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DECEMBER–FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The past two months since my last report has been very busy but also very rewarding.

Firstly, I am pleased to confirm that Ros Taber has nominated and been accepted as the new Deputy Chairperson. I am so pleased we again have one of our Lady Bowlers on the Board to join with our new Board Secretary, Jayne Chattin – so important. Ros is one of our younger Ladies and is a very intelligent person who I am sure will make a significant contribution once she settles in. It is vitally important, especially in this day and age, that we have more representation from the Ladies to ensure the development and future of the Club is guided in the right direction.

Most, if not all of you, will be acutely aware of the problems in our car park. This occurred as a result of the construction of the new Teaching Block in the Upper Mt Gravatt State School following the big fire that destroyed E Block a few years earlier. Without any consultation with the Club, the bollards were removed and the flow of traffic from Carson Lane was directed through our car park and has created chaos ever since.

Without going into infinite detail, we had no idea what was going on until Jim Brown did some detective work and was able to obtain some documents via one of the contractors. Even then, we did not have the full picture until one of our long-standing members was able to make further enquiries and explain everything to us – we had been seriously deceived and ignored.

Armed with the detailed information, letters were written to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and the Lord Mayor because

both the Education Department and the Brisbane City Council were involved. We took the matter to our local MP, Corrine McMillan and I am very pleased to advise that Corrine sprung into action, handed our letter directly to the Minister in Parliament and organised a meeting with the School Principal, Derek Brady, and ourselves.

To cut a long story short, the Education Department had not followed due process by consulting with the Club. They had consulted with the property owner, the Brisbane City Council, but then they failed to properly consult with the Club before approving the changes and potentially destroying the Club. Our car park had technically been resumed to create a drop off and pick up thoroughfare to benefit the school with school traffic entering via Carson Lane and exiting back onto Logan Road via our car park.

The good news is, we have been heard and Corrine McMillan has since organised meetings with the Education Department of Infrastructure, the School, the Brisbane City Council and ourselves and it looks like the bollards will be reinstated and we will get our car park back. There is still much to be done and negotiations will continue for the time being, but we are confident of a satisfactory outcome in our favour.

Now for the really good news. Reg Walls will provide full details in his report but after more than three years, we have been successful in obtaining a \$200K grant from the Brisbane City Council for the replacement of the bottom green. Congratulations to Reg because he has worked so hard applying for every grant he

could find to complete this project and now he has been justifiably rewarded – well done Reg.

It has been an interesting year to say the least and at times it has stretched our patience (particularly mine), but we have finished on a high note. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their trust and support in my stewardship.

The festive season is now upon us, and I would like to wish each and everyone of you, and your families, a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Take care everyone.

*Graham
Chattin*

**Board Chairman /
Secretary**





LADY PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Where has the year gone? Without Covid restrictions we have had a very full calendar. With Pennants completed we have been busy completing our Club events as well as District events.

The Consistency Singles saw a large number of our ladies take part as it is an excellent game to improve drawing to the jack skills. The winner was Margaret Wells with the Runner-up being Margaret Valentine. Congratulations to both these ladies as they both played excellent bowls to reach the final. The Club Selected Fours is being played at present and will be our final competition for the year.

At a District Level our Senior Fours Team of Ann Beliveau, Ann D'Ámbrosio, Valda Scott and Cathy Lewis were Runners-up to Belmont. (84 ends in two hot days on a very heavy green really tested the players remembering they are seniors) The District Open/Novice Pairs was hosted by our club and my thanks to all involved in setting up the rinks, umpiring and general organisation. Cathy Lewis and Bev Montgomery reached the final only to be beaten by a very good team from Cleveland. Congratulations to all five of our teams who took part in this event.

Our second major event for the year was the Six-a-Side event held on Friday, 18th November. With teams from other Districts attending it was a great finale to the year. Much work and effort goes into hosting these events and to the ladies who have worked so hard for its success; my deepest thanks. It would be remiss of me not to congratulate all who contributed to this day, our chairperson of selectors, secretary, umpires, ladies who worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the day, ladies who contributed so many prizes for our prize table, Paul from Bowlers Paradise, ladies who played and the Club staff who did an excellent job

providing a wonderful lunch and keeping the drinks up to people. The Overall Winners were Paradise Point from the Gold Coast who won all four of their games.

Our interest now turns to Q7's and for the first time Summer Shield in which the Club can submit mixed teams. Good luck to our ladies who are trialling for those teams.

Although our AGM was in September I would like to officially thank the ladies who have taken positions on our committee. I also would like to congratulate Ros Taber who has taken on the position of Deputy Chairperson on the Board.

