



DROMANA BOWLS CLUB

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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From The President

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Good afternoon or evening to everyone, as the case may be.

With the passing of every week it seems as if the climate of bowls and socialising at Dromana is changing quite rapidly: Pennant seems long since done and dusted, as we look eagerly forward to seeing the fruits of all our labours at the Presentation night on Friday, May 5th. With only a couple of club events left to play out, the engravers are getting ready to add a new batch of illustrious names to various Winners and Runners-up medallions, while OBE and other service awards are being organised as we move towards that time of year when we acknowledge those who have achieved special things, whether on or off our greens.

Hopefully by the time you receive this you will have received another email which I sent out to all members; my apologies to anyone who may have missed out. The article which I hope everyone has had a chance to read concerns an issue which is (or should be) close to all our hearts. Which brings us back to the transitioning of one part of the bowling year in to another.....It is at this time of the year that many of us, with summer bowling obligations over and winter approaching, look for greener pastures, as in warmer climates. Many of our active members leave the Peninsula, sometimes for months at a time, leaving the rest to struggle on, battling the cold weather, and hopefully continuing to utilise our club for perhaps its most important reason for being. As in, the social benefits offered by the institution that is Dromana Bowls Club, as outlined by a number of quotes in the article I referred to above. Not forgetting just having a bowl either!!!

Obviously at Dromana our core business is bowling, but in an ever-changing world, clubs such as ours are now expected, especially if they happen to have a landlord administering Crown Land (aka The Shire), to deliver so much more to the community. The rental of our facility to community groups, the offering of programs such as our current Barefoot Bowls and Development squad activities under the guidance of Russell Tulloch; these are things that we are increasingly expected, and quite rightly so, to deliver. No longer is our club simply a place to bowl. In the "off season" we at Dromana must do that much more to keep our club a valuable, viable contributor to the life of the community, and we must endeavour to build links with other clubs and organisations in the area. By doing this, and being pro-active in setting goals beyond the greens, we can ensure the relevance of Dromana Bowls Club for many years to come, never of course forgetting what this will allow us to continue what we love to do. Bowl: in whatever format, and at whatever level. Let's just keep the club rolling through the winter months, and let's all support the myriad of functions and events provided for us by our hard working Social committee. Beginning with our Trivia Night tomorrow, followed shortly after by the Auction, and then Music Makers, and so on. It's all about our club looking after its own, and others, through offering people the chance to interact with, and care for, those who need or want support, or companionship.

Please, read my above thoughts in the context of what has happened to many bowls clubs in New

South Wales, as outlined in the aforementioned article which appeared recently in The Australian Pensioner magazine. Quite a number of people passed this on to me, and we would all do well to heed the messages contained therein.

And finally, to the AGM on Saturday, May 6 th . The first thing to inform everybody of is the opening date for Nominations to the Board for 2023/24. That date is March 29 th , and nominations will be open until April 12 th , closing at 6.00pm. Job descriptions are available on the club portal.

So there you go. A lot to think about. Until next week, the very best of wishes to everyone. Regards Peter.

Sponsors of the Week



Welfare

Nice to see Tony Evans has recovered from Covid and back on the green. Hopefully will see Bron back on the green soon.

Please contact Donna Cartwright - **0407 308 106** Or Barb Souter **0425 712 764**

Social Bowls

MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405 773 858.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TWILIGHT BOWLS –

A reminder Twilight Bowls is on WEDNESDAY evenings. Register about 5.30 for a 6.00 start - earlier if all are present.

Please remember to sign the list beforehand.

All bowlers are welcome to join this friendly, relaxed group and enjoy bowling in the lovely evenings with the music in the background. Don't miss the fun.

Enquiries: ring Di 0417397 138

THURSDAY

Club Selected – arrive early for a 10.30am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact Chris Bowen: 0418 557 57

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies Pairs Winners

Sandra Mc Colgan and Gill Fletcher



Minor Champion for this year

Jean Wells



**Congratulations to Stephen Parkinson (of midweek Penant)
Has just become club champion of Murrumbeena Bowls
Club.**

House Report

Hi all,

Firstly thanks to our members who have happily embraced and are using the new dishwasher. Once you've had a go, you realise how easy it is, how clean items are and it's very fast too!

Thanks also to a couple more of our members who have done the online Health Dept. course. Interesting feedback with comments like- "I didn't realise that" and "Now I'll change that at home too". Whilst the course is aimed for anyone who handles food or assists in any preparation, it is also useful for every day use. So again please consider giving it a go and remember - You're never too old to learn something new!

The link is <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au>

and if you need any help getting access please let me know. Thanks .

Unfortunately our kitchen flooring has been delayed, due to labour force shortages, but will be rescheduled shortly, fingers crossed. But we have scheduled our carpets in for a steam clean on Wednesday 5th April. You will be informed of updates when known, so as they say, watch this space!

Enjoy your week
Regards Amelia

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Social and Fundraising

Music Trivia and pizza: I am really pleased to report that we have 10 teams for trivia night including two from Roger McMillan Real Estate. I am sure this is going to be a fun night for everyone. If you have not already done so -would you please make payment of \$15.00 per person into the Bendigo bank,

Account name Dromana Bowls Club social,
BSB 633-000. A/t number 132901786.

Reference: Trivia/name

Auction and afternoon tea: Sunday 23rd. April. \$10.00pp. 1.00pm

The bar will be open and we request you pay into the social account - as per the numbers above but with a reference: Auction/name

Please see one of the committee if you an item to be donated for auction. We would prefer delivery of goods from Friday the 7th of April onwards as there may be storage issues before then. This should be another entertaining event and who knows what much sort after item you may go away with.

Please note, we cannot accept clothing or shoes. We CAN accept electrical goods as we have an electrician able to check out the appliances before they go to auction.

Music Makers: Diary date Sunday 7th May. I am sure we are all looking forward this popular event again this year. I will be taking a trip to New Zealand, leaving on Tuesday 28th March and returning

on Wednesday 12th April, but not available until Friday 14th. If you have any queries in the meantime regarding any of the above, please refer them to Donna (who will be back in the next few days), Barb Souter, Amelia or Carl.

See you for trivia on Friday

Michele Castles

DBC 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 " Many thanks...Carmel
Rowe



You must be present to win it!



Mondays 1pm

Come and join the fun afternoon



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.

Reports and items for the Newsletter
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See you soon Chris Whitwell