

Dear members,

Christmas is almost upon us and a very busy month is nearly over.

Firstly, my thanks to all those who decorated the clubrooms ready for our Christmas dinner. I enjoyed myself and I have only received positive feedback.

The Board have visited other bowling clubs with different surfaces, reviewed costings from the different companies and have decided that the surface and company of choice is KCL subject to clarification of a few points. A sub-committee of Leigh Hale, Chair, Martin Cheeseman and Robin Growse will meet with Jon Hastings to finalise pricing and answer some outstanding questions in the new year.

The plan for the two greens are on display on the Board of Management board to the right of the ladies' locker room.

Martin received a letter of intent to renew the lease from the Shire. This letter is acceptable to the bank who are financing the loan.

Our solar panels have now been installed. Our electricity usage has already been reduced by 30%. We are still awaiting connection to feed into the grid.

Through discussion with the Shire, Loading Zone signs have been installed in the area in front of the main gate. A big relief for delivery drivers and those dropping off and picking up members.

Harry Salisbury and Steve Hutchins are taking our can and bottle recycling to Dromana. This has already generated income for the club. The club has a code which enables refundable deposits to be paid straight into the bank account. Small amounts of domestic recycling can be taken to Watt Road. Thank you both.

If you have keys for the club, look out for Ray Metherell on Wednesday and sign for the keys you hold. This is a requirement of our Constitution.

Lastly, thank you to the many volunteers who have stepped up over this last very busy month. Both the Board and the Bowls Committee are in agreement that although the numerous sessions have raised an exceptional amount of money for the club, the pressure put on members was too much.

Next season there will be new guidelines in place so this does not happen again. Thanks again to Ray Swaine for his hard work. We wish him well for his new life in Queensland. Ray leaves at the end of January.

If you are interested in taking over this position until the end of the season, please contact a Board or Bowls Committee member.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Regards

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