



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025

Yes, Autumn is here now --- cool mornings and evenings with warm days. Just as I like it!! I hope it suits others, too. It has been a busy time winding down Championship matches and a couple of corporate bowling sessions.

Very soon it will be Easter, so make sure you're all set for Easter Bunny and if you are having time away ENJOY.

BIRTHDAYS and WELL WISHES: There are quite a few birthdays this month. We send best wishes to Denise Hehir, Glenys Keogh, Phil Laidlaw, Andrew Murray, Ellen Pridham, David Rashleigh, Arthur Samuel and Peter Webb.

It only seems like yesterday that Carolyn had her knee reconstruction and now she's back walking unaided, but with a stick for security. Well done, Carolyn and good wishes to you as you get stronger and more confident.

***I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you Carolyn for your term as President and the way you tackled all issues good and bad. ***

Bill Jack's hand is still not what he was hoping for but here's hoping with more time that will improve.

A lot of members will be taking their annual leave in the weeks ahead --- some overseas, some cruising and some travelling within our wonderful country. Best wishes to all.

NEW MEMBERS: We have three new members from our U3A group. They are: Sue Martin, Paul Doyle and Ray Bartley. *Welcome all.*

VALE MARGARET CLARK.

Sadly, we farewelled Marg last week. Marg joined our club in 2002 and had been an active member through the years with a few “hiccups”. She was always quite amazing in that the news would hardly be out that she was in hospital, or just not well when she’d be back on the green as large as life.

Margaret’s family organised a lovely farewell for her in our clubhouse and it was great to hear about her life prior to bowls from her son Mark.

We’ll all miss the “independent” Marg.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Mixed Pairs Final was played on March 23rd on a very hot day. The winners were Elva and Lindsay with Helen and Phil runners up. Well done to all players.



Since then, we've had all the Novice rounds played and the final between Phil and Peter Beever was played on Friday morning, April 4th.

It was a really great finals game – neck and neck all the way with Peter winning 21-20.

Everyone should watch their future pennant positions!!



BISTRO: The first Friday of the month dinner was last Friday – a slightly fewer number this month but we all enjoyed our time together. Please don't be shocked but Marilyn won a Raffle prize – the only one on our table!!!!!!

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A): We are now on a two week break from U3A for the school holidays. We finished with an afternoon tea spread put on by the Golf Club. Thank you to Jake and his team. It was most appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Term 2 will begin on Wednesday, April 23rd with players from Croydon and Yarra Ranges campuses. There will be some new players and some from first term revisiting.

Every enjoyed their time and the bowling experience resulting in 3 new members for our club. Nothing happens without organisers and helpers. Maurie organised the event and 8 club members helped run the classes during term 1. Of course, we always need more volunteers to help each Wednesday between 1-2:30pm.

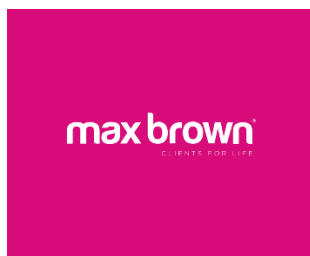


ANNUAL MEETING and PRESENTATION LUNCH: Our AM is on Tuesday, April 29th at 10am in the main Clubhouse. The new committee will be installed and any general business will be discussed.

Following the AM will be our Presentation Lunch. This will happen at about midday – there is a sheet on the Notice Board for all names of those attending for catering purposes.

Because of Anzac Day, these names will need to be placed by Thursday, April 24th. All Championship trophies will be presented to our champions during our lunch get together.

OUR SPONSORS: Please support our sponsors when you are able to.



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DAD'S ARMY: Business as usual!! Greg is re-felting the bowling rakes and also repainting some. Everyone else is working in their own areas and keeping everything up to scratch.

MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 11th and we've been lucky enough to have been allocