

A warm hello to everyone,

and it certainly is as I write this report in the beautiful sunshine of a 19<sup>c</sup> day......hope it has been similar for you all today as you read this of a Thursday evening 30 hours later. Anyway.....enough of the time travel! So, what made news this week?

In my heart of hearts I believe that the concreting/handrail job has finally been completed, with only a couple of little things to be tidied up by Derrik and Phil in relation to the front gate, while Amelia still has a couple of VERY minor concerns which she has taken up with the Shire. Otherwise, all good! For the moment we have decided to leave some of the taped off areas as they are, in order to let the new grass on the embankments and surrounds take root and flourish. Otherwise all access to the greens is as previously. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Over the last couple of days, I have flicked the switch to overdrive with regards to the Hildebrand green replacement, with both Zoe McKenzie and Sam Groth, our Federal and State members respectively, having responded to my email pleas within hours of me sending them out on Tuesday evening. They have both responded positively to our situation, and I shall spend the rest of this week next to my phone and computer to see if there is any movement from the Shire's end. Another week another step forward, hopefully, even if it is only a little step "on paper". The more noise we make, the more the Shire is likely to come to the party, so let's get our gnashing of teeth heard wherever and whenever possible. More on this next week, or even earlier if things start going our way.

One positive note for you. Young Ben from the Shire was at the club bright and early on Monday

morning, taking the first readings (or whatever it is surveyors do) with what I meticulously described as "a key pad attached to a whipper snipper". I am sure it is much more than that. Anyway, what that means is that official work has begun on the subsidence problem on the Duggan green. It will not be a quick fix, but at least another one of four major projects is underway. Subsidence and concreting underway/completed, flooring and green replacement to go......and I'm not forgetting the FIFTH leg of the quintella (sic) in the form of the beguest from the late Pauline Brain. Pauline's kind gift to our club will certainly be put to very good use when the funds become available, hopefully in the very near future.

Please make sure you have your bowling and social commitments prioritised and diarised over the next few weeks, as there is a lot happening at DBC in the immediate future. Happy Hour continues to be a great success every Friday night, with new members and visitors frequenting the lounge every Friday night, and more often than not taking home the raffle prizes, Members' draw, or even both! So come along and join in the fun!

While on the subject of new members, it was great to see "old" members Phil and Robyn Carter back watching the Triples on Monday, pouncing on membership forms as they once again acquainted themselves with the very familiar surroundings they have previously known well for the 12 years of their previous club involvement. The Carters have returned to the area to live full time after a stint in Queensland, and are most keen to resume socialising at, and playing bowls for, Dromana Bowls Club.

Welcome back to you both.

So that is it for another week. Continued health and good wishes to all our members whether at home, interstate or overseas. The weather may be gradually improving, and more competitive bowls are just around the corner, so adjust your game, and please support Ian Dale and his excellent coaching classes every Friday morning, Every little bit helps!

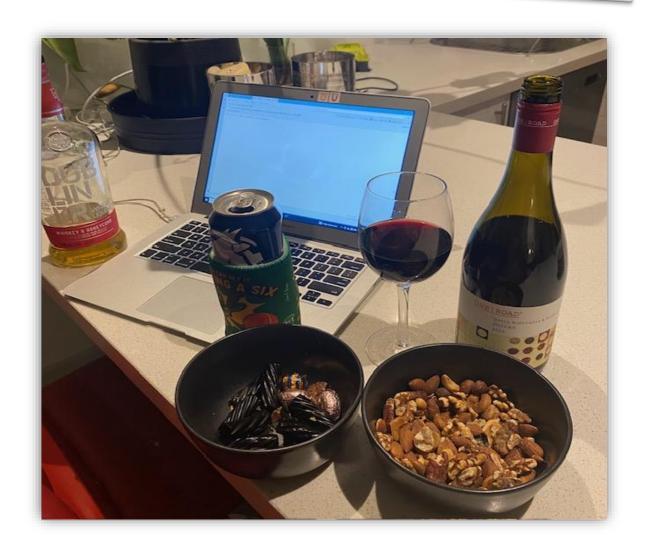
And finally, it was great to see Terry Rowe at the club having a bowl on Monday. After some difficult times

over the past fortnight Terry appears to be recuperating well, and if his beloved Saints begin to achieve a little better he may make even faster progress towards full health. Best wishes Terry, and indeed, to all other members who may be under the weather with one malady or another this week.

Get well soon! Regards, Peter.



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#### THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS





### SOCIAL BOWLS

#### **MONDAY**

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

#### **INDOOR BOWLS - WEDNESDAY**

There are two sessions held every Wednesday: 12.45 for a 1.00pm start and 6.45 for a 7.00pm start.

The cost is \$6, bowls and tuition supplied.

All are welcome.

