

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

14th December



Dear Members,

As you would realise, we're into the busy part of our barefoot bowls season. We are booked out on Fridays and Thursdays up to Christmas. Well done to Ian and the co-ordinators. We will need all the help we can get to run barefoot bowls and to work the bar effectively. Barefoot bowls and the bar are our big money makers to assist the repayment of our greens. Thanks to the many RSAs who have stepped up to help. Also, a big thanks to the many members who come in to help our barefoot bowlers enjoy an evening playing our sport. Note that the barefoot bowlers can wear flat soled runners or trainers. Our synthetic greens will not be affected by this type of shoe. Work boots and heels are unacceptable. The barbeque helpers have done a great job in organising the sausages and Dim Sims for our many guests. Great work from Richard and the teams who make this happen. The last day of barefoot bowls will be March the 27th. All our volunteers for barefoot bowls are invited to attend this evening, and we will have pizzas to celebrate the end of another successful season.

We have completed our Singles Club Championships. Congratulations to our champions Deb Wood and Chad Muir. A great effort from both our champions to get through to the final with many challenging and close games. Some great bowls were witnessed by our many spectators. The President's handicap is the next championship to be held and will start soon. Please keep your eye on the notice board & sign up as soon as you can.

This is an open singles event and requires a marker. Anyone marking should check our club handbook regarding how to mark a game of singles bowls ... or simply ask at a coaching session on a Friday. There is an umpiring course being held at Sorrento in March 2026. If you are interested in becoming an umpire, please contact myself to find out more about the process and responsibilities.

The New Greens: These are coming close to completion with some minor works required for the surrounds. The shades and seats are being worked on with some other minor works to be done. With the new greens, we will need to ensure that we water them before we play. The watering will assist the sand settle into the surface and cut out static electricity. This also needs to be done before the greens are rolled to increase their speed. We will attempt to play on greens two and three more frequently to work them in to a better speed.

The Summer Classic takes place on January 10th. We have currently 21 teams out of a total of 24 booked in. Well done to Wayne Wood who is coordinating this major day for our club. My thanks also to Paula who is organising the catering for the day.

This Monday we have our third round of the Challenge by the Bay which will take place at MBC. The game commences at 10 AM. Cathy from Mount Eliza will also have lunches available if you order something in the morning. Wayne has forwarded the teams to each member. Please wear club uniform.

Don't forget the Tuesday MBC Christmas Dinner and party with live music!

The Bowls Committee would like to wish every member a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year with your families and friends. Merry Christmas.

Cheers and Good Bowling

David Pumpa