With a very heavy heart the ladies have said goodbye to Bev Montgomery who has moved to Bribie Island. Bev is a quiet achiever and we will miss her but we wish her every happiness in her new endeavours.

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I take this opportunity to thank the Board, the club staff under the guidance of Julie, my committee and especially my ladies who make Tuesdays such an enjoyable time. I hope you are able to enjoy the festive season with those you love and I look forward to a great year in 2023.

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Happy Christmas,

Bev Geldart

President



MEN'S SECTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would firstly like to thank Henry Gauci for his long term contribution to the Club and his efforts as president over the last couple of years. Also I thank all past presidents and committee members for their contributions.

I encourage all members to play good bowls, enjoy the Club's facilities and be positive as the outlook moving forward is very promising.

In particular please welcome new members, introduce yourself and have a chat and or drink.

Our Try Us Out Days keep building on momentum and I thank everyone who has assisted with spreading the word and attending on the days. Keep this up please.

We are entering into a new year of competition and it is very important that bowlers put their names down to compete, even if it is to be a reserve or fill in, it all helps. We are looking to register multiple teams this year. The coaches are working on skill and training days and more details will be available soon. This is all required to improve our bowling skills and eventually assist in advancing the divisions we will play in.

I look forward to the coming year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shane Parry

President, Men's Section.





BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Sponsorship

Work on the 2023 Bowls Calendar is well advanced. Many of the existing sponsors have locked in their support for the year ahead and I expect by the end of the first week in December it will have been completed to this stage.

The Calendar will then only be waiting on game events, e.g. Q7 and Summer Shield dates to be available to complete.

My sincere thanks to all our valued sponsors for their ongoing support.

Grants Lodged

We currently have two grants lodged awaiting decision.

1. Lord Mayor's Seniors Celebration Donation for a donation in the 2022/2023 year. A decision is expected at any time. Typically we receive around \$180.00.
2. Lord Mayors Better Suburbs Grant-Community Support Category for a total of \$10,000 plus GST to assist with replacing the floor in our Club kitchen. Total cost is \$17,120.00 plus GST. Lodged 7 October with decision due early December. Work is able to begin after 19 December. If successful, mid January would be an ideal time to have the work completed as we are generally quiet as it will take four days to complete the job.

Grant Approval

Our application to the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grant for replacement of the covered green base, underlay and carpet has been successful. We have been awarded a total of \$200,000 plus GST towards the work which, subject to a final quote and contract being entered into will cost around \$231,000. Grant agreement has been signed and we are hopeful work can be carried out in May 2023.

Our sincere thanks to Brisbane City Council for their grant approval.

Grants Pending

We have an opportunity to apply for a grant titled "Community Sustainability Action Grant" funded by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science. It allows us to apply for additional solar panels and batteries in which to store the power. We have obtained two quotes, one from Associated Energy Partners, who have completed our past solar installations. The quote is for an additional 21 KW of solar panels, replace the two existing 2 x 30 KW inverters with 2 x 50 KW Hybrid Inverters and install a seven (7) Battery Lithium Storage facility. Total cost \$98,500.00 plus GST.

Grant lodgement date is 7 December which provides ample time to prepare an application. The urgency is to have an Application for Works on a Community Lease Site completed and lodged with Council. The approval is to be lodged as one of the documents required with the application. Application has been lodged with Council on 6 November and we are currently awaiting a decision.

Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Days

The final day of 2022 was held on 14 October with a better attendance than other recent days. We had twenty teams attend. We are aware of one new Village and another returning Village in 2023 which will hopefully assist in further growing the attendances. First day in 2023 is 10 February.

Friday Night Raffles

Our Friday night raffles have been running very well with good attendances on these nights. From the first Friday in December we will be adding hams to the prizes.

Always looking for more people to take on selling tickets on a roster basis. If you are interested, give me a call and I can let you know what is involved.

MYOB STP 2 Readiness

I can confirm we are now ready for Single Touch Payroll Phase 2 which commences on 1/1/2023. The ATO introduced Phase 1 some time ago and once settled in progressed to Phase 2. The introduction of STP means more immediate and accurate information being sent to ATO. One benefit for users is the much simpler closing off at year's end and availability of tax information for employees to enable them to complete their tax returns.

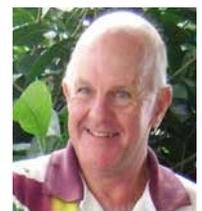
Christmas Open Triples Sunday 4 December 2022

At the time of writing we have 20 teams entered in the competition with a promise of a further 2. Ideally 28 teams is the target and still hopeful of reaching this number. All arrangements are in hand for the day. Sponsor is Club Southside.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members, staff, sponsors and community partners the very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Looking forward to a great 2023.

