

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER February 2026

Dear Members,

My congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in the Pink Social day last Wednesday. We have raised over \$650 for Breast Cancer Network Australia. This includes part of our green fees being donated to the cause. My thanks to Karen Keegan who offered to coordinate the day. A job very well done. I'd be remiss in not thanking our sponsors, Australian unity, for their backing of this cause.

We are still accepting donations until at the end of play on this Wednesday. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the BCNA tin at the bar.

Our Grand Opening Day for our Greens on 21st January was very successful. Our local councillor, Paul Pingiaro (Deputy Mayor) and Mayor Anthony Marsh and representatives from O'Brien Real Estate and Community Bank Mount Martha were present to open our greens.

A special thanks to our BBQ specialists, Wilma, Maureen, Mandy and Jean who gave up their time to make sure the barbeque was ready when required.

Barefoot bowls is still operating with great numbers coming to our club. For the past four weeks we've had 120 plus people coming to try barefoot bowls. This has been a great income earner for our club and will assist quickly paying off our greens. Our last Barefoot bowls evening is the 27th of March. All the BFB helpers are invited on this evening at 8:00 for pizza and a drink to celebrate a very successful season. A sign-up sheet will be put out early March so that we know what to supply for our volunteers. I think the innovation of having 5:30 to 7:30 PM for BFB has been helpful and respectful of our volunteers who give up their time. I expect this will continue next year.

Thanks to the many RSAs who have stepped up to help around the bar for functions, BFB and Social Bowls. I would like to call a meeting for RSAs on Wednesday at 11:00am before bowls. This will be an opportunity to check out the rosters and the plan for May. We will also have a check of what we must do as RSAs to open and close the bar. There are a few things we need to brush up on.

Pennant teams are going very well currently. Saturday Pennant Division 2 is currently 4th, Division 4 also 4th with Division 6 third and Division 7 is 5th with an opportunity to go to 4th with two wins.

Tuesday Pennant has Division Three at 4th, Division 5 at 4th and Division 9 is second. Tuesday's divisions have one more game to play to finish the season before finals while Saturday has two more games to complete the season. Good luck to all of our bowlers

representing our club. My thanks to the selectors for this season. A difficult job and well done. The selectors and committee are currently working on a club selection policy. When the process is completed, it will be presented to the Board of Management and then to all members.

The President's Handicap comes to a final on Sunday with Bob McLaughlin and Chad Muir playing off. My thanks to all the players who entered this event to make it worthwhile and more fun. There have been some brilliant games of bowls in this event where many games have achieved 19 or 20 each and required another end to determine the winner. We will be reviewing the handicap system before these events take place again in 2027.

The Mixed Pairs sign up is on the board. Please get a partner and get involved.

President's Day will be taking place on the 18th of February at our club. We have restricted this event to members and invitees only, but we do need more Members to step up and put in a team. We're playing three games of 12 end, 2 bowl triples. On this day we celebrate the Supervets at our club. The President of MPBR (Doug Fitcher) will be in attendance to present these awards.

Challenge by the Bay will be taking place on Monday 16th of February at Mornington. This is at 10:00 for 10:30 start wearing uniform.

Cheers and Good Bowling
David Pumpa

