Weekly Message
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Hi to All Members,

It has been a busy week for the Board.

Apart from re-establishing a Bowls section, Hampton Bayside Bowls Club is also now moving toward a number of other key initiatives of the Club.

These include:

- Mel has commenced working on a **new website** which will have a calendar for all club activities including events, tournaments, social bowls, Barefoot bowls and functions. The old website had numerous calendars and we need to slim down into one.
- **Functions** will be a major part of our revenue as we move forward. A functions working group met last week and have begun the very huge task of organising Functions. We will need a **part time functions manager** who will initially be paid on commission for the functions they organise. If anyone knows an experienced person who may be interested in this position, please let me know. kathy@kathywalker.com.au
- We already have some tentative functions booked during November and December so hoping our bar licence will come through soon.
- Unlike many local Bowls clubs, **our club has a number of key sections**. Bowls, Functions, Social, and Community. Our work with Bayside council is encouraging us to work on community engagement and we will have more news about this in coming weeks. The Board is also excited to be meeting with our new **social/community members** who have already done so much to help fundraise.
- Due to the high range of people who will be using our facilities, it is important to ensure coordination of all dates, functions and events. **Our new operational plan** has tweaked my current role in helping to coordinate all the different sections of the club. The Board has also established a range of working groups to help with the big picture in relation to things like grants and sponsorship, marketing and communication, volunteers. These will be a great support for all members and a great assistance to Bowls events etc whereby Mel designs and sends out flyers etc with our brand, with Try booking so people who work or don't come up to the club to sign in have opportunity to book online. We will be distributing our Operational Plan soon to all of you.
- Our Volunteers are doing a tremendous job and we thank you for making the club inside and out look cleaner, tidier and more organised that ever before!
- Thank you to Jacque for the offer of some paint and thanks also to Chris from the great band The Fretsliders who has also offered us paint. We will certainly need to do some freshening up soon.
- Its lovely to have Mahjong back.
- Ellen Weir and Carol have started looking at layouts and designs for when the Pokies are removed so if anyone has ideas, please let them know.

- Negotiations are still proceeding very well with Bayside Council as John will let you know in his message
- The Board really appreciates all the work the coaches and selectors are doing so pennant Bowls can proceed. It is also great that U3A has continued and a big thank you to Rob and Peter Crawford and the team of volunteers that help out each Wednesday.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have supported the Board thus far. It is a very big challenge to place a Club into Administration and then rebuild a club as big and vast as ours. It is much more than just re-establishing the Bowls section. It is taking a lot of time and effort and I thank my fellow Board members, for all their work.

A final acknowledgment and thanks to Mel Carney who is working every day on all things communications for the whole club in many ways.

It's amazing to think we have only had our new club in its infancy since the 23rd August and yet we have achieved so much already.

Cheers
Kathy