

March 2020

Dear Members,

It's that time of the year again!

Our AGM will be on **9th May at 11.00am**. This will be followed by the presentation of club championship trophies and social bowls at 1.30pm. The AGM will recap the club's progress over the last year and plans for the coming year.

Our Club is run by volunteers and we need you and your talents and skills to keep moving forward. Please put up your hand and volunteer for one or more of the vacant positions.

There will be Board, Bowls Committee and Support Roles to be decided. These will be displayed on the whiteboard, together with nomination forms and Position Statements. Please read the Position Statements carefully to ensure you understand the duties of the role. Please do not remove them. If you would like a copy to take away, please ask a Board member for a copy. Nomination forms should be filled in, signed and returned to **Karen Keegan (Board Secretary)**.

I am continuing to chase the Shire regarding several outstanding maintenance requests. If you are at the club and see a contractor, please ask what they are there to do and notify a Board member, so that the Board is aware a contractor has been in. Twice recently, contractors have come to the club, carried out repairs and left without a member of the Board knowing. It was a bit embarrassing when the completed repair was chased with the Shire!

As we are trying to be more environmentally friendly, the Board, in conjunction with the Bar Manager, proposes to move from small, individual bottles of wine, to standard bottles. This will drastically reduce the amount of glass disposed of. The small bottles of sparkling wine will continue to be sold. This will be phased in as existing stock is exhausted.

Just a reminder that helpers at Barefoot Bowls and school groups should have a Working With Children (WWC) card. This is free for volunteers and can be done online or in person at Australia Post. If you are unable to download the application form, please ask a board or committee member to download one for you. Head to the WWC Victoria website which will walk you through the application process. The card lasts for 5 years.

We have a roster for kitchen duty for both Pennant and social bowls. There have been many frustrated complaints that members are coming to do their duty only to find that someone else has already done it. Please **DO NOT** go in the kitchen to set up unless you are rostered on. Please check the roster to see if you are on duty and if you cannot be there, arrange a swap with someone. Don't just not turn up. And please remember to wear gloves when you are cutting the cheese. The gloves are located on the wall alongside the microwave. Please continue to help clear up after the break, as many hands make light work!

We have had two occasions recently where the membership procedure has been bypassed and the membership officers have been unaware of the proposed new members. If you are approached by someone wanting to join the club, whether a bowler from another club or someone new to bowls, please **DO NOT** give out membership forms. They are in the office

for coaches' use only. Please direct all enquiries to Ethel and David Juffkins, the membership officers. They, in turn, will contact the coach coordinator, Brian Pyne, for him to arrange a coach.

May I remind all members that name badges are to be worn for service at the bar. Some RSAs may not know all the new members or social members, so if you want members' prices, wear your badge.

Good luck to all the Pennant Teams in the finals.

Susan Gullidge
Chair, Mornington Bowling Club Inc.