

MT GRAVATT NEWS

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APRIL – MAY 2021



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is a Chairman's Report with a difference because Cheryl and I are currently in South Australia enjoying our tour of Australia in our caravan – grey nomads if you like - so I thought you may enjoy something different and light while Acting Chairman Reg deals with the serious issues.

Originally, we did not plan to leave until early March but an invitation to join Cheryl's cousin and her husband in Coffin Bay for a few weeks to catch up and do a little fishing for King George Whiting in Coffin Bay and big Blue Swimmer Crabs over in Port Lincoln was too good to pass up. Paul and Jeanette live in Alice Springs and they tow their Bar Crusher 640C boat down to Coffin Bay which provides us with an awesome fishing platform. The climate in the Lower Eyre Peninsula is generally in the low to mid-twenties in February which is much more pleasant than the humidity and heat of Brisbane and makes travelling the 2460 kilometres well worth it. This is our third holiday down here in Coffin Bay – we love the place.

We left home on the 29th of January and travelled to Coffin Bay via Goondiwindi, Bourke, Broken Hill and Port Augusta. The decision to travel via Bourke didn't turn out to be the best decision because we ran into forty-degree temperatures and the poor caravan fridge, and ourselves for that matter, did not cope very well. We would have been smarter to travel via Gilgandra and Nyngan. I should have checked the weather report.

Not everything went to plan. Two weeks in and after enjoying plenty of King George Whiting and Blue Swimmer Crabs disaster struck when Cheryl had a fall on the boat and injured her ankle and leg. We spent five hours that night at the Port Lincoln hospital where Cheryl was diagnosed with a badly sprained ankle but no broken bones – fortunately. However, no more fishing so Cheryl was grounded – not happy.

I made a deliberate decision not to take my bowls, but I did have a very enjoyable experience playing First Division Pennants for Coffin Bay against Tumby Bay in the Lower Eyre Peninsula District competition. The bowling clubs on the Lower Eyre Peninsula are really struggling and therefore they permit "guest players" provided they are registered bowlers. We are good friends with the Past President of

the Coffin Bay Bowls Club and both he and his wife are First Division bowlers and that was how I was invited to play. Mind you, I wasn't much help on the day, but I met some wonderful people and they treated "the banana bender", as I was called, really well.

I have been to three or four of the bowling clubs down here and it is a look into our future if we don't continue the professional approach to the development and management of the functions business, barefoot bowls and the craft beer and catering. The Clubs on the Lower Eyre Peninsula are all small and run by volunteers. The day we played at Tumby Bay the bar did not open until 3.00pm and closed when the bowlers left.

I lasted another two and a half weeks before I was also grounded with severe back pain from the buffeting you cop when travelling at speed in a boat in choppy seas every second day. I severely aggravated an existing problem caused by an impinged nerve and so that was the end of my fishing and crabbing. Now we were both unhappy.

We then learned about the shortcomings of regional health services because we had to travel the 690 kilometres back to Adelaide so I could have the specialist treatment to relieve my back pain and that is where we are now as I write this article. I had the procedure on Tuesday 16th of March and so far, I am feeling pretty good so it looks like the procedure was successful and we will be able to continue our trip.

Seeing as we have had to backtrack to Adelaide, we are thinking about heading down to the south east coast to visit The Coorong, Kingston SE, Robe and Mt Gambier and everywhere else in between before working our way back to Port Augusta and then head west toward Western Australia. We do not have a set plan and it is a great feeling to know we can go wherever we like whenever we like.

Hopefully, we will be somewhere on the west coast of Western Australia by the time the next newsletter is due.

Take care everyone.

Graham Chatten

The Grey Nomad Chairman





LADIES' PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How quickly the year is passing. The Ladies Section has been busy with competition and the organisation of the Mount Gravatt Shield, which is an annual event. As it was not run last year due to Covid it was very gratifying to see a number of clubs accept our invitation to compete. We hosted clubs from Algester, Wellington Point, Victoria Point, Helensvale, Beenleigh, Manly, Belmont, Logan City and of course Mount Gravatt. This attendance was largely due to our Competition Chairperson, Ann Beliveau who worked tirelessly to get clubs to accept. The day ran very smoothly due to the organisation of our secretary, Margaret Valentine. Many ladies stepped in to help with umpiring, setting up the room, helping with the serving of meals, selling raffle tickets, collating results and of course playing and representing our club.

