



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Usually, I say AUTUMN, my favourite season, but not so far. I'm waiting for cool mornings and evenings with sunshine (not hot sun) during the day. I'm sure it will come!!

BIRTHDAYS AND WELL WISHES: This month we have happy birthday wishes to Kath Boyd, Darryl Couch, Lyndsay Edis, Cathy Sheppard, Elva Tait and Jan Webb. Best wishes to all!!

Carolyn is currently in hospital after a knee reconstruction. We're missing you Carolyn and wish you a speedy and successful rehab.

Margaret Clark has been in hospital for some time after having a couple of falls. We are all thinking of her and wishing her all the best.

Bill Jack has been seen at the club but not able to bowl yet. Here's hoping your hand will be as good as new very soon, Bill.

Ellen has had a few "hiccups" lately. Unfortunately, she wasn't well enough to come to the grand final last Tuesday, after looking after the midweek selection all the year.

Cathy Sheppard is fully recovered from her appendix operation and bowling like a little star.

We haven't seen very much of Maureen Ritchie, but she did play in one round of the Mixed Pairs, so here's hoping we'll see more of her.

Chris Hoare is doing some local walking but not ready for the bowling green yet.

Best wishes to Jan and Peter Webb for their big overseas adventure which will include their family in Germany.

MIDWEEK PENNANT FINALS: So far, the month has been very exciting with Tuesday's Team 2 playing finals. After winning two very close finals the GRAND FINAL was played and after a very close, exciting match Croydon came out on top.

Thank you to all the Eastwood members who came to support the players. Of course, it was lovely to see so many, but my special thanks go to Keith McIntosh. It was so lovely to see him after all this time and to see the "face" behind his weekly reports, which we all look forward to.

It was a great post-match celebration with a great spread supplied by members. Thank you all.



Thoroughly enjoyable! Everybody did their best, was team first. Finishing fourth and then making the Grand Final was very commendable..... **Suzanne Murphy**



What a fantastic game. I couldn't take my eyes off the game. Best bowls final I've ever been to.
..... **Keith Appleby**



NEW MEMBERS: We have two new members who recently joined our club and have joined us on Thursday bowls.

Welcome Christine and Peter Sanderson.

TOURNAMENT: Our Triples Tournament is on next Wednesday, March 19th. We have 16 teams competing – 10 from other clubs and 6 from Eastwood. Well done Julie and team for your work so far. It will be another great success!! Good luck to everyone who is participating.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The pairs championships have now been completed. In the ladies' competition Jan and Glenys defeated Kris and Marilyn. In the men's competition Phil and Mark defeated Greg and John. Well done to all players.



The Mixed Pairs Championship is also coming to an end with the final on **Sunday, March 23rd at 10am**. Good luck to Helen and Phil and Elva and Lindsay.

ERBR LADIES AND MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT: On Saturday March 15th Boronia Bowls Club hosted the annual Champion of Champions Tournament. As our club champion, Rex represented Eastwood Bowls Club. Well done, Rex. Unfortunately, Carolyn had to withdraw due to her recent surgery.

AFTER PENNANT GET TOGETHER: Thank you to both Pennant Selection committees for organising the afternoon in the clubhouse after the last day of Midweek Pennant – Tuesday, February 18th. The Golf Club had organised platters for us which was very nice and lovely to be all together.

BISTRO: Almost 20 of us enjoyed a meal in the bistro on Friday, March 7th – first Friday of the month. A few new faces which was lovely and a couple of raffle winners. Our raffle winners, who we can usually count on, weren't present so that made it more difficult!!!

DAD'S ARMY: The hot weather hasn't helped our gardens but most things are surviving even the Dad's Army team. No major jobs taking place – mainly general upkeep. This week we'll be making things as beautiful as possible for our tournament.

BUNNINGS: Maria has been given a list for Bunnings. The first is a Mother's Day cake stall on **Saturday, May 10th**. Please get in touch with Maria with what you would like to donate.

A little later in the year we have dates for three barbecues --

Sunday, July 13th, Sunday, September 14th and Sunday, December 14th.

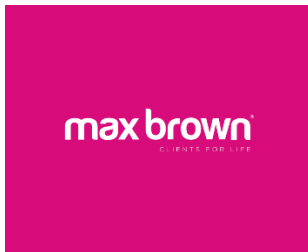
****Put these dates in your diaries so that you'll be reminded to volunteer your services****

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: The first Sunday of this month was well attended with everyone having fun and a couple of "would be" champions for the future.

Come along next month, **Sunday, April 6th at 1pm.**

OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS: This month we're going to give you a list of all of our sponsors. Please support all of those that you can and point your friends in the direction of our sponsors when appropriate.

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NOMINATION FORMS: The nomination sheets for all Committee positions were taken down on Saturday, March 15th. I hope all those interested have put their names on the appropriate sheet.

UNIVERSITY OF THE 3RD AGE (U3A): Those attending from the Croydon and Yarra Ranges U3A campuses are enjoying their bowling sessions. Unfortunately, we've been "heated" out on a couple of Wednesdays which is disappointing. A couple of our U3A attendees have also been to social bowls on a Thursday.



EVENTS: There is a list on the Notice Board indicating another few corporate events. Please put your name on the list if you would be available to volunteer for a couple of hours.

SOCIAL: The Social Committee have been busy organising a few dates. The dinner at Diamond Pavilion was a great success. The next get together is on Friday, March 28th – Picnic in the Park @ Kiloran and bring everything. There will be a few money raising activities mainly for the Royal Children Hospital – bring some cash!!

AGM AND PRESENTATION LUNCH: We're trying something new this year, having both events on the one day. The AGM will be at 10am followed by Presentation lunch around noon. These occasions are happening on Tuesday, April 29th. The cost for the lunch is \$35 per person for 2 courses. There will be a sheet on the notice board for your names closer to the date so catering numbers can be arranged.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sunday, March 23rd 10am, Mixed Pairs Final,
- Friday, March 28th 12:30pm, Picnic in the Park,
- Tuesday, April 29th 10am, AGM and Presentation,

- Saturday, May 10th Mother's Day Cake Stall at Bunnings,

WORDS OF WISDOM: These words of wisdom were found in one of my sister's autograph-book – a thing of the past!! It was written by one of my uncles in 1953. What do you think??

“We need not be discouraged by the great things others accomplish and which are far beyond the range of possibility for us.

It is only our own best that is required of us – our own, and not another's.

To give quietly our best of strength and wisdom to each task as it comes is all that need concern us”.

Best wishes to all,

Nan and Maurie

STOP PRESS SATURDAY MARCH 15

Watch and Act Warnings at Montrose on Saturday afternoon.

Helicopters to the rescue. Thanks to all our Firefighters.

