

Dear members,

It has been a while since I wrote due to a delay in our Board meeting due to various holidays. The Board felt that all members needed to be in attendance as there were many issues to discuss.

The Board have now received all three quotes and have decided on the options for the two greens. One of the contractors will only lay the green parallel to the gutters, restricting the direction of play. They will also only guarantee the green for two years. The other two contractors lay the green surface diagonally. We are going back to both for clarification on some points.

The plans for the greens will shortly be displayed for you to see. Green 2 will move three metres to the south to allow for easier vehicular access and the ability to install permanent seating and shades. Green 3 will remain where it is, but the path will be widened. This will still allow four Pennant rinks to be used, with ample leeway at the edges.

The Board hopes all questions will be answered by the time we receive our new lease and the Shire have appointed a Project Manager, so we can move forward.

We have now heard that solar panels will be installed from 24 November. Hopefully, our electricity costs will be dramatically reduced.

The new What's App site is up and running. The site name has been changed to Mornington Bowling Club. John Trewin has requested that members contact him once they have downloaded the app so he can add you to the group. This app is very convenient for getting messages to members quickly. It is not to be used for private messages that are not relevant to bowls.

Our functions bookings have picked up and our barefoot bowls season has started. These are our big moneymakers. So if you can spare any time to help out in any way, please let Ray Metherell, David Youl and Ray Swaine know. We often need help to cover absences. Don't forget, even if you do not hold an RSA, you can help at functions alongside an experienced RSA.

If you haven't already checked it out, have a look at the Club's Facebook page. Stephen Scheider has been most prolific in advertising all that's going on at the Club. Ray Metherell thinks the function's uptake is directly linked to Stephen's promotion. Thank you, Stephen.

Thanks also go to Ray Craig and John Coles for the refurbishment of the bin area.  
Looks so much neater.

Good luck to all the Pennant teams and to my fellow social bowlers, see you on the greens soon.

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