Enquiries: Contact Di 0417 397 138

#### **THURSDAY**

Club Selected – arrive early for a 10.30am start.

List in Match Committee window. Contact: Chris Bowen: 0418 557 574

#### **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





All players interested in playing Pennant next season are asked to put their names on Pennant sheets as soon as possible. Even if you are wanting to be an emergency, please put your name in this section as well.

Please be aware that we have to submit all our Pennant numbers by **August 20th**. If you haven't already put your name on the lists for Tuesday and Saturday Pennant, please do so asap.



#### **CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2023-2024**

The following is an outline of dates we would ask you to take note of in your diaries. If you are talking to other Clubs, please mention these up-and-coming events. Further details and entry forms will be available closer to the dates of each tournament.

#### **DBC OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023**

(One game of 12 ends after light luncheon & official opening. See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

#### **DBC BREKKY DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023**

BBQ breakfast similar to last year.

2 bowl, nominated 4's. Three games of 10 ends.

See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

## DBC ALISON JAMES - LADIES SKIP DAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 (NEW TOURNAMENT)

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

#### **DBC STRAWBERRY DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2024**

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

#### DBC PRESIDENTS DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024. (NEW TOURNAMENT)

The plan is that this will be a catered lunch. (3 bowl triples, two games of 12 ends).



#### WINTER SKILLS PRACTICE

Last week we had a good turn up for the first Winter Skills Practice this year. Although it was cold, the conditions were good. Some very good bowls were put down and enjoyment had. Hoping to see a hardy lot on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, at 10am** Keep warm, bring 4 bowls and have some fun.

Ian Dale



Very best wishes to any members and friends who are currently unwell.



## **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

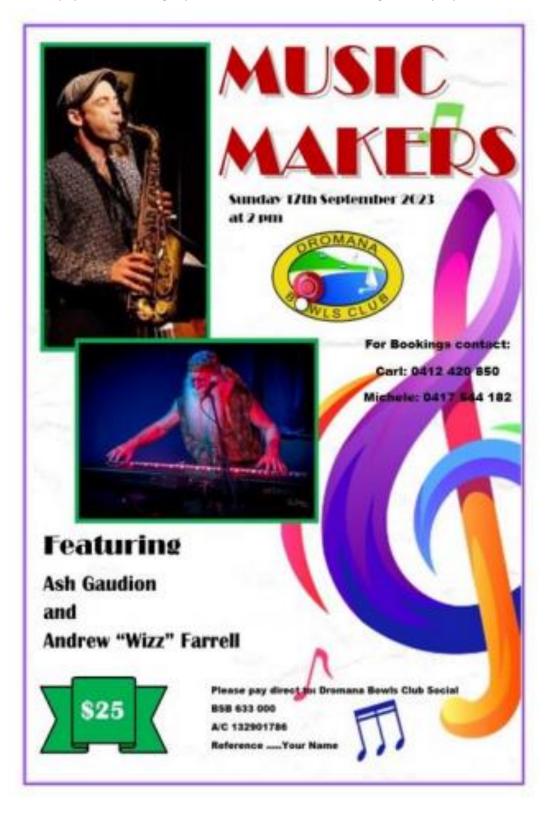
RAFFLE DRAW. Friday 18th August following Happy hour.

LAST CALL FOR LUNCH AT STEEPLES. Tuesday 22nd August, 12 midday.

#### MUSIC MAKERS.

Sunday 17th September with Andrew Farrell - "The Wizz" and Ash Gaudier. \$25.00 pp, doors open 1.30pm and music starts at 2.00pm.

This will be a popular event so get your names down on the booking list early if you wish to attend.



## **OPENING DAY 2023/2024**

# Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 DROMANA BOWLS CLUB Inc.



12.00 Noon: Light Luncheon (free of charge)

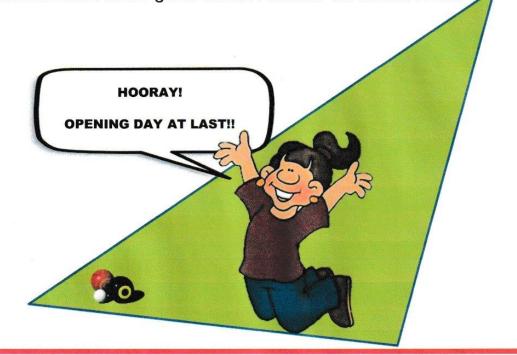
All Members welcome. Bookings essential for catering purposes.

1.00pm: Official Opening.

Including rolling of the jack and the first bowl for the season.

1.15pm: One Game, Full & Social+ Members, in Club uniform.

The style of game is to be determined on the day, depending on the number of players. No green fees. Please write your name on the entry sheet located in the glass cabinet outside the Match room.





Will you be this week's lucky







CANASTA – MONDAY 1.00PM
ALL WELCOME

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

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