hurley, Ralph Allan, Barry Wright, Ted Wright, Ivan Profke, Tim Watts, Carol Petherick, Eric Burrows, Mary Smith, Tony Marfutenko, Geoff Devencorn, David Devencorn, Vince Potts, Frank Gillis, Lam Ip Sui (Winnie), Ivan Lestani, John Davies, Margaret Wells.

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## Covid-19 Hits Pensioners Again



Every fortnight when pensioners get their age pension or other Centrelink payments you just see one amount go into your nominated bank account but the payment is in fact a combination of 3 different payments.

- Basic Pension \$860.60 for a single and \$648.70 each for a couple.
- 2. Energy Supplement (this is a hangover from when the Federal Government was going to impose a carbon tax back in 2010. If it was imposed pensioners would have been forced to pay more for goods and services and the Government granted this supplement to compensate pensioners. When the Abbot Government came to power they shelved the carbon tax but never took away this supplement. The full benefit is about \$14.10 for a single and \$10.60 each for a couple.
- Pension Supplement (there used to be a number of allowances available for pensioners but over time they were all bundled into this supplement which all pensioners get. The maximum pension supplement is \$69.60 for singles and \$52.50 each for a couple.

So on the 20th March and 20th September each year pensioners usually get a pay rise in line with a formula that is linked to inflation.

Centrelink pensions and allowances will not index on 20 September this year. This is the first time they have not indexed since 1997.

The basic rate of age pension is indexed by the greater of:

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) or
- Pensioner Beneficiary Cost of Living Index (PBCLI), and must remain at least 27.7% of average weekly earnings.

The pension supplement is increased by CPI and the energy supplement is not indexed.

During the June 2020 quarter, both the CPI and the PBCLI were negative. So while pensions and allowances won't be indexed, at least some consolation is that the government has confirmed the payments won't be decreased.

Another consolation is that pensioners (and others) have been paid two \$750 Economic Support Payments over the last 6 months as a recognition of the rising costs due to coronavirus.

Let's hope that things improve in the net 6 months and that when the next rise is due on 20th March things have improved to a level where pensioners get an increase.

One never know but maybe, just maybe there might be a sweetener or two in the Federal Budget that Josh Frydenberg will hand down in October.

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. Peter Donovan



# CORRINE RECOVERY MCMILLAN MP

- \$13.8 billion to fund infrastructure projects to create jobs for Queenslanders.
- \$39 million for local schools.
- \$1.6 million to help local businesses through COVID.
- \$749 million M1 upgrade from Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill.
- Four new Police Officers at Upper Mount Gravatt Station.
- \$1.4 million to protect threatened species including Koala fences along the freeway.
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## Corrine McMillan MP

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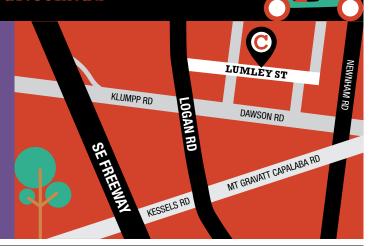
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September	Time	Event	Sponsor
Tuesday 1	9:00 am	Ladies Pennant Round 1	
Tuesday 1	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 2	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 2	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Elliott & Harvey Solicitors
Wednesday 2	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 3	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Fred Fern Bowls Centre
Saturday 5	1:00 pm	Men's Pennant Round 8	
Sunday 6	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday 8	9:00 am	Ladies Pennant Round 2	
Tuesday 8	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls Season 3 Concludes	
Wednesday 9	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 9	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	MyCare Physiotherapy
Wednesday 9	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 10	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	K M Smith Funeral Directors
Wednesday 16	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 17	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Yeronga Village
Saturday 19	1:00 pm	Men's Pennant Round 10	
		Mt Gravatt Bowls Club Annual General	
Sunday 20	9:00 am	Meeting	
	Conclusion of		
Sunday 20	AGM	Men's Section Annual General Meeting	
Sunday 20	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday 22	9:00 am	Ladies Pennant Round 4	
Wednesday 23	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 23	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Peter Donovan
Wednesday 23	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 24	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	Stellario Realty Group
Sunday 27	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday 29	9:00 am	Ladies Pennant Round 5	
Wednesday 30	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 30	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Malouf Pharmacies
Wednesday 30	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	

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October	Time	Event	Sponsor
Thursday 1	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Life Law Solutions
Sunday 4	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 5		Queens Birthday	
Tuesday 6	9:00 am	Ladies Pennant Round 6	
Wednesday 7	8.30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 7	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Yeronga Village
Wednesday 7	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 8	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	Bestmark Insurance Brokers
Friday 9	9.00 am	Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Day	
Saturday 10	12:30pm	Men's Past Presidents and Life Members Day	
Sunday 11	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday 13	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	Stellario Realty Group
Tuesday 13	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls Season 4 Commences	
Wednesday 14	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 14	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Parque Vista on Seville
Wednesday 14	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 15	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Renaissance Retirement Living
Saturday 17	12:30 pm	Saturday Bowls	Janet Wishart, LNP Candidate for Mansfield
Sunday 18	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	Mansheiu
Tuesday 20	9.00 am	Ladies Bowls	MyCare Physiotherapy
Tuesday 20	6.15 pm	Corporate Bowls	wycare rhysiotherapy
Wednesday 21	8.30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 21	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Gauci Family Trust
Wednesday 21	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	dauci Failiny Irust
Thursday 22	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	Gimpel Electrics
Sunday 25	10:00 am	Barefoot Bowls	uniper Electrics
Tuesday 27	9.00 am	Ladies Bowls	EPIC Hair Designs
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Tuesday 27	6.15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 28	8.30 am	Men's Pairs	Southoido Toyota
Wednesday 28	12.30 pm	Men's Pairs	Southside Toyota
Wednesday 28	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	Alov Cour Funoval-
Thursday 27	12.30 pm	Mixed Triples	Alex Gow Funerals
Saturday 31	12.30 pm	Patrons Day	Patron

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