

# Newsletter January 2021

Hi Members

As of today (Monday) we do not need to wear masks indoors at our club. Another step towards 'normal'. There are still a number of protocols that we need to follow to ensure our safety.

Mats and Jacks still need to be sanitised after use. We should also maintain our social distancing and sign in with the QR code or by completing the sign in sheet.

Our barefoot bowls is proving to be a great success with many nights having over 100 people booked in. This is one of our main money raisers each year. Well done to David Youl and his team of helpers and those that assist each week. Special thanks to Peter Butler who has been supplying the meat for the BBQ. Our thanks also to our BBQ teams for their work each week.

Ryman President's Day is this Wednesday with 26 Teams entered for a competitive day of bowls. We have 104 players attending the day with 4 other clubs being represented. We start the games at 10:30am so please be punctual. At the end of lunch we will need our members to lend a quick hand to tidy up. Please offer your assistance. Our thanks to Doug Brough for his great work in pulling the day together and dotting the i's. Also thanks to Heather and Paula for organising the morning and afternoon teas.

Australia Day Social Day: Congratulations to the Social Committee for getting the Australia Day social bowls organised for 26 January. They have done a great job in organising a fun day of activities to celebrate Australia. If you can contribute to the Australiana hamper, I'm sure they'll be most pleased. Mid week pennant will be played on Wednesday 27th January with the holiday on the 26th. If you're playing social bowls please wear your club uniform.

Currently our Ladies pairs, Men's pairs and Novice championships are being played. They are progressing well with the Novice and Ladies pairs down to the last four and the Men's pairs to the last eight. There have been some exciting and close games played that the spectators have enjoyed. Games are listed on the whiteboard near the mat and jack cupboard.

The next Championship will be the President's Handicap event. Each member receives a handicap to be worked off before scoring to 21 shots. The Entry sheet for this event will be placed on the pin board over the next week. Play commences on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Russell Bakey and Stephen Schneider are working with John Trewin to learn the ropes in running social bowls and special days. They join John's Match Committee with Russell Rees and Alice McLaughlin. Thanks to this group, we have some interesting and fun days of social bowls.

A number of new members have joined our club in the past couple of months. Please introduce yourself when you see a new face and make them feel welcome to our club.

Replacement name badges are priced at \$10. If you require a new name badge, please contact Ethel Juffkins. These can be paid for at the bar.

Bowls Shirts: If you need a new MBC Bowls shirt contact me with size and style (Short or Long Sleeve). We do not make a profit and charge only what we have been charged. I will place an order with our supplier at the end of each month if required.

We are having some difficulty with the crows on Green 2 digging up the thatch. The green was groomed today and insecticide and growth retardant have been applied. We will be applying another spray over the next week, hopefully to deter the birds. **Please Do not lick your fingers!**

Cheers & Good Bowling  
David Pumpa  
Bowls President