

# **DROMANA BOWLS CLUB**



**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

A very good evening to everyone.

With little over a week now before our AGM, please make every attempt to attend this most important event. Perhaps the most important decision of all to be made at this meeting concerns the replacement of the surface on the Hildebrand green. After 12 years the surface we have enjoyed so much is due for an upgrade, and the future is in your hands.

A number of proposals have been put forward for your consideration, as outlined in the document you should have received via email yesterday. Also available will be an excellent, albeit detailed, brochure published by Bowls Australia concerning everything one would need to know about the construction, upkeep and merits of each artificial surface which is available to us. The Bowling Green Construction Guidelines contains some 60 pages, and it offers some very welcome advice to every member who is intending to vote on this issue at the AGM.

Please read the document thoroughly, and by all means "cherry-pick" through the sections which you think are of most relevance to your concerns; just remember though that the document is best read in its entirety, and should allay any concerns you may have concerning the benefits and drawbacks of the surfaces under consideration. Take the time over the next week, please, to read this document, and be prepared on Saturday week to make an INFORMED decision on the nature of our green replacement program on the day.

Many thanks once again to Eric Fletcher, Derrik Farr and Bernie Smith for the many hours of work they have put into their research into all of the available options open to Dromana Bowls Club as we enter this important new stage of our club's life.

Our hard working and ever enthusiastic House Director Amelia Gibson has been unwell this week, and I trust that she is now resting up at home and keeping a long way away from many of the aspects of club life that have been taking up so much of her time recently. We look forward to seeing Amelia back in action in the very near future, and trust that she can once again lead by example when it comes to all things relating to her portfolio, and beyond. I personally wish Amelia a quick recovery, and trust she enjoyed the flowers...it is the least we can do for a highly valued member!

It has certainly been one of those weeks, with a number of members falling victim to various viruses, illnesses and accidents. So to everyone who has not been having a great time of it in the last few days I trust that you look after yourself, follow doctor's (or family's) orders, and return to the club fit and raring to go for the upcoming winter period, which does, incidentally, include bowling! It would be great if everyone could bowl as often as possible during the off-season, and what better time is there to seek out a coach in order to ensure that your game is in optimum shape for the new bowling season in October.



Now let's see a big show of hands for all those who admit to being glued to YouTube, Facebook or the BowlsVic website over the last few days while following the exploits of Di Washfold at Bendigo East Bowls Club, as she continued her way

through the State Champion of Champions event. What an odyssey that was, with Di's memorable performance over the last 2 months only coming to an end at the very last hurdle, where she lost the Final to a young, experienced opponent who has reached this level a number of times previously.

In an extremely close game Di fought all the way, and at one stage gave herself a good chance of winning by playing some magnificently weighted shots in order to cut down the opposition's shots, and keeping within striking distance right up to the end. Those of you who watched the match live will know what I am talking about, and if you missed it do yourself a favour, as Molly Meldrum would say, and seek out the replay on YouTube. A fantastic effort Di, you did yourself and your club proud, and you demonstrated how dreams can become reality with perseverance and determination, along with a good amount of skill.

A big P.S!!!

How great it was to see our club legend Gerry Shepherd at the Anzac Day Memorial service at the Cenotaph on Tuesday. As usual Gerry walked tall and proud in his Navy uniform, and was spoken of highly by the RSL representatives for his length of service in two major conflicts. We are all so proud of Gerry's service to his country, and the fact that he is such an integral and loved member of our club makes his continued contributions all the more important to us.

Runner - Up in State wide Champion of Champions, that is some achievement: well done!

And finally once more, tomorrow is a big day for our other legend, Sandra McColgan, who is participating in the Round of 16 of the State Triples, culminating hopefully in a Grand Final berth on Saturday. A perennial performer at this level, Sandra has an unquestioned level of excellence in State events, and she continues to represent both herself and Dromana Bowls Club with distinction. Good luck to Sandra and her team, hopefully by this time next week I can be reporting on another thrilling performance from one of our very best.

