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MT GRAVATT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MT GRAVATT BOWLS CLUB inc
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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BOWLS CALENDAR

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It's been a long and rapid learning curve since coming into the chair position of the Board in April and I am loving the challenge and getting to know the members, social and competition, sponsors and supporters. The AGM on September 15th is fast approaching and nominations are now open.

This morning I attended the Southside Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Carson Room, Andrew Stone of the Stone Creative Group was the speaker. He spoke about some things that help clarify the direction and purpose of an organisation. These include our purpose, our ecosystem and our culture. Our purpose is outlined in the constitution, our ecosystem includes our officers, our people, our sponsors, suppliers and our greater community.

Constitution Update: We have a preliminary draft in place, and it is being revised in line with the district draft, and we will continue to work on it until it is ready for comment by the membership. If you are happy to help in this process, please let me know.

Barefoot Bowls: You can now book barefoot bowls online via our website. We look forward to welcoming lots of visitors to the club for end of year celebrations, birthdays, weddings etc. USA are here for a second term and the numbers are increasing.

On the Greens: Many of our bowlers are competing in pennants, with lots of sides looking in a good position for the finals. In these last few weeks, the hard work, training and good spirit. Congratulations to Cheryl Lindfeld for her silver medal and the 2024 Multi Disability Championships.

Thank you to the coaches who are conducting coaching sessions for the players looking to improve their skills, the sessions are useful and informative and have helped me with my own game.

The October Triples and the Ladies 6-A-Side are now open for entries. We also look forward to the challenge with the Wasps and Mustangs coming up soon.

In the club house:

Don't miss "Icons of an Era Tribute Show" on the 13th of September - booking available.

We are enjoying the trivia games that come to the club on Thursday evenings and Friday lunchtime. 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 on upcoming events.

The road works for the Upper Mount Gravatt State School are now complete and we will be working with the Brisbane City Council and the State Government to complete the last step of the traffic management plan.

Regards,
Ros Taber
Chairman

MENS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time flies when you're having fun.

I cannot believe we have only two weeks to go before the pennant finals. Mt Gravatt has had an exceptional year with pennant. Of the four divisions we entered into the pennant competition, three are on top and one is currently third with two rounds to play.

Congratulations to the selectors, managers and players for these fabulous 2024 results.

We have real possibility of hosting 3-4 home finals and bringing home multiple pennant flags.

Our Annual General Meeting is mid September and all Council and Board positions become vacant. I thank all current position holders for their contributions to the Club, many over a number of consecutive years.

We have the foundation of a great Club, with excellent greens and clubhouse, though we need energetic, experienced and committed Council and Board volunteers to move the Club forward with fresh ideas. There are many that have occupied positions, possibly too long, but have remained in these positions due to lack of members stepping forward.

If the Councils and Board work as a close knit team with common goals, we can maintain and improve the Club's success moving forward, though we cannot let just a few carry the load on their own, we all really need to step up here and consider, can I assist? Do I have the skills and desire to support and guide this Club to future success? Please look deep inside and if you know you can add value to our Club, volunteer for positions where you can help.

Congratulations to all those who participated in our State of Origin bowls series. NSW took out games 1 & 2 and NSW and QLD drew in game 3.

Well done to everyone who played and embraced the spirit of State of Origin and the game of bowls. Also great efforts to those who came dressed in theme outfits, well done to all.

We can confirm this will be back next year bigger and better as well as some other special day events, which will be confirmed when finalised.

Thank you for your support over the last 12 months.
Stay safe and look after yourself.

Shayne Parry
President, Men's Section

LADIES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where have the months gone and it is now time for everyone to think about our Club elections. The last two months have been busy preparing for and playing Pennant. We have two teams - Division 1 and Division 5. The numbers in the District are down for Ladies Pennant but a large number of ladies are now playing in the Saturday Open Competition. As well as this there have been meetings and discussions regarding amalgamation both in District and our Club.

Our Club competitions have been stalled while Pennant is being played and when time permits the final of the Championship Triples will be played. We are starting preparations for our Six-A-Side competition in November.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Board and Committee members for all they do for the Club. Your time and efforts are appreciated. I would also like to make mention of the ladies who volunteer their time whenever it is required.

Regards
Bou Geldart
President, Ladies Section

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello all,

Bowling members who are celebrating Birthdays in the following months:

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| <p>September 2024 (13 Members)</p> <p>Karen Hamlet, Gary Jones, Steve Hamlet, Margaret Gallagher, Michael Geronimos, Alan Dick, Kieran O'Sullivan, Mark Secis, Peter Donovan, Barry Easey, Ray Mulhaus, Ronald Kennedy, Peter James.</p> <p>October 2024 (17 Members)</p> <p>Brett Shanahan, Brian Bensley, Jeffrey Muter, Grant Boiko, Jayne Chattin, Simon Gao, Lorrie Hurlay, Baza Layne, Ralph Allan, Timothy Watts, Mary Smith, Geoff Devencorn, David Devencorn, Winnie Lam Ip, Ivan Lestani, John Davies, Margaret Wells.</p> <p>November 2024 (13 Members)</p> <p>Graham Chattin, Gary Horwood, Andrea Pitt, Liana Zhang, Gail Pratt, Leslie Young, Kevin Kunst, Bruce Black, Mark Ramage, Brian Clarke, Jeffrey Young, Cilla Dalton, Trish Hassam.</p> <p>Many happy returns to the above members!</p> | <p>Deceased:</p> <p>Gary Klease on the 06/06/2024.</p> <p>At the date of submitting this report, the financial membership figures are as follows:</p> <p>Bowling Members: 65 female and 128 male (total 193) Social Members: 889 female and 1281 male (total 2170) Total Membership: 2363</p> <p>Until the next newsletter, happy bowling!</p> <p><i>David Chattin</i> Membership Director</p> |
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CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

I hope you enjoyed the cooler months as it is about to get HOT! Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

Things to mark in your diary are our bistro hours, trivia days and tribute show:

- Lunch Served 11am-2pm Tuesday-Sunday.**
- Dinner Served 5pm-8pm Wednesday-Saturday nights.**
- Our Regular DAYTIME Trivia, hosted by Think Trivia**
Played on the first Friday of each month (starts at 12pm).
 - September 6th 2024
 - October 4th 2024
 - November 1st 2024
- Our Thursday NIGHT Trivia, hosted by Trivia Mill**
Played every Thursday night (starts at 6:30pm).
Call to make a dinner booking or reserve a table.
- Icons of an Era Tribute Show - Friday 13th September**
Show starts at 7:30pm.
If you want to have dinner before the show, book early so you don't miss the start. Bookings from 5pm.

We have a new Barefoot Bowls booking platform on our website.

You can now book ahead for a fun day of barefoot bowls with your family and friends through our online booking system.

If you are in charge of organising your work (or family) Christmas Party this year, check out our website and our functions package to see what we have to offer you. Call 3349 2367 if you have any questions.

We hope to see you soon,
Julie Simkin
Club Manager

GRANTS OFFICER REPORT

Covered Green Roofing

Until now we have been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant to replace the fibreglass roof sheeting on our covered green. The current sheeting is brittle, stained and allows very little light through. An opportunity exists to lodge a grant under the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs grant which opens for submissions from Monday 26 August 2024. Applications close on 14 October 2024. I have begun updating quotes and other documentation in readiness for a submission.

Active Women and Girls Round 1 Grant Application

We qualify for Category 1 in 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 larger sizes, however size 0 and 00 are a little light on.

Unfortunately we did not receive anything from the above grant. Far too many applications for the amount of funding available.

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. Grant was approved. A time delay installing until we had an additional power point installed. This has now occurred.

Lord Mayor's Community Fund Macgregor 2023-2024

Application lodged for funds totalling \$1,000 plus GST to assist with the hosting of the Ladies 6-A-Side Competition. At the time of writing no decision has been conveyed.

Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Day

There has been two days since the last newsletter. June day was fully subscribed with two full greens. The August day unfortunately saw numbers down a little due to illness in the day of the villages. Next day and last for the year will be on Friday 11 October and we hope for two full greens on the day. Thank you to Henry, Bruce and Ian for the dedicated support on these days.

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. Thank you to our regular ticket sellers who operate on a roster system over an eight week period.

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. Too 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 new sponsor The Optical Co. They are vacated at Level 2, SCURRS Health and Wellness Centre, 1437 Logan Road Mt Gravatt. This is the old Mitre 10 building situated some time ago. They previously traded as LensPro Garden City and have recently moved to the new premises. Their telephone number is 07 3849 5577.

They have elected to support a few different initiatives within the Club;

- Sponsor Ladies Open Bowls on Tuesday 29 October.
- Sponsor PM Open Pairs on Wednesday 6 November.
- Sponsor the reprint of our soon to be updated menus. They will be acknowledged on the front page as having sponsored the reprinted menus.

As an addition to our offering in support of their sponsorship, we will host their promotion of their business on the screen of the TV over the bar. This will be offered to all sponsors.

Signage

We have a new advertising sign erected on the side fence of the covered green. This has been erected by Cr Krista Adams, Councillor for Holland Park Ward and Deputy Mayor, Brisbane City Council.

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

Business Manager

At the July Board meeting I was appointed as Business Manager, hence the "Acting" has been dispensed with. From 1 September I will begin using the Business Manager email address to distinguish between Club and personal emails. Please use this address for any Club business with me from 1 September: business@mtgravattbowlsclub.com

Regards
Reg Walls
Business Manager

SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

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 to 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 in this year.

Rugby League State of Origin

My thanks to Henry for the enthusiastic way he ran the doubles on all three State of Origin games. A job well done.

