



### From The President

Hello everyone, and welcome back to Eastern Standard

time.

Just remember that as the days get shorter, and colder, the time we can spend on the green becomes more and more problematical, so make the most of it while you can.

On the other hand, some of us might need a bit of a break after the big summer campaign we have just undertaken. Whichever way you go, keep fit, warm and healthy as the autumn weather turns towards winter, and use your club facilities in the best ways possible.

First off, this week, let me offer some congratulations. Well done to **Heather Talbot** who achieved victory in the **Minor Championship** over **Carl Sabo**, a very promising effort from both players in an entertaining game.

Next, we had an all-Dromana final in the MPBR Over 60s Ladies' Pairs, played last weekend at Mt. Eliza. In this game Jean Wells and Sandra McColgan emerged victorious over Di Washfold and Carmel Healy.

Congratulations to the winners, a hearty well done to the runners-up and a great cheer for both teams as they flew the **Dromana** colours so proudly all weekend.

And finally, this Saturday and Sunday our perennial champ **Sandra** travels to Bendigo

with her teams as they contest the **State** Championships in the Fours and Triples formats.

We wish her and her team-mates all the best of luck and hope she can bring back another prize to add to her imposing record.

By now all members should have been emailed a copy of the CAPEX report I was referring to last week. As I stated , there are 3 distinct elements to the report. with funds recommended to be dispersed across a number subject of areas, to the appropriateness and viability of each request. You will note that the 3 elements are as follows:

- Non-Discretionary (basically to be used now, when needed);
- Discretionary (involving work that needs to be done, and should/will be done at the appropriate time);
- Deferred (other spendings that may be looked at when a more urgent need arises, or when more accurate costings are available). PLEASE NOTE: These are my interpretations of the CAPEX document, but I think I have summarised the parameters of proposed expenditure as well as I can in relation to the spirit of the document.

You will shortly notice a new acquisition, funded from the **Non-Discretionary** section, an improvement to the bar area. This being a new

roller door (cage style) for the opening and closing of the bar. Thanks to **David Baud** for costing and organising this purchase, it marks the start of our use of the marvelous bequest **Pauline Brain** has left us with.

Thanks to the **Social committee** for their organisation of the ever- popular **Fish "N' Chips** night this Friday, it is always great to hear the roaring silence as the assembled multitude tucks into this traditional delicacy.

It is always pleasing to observe the enthusiastic number of members who turn up for these occasions, and I expect this week to be no different.

Nominations for Board positions are just about closed, and it looks like our Returning Officer John Waugh may not have a lot to do

when it comes to vote counting.

Still, you never know, there may be some late candidates emerge from the shadows yet!

Also don't forget our **AGM Eve Presentation Night**, pencil it into your diary after Happy
Hour on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6.30pm for
Presentation night.

As always, it should be a fantastic night of celebration.

So that is about it for this week. Take care everyone, enjoy the weekend, and we will all be in touch again this time next week.

Regards, Peter.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The 2024 AGM will be held on Saturday 4th May at 10 am.

Nominations will remain open until Wednesday, April 10th at 6.00pm.

Any special business for the AGM needs to be sent to the Club Secretary, Val Park by 5pm April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Club Secretary email is <a href="mailto:clubsec@dromanabowlsclub.com.au">clubsec@dromanabowlsclub.com.au</a>.

#### **Presentation Night**

The **2024 Presentation Night** will be held on

Friday 3rd May at 6:30 pm

Also - Note

Please add names (members and partners) to list near Match office window.

#### **This Week's Sponsors**

# Community Bank Southern Peninsula Bendigo Bank

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#### **Dromana Discount Timber**



# Vale Margaret Dawson

#### SOME VERY LATE NEWS BUT SOME VERY SAD NEWS.



We have just learned of the passing of our esteemed long- term member, **Margaret Dawson** (1933-2024).

Margaret was a wonderful servant of our club over many years, and I will leave it up to others to speak more fully about her at a later date. She was married to our ex-President Frank (dec) for 61 years and remained intensely interested in all things Dromana up until the end of her life.

Margaret and Frank were indeed a formidable pair, and a key couple in what could be considered the golden years of **Dromana Bowls Club**.

Personally I have great memories of them both, but of **Margaret** in particular since **Frank's** passing: she always took a personal interest in how I was going in my own development within the club, and I valued her thoughts and advice greatly.

A good many other members will tell a similar story to me, a story of support, encouragement, and a love of our great club.

**Margaret** had been attending the club in recent times to support our Pennant teams and was a very well received visitor on the **Alison James Day** last year.

Vale, and thank you so much for your service.

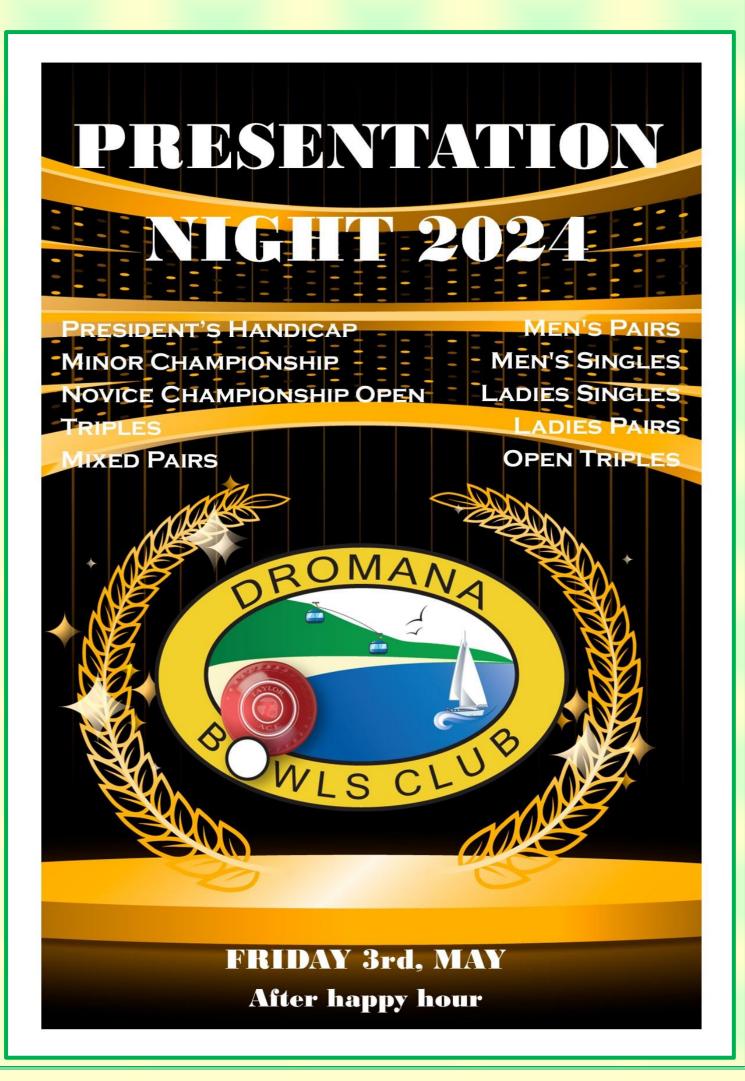
#### Peter Gordon







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#### **Social & Fundraising News**

#### FISH 'N CHIPS - This Friday 12th

For those who have placed an order, the fish and chips will be available following usual Happy hour announcements and raffles. No further orders can be taken for this week. Many thanks **to Amelia**, **Barb** and **Carl**. Enjoy everyone!

#### PIZZA AND CHARADES NIGHT 17th May

Pizza always seems to be a popular food choice for our club and who remembers playing Charades! A lot of fun. The committee is meeting this Friday prior to Happy Hour, and we will have some more details for you then. Please keep the date in your diary.

See you at the club
Michele Castles

#### **FUTURE PROPOSED SOCIAL CALENDAR 2024**

FISH & CHIPS

• PIZZA & CHARADES

FASHION PARADE

OAKS DAY

CLUB XMAS LUNCH

HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW

Friday 12th April

FRIDAY 17th MAY (FOLLOWING Happy Hour)

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

#### IN ADDITION

Some of the following will be included into the calendar throughout the year

- Fish & Chips nights
- Mid-week lunches at various venues
- Movie day depending on what is showing
- Frankston Arts Centre. " "
- Vineyard visit





Remember our Members Draw!
You must be present to win!
Jackpotted Last week
Currently up to \$xxx



Canasta – Monday 1pm All Welcome



#### 2023/24 Club Championships

#### Results so far:

Ladies Pairs: Jean Wells & Sandra McColgan d Chris Whitwell & Anne Eldridge



**Ladies Singles:** Di Washfold d Jean Wells





**Mens Singles:** Andy Wain d Peter Brace



Mens Pairs: Nino Bonora & Tony Evans d David Ditterich & Terry

Mixed Pairs: Andy Wain & Sandra McColgan d Di Washfold & Peter Gordon



#### **Open Triples:**

Frank McColgan, Derrik Farr & Sandra McColgan d

Di Washfold, Matt Blackwell & Peter Gordon



Minor Championship: Helen Talbot d Carl Sabo

What's coming up?

**President's Handicap:** Jean Wells (-8) v Andy Wain (-25)

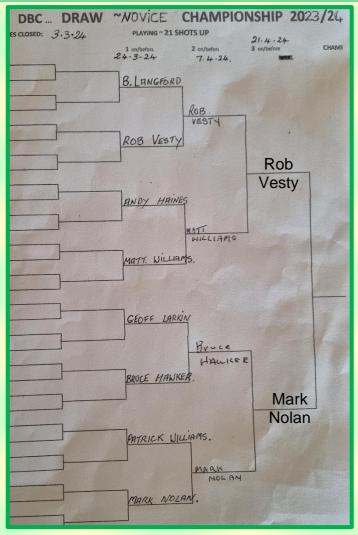
Final Sunday 14th April 2024 9:30 a.m.

**Novice Championship:** Mark Nolan V Rob Vesty

Final: Sunday 21st April 2024

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#### **Club Minor Championships**

Finalists in Club Minors. Helen Talbot and Carl Sabo Winner of Club Minors, Helen Talbot





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Andy Haines Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Sam Toumaras Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Rob Vesty Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Apríl

Gwen Duffus Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April



Visit our <u>website</u> for information on board meetings, games, pennant teams and ladders.

Browse our new Club History Archive and check out our Sponsors details.

We are always looking for contributors for more things to add, so please feel free to take photos, write an article/letter/joke/etc...

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#### **Social Bowls**

#### **MONDAY THREE (3) BOWL TRIPLES:**

Open Nominated Teams: arrive early (10.00am) for a 10.30am start.

Write your name or team (including phone number) on the list in the Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

#### **WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT** - this week will be the final night for Twilight Bowls

Begins at 6 p.m.

This is available to all members and is especially helpful for newer players.

The relaxed, friendly atmosphere lends itself to a really enjoyable evening bowling experience.

Cost is \$6. Please sign the list on the Match Committee window.

#### **INDOOR BOWLS**

The great game of INDOOR BOWLS WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK - Wednesday 17th April.

Games are held inside in warmth and comfort. Tuition supplied.

It's great fun and helps your outside game.

There are two sessions – 1:00 to 4:00 and also 7:00 to 9:00.

All equipment is supplied, you only need soft-soled shoes.

The cost, which includes afternoon tea/ supper, is only \$6.

Please sign the sheets on the notice board.

Any enquiries please contact : Di Washfold: 0417 397 138

#### THURSDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

This day is a great day for inexperienced bowlers, new members and existing experienced bowlers needing practice.

It is played in a lighthearted manner with plenty of fun even though we aim to win.

Write your name and phone number on the list in the Match Committee window.

Arrive early (10.00am) for a 10.30am start

Club Selected teams, made up of all players who turn up, so no one misses out on a game.

Contact: Keith Jones: 0418550752

#### **SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS**

Once again, this is a great day for inexperienced bowlers, new members and existing experienced bowlers needing practice.

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Arrive early (10.00am) for a 10.30am start

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#### **Regional Events**

STATE/REGION EVENTS. All members please note that entry forms for all State events are now available in the black folder near the spinning wheel.

Advise **Peter Gordon** as he can add the entries on Bowlslink.

Over 60's Singles - Men's Entries close 20/04/2024 & Women's

Bowls Victoria Over 60's Carnival May 20- May 26, 2024,

Entries Close 20/04/2024

Entries Open February 2024

The MPBR have re-vamped their website and news of MPBR Club Events, found here.

# MPBR Womens Over 60s Pairs Final Dromana V Dromana

Jean Wells & Sandra McColgan d Di Washfold & Carmel Healy Played Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April @ Mt. Eliza



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# Andy Wain

#### WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 29

Last week's WWYD? Week 28 (B5) pictured right. Suggested shot indicated in Red. Explanation underneath.

Regular correspondent Jeff

## **Dardel** suggests: Hi **Andy**.

1. Backhand on to the jack pushing it towards our rear bowl. May even pick up two shots but the opposition's four rear bowls could be a worry if the jack is not hit straight on i.e. wicked.

2. Forehand pushing the front bowl onto the jack. With a bit of luck may pick up two shots. Slightly prefer Option 1. Regards **Jeff Dardel** 

Scenario B5: — You have the 
bowls

The team is struggling

What shot would you play?

Suggested Shots

Draw the shot beating the shot bowl, under weight will still obtain the shot short of the Jack

A bit of luck may pick up two shots

Which shot would you be **most confident** of playing?

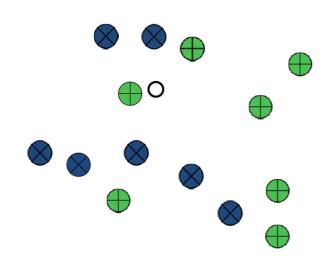
#### A new set of Scenarios:

- 1. Consider 4 types of shots:
  - a. Forehand draw,
  - b. Backhand draw,
  - c. Weighted Forehand,
  - d. Weighted Backhand
- 2. Which of these 4 shots gives you a higher percentage of being successful?
- 3. Which shot would you be most confident of making?

#### Scenario B6: — You have the bowls

- ☐ **Four down** on the score board and this is the **last** End
  - What shot would you play?





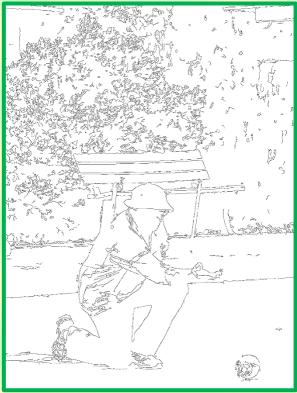
#### rain Teaser/Time Waster

#### Guess the Dromana BC Bowler?





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#### Brain Teaser Answers (from last week 4<sup>th</sup> April):

A: Chris Whitwell

B: Zoe McKenzie









#### **Weekly Bowls Report**

#### Monday Triples(8/4/24): 48 Bowlers.

Best 2 Game Winners: Carmel Healy, Keith Jones, Chris Whitwell

Runners-Up 2 Game Winners: David Moore, Jeff Dardel, Di Washfold

Best 1st Game Winners: Peter Gordon, Jeff Sigvertsen, Brian Grant

Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Game Winners: Matt Blackwell, Sandra M<sup>c</sup>Colgan, Frank M<sup>c</sup>Colgan

#### Thursday Social (4/4/24):

No report

#### Wednesday Twilight Social (3/4/24):

No report



# Tony's Lookback:





Frank & Barb Souter, May 2019, Winners of Club Persons of the Year

# Singles Championship won by 16 year-old



Pictured: Doug congratulating Joshua.

JOSHUA McCormick of Dromana. is the youngest bowler in the Flinders Association to ever win a Club Singles Championship.

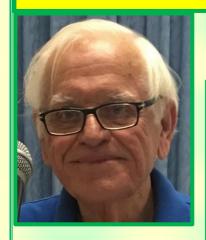
A large crowd gathered at Dromana Bowls Club to witness a challenge between the club's youngest member, 16 year-old Joshua McCormick, and well known Division 1 skipper Doug Wood, for the Men's Singles Championship.

With perfect weather and a fast green, the stage was set for a great contest.

Joshua got an early break on Doug, with both players putting down some outstanding bowls.

Doug fought back to make it 23 all, but Joshua took two shots on the next end to win 25 shots to 23.

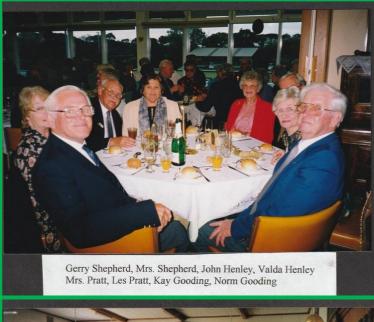
#### **Gerry's Corner**



DBC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, October 2000.

More can be found on the History section of our website.







For some time, my wife had this ridiculous idea that I'm playing too much bowls. Actually it came to a head about 11:30 p.m. last night.

She suddenly shouted at me "Bowls, Bowls, Bowls. All you ever think about is BLOODY Bowls!"

And I'll be honest, it frightened the life out of me.

I mean, you don't expect to meet somebody on Rink 5 at that time of night!

~ Unnamed DBC member ~