

Dear Member

Further to my email of 23<sup>rd</sup> October I would like to apologise to Neil Hayes, it was very remiss of me not to include Neil in my accolade, for his persistence in pursuing the Shire for the 2 years that he was in office, and indeed all those that had an input over the last 6 years, a great result for the club.

We have ordered some new blinds for all our windows that face the sea. These will be installed in the next couple of weeks. It will be great to have some new working blinds that don't constantly break and need fixing.

Karen Keegan has met with Josie Jones from The Peninsula's Last Straw and received our Business Starter Pack of paper straws. This is a community initiative supported The Mornington Peninsula Shire and Keep Victoria Beautiful. These straws can withstand water for a few hours. They will also break down in the environment over a few weeks to months so they are a great replacement for our plastic ones and they are now in our bar. Sue Hale and Heather Hayes are also investigating how we can better manage our waste in the kitchen as we move away from single use plastic. We know we can only implement these changes with baby steps but the Mornington Shire is committed to a single use plastic free Peninsula and we are keen to be in the forefront as a progressive Business/Leaseholder with future foresight into a more sustainable environment.

November is nearly upon us and our busy Barefoot Bowls Program is about to kick off. If you feel that you can help of a Friday evening for a few hours to set up, supervise the greens, or generally lend a hand around the Club then please come along or contact us. The season will probably start a little quietly but Ian has some pretty big Fridays as we get nearer to Christmas. We also have a very busy November and December functions period. Every Saturday night from the 2nd of November until just prior to Christmas is fully booked.

We also have some busy Sunday functions with some Barefoot Bowls and we will need some help with these as well. Martin has updated the Club's diary on the website so please be mindful that when a function is booked we must vacate the premises by 6.30 pm on a Saturday. There is also no access to the club rooms or facilities whilst a function is in progress.

Kind regards

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Vice Chair  
Mornington Bowling Club