

Dear Members,

Firstly, I would like to thank Vice Chair, Ray Metherell for holding the fort admirably while I was overseas and continuing to do so over the next month due to my absence from the club.

Leigh Hale submitted plans for the green's replacement to three contractors. Leigh is reviewing the figures so that as far as possible, the Board can compare "like for like". Thank you, Leigh, for your ongoing commitment to the project.

Unfortunately, the Shire assurance that our lease would be finalised at their meeting in September has not come to fruition and Martin has been informed that it should go to the November meeting. Another drawback is that the Shire have failed to appoint a Project Manager. So without a lease and with no Project Manager, we are unable to get a Shire guarantee for our loan. Hopefully, this won't delay our new greens going forward next year.

On a positive note, Martin met with Sunscape, the contractor appointed by the Shire for the installation of solar panels. So it appears that is going ahead. We are one of 8 clubs on the Peninsula taking up the Shire offer. Hopefully, they will have a positive affect on our electricity bills.

Kevin Pumpa has installed a new sensor light for the footpath to the gate and revamped some of the other lights. Thank you, Kevin.

The bowls committee would like to resurrect What's App to communicate with members. At the moment, only 35 members use it. This lack of current use was caused because a few members decided to use it for personal communication and not purely for bowls questions or information. Many members then deleted it. We are asking members to please sign up again. Any member using it for personal communication will be blocked by the administrator. Members can set up their own communications group using a different name. The Club What's App group name is Mornington Bowling Club.

One of our members, John Scott, would like to reintroduce burgers to the barbecue on Barefoot Bowls nights. He has asked if he can run the barbecue to trial this. Barefoot Bowls normally start on the first Friday in November. This year it will start in October, so the Board have agreed that John can trial during October only. The Board will review the profitability at the end of the trial.

From November, the normal roster teams with weekly coordinators will operate, as this was hugely successful last year.

I look forward to catching up with you all.

Susan Gullidge
Chair, Board of Management
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