



## **Board Update – 22nd July, 2024**

Hi to all members. I hope the cold weather is not deterring you from all things the Club and Bowls!!

The Board met on Tuesday 16th July.

A big thank you to Rob Chapman and Pam Longley for Acting Chair whilst I was away.

It is exciting to be finalising the Strategic Plan, the By Laws and to have completed the Code of Conduct and Grievance Policy.

Please find a snapshot of what is happening across the Club from a Board perspective.

### **Bowls**

We have received positive feedback about the nomination and election process held for Bowls committee and selection positions. It is great to have a full contingent of committee members on all sub committees including events/schools/new to bowls, selection/pennant, championships and officials.

Its lovely to see the schools returning for their bowls programs and thanks to Ivan and his team of volunteers for conducting these sessions.

Congratulations to those who were elected into positions and we wish Phil Gibbons and bowls a happy and successful season ahead both socially and in pennant.

It is terrific to have Phil as Bowls Director and his contribution to the Board is already great.

It's also great to have a specific Bowls Newsletter produced regularly now. Thank you Phil.

### **Bar**

The Bar is progressing well and, thanks to the music/bands and Bridge, our income continues to grow. Whilst the winter months are usually most challenging for clubs like ours, we are tracking very well.

Denton is in discussions with some food options and we hope to provide a greater range of food and new wines and beers within the next month.

We are also going to hold a wine tasting in coming months.

We continue to have a Bar Committee that works directly with Denton.

## **Volunteers**

We need and greatly appreciate the work of the members who are volunteering their time and expertise in gardening, maintenance, kitchen, cleaning and the bar.

As we increase our revenue and increase the use of professional cleaners we will be able to change some of the requirements of our volunteers.

We will be revising and renewing our priorities for volunteers over the next month.

## **Finance**

Simon Troon, one of our new Board members, is already making a significant impact upon our financial planning, budgeting and forward thinking. Simon's extensive experience in the banking and finance world is a great asset to the club.

The Board will be producing quarterly updates on our finances for all members to view commencing this September.

## **Community**

We continue to build the community aspect of the club as required by Bayside City Council. Some of our initiatives in the pipeline include:

- A dad's bowling competition and fun family day between Hampton, St. Mary's and a couple of other schools ( possibly in November)
- A parenting seminar (facilitated by Kathy Walker) as requested by the local school parents.

## **Functions**

A half-day BayCISS seminar will be held in September.

A big thank you to Gerry and his team for organising the TV advertising.

It's terrific to have the availability of the big screen and data projector, which is being used not only to watch sporting events but with seminars and other functions the club is holding.

## **Meetings**

- Kathy and Pam will be attending the Bayside City Council's Sports Development Forum on Monday, 22 July.
- Kathy and Simon will be meeting James Newbury, Member of the Victorian Parliament for Brighton to discuss possible funding opportunities to improve club buildings and facilities.

As always, please feel free to contact the Board directly if you have suggestions, questions or ideas for the club.

We appreciate the positive feedback we are continuing to receive and are committed to ensuring the club grows and thrives into the future.

Kathy Walker (Chair)  
On behalf of the Board