



BUCKINGHAM BOWLS CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the new format for the Club's Newsletter which will be published monthly to keep all members informed about what has been happening and what is coming up at the Club in the near future. The Newsletter will be emailed to all members who have an email address lodged with the Club Secretary, it will be posted on the Club's website and Facebook page and hard copies of the Newsletter will be available at the Club courtesy of the Hon. Elise Archer MHA and staff who generously print the newsletter each month. **Contributions are especially welcome.**

Annual General Meeting

Almost sixty members turned up at the Club's Annual General Meeting on Friday 28 May 2021. Given that the Club was closed due to COVID-19 for over one month at the end of the last financial year and for the first two months of this financial year, the Club is well and truly on the move again - recording a profit of \$83,966, with \$112,137 in the bank and \$50,034 put aside in a sinking fund towards the cost of the replacement of our synthetic green in due course.

Two special resolutions were approved at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

- Rule 183 (c) of the Constitution was amended such that a special resolution to amend the constitution has to be passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the members present and entitled to vote. (This is a requirement under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas).)
- A new section 119A was added to the Constitution requiring in part that minutes of each Board Meeting are now required to be circulated to each member of the Club who has an email address within seven days of the meeting. A hard copy of the minutes must also be placed on the Club noticeboard within seven days of the meeting.

Members enjoyed nibbles and a drink after the Annual General meeting. Thanks to Providore Paul Evans and his willing group of helpers who arranged the nibbles.

New Board for 2021-22

Congratulations to the following members who have been elected to serve as your new Board for the coming year:

President: Patricia Zapotocky
Vice President: Paul Evans
Secretary: Arija Bayles
Treasurer: Jill Klye
Board Members: Peter Cavanaugh, Deb Colls, Mel Cotton, John Garrett, Rob McGuire and Todd Oakley.

Board portfolios and Club Committees will be finalised in the next couple of weeks and will be reported on in the next Newsletter.

Selectors for 2021-22

Congratulations to the following members who have been appointed as selectors for next season:

- Grant Chamberlain and Craig Owen (Premier Division).
- Jeanette Lane (Thursday Division 1).
- June Guy (Chairman Thursday Pennant).

Nominations for the remaining selector positions will be called for shortly by the new Bowls Committee.

New Town High School Bowls Days

The Club recently hosted a series of bowls days with some boys from New Town High School. The teacher-in-charge, Aaron Ratcliffe, has advised the Club that most of the boys really enjoyed the experience and learnt to appreciate the rules and etiquette. Two students have said they are keen to get involved in bowls in the future. Well done Noel Sargent and his group of helpers on the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 18 June - Snack Meals.
- Sunday 20 June – Indoor Carpet Bowls.
- Wednesday 30 June - Last day to pay subscriptions at the reduced rate.

Subscriptions 2021-22

The following subscriptions for 2021-22 were approved at the Club's Annual General Meeting:

If paid by 30 June 2021:

Full Member \$310
Social Playing Member \$180
Social Member \$20
Junior Member \$125
New Member \$125
New Junior Member \$75

If paid after 30 June 2021:

Full Member \$330
Social Playing Member \$200

Subscriptions can be paid by the following:

1. Direct deposit Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 115471971.
2. Cash or Cheque.
3. EFTPOS (1% surcharge applies).

Indoor Carpet Bowls

The next session of Winter Indoor Carpet Bowls at the Club from 1pm on Sunday 20 June 2021.

Volunteers Week at the Club in May 2021

Volunteers Week was a busy week at the Club. We began on Sunday by hosting the Hobart City Mission's staff and volunteers to an afternoon of bowls and a barbeque at a reduced rate. These volunteers do so much for our community so it was our way of acknowledging their efforts.

On the Wednesday we had a group of people from very diverse countries come and work in our kitchen. The Migrant Resource Centre are working with THA to offer opportunities for these people. On the Thursday the same group provided soup, sandwiches and garlic bread for our bowlers to enjoy in lieu of payment for use of our kitchen.

Two of the group were offered an opportunity to gain work experience with the Club - Anita assisted with Friday Night Snack Meals and Ni Nah showed Paul Evans and Patricia Zapotocky how to make prawn rice paper rolls with Thursday's bowlers again reaping the rewards.

Grants Update

The Federal Government has provided \$16,500 from its Stronger Communities Program to upgrade our women's toilet and provide a new disabled toilet for the Club. Work will commence shortly on this project.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has promised \$1 million towards the first stage of the Buckingham Precinct Strategic Plan. This stage will see the conversion of our Green 3 into two netball courts, new fencing to ensure our Club is fully secure, new shade structures around all four sides of Green 2 and synthetic grass to replace the current real grass around the surrounds of Green 2. It is anticipated that work on this stage will commence before the start of next season.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has also promised the Club \$50,000 for retractable awnings for shade off the Clubhouse for Green 1. The awning will be in place in September 2021.

The Club is also awaiting the outcome of the following grant applications:

- \$7,600 for a new vacuum cleaner / sweeper for our synthetic green.
- \$15,000 towards the cost of installing a solar battery to supplement our current solar panel system.

Thank You

The Club would like to acknowledge the financial and other support that is provided to it from the following sponsors. Club Members are encouraged to support our sponsors if at all possible:

Banjos Bakery Moonah; Elise Archer MHA; Fairbrother; Frank Hill Roofing; Jackman's Garage; McKay Timber; Intercity Signs; Roberts Don Mac; Mel Shutt / Ripple Realty; P.J. Robinson Discount Meats; Northside Physiotherapy, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Graham Family Funerals; Pace Financial, Josh Willie MLC, Ziggy's Smallgoods.

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