

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2021

It is with great pleasure that I present this Report on behalf of the Committee and myself for this AGM. At our last virtual AGM on 5th September, 8 months ago, we were still in some form of Co-vid lockdown. It appears now that we're almost back to normal in all aspects of bowling.

It is only through the time, effort and goodwill of the many volunteers who do a variety of jobs around our club that makes MBC a great club.

We have dedicated groups who do our grounds, gardens, marking our greens and providing our kitchen and bar supplies. Our club facilities are well presented and maintained for our members and the broader community to enjoy. Congratulations on a job well done.

We have a number of members who commit time and effort to the governance of our club through the Board of Management, to ensure we are safe and financially viable. All have worked particularly hard to this AGM dealing with the issues and processes forced on us by the Co-Vid 19 pandemic.

We have a Social Bowls group, coordinated by John Trewin, who work hard to organise & provide the best bowls games and environment possible for our members and the wider community. Processes have been put in place by this group to ensure that members with health issues can still participate. We will continue to innovate and try new games and ways to involve members and the community in a variety of bowling activities as we move forward into the year ahead.

My sincere thanks to our many volunteers from all of our members.

This year MPBR compressed the Regional bowling program by committing to a 14-week Pennant season starting in December and compressing the timeline for the state events. These events are organised at the regional level and progress to the state level. We have been represented in the MPB State events in Singles, Pairs, Fours and Novice events. These events are a great test of our skills against other clubs. Congratulations to all who entered. Some highlights for this year in particular were Heather Hayes and Pam Colley winning the Regional Ladies over 60 pairs and now progress to the state level. Chad Muir on the getting to the final of the Champion of Champions and our Twilight team winning their pennant.

We contested only 2 divisions in Mid-week Pennant and 3 divisions on Saturdays this season. Congratulations to all of our players who contributed to this after the effects of the Co-vid lockdown. Currently we have our two Tuesday divisions in the grand final. A fantastic result and we wish them great luck in their efforts in the final. My congratulations and thanks to the Tuesday & Saturday selectors on performing the difficult and often thankless job of selecting the best teams available. We look forward to the challenges of our next season that commences at the end of October. Signup sheets for pennant

are in the back sign up area. We need members to commit early to pennant so that we're able to enter as many divisions as possible so everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the challenge and camaraderie of pennant.

Our Club championships were well organised with all but the Mixed pairs being offered this season. Congratulations to the many winners and all those that competed to make the championships a great club event.

We managed to complete 2 of our 3 main tournament bowls days that we plan each year. The President's day and the Summer Classic were played in good spirit but with fewer bowlers than expected. We were forced to cancel Jack Glasser Day due to a lack of entries. I put this down to the compressed bowls season where all clubs were trying to get their special days and bowls program completed in a short time frame.

Thanks again to the committee and especially Doug Brough for their work behind the scenes in organising our Tournaments.

Our congratulations to our Super Vets who joined the ranks of our OBEs at our Presidents Day tournament. Our best wishes for your continued health and involvement in Bowls.

Our Barefoot bowls season was hampered by some poor weather on a number of nights and was also affected by the Co-Vid 19 rules. Despite these issues, our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Over 1800 members of the public enjoyed our facilities during our barefoot bowls season. Again before Christmas was a busy time for larger groups celebrating the end of the year. Thanks to David Youl and the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to involve non-bowlers in our game.

The BBQ is an important aspect of our barefoot bowls evenings. We thank Peter Butler, one of our new members, who supplied our meat free of charge for the barbecue that gave a great bottom line.

My thanks also to the BBQ coordinator, Russel Rees, who stepped up to organise 4 teams of volunteers to work the barbecue. Having four teams meant teams could have a couple of weeks off and share the load. Thanks to the many people who consistently supported this effort and the extra helpers that popped up when required.

My thanks to the members who assisted with our school groups once we got over lockdown. We had about 100 students attend our club from Mornington Secondary College and Flinders Christian College to learn about bowls. More groups will be booked towards the end of this year and we will need more members to assist with the coaching. A Working with Children check is required and can be obtained free of charge via the Internet.

We have many sponsors who support our club financially and in kind. This support from our local community is much appreciated. We can show our thanks to our sponsors by ensuring you mention our club when you make a purchase.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Bowls Committee for their work over the past eight months. The Bowls Committee has led our club through all of its bowling activities. There have been many challenges faced and solutions implemented. We worked hard to keep our members informed of all our activities and decisions taken. The teamwork and support of each other has been much appreciated. They've been instrumental in organising the way back into bowls after our closure.

Their hard work, focus and dedication to our Bowls activities, on your behalf, has made our year of Social bowls and Pennant very enjoyable and successful when we were able to get back onto the Greens.

Good Bowling

David Pumpa
Bowls President