

## Chair News

Hi all,

Welcome to another Chair News.

Although it may not seem like it, things are happening behind the scenes.

Leigh Hale has worked long and hard on the Scope of Works required for the new greens. At our Board meeting he presented the Board with a draft plan and detailed specification of the proposed conversion of the existing lawn greens to synthetic. He outlined the work to be done and the Board approved all his suggestions with minor tweaking. He hopes to have the specification finalised and ready to send out to contractors by our next meeting.

We will then put the plan up for all to see in the clubhouse. Members with any questions can email them to the Board.

Martin has received an email from the Shire saying the new leases for sports clubs should be finalised by May. He and Robin will be attending a Shire Council meeting next Tuesday to push our bank guarantee and lease extension.

He has also submitted lengthy documentation to Bendigo Bank to support our application for a loan.

Our business interruption claim is still ongoing.

One of our rake shelters had become unstable and a group of members have dismantled it. You may see them beavering away on erecting a new, smarter version, which will not only house the rakes, but will also have an area to put bowls bags in inclement weather. Thank you, gentlemen.

Our Volunteers Night is on 14 April. There will be a list in the clubhouse for those who wish to attend. The list is for catering purposes.

I was saddened to hear yesterday that one of our members was accused of man handling another member and had to try and defend himself without a witness. The accusing member had not seen the incident he was referring to. It was hearsay. This is a rather serious accusation and very offensive to the member concerned. It is not a member's place to take action. That is the responsibility of the elected officers and should be reported to them, which it was.

Unfortunately, due to rising prices and also the huge jump in affiliation fees, the Board have needed to increase the membership fees from 1 April 2023. Existing full member renewals will be \$210. Dual members \$140. There are no changes to social membership fees or locker fees.

Enjoy the lovely warm weather. See you at the club

Regards

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