The winners of the Shield were Wellington Point, Runners-up were Manly, First Round winners were Mount Gravatt and Second Round winners were Helensvale. Congratulations to all these clubs.

We were privileged in March to have Joan Brotherton come to our club and hosted a seminar on Marking, Measuring and Umpiring. Many thanks to Joan for sharing her knowledge and expertise with us. Some of our ladies have indicated that they will sign up to do the Marking Course as a start.

In April we have our Past Presidents and Life Members Day and also we will be hosting the Gateway District Singles.

Our Championship Pairs was won by Gail Pratt and Cathy Lewis in a hotly contested final against Val Chappel and Lorry Hurley. The skill level in this match was exceptional. Congratulations to both teams. Championship Singles and Novice Singles are now under way and good luck to all those competing.

Finally, a big thank you to all our ladies for your continued co-operation and hard work on behalf of the club.

Bev Geldart

Ladies' President



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to all bowlers who participated in the recent inter-club and intra-club competitions.

I will let our games director give you the details of the results.

It was great to see the enthusiasm demonstrated by our bowlers wishing to represent our club in the various competitions.

As I am on holidays in the Sunshine Coast I am looking forward to visiting and playing bowls at a number of different clubs including Caloundra and Kawana.

All for now and happy bowling.

Roger Piasecki

President



MANY HAPPY RETURNS!



Many Happy Returns to members who have or will celebrate their birthday in April and May 2021

April: Anthony Rose, Brian Knofflock, Grant Upton, Russel Vickers, Frank George, Ian Andrews, Trevor Thatcher, Adrian Andrews, Graham Wilson, Sheela Don, Adele Brown, Garnet Ray, Bob Cveticanin.

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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Sponsors and Bowls Calendar 2021

2021 Bowls Calendar is now complete and has been emailed to all who have email. The website Calendar is now complete including the most recently sponsored games. My sincere thanks to the following sponsors who are either new or have renewed their support;

- Southern Cross Care – Parque Vista on Seville Retirement Village who have agreed to sponsor eight (8) days during the calendar year.
- Andersens Carpets Macgregor. They have had an advertising sign for some time and have now elected to sponsor two games in May.

Grants

There are no grants lodged at present, however there is one in the pipeline. Our retaining wall on the western side of the covered green is in need of attention as some of the posts have deteriorated allowing the wall to move.

A grant opportunity has recently opened with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and it is planned to lodge an application with them by closing date of 30th April. Council approval will also be sought to undertake the work.

Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Days

We have now had two Village days this year, in February and March. I am delighted to say both have been full with 30 teams attending. I

must thank all participants and in particular the resident co-ordinators who put together and organise their teams. Also our member and non member volunteers who assist on the day. Next day on 9th April is already showing positive signs in bookings.

Property News

Installation of the additional Solar panels began on Monday 29th March. We should soon be experiencing the benefits of the additional panels in reduced electricity costs.

Auditor

We learned earlier in the year that sadly our auditor of many years, Jim Archibald, had passed away. As it is essential our books are audited annually, we set about seeking a new auditor.

The good news is we have engaged Nexia Australia, situated at Holland Park to undertake our work. Please see their advertisement in the sponsor's specials section for details.

Reg Walls

Business Manager



SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub Committee members Margaret Valentine, Kelly Perkins, Malcolm Ferguson, Hazel Locke and Reg Walls.

There has been nil activity since the Australia Day event.

Reg Walls

**Chairman Special Events
Sub Committee.**



CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Trivia commenced in March and it was a big hit.

Trivia is on the first Friday of each month, starting at 12:00pm.

We had to bring April's date forward to March 26th as the first Friday in April is a holiday (Good Friday). The next one will be Friday 7th May. We hope you can join us and have some fun.

Our Bistro will also be serving dinner on Thursday nights again from April 15.

We have a regular function on Thursday nights, so we thought it might be a good opportunity to open for dinner. You will be able to come out for dinner Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Lunch is also available Tuesday to Sunday.

Please give the Club a call if you have any questions regarding "What's on", dining, functions and/or barefoot bowls.