Regards
Reg Walls
Chairman, Special Events Sub Committee

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NEW LIMITS ANNOUNCED FOR CENTRELINK/DVA

Since our last newsletter Centrelink / DVA have announced some new thresholds that may be of interest to members.

Income limits for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

To meet the income test, you must earn less than the following:

- \$95,400 a year if you're single
- \$152,640 a year for couples
- \$190,800 a year for couples separated by illness, respite care or prison.

Add \$639.60 to these amounts for each child in your care.

There is no assets test.

Please note that income may be real e.g. wages, rent etc or deemed income for financial investments.

Pensioner asset and income test

| Family situation | Full pension | Part-pension cut-out limit |
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| Single homeowner | \$314,000 | \$686,250 |
| Single non-homeowner | \$566,000 | \$938,250 |
| Couple (combined) homeowner | \$470,000 | \$1,031,000 |
| Couple (combined) non-homeowner | \$722,000 | \$1,283,000 |
| Illness-separated couple (combined) homeowner | \$470,000 | \$1,214,500 |
| Illness-separated couple (combined) non-homeowners | \$722,000 | \$1,466,500 |

| Family situation | Full pension | Part-pension cut-out limit |
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| Single | \$212 | \$2,444.60 |
| Couple (combined) | \$372 | \$3,737.60 |
| Illness-separated couple (combined) | \$372 | \$4,837.20 |

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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| <p>AVEO GROUP Level 6, 50 Longland Street Newstead 4006 Telephone 13 28 36 Visit aveo.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>MYCARE PHYSIOTHERAPY Shop C5 The Village Upper Mt Gravatt 1932 Logan Road Upper Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 3349 3000 Visit mycarephysio.com.au MyCare are happy to offer Club members the following: 10% off all services for Mt Gravatt Bowls Club members. On special applies on services already on exclusion rates and not in conjunction with other offers/discounts/use of reward cards/coupon.</p> | <p>RENEW DENTAL LOUNGE Suite 310, Level 3, 1808 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 2141 7835 Email admin@renewdentallounge.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> |
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| <p>BARE Telephone 1800 071 176 Visit bare.com.au</p> | <p>NEXIA AUSTRALIA Level 28, 10 Eagle Street Brisbane 4000 Telephone 07 3219 2022 Visit nexus.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>RESIDE COMMUNITIES Level 13, 145 Eagle Street Brisbane 4000 GPO Box 470 Brisbane 4001 Visit residecommunities.com.au See separate advertisement for Brookland Robertson below.</p> |
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| <p>CORRINE MCMILLAN MP Member for Mansfield 12 Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road Upper Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 3414 3100 Visit corrinemcmillan.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>PHASE 3 RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS Peter Donovan, Certified Financial Planner & Accredited Aged Care Professional Suite 2B, Ground Floor 1990 Logan Road Upper Mt Gravatt 4122 Member Peter@phase3rs.com.au Mobile 0414 347 287 Visit phase3.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>STELLARIO REALTY GROUP Sales 0418 271 827 Asset Management 0424 310 090 See separate advertisement below.</p> |
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| <p>ELLIOTT & HARVEY LAWYERS Suite 4, 1953 Logan Road Upper Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 3343 2666 Visit ehlaw.com.au Elliott & Harvey Lawyers are offering ten (10) free Will for the first 10 members during the currency of this newsletter. In addition a discounted Enduring Power of Attorney for \$275.00. Please ensure you mention you are a member.</p> | <p>RENAISSANCE RETIREMENT LIVING 36 Bunker Road Victoria Point 4165 Telephone 07 7700 1700 Visit rfl.net.au Are you interested to know more about living at Renaissance? Our next Information Sessions will be held on: • Monday 26 August 2024—Living at the Village • Monday 30th September 2024—Roadmap to Retirement Living • Monday 18th November 2024—Living at the Village • Starting at 10.00 am join us for an informative presentation by</p> | <p>TRICARE MT GRAVATT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 1748 Logan Road Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 3849 4358 Visit tricare.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> |
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| <p>EPIC HAIR DESIGNS Visit epichairdesigns.com.au Visit alurebyepic.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>REHAABILITATION & MOBILITY The Country Care Group Pty Ltd M: 1300 743 710 countrycaregroup.com.au Shop 2, 567 Kessels Road Macgregor 4109</p> | <p>TRICARE MT GRAVATT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 1748 Logan Road Mt Gravatt 4122 Telephone 07 3849 4358 Visit tricare.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> |
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| <p>HEATHER SENIOR CARE Telephone 07 3720 9122 Visit heather.com.au See separate advertisement below.</p> | <p>LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES Corrine McMillan MP Member for Mansfield P: 07 34143100</p> | <p>CR Krista Adams Councillor for Holland Park Ward and Deputy Lord Mayor P: 07 3403 7791</p> |
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