

Dear members,

It's been good to see so many bowlers turning up despite the inclement weather.

At our last meeting, the Board reviewed several items. Here's a roundup.

Leigh Hale is submitting our scope of works and specifications for the replacement of Greens 2 and 3 to the relevant companies. We have given the companies six weeks to respond, so we hope to have a bit more news for you by October. Hopefully, we will also have our new lease from the Shire by then, which they currently say will be September.

Our club uniform shirt is the only piece of clothing registered with Bowls Victoria. When we changed from white shorts and trousers to bottle green around 10 years ago, members were informed that they had five years to change from white to bottle green before we would register the shorts and trousers. This never happened, so the Board have decided that bottle green shorts and trousers (and skirts/skorts) will be registered.

Pennant players will need to wear bottle green for the coming season.

All social bowlers can continue to wear white, but if you are buying new, we suggest you buy bottle green.

One of our sponsors, Melbourne Travel Project, is hosting a travel trivia night at the club on Thursday, 12 October. They will be providing refreshments. Please come along with your friends and enjoy a fun evening.

Our Christmas meal this year will be held at the club on Thursday, 7 December. Time 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. The two course traditional Christmas meal will be table service and will cost \$35 per head. As in the past, RSAs will man the bar in turn for 30 minutes. The bar will be closed during the meal service so everyone can relax and enjoy their meal.

The club will hold a working bee on 27 August to do a general clean of the outside area, power wash the pavers and paint the white benches. Ray Metherell has volunteered to organise this.

Please put all the dates in your diary. Two fun social occasions and one requesting your help to beautify your club.

David Youl mentioned the upcoming RSA course. Please consider doing the course. It will be paid for by the club as long as you agree to work evening functions. More RSAs takes the pressure off the few members who bear the brunt of evening functions - a big fundraiser. Another way you can help is to work behind the bar alongside a qualified RSA. Only one RSA is required behind the bar, so if you don't want to do the course, please consider this option.

Kind regards

Susan Gullidge

Chair, Board of Management

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