Phone 3349 2367

Julie Simkin
Club Manager



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Corrine McMillan MP
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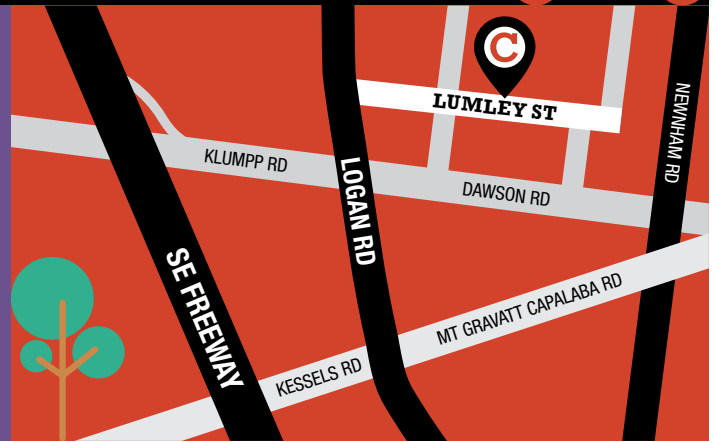
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BOWLS CALENDAR 2021

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Thursday 1	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Stellario Realty Group
Friday 2	Good Friday		
Saturday 3	Easter Saturday		
Sunday 4	Easter Sunday		
Sunday 4	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 5	Easter Monday		
Tuesday 6	9:00 am	Past Presidents and Life Members	Parque Vista on Seville
Wednesday 7	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 7	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 7	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 8	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Fred Fern Bowls Centre
Friday 9	9:00 am	Retirement & Lifestyle Village Day	
Saturday 10		Q 7's Div 3 Section 2 away to Paradise Point	
Sunday 11		Q 7's Div 3 Section 2 away to Wynnum	
Sunday 11	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 12	9:00 am	GDLBA District Singles commence	
Tuesday 13	9:00 am	GDLBA District Singles continue	
Tuesday 13	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	Club Southside
Wednesday 14	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 14	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Elements Retirement Living
Wednesday 14	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 15	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	MyCare Physiotherapy
Friday 16	9:00 am	GDLBA District Singles Final	
Saturday 17			
Sunday 18	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday 20	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	Southside Toyota
Thursday 21	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples Yeronga Village	
Wednesday 21	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 21	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Renaissance Retirement Living
Wednesday 21	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 22	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Gimpel Electrics
Friday 23			
Saturday 24			
Sunday 25	ANZAC Day		
Sunday 25	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 26	ANZAC Day Holiday		
Tuesday 27	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	EPIC Hair Designs
Tuesday 27	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls Season 2 commences	
Wednesday 28	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 28	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Stellario Realty Group
Wednesday 28	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 29	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Parque Vista on Seville
Friday 30			



BOWLS CALENDAR 2021

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May	Time	Event	Sponsor
Saturday 1			
Sunday 2	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 3	Labour Day		
Tuesday 4	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	
Tuesday 4	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 5	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 5	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Gauci Family Trust
Wednesday 5	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 6	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Backspace Clinics
Friday 7			
Saturday 8			
Sunday 9	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 10			
Tuesday 11	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	Stellario Realty Group
Tuesday 11	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 12	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 12	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	K M Smith Funeral Directors
Wednesday 12	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 13	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	Renaissance Retirement Living
Friday 14	9:00 am	Retirement & Lifestyle Village Day	
Saturday 15			
Sunday 16	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 17			
Tuesday 18	9:00 am	Ladies Shirts & Skirts Day	Yeronga Village
Tuesday 18	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 19	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 19	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	MyCare Physiotherapy
Wednesday 19	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 20	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	David Cunningham and Cenzo's Cafe
Friday 21			
Saturday 22			
Sunday 23	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 24			
Tuesday 25	9:00 am	Ladies Bowls	Ross Vasta MP
Tuesday 25	6:15 pm	Corporate Bowls	
Wednesday 26	8:30 am	Men's Pairs	
Wednesday 26	12:30 pm	Men's Pairs	Peter Donovan Cert Fin Planner
Wednesday 26	6:30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday 27	12:30 pm	Mixed Triples	
Friday 28			
Saturday 29			
Sunday 30	10:30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday 31			



BOWLS CALENDAR 2021

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.

Friday Night Raffle Roster

26/03/2021	Trish Hassam	Barry Hyde
2/04/2021	Good Friday Club Closed	
9/04/2021	Reg Walls	Henry Gauci
16/04/2021	Ian Svensson	Ray Dixon
23/04/2021	John Gamlin	Graeme Chesterman
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