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MT GRAVATT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MT GRAVATT BOWLS CLUB inc
JUNE-AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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BOWLS CALENDAR

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Things are moving along in the club, we have held a Special General Meeting to approve the process of bringing the constitution up to speed and improving our functionality at the same time. We had a unanimous result and are calling for members of a working sub committee to get this underway.

Special mention to "Dads Army" who prepare the greens and grounds each day. They have been busy putting in new rink markers, improving the safety, and making the greens look open and up to date.

We are in the last stages of implementing a website to take the barefoot bowls bookings online; this will make the booking of our rinks easier to access from the system and help us coordinate volunteers to assist the barefoot bowlers enjoy the facility. So watch out for our announcements on our website and socials.

Our players are competing at club, interclub and district levels, with several members representing us at the State Championships. In June the Australian Open will be held on the Gold Coast with several members travelling down to compete.

We have run one term of Learn to Bowls for USA and look forward to many more. We encourage any interested people to come down and ask about trying barefoot bowls, coaching and playing. We have many social days which provide an opportunity to get involved.

As always we welcome members of our community to our Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening bistro. Please come and enjoy the bistro, the craft beers and the friendly laid back environment.

Stay tuned for information of upcoming events.



Regards,
Ros Taber
Chairman

MENS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

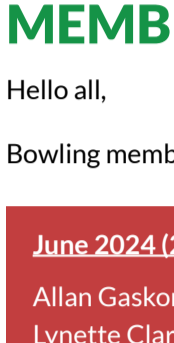
Winter is nearly here and a month before pennant starts.

Our undercover game is now settled in and performing well. Thank you to everyone who helped with this.

Many 2024 club championship games have been completed. Well done to all our members that competed and congratulations to the winners.

Thank you to all our existing members for supporting the club and this great game of lawn bowls.

If you are looking for a new challenge, regular exercise and social interaction come try us out.



Stay safe and look after yourself.
Shayne Parry
President, Men's Section

LADIES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

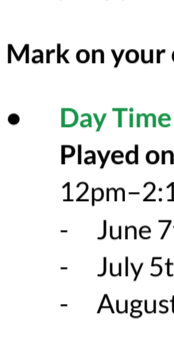
During the past months the Ladies Section has been very busy. The Championship Season was completed with Ann D'Ambrosio defeating Cheryl Lindfield in the final. Mt Gravatt entered a team in the inaugural Saturday morning competition run by GD.LBA. The idea was to provide competition for ladies who work and novices to gain experience. It was a most enjoyable and valuable experience for our ladies. During April we held our Mt Gravatt Shield which is competed for annually. The winners were Algestor. My thanks to our ladies who played, those who helped with the organisation on the day and in particular to Ann Beliveau who worked tirelessly to get teams for the day. Like all clubs it is becoming more difficult to fill the greens but we will persevere. Our next competitive venture will be Pennant and I encourage those who are able to nominate for this competition.

My personal thanks to all the ladies who came to the Special meeting at the club on the 18th May to vote and give the Board permission to go ahead and look at amalgamation. Your interest in the future of our club is commendable.

I urge everyone to continue to work for the most successful outcome for Mt Gravatt Bowls Club.

My thoughts are with those who have suffered illness or bereavement. My thanks to those non bowlers who come every week to support the club and help wherever possible.

As the club moves forward to a new format I would like to leave you with a special saying: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success".



