

Hi Members,

Welcome to the last President's newsletter for this current season prior to the AGM on Saturday 2nd of May. The AGM will be followed by our presentation of the Club Championships awards.

My thanks to the Bowls Committee for their hard work over the last 12 months to make your bowls experience enjoyable and successful for our club.

At Social Bowls on Saturday the 25th April, Anzac Day, we will be having a couple of special activities and would request members to be in attendance before 12:00. This is a nominated triples day, and we will have a flag raising at 12 noon followed by a minute's silence. A form of the 'spider' is being organised by Annie with the winner receiving a prize. Hopefully our bowls will start on time at 12:30.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the Selection Policy 2026/27 has been placed on the website and also a copy is on the Pennant pin board in the sign-up area. A copy is also available for perusal on the white board under the AGM notices.

The sign-up sheets for next season's Pennant are also in the sign-up area out the back under the pennant notice board. Currently we have approximately 35 entries for Tuesday Pennant and 40 for Saturday Pennant. This is a great start, but more players will be required. Please sign up before you go away for winter. I've been informed that the expected start to Saturday Pennant is 10th October with the finals commencing on the 13th of February. Tuesday Pennant is expected to start on the 13th of October. The finals for Tuesday Pennant should commence on the 16th of February. These dates are still to be confirmed by the MPBR Match Committee for the 2026/27 season.

Last Friday we celebrated the end of the barefoot bowl season with pizza and a drink for our helpers. The BFB season was a great success with over 60 members involved in supporting this activity. Financially this was a fantastic result for our club.

This year we have attracted many more new bowlers to our club. My thanks to the hard work by all coaches who have given up their time to ensure that our new players are able to successfully participate in our social games. Please make sure that you welcome them to our club.

Don't forget that on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month we will be playing triples. This is a trial until the end of June, so if you have comment, please pass on your thoughts to a member of the Bowls Committee. So far we have received very favourable comments regarding this innovation.

We go to a winter bowls start time after the AGM. From the 6th of May, you need to arrive by 11:00 AM for an 11:30 start. Our aim is to be finished before 4:00 PM to avoid the colder afternoon weather and so to support this the Gong will be used to signify half

time. On the gong, please complete the end in progress to finish your game. Mufti also is changed to be warm clothing appropriate for the colder weather.

Congratulations to Annie, our social media coordinator, as we now have the most Facebook followers of all the bowls clubs in the MPBR! **Almost 2500 Facebook followers!**

The MBC/Mount Martha Medley takes place at our Club on Tuesday 21st April. We currently have 35 players but require at least 40 players for the day to be successful. This is a fun day of playing in blended teams with a variety of formats. Please be there at 10:00 for a 10:30 start.

Club uniform orders are being taken over the next week or so. If you require a new shirt, please complete your order on the sheet provided. Trish Clegg will be forwarding the order to our supplier on the 22nd of this month. If you have any questions regarding shirts, please speak to Trish. We have several bucket hats available and will be ordering some new caps if you are interested.

Our new bowls season will commence on September 5th this year.

Cheers and Good Bowling

David Pumpa
Bowls President

