Weekly Message
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It's been another busy and productive week for our new club.

Here are some updates:

Volunteers
Our volunteers are continuing to roll out a great range of supports throughout the club. We held our monthly Area coordinator meeting this week to continue to work on support, processes, and feedback.

The grounds, building/maintenance, kitchen, and cleaning teams are working effectively, and we greatly appreciate the work of all teams and thank particularly Lyn Manning who is managing the groups, Marg T and Helen for the kitchen, Anne Sears who has stepped in to cleaning whilst Bev is away, Phil on building and Haydn in grounds.

We are receiving many positive comments from members about how great inside and out is looking. We are always needing more volunteers so please contact Lyn Manning if you have any spare time.

Bar and Barista Volunteers

We have had a great response from members wishing to help staff the Bar. Hopefully we will have the training organised next week and organise a date for the training to occur. Our plan is that we will also have some part time paid contract staff to help us out on busy days and a part time manager to help establish the stock and bar.

Please contact Carol Finlay if you are interested in the Bar or Barista training.

John and I are currently working on obtaining a Point of Sale for the Bar which we want to be a simple process much like an EFTPOS machine for taking funds.

Gerry one of our social/community members is helping us with stock, processes and general organisation and we greatly appreciate his support.

Website
Mel is busy working on this, and we hope it will be ready in a simple form to launch in a week or two. Any suggestions of what types of information you would like on the website please let me or Mel know. If you have any great photos of bowls, music on the deck – anything related to the club – please email Mel – melissa.r.carney@outlook.com.

Processes for bookings of events, functions, bowls events
Not only do we now have a calendar for bookings which will list all events, we now have a step by step guide to support organisers of events to advertise, seek sponsorship, do group emails, bookings, catering etc.

It is early days but we believe these supports will assist in the smooth running of all events across the club and build a consistent approach.
A copy of these processes will be distributed to all members during the week for general information. We are currently trialling these processes with some Bowls events.

Grants and Sponsorship group
We have had a great response from members wishing to contribute to this group. Thanks to Pam Longley, Lesley Anderson, Ivan Silver and Rob Chapman for their willingness to be involved. They will be meeting soon and we will provide updates for all members. If any members have ideas or connections for sponsors, please let Pam or me know.

Welfare/Wellbeing
Again, a great response from members wishing to be involved in this new initiative. We will meet in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks to Glen, Sam, Elizabeth and Lynne P for their involvement.

Some of the things we will be considering are:

- How to support members at times of illness/grief/loss
- Proactive health messages such as mental health and physical health
- Holding some talks for members on health related topics
- Any ideas from any members most welcome. What do you think would be helpful?

Functions Manager
John, Carol, Mel and I will be meeting with Margaret Monaghan who is interested in supporting us on a part time basis with functions.

Bayside Council
We had a representative from Bayside council visit Lyn Manning and conduct a supportive review of our kitchen and Bar facilities. Lyn reports she was most helpful and will be sending through a report soon to update us on things we can and cannot do re service of food, food preparation etc.

Council are also about to conduct a building inspection and check for Asbestos. This will be critical in coming years as we seek to upgrade buildings.

In general, it is **exciting to see the new Club emerge**. We have the Bowls event this week, The One, that Bryan and Phil are organising, pennant practice has commenced, Club Championships are underway, and the Bowls committee has established its key roles.
The Board thanks those members of the Selection committee, coaching team, and all members of the Bowls Committee.

One of our **biggest challenges right now is to get our Liquor licence** as quickly as we can. We are fielding many requests for functions over summer which is great but we do need the licence!!

Weekly messages and Bowls News
Please check inside the **club house as we will be posting hard copies of the weekly updates** and relevant correspondence for those who may not receive email.

Please feel free to contact me or any Board Member if you require further information. We are always open to your feedback.

Remember Sunday 15 October for our Special General Meeting and our official opening of the Greens!!