Reg Walls

Business Manager



COMMONWEALTH SENIORS HEALTH CARE CARD

As we head towards the Festive Season I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at Mount Gravatt Bowls Club a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Thank you for your support and patronage of my services over the past 12 months and I look forward to being available to you again in the coming years.

As a Christmas gift the long awaited changes to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card have finally passed through parliament and are now in effect. If you are a self funded retiree and not been able to get this card before now is the time to reevaluate your situation.

CSHC income thresholds increase effective 4 Nov 2022

Family Situation	Income Limits 20/9/22–3/11/22	Income Limits 4/11/22–19/9/23
Single	\$61,284	\$90,000
Couple (combined)	\$98,054	\$144,000
Couple (illness separated)	\$122,568	\$180,000
For each additional child	\$639.60	\$639.60

The government estimates that approximately 50,000 additional older Australians will be eligible for the card.

Both the legislated increase in income limits, plus frozen deeming rates of 0.25% and 2.25% that apply to deemed account based pensions, will assist more clients to be eligible for the card.

For further information on how to apply for the card, see How to claim on Services Australia.

**Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Lifting the Income Limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Act 2022*

Regards,

Peter Donovan



SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Melbourne Cup Day

Sub Committee involvement was related to operating the sweeps and assisting with the raffle. Thank you to all who purchased raffle and sweep tickets.

Sweeps

We ended up with 11 x \$5.00 sweeps and 13 x \$2.00 sweeps. Many thanks to Henry for his selling of the sweeps prior to and on the day and to Jane and Bob Chattin for the recording and payouts.

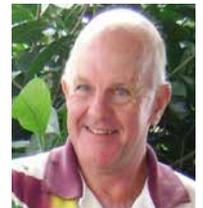
Raffles

Thank you to Lucky from Century 21 for her donation of two prizes and to Henry for his donation. The raffle raised a net of over \$400.00 which is a great result.

Thanks to Julie, Ina and all staff and volunteers involved in making this a great day.

Reg Walls

Chairman, Special Events Sub Committee



LAST NEWSLETTER'S QUICK QUIZ ANSWER

In our recent bowling history our Club has been involved in different Q7 divisions. In 2014 division 5 qualified for the finals which were played at Pine Rivers Bowls Club.

In 2019 division 4 qualified for the finals which were played at Musgrave hill Bowls Club. In 2022 division 6 qualified for the finals which were played at Pine Rivers Bowls Club.

Question: There was one person who played in all three of these games. Can you name him?

Answer: Bruce Black (see photo and news clipping below).



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT

Members celebrating Birthdays in the following months...

December 2022

Brian Andrews, Albert Chan, Terence Cronk, David Cunningham, Rod Dunnett, Brian Dutton, Dave Edds, Carmel Feeney, John Gamlin, Beverley Geldart, Dianne Girvan, Brian Prescott, Eric Reardon, Angie Salmon.

January 2023

Ross Abberfield, Giulio Campobassi, Marjorie Clauson, David Collins, Bruce Cox, Warwick Gordon, Cindy Greenwood, Pat Henry, Barry Hyde, Joan Jackson, Trevor Lewis, Cheryl Lindfield, Jan Moore, Helen Nobbs, Gail Oliver, Alan Palmer, Kerry Raddeker, Rosemary Reardon, Neil Smith, Marlene Stemm, Marg Valentine, Andre Van Deventer, Reg Walls, Brent Woollett.

February 2023

Carli Beitzel, Gary Bretherton, Val Chappel, Henry Gauci, Matti Laitala, Leon Lam, Glen Marchant, Denise McPhee, Brad Moss, Stu Newton, Branko Petrovic, Roger Piasecki, Shirley Shaw, Maureen Stevens, Suzanne Svensson, Nigel Vallette, Greg Walls, Brenda Wilson.

Many happy returns to all those members!

Bowling members that have joined from 20th of August to 18th of November:

Female: Susan Birrell and Jayne Chatten.

Male: Gary Horwood, Dave Edds, Kerry Raddeker, Stu Newton, Norm Congreve, and Neil Elvin.

Thanks so much to all those new members for joining, and many thanks to Shayne Parry and his team. Also, thanks to Pat Henry, Ray Strudwick and the team of coaches. They have been kept busy in the last couple of months.

Social Members: 107 new social members have joined since the 20th of August: 33 Female and 74 Male.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Chatten for his continued assistance in adding new members to the database and other various programs, letters and emails that are associated with memberships.

