

Chairmans Report

4th November 2022

The Board of Management has received the resignation of David Youl from the positions of Bar Manager and Barefoot Bowls Manager. David has volunteered to continue doing the online bookings until Christmas, which will give the Board time for a member to learn the system. David has worked tirelessly in running the bar and barefoot bowls, two areas of significant revenue to the club - thank you David.

Kevin Pumpa, Assistant Bar Manager, has stepped into the Bar Manager role. Thank you Kevin.

The Board needs a member to volunteer to take on the online Barefoot Bowls bookings. David Youl has set up an amazing roster of people to run the nights, but we do urgently need an overseer. Please consider volunteering.

Since my last newsletter, there has been some confusion as to the detail of the decision on Free Drinks policy made at the Board of Management (BOM) meeting on 21 July 2022. The Minutes of this decision are reproduced for you below.

They are only for members who give up their EVENINGS , not for the numerous members who generously give their time during the day. They are only for:

Evening functions - one per RSA

Barefoot Bowls - one per helper/RSA, PROVIDING they attend the whole evening (5.00pm - 8:30pm) and they will be given out at the end of the evening. Should the evening be curtailed by bad weather, it will be at the BFB coordinator's discretion on the night to decide if volunteers are entitled to a free drink.

Additionally, BFB helpers are entitled to one free sausage.

For the current Pennant season, if a side wins, those players in the rink with the greatest winning margin are entitled to a free drink. Also, if all sides win, every player RETURNING TO THE CLUB ON THE DAY, is entitled to a free drink.

Since the announcement of the free drink policy there have been questions about the restrictions of this policy and should it be expanded to other volunteer groups. The BOM has responded to these questions and after much discussion, decided that the policy will remain unchanged.

Furthermore, the BOM heard that some members are under the impression, if they are entitled to a free drink , it is any drink regardless of cost. Free drinks apply only to the basic beer and wine and soft drinks up to a maximum of \$4.50. If a member wishes to have a more expensive drink, then they may pay the difference.

The BOM recognizes the club heavily relies on volunteers in many areas and to give one group an entitlement to free drinks and not to give it to another group is totally unfair.

Additionally, on social bowls nights, the volunteer RSAs will close the bar at 6.30pm. Remaining members will finish drinks and leave the club to allow the RSAs to lock up and go home. This closing time has been in existence for a number of years and the Board sees no reason to change it for a few members.

On another note, the Board has finally been notified (originally due mid-June) that our application for a VIC Gov't low interest sports loan for the cost of converting greens 2 and 3 to synthetic has not been successful. We have already commenced the process to obtain a loan from our bank to allow us to convert greens 2 and 3 to synthetic. We have however successfully obtained a \$1,000 VIC Gov't grant towards our new uniforms.

There has been much discussion as to where our Xmas function should be held this year. After a meeting of the Board with the Social committee it was agreed that our Xmas function this year will be held at Kirks, one of our major sponsors.

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Chairman, Board of Management

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