Regards
Bev Geldart
President, Ladies Section

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello all,

Bowling members who are celebrating Birthdays in the following months:

<p>June 2024 (23 Members)</p> <p>Allan Gaskon, Craig Pitt, Peter Rose, Robert McLachlan, Geoffrey Wacker, Ann D'Ambrosio, Irvin Lever, Lynette Clarke, Beverley McEwen, Dave Stephens, Jack Oliver, Allan Pearce, Stephen Waldron, Alice Kung, Jeffrey McLennan, Ray Strudwick, Bryan Martin, Terry Priest, Darilyn Spring, Stephen Smith, Grahame Amy, Mick Theaker, Robert Morris.</p> <p>July 2024 (22 Members)</p> <p>Dean Gaddes, Allan Potter, Paul Madden, Allan Rose, Desmond Anchor, Joyce Liu, Paul White, Michael Abell, Don Hart, Ian Frew, Ann Beliveau, Susan Birrell, Anne O'Regan, Maxwell Bowden, Edwin Monro, George Balandinis, James Honeyman, Bob Davis, Keith Cordwell, Matt Taylor-Dodd, Kelvin McBryde, Shirley Brazier.</p> <p>August 2024 (11 Members)</p> <p>Ronald Walton, Michael Henry, Catherine Lewis, Shayne Parry, Frederick Preston, Eve Robertson, Neil Elvin, Win Worsnop, Michelle Huggins, David McDowell, William Turners.</p> <p>Many happy returns to the above members!</p>	
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Bowling members that have joined since the last newsletter:

Female: Karen Hamlet, Jan Palmer, Donna Perkins, Liana Zhang.
Male: Michael Downey, Steve Hamlet, Baza Layne.

Welcome to those new members!

Resignations:

None.

Deceased:

Hazel Locke on the 03/03/2024.

At the date of submitting this report, the financial membership figures are as follows:

Bowling Members: 70 female and 152 male (total 222)
Social Members: 853 female and 1249 male (total 2102)
Total Membership: 2324

Until the next newsletter, happy bowling!

David Chattin

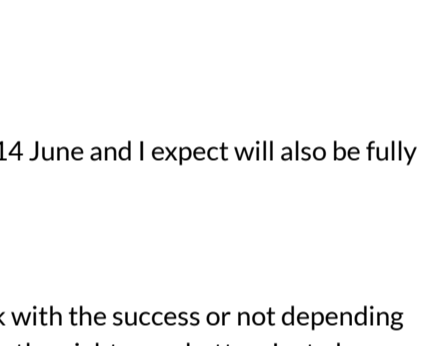
Membership Director

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Winter is almost here. Starting to feel the chill in the mornings.

Mark on your calendar:

- Day Time Trivia**
Played on the first Friday of each month. Prizes for first, second and third, so grab a team and come on in!
12pm-2:15pm:
- June 7th 2024
- July 5th 2024
- August 2nd 2024
- Special - Chicken Schnitzel Night - Every Thursday during the month of June**
Plain, Parm, Hawaiian or Mexican - Only \$20
Please note, regular menu not available.

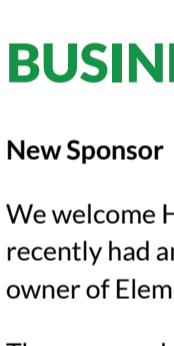


Mt Gravatt Bowls Club is open 7 days a week. Enjoy a barista made coffee or a cold beverage from the bar. Play a game of lawn bowls or just relax in our quiet, pokie-free club.

- Lunch**
Served 11am-2pm Tuesday-Sunday.
- Dinner**
Served 5pm-7:45pm Wednesday-Saturday nights.

Believe it or not, our Christmas bookings have already starting filling up.

If you are interested in having a function or get-together, give us a call on 3349 2367 and talk to one of our friendly staff.



We hope to see you soon,
Julie Simkin
Club Manager

GRANTS OFFICER REPORT

Under Covered Green Roof Cleaning

We were successful in obtaining a grant with many thanks to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Corrine McMillan MP, Member for Mansfield, made a presentation of the funds recently at the Club. Photographs of the presentation are included in her sponsor's special report.

CMBM, contractors, have completed the cleaning works. Some of the areas did not come up as appealing as we had hoped as surface rust has developed on the ironwork. Only way to improve on this would be to sand blast back to bare metal and repaint, a very expensive operation. On the whole, though a big improvement to have all the dust, spiders and other material removed. Great care was given to avoid any damage to our green during the works.

Covered Green Roofing

Unfortunately we were not successful in obtaining the grant to replace the roofing strips as reported in the previous newsletter. Simply there were twice as many applications as funds available and we were one of those who missed out.

We will keep looking for a suitable grant to get the much needed work done.

Active Women and Girls Round 1 Grant Application

We qualify for Category 1 of the grant which is a total of \$7,500.00. Request is for two purposes. 1) Education & Training 2) On Field Equipment which in this case will be small sized training bowls. We are well equipped with large sized, however size 0 and 00 are a little light on.

Application closed 6 March, we lodged 3 March, notices of decisions dispatched progressively, however no decision to date.

Active Clubs Round 4 Grant Application

This grant is for a maximum of \$2,500.00. We applied under the equipment-off field category to purchase Video Display equipment for use by volunteers and other members. Decision expected May 2024.

Lord Mayor's Community Fund Macgregor 2023-2024

Application lodged for \$500 for funds to assist with running the Mt Gravatt Shield Competition. Application was approved and funded and has been acquitted. Many thanks to Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and Cr Steven Huang for the approval of these funds.

Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Day

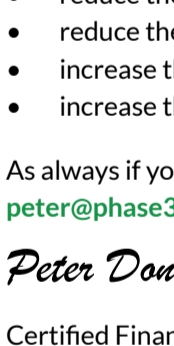
Last day in April was fully subscribed with 30 teams attending. Next day is on Friday 14 June and I expect will also be fully subscribed. Sponsor is Heather Senior Care.

Friday Night Raffles

Raffles are generally running very well. Patrons look forward to the raffles each week with the success or not depending on the number of patrons supporting us. Why not be one of those attending and make the night even better. Just phone the Club to make a reservation prior to attending.

100 Club

The draw is completed on Friday night after the raffle draw at 7.00 pm. The move to Friday draws has been quite successful, however still requires sales of numbers on each play day during the week. Please many numbers left to sell on Friday night can cause a problems, particularly when we have a quiet night, so please be mindful of that and support the week day sales.



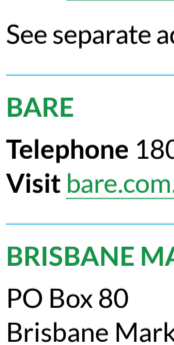
Regards
Reg Walls
Grants Officer

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

New Sponsor

We welcome Heather Senior Care as a new sponsor. They are sponsoring six (6) play days this calendar year and have recently had an advertising sign erected on the back wall of the under cover green. Many thanks to Chiu See Anderson owner of Elements Retirement Living and Con Noi Retirement Village for her introduction to Heather Senior Care.

The sponsorship program is running smoothly. Current three (3) months bowls calendar is \$22.00 which available through this newsletter.



Regards
Reg Walls
Acting Business Manager

SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

Toowoomba United Travelling Bowlers

We have a day booked for Friday 21 June with Toowoomba United Travelling Bowlers for lunch, bowls, afternoon tea and to be complete by 4.00 pm so they can travel to the Gold Coast for the remainder of their journey.

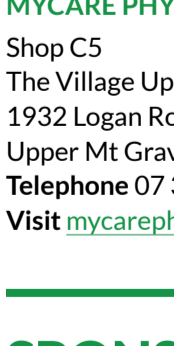
They will have a coach load of approximately 54 players and would like us to match them in numbers to make it a great day for all. Cost of the day for a light lunch, bowls and after game snacks is \$22.00 which offers great value.

I have placed a sheet on the notice board at the Club which currently has close to 30 names on it. Please add your name to this sheet for a great day at the Club.

Format will be decided once total numbers are known, however should we reach the desired number will, out of necessity be fours. We haven't seen two Ipswicks of fours for a very long time, so lets do it.

Brothers Social Bowls Club Ipswich

It has been confirmed that Brothers Social Bowls Club will again visit our Club for a social day on Sunday 27 October 2024. 2023 day was an excellent day and I commend it you as members. At this stage I am asking for members to save the date and I will send full details closer to the time when they are known. Last year they had 38 players and ideally we would like to match that this year.



Regards
Reg Walls
Chairman, Special Events Sub Committee

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FEDERAL BUDGET 2024

Labor's third Budget was widely expected to focus on cost of living. This was delivered in the form of energy bill relief for all households, along with Stage three tax cuts that had already been legislated. Social security proposals included freezing deeming rates at their current levels for a further 12 months, increases to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, and more flexibility for Carer Payment recipients. NB these changes are proposed but not yet legislated until Royal Assent.

Energy Bill Relief Fund - extension and expansion From 1 July 2024 The Government has announced it will provide a non-means tested \$300 energy bill rebate to all Australian households to offset energy bills in the 2024-25 year. The rebate will provide cost of living relief and will be automatically applied to a household's electricity bills in quarterly instalments.

Deeming rates - From 1 July 2024 The Government announced it will freeze the social security deeming rates at their current levels for a further 12 months until 30 June 2025. The deeming rates have been frozen at 0.25% and 2.25% to help pensioners 'keep more in their pockets'. The deeming rate freeze was due to end on 30 June 2024.

Rent Assistance - The Government has announced it will increase the maximum rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance by 10 per cent from 20 September 2024 to help address rental affordability challenges for recipients. This builds on the 15% increase in September 2023 and will take maximum rates over 40% higher than in May 2022.

Securing cheaper medicines - From 1 July 2024 As part of a range of measures aimed at reducing the cost of medicines, the Government has announced a one-year freeze on the maximum Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) patient co-payment for everyone with a Medicare card and a five-year freeze for pensioners and other concession cardholders. This change means that no pensioner or concession card holder will pay more than \$7.70 (plus any applicable manufacturer premiums) for up to five years.

Improving Aged Care Support - The Government has announced it will defer the commencement of the new Aged Care Act to 1 July 2025. In addition, the Government has announced it will provide funding over five years from 2023-24 to deliver a range of key aged care reforms and to continue to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. These measures are proposed to include the release of 24,100 additional home care packages in 2024-25.

Increased flexibility for Carer Payment recipients - From 20 March 2025 The Government has announced funding to support Carer Payment recipients through increased flexibility to undertake work, study, and volunteering activities. From 20 March 2025, the existing 25 hour per week participation limit for Carer Payment recipients will be amended to 100 hours over four weeks. The participation limit will no longer capture study, volunteering activities and travel time and will only apply to employment.

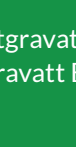
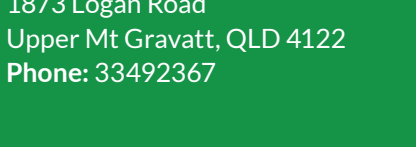
Stage 3 tax cuts - From 1 July 2024 The already legislated Stage 3 tax cuts make changes to personal income tax rates and thresholds from the 2024/25 financial year, resulting in tax savings for all taxpayers. The Stage 3 tax cuts will make the following changes from 2024/25:

- reduce the 19% tax rate to 16%
- reduce the 32.5% tax rate to 30%
- increase the 37% tax rate threshold from \$120,000 to \$135,000
- increase the 45% tax rate threshold from \$180,000 to \$190,000

As always if you would like to discuss the contents of this newsletter or any other matters email me on peter@phase3rs.com.au or call me on 0414 347 287

Peter Donovan

Certified Financial Planner® & Accredited Aged Care Professional™



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10.00 am - Roadmap to Retirement Living Presentation by Andrew Carins.
12.00 pm Enjoy lunch with Renaissance Residents - Speak to them about what it really like to live at the village.
1.00 pm Tour of Village and Stradbroke Display Villa (Optional).
Bookings are essential: Call Janine on 07 3820 7700 to register your place TODAY!

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