Until the next newsletter...Cheers!

Gary

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Can you believe it's here already?

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Club bowlers, social bowlers and barefoot bowlers. Those who bought drinks, lunches and dinners and those who have attended functions and training days and decided to stay longer. I hope you continue to visit us and call us your 'Local'.

With 2023 just around the corner, we already have bookings in place so if there's a celebration or event coming up next year, come and have a chat and hopefully we can help you out. Mt Gravatt Bowls Club has two function rooms and two bowling green's so your party can be formal or casual, or a bit of both.

Our next **Trivia** will be Friday 2nd December – a Christmas theme and then they will have January off and return on February 3rd.

The Club's business hours are **Monday to Saturday 9am – 9pm** and **Sunday is 10am – 4pm**. There may be a few Tuesdays over the holidays that will close at 5pm when nothing is booked so call ahead if you are keen to visit on a Tuesday night. We are also CLOSED on public holidays, so keep this in mind if a public holiday lands on your usual day.

Lunch – Tuesday to Sunday 11am – 2pm

Dinner – Wednesday to Saturday 5pm – 7:45pm.

Dinner Promotions are:

Friday Night Raffles and Saturday Pick-a-Box, prizes are drawn at 7:00pm on both nights.

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Cheers Julie

Julie Simkin





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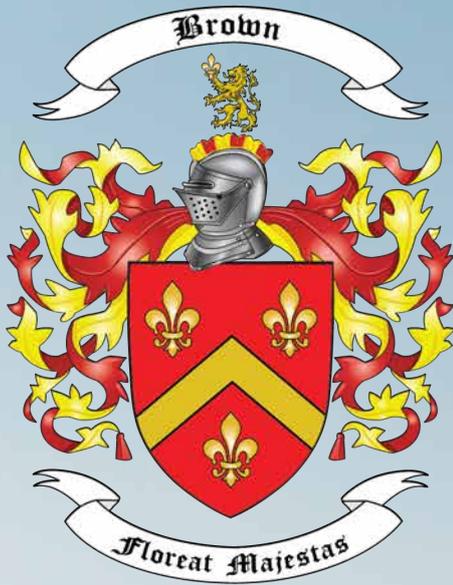
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This year I have secured \$230,000 per annum for the Mount Gravatt Community Centre to combat social isolation and loneliness in our community and a record investment in to health by the Palaszczuk Government. This \$9.78 billion investment includes a new satellite hospital at Eight Mile Plains, the expansion of QEII Hospital with 112 new beds; and 249 new beds at the PA Hospital.

I hope that you enjoy the time together with your loved ones over the holiday season, and I look forward to working with you in 2023.



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BOWLS CALENDAR 2022

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December		Time	Event	Sponsor
Thursday	1	12.00 noon	Open Triples	Renaissance Retirement Living
Friday	2	5.00 pm	Trivia & Raffles from 6.00 pm, drawn at 7.00 pm	
Saturday	3	9.00 am	Open Social Bowls	Reside Communities
Sunday	4	9.00 am	Open Christmas Triples	Club Southside
Monday	5	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	6	9.00 am	Ladies Day Open Bowls	Mycare Physiotherapy
Wednesday	7	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	7	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	Reside Communities
Wednesday	7	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	8	12.00 noon	Open Triples	
Friday	9	5.00 pm	Raffles from 6.00 pm, drawn at 7.00 pm	
Saturday	10	9.00 am	Open Social Bowls	
Sunday	11	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday	12	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	13	9.00 am	Ladies Christmas Function	
Wednesday	14	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	14	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	14	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	15	12.00 noon	Open Triples	David Cunningham & Genzo's Cafe
Friday	16	5.00 pm	Raffles from 6.00 pm, drawn at 7.00 pm	
Saturday	17	9.00 am	Open Social Bowls	
Sunday	18	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday	19	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	20	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Wednesday	21	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	21	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	Peter Donovan
Wednesday	21	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	22	12.00 noon	Open Triples	
Friday	23	5.00 pm	Raffles from 6.00 pm, drawn at 7.00 pm	
Saturday	24	9.00 am	Open Social Bowls	
Sunday	25		Christmas Day Club Closed	
Monday	26		Boxing Day Club Closed	
Tuesday	27		Christmas Day Holiday Club Closed	
Wednesday	28	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	28	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	28	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	29	12.00 noon	Open Triples	
Friday	30	5.00 pm	Raffles from 6.00 pm, drawn at 7.00 pm	
Saturday	31	9.00 am	New Year's Eve Open Social Bowls	

January and February Bowls Calendar still being completed. These months will be sent separately once completed.