



Board Update, 4 October 2024

It's been an exciting month with the club entering its most vibrant and exciting times, and with lots of people around.

Margaret Radford Inaugural Tournament

This was a tremendous occasion and a fully booked out tournament. We welcomed 96 women bowlers from a wide range of clubs. What a great way to express our thanks to a legend and the longest serving member of the club; and show that HBBC is truly back as a major Bayside bowls club.

A big thank you to Phil, Kerryn and their team for all the work and effort they put into the day.

The catering, the greens, the organization, everything was terrific.

Thank you to Sarah Hope who raised an impressive \$150 (through gold coin donation) for the club through her donation and sale of a wide range of her home-made preserves.

Congratulations to our two teams who were winners on the day. See Phil Gibbons bowls report on who these were.

I hear on the grape-vine, it is to become a regular event.

Music on the Deck

This has become such an integral part of our club now and it is wonderful to see so many members of the community attending and spending money for our club! Thanks to Carol for all her hard work in organising the bands and setting things up; and to Denton for organising bar operations.

From 1 November we will be having bands on the deck every Sunday starting at 4.30pm. It's one of the best ways to complete your weekend with a drink and BYO snacks sitting on our sunny deck.

Work around the Club

Our Monday mornings volunteers continue to do a brilliant job with grounds and gardens, building maintenance, recycling, and keeping the clubhouse in good shape. We appreciate all you do.

Improvement projects

- **Bowls rink numbers and score boards:** We have updated some of our rink number signs and are in the process of updating scoreboards.
- **Notice Boards:** Thank you to Ellen Weir for assisting us with our aesthetics and for the new notice boards on the deck for bowls. We are also having a new notice board specifically for Board documents so that our emails, updates and news can also be posted at the club.

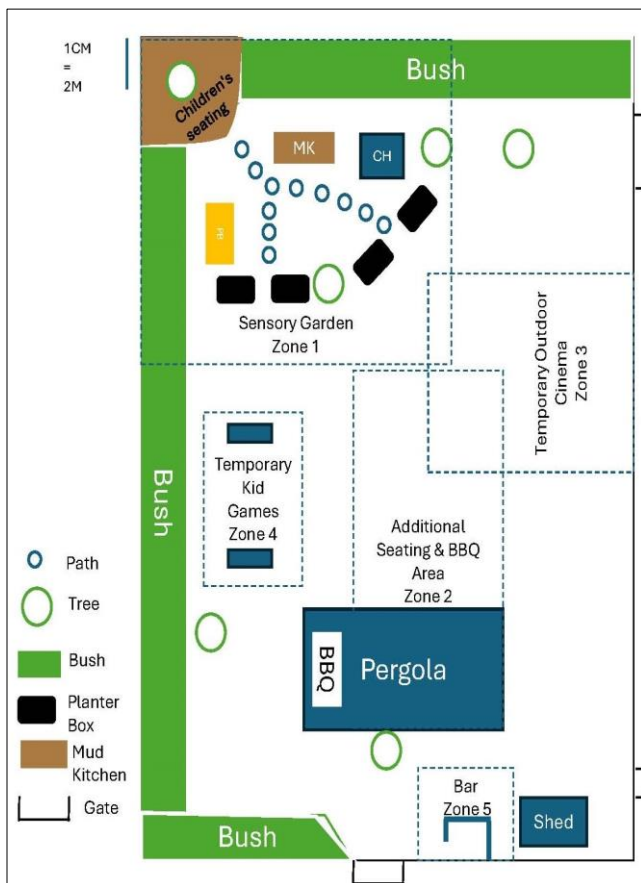
New Outdoor Recreation Area

The Board is now working on creating a community/family/outdoor bar and recreation area in the grass section behind the Margaret Radford Green.

Components of this project include:

- refurbishment of the shade structure and barbeque area with new tables and chairs;
- a children's play zone and a sensory garden; and
- creation of an outdoor cinema area.

The proposed concept is shown below.



This project is being paid for by the GoFundMe donations made through our fundraising campaign last year. All funds came from non-members in the local community.

This will be terrific for functions, barefoot bowls, and for our own members for barbeques and social activities.

Grants and Sponsorship

We thank Peter Smith for his work on preparing an application for a \$12,000 sponsorship through Bendigo Bank. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

The Board, as part of its Strategic Plan, is now working towards seeking major sponsorship and revisiting current sponsors. If any member has ideas of possible sponsors, please let Rob Chapman know.

Workshop Briefing Number 2

This was held on Thursday, 3 October and was essentially a repeat of Workshop 1. Gary Anderson, an expert in governance and management, presented along with Simon Troon, our Finance Director who also reported on updates to our Strategic Plan. It was a very positive event with approximately thirty members attending.

Board Planning Day

Board members are holding a Board planning day on Friday, 4 October. Key aims of this day include finalising key aspects of the Strategic Plan, the procedures and processes across the club; and revenue generation.

Membership Structure - Important Invitation

We have received three draft proposals for ideas on membership categories and Board membership structure since holding our first Workshop; thank you to those who have contributed.

All members are invited to express their ideas in writing to the Board by the end of October. The Board will be meeting with a number of experts in relation to the Constitution and Board governance, obtaining legal opinions and talking to Bowls Victoria, to ensure that the club continues to be managed with financial stability and appropriate

strategic planning. If you have any questions or wish to discuss with the Board, please contact Kathy Walker, Chair.

Board sub committees

We are still seeking interest from members who have expertise in risk management and OH&S. Thank you to Jenny Reardon for reaching out in relation to her expertise in OH&S.

Strategic Plan - Bowls Section

We held two meetings for bowling members over the past two weeks to identify and prioritise key aims and outcomes for the next three years. Thank you to those who have provided input.

These will be included in the Strategic Plan and shared with all members.

Wednesday Night Thai Food

This is going extremely well and we encourage members to book with Denton and bring friends along.

Defibrillator Training.

Please put in your diary Thursday, 10 October at 1.30 pm to join with Di Richards who will be conducting a training course in using a defibrillator. Please RSVP to Phil Gibbons via text if you would like to attend.

The pennant season is not far away and we wish everyone a great and successful season.

We look forward to winning multiple pennants in March 2025.

As always, if you wish to speak to the Board about any matters, please contact Kathy Walker.

Kathy Walker
On behalf of the Board