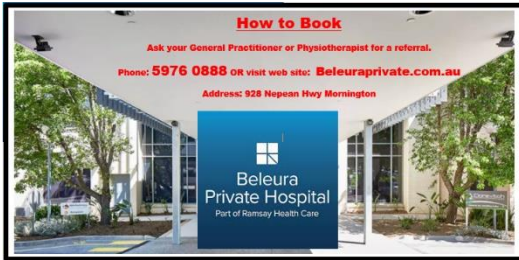
That is about it for this report. By Thursday next week we as a club will be on the eve of our Presentation Night, and it promises to be a great event, as always. I look forward to seeing you all there, and I give my thanks in advance to Carmel Rowe for the great job she has done in organising all the awards and inscriptions over a very short period of time.

And then.....it's on to the AGM (please do your homework).

Until next week, Bye for now. Peter



## SPONSORS OF THE WEEK



We found beautiful flowers perfect for the occasion at Snowballs Flower Gallery



## SOCIAL BOWLS

### MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start.  
List in Match Committee window.  
Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

### THURSDAY

Club Selected – arrive early for a 10.30am start.  
List in Match Committee window.  
Contact: Chris Bowen: 0418557574

### SATURDAY

Club Selected - arrive early for a 10.30 am start  
List in Match Committee Window  
Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405 773 858

Thanks  
Phil Gannon

## **INDOOR BOWLS**

Indoor will commence straight after we've had the AGM, so we'll begin on **Wednesday 10th May**.

The afternoon session will start at 1.00 so please be there by 12.45.  
The evening session starts at 7.00 (arrive by 6.45).

You only need soft soled, flat shoes. Bowls and tuition supplied. Lists will go up in a couple of weeks.

Any enquiries please contact Di 0417 397 138

## **NOMINATIONS FOR SELECTORS**

A list for nominations of selectors for 2023/24 pennant season for both Midweek and Saturday is in match committee window alongside pennant playing list.

Please give being a selector your consideration, you will be informed and supported with your decision

Carmel Rowe....Bowls director

## **Annual Presentation Night**

**To be held Friday 5th May at 7pm ( after happy hour ).  
Members and partners welcome.**

Light supper supplied. Please put your names on list which is at match committee window.

Carmel Rowe.... Bowls Director



Notice is hereby given that the

### **37th Annual General Meeting of Dromana Bowls Club Inc.**

**will be held in the Clubrooms, at Dromana  
Bowls Club, Stawell Street, Dromana on  
Saturday 6th May 2023, at 10a.m**

Please note that members of all categories are invited to attend this meeting. Social Plus members are entitled to vote.

Social members are not entitled to vote under the terms of the Constitution but are encouraged to contribute to the meeting.

# SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS



## MUSIC MAKERS

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May



### Brendan Scott

Brendan Scott is an accomplished and experienced performer who has been part of the Australian entertainment industry ever since his stage debut at age 4. He's a radio regular and has appeared for country music audiences at many venues. In his diverse act, Brendan sings, as well as playing piano, guitar, saxophone, banjo and fiddle.

The booking sheets are up on the Social News board,

so please get your names down - make up a table or just write your name down and others will add theirs to make up tables of eight. Payment is into the Bendigo bank SOCIAL account, see flyer for details. We are looking forward to a great afternoon of music and entertainment.

### RAFFLE - donated goods.

The committee is commencing sorting of donated items and we hope to have the "Help yourself and make a donation" table ready in the next week. Have a look - among other items there are certainly plenty of jigsaw puzzles to keep the enthusiasts entertained throughout the chilly winter evenings.

The raffle and bidding for other goods will commence soon.

See you at the club

Michele Castles

## CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS



### FRIDAY EVENINGS

Lucky Member Number Draw

Raffles and Good Company!!!!

## **CANASTA**

*Monday  
Afternoons  
One O'Clock  
All Welcome*



Visit our website for information on board meetings, games, pennant teams and ladders.

**BROWSE OUR NEW CLUB HISTORY ARCHIVE  
AND CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS DETAILS.**

Photos for the Newsletter or Club records:  
[photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

Reports and items for the Newsletter  
[newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

Anyone wishing to obtain a proxy vote for the AGM can do so by either contacting myself or any other Board member, or else you can print off a copy of said form as presented at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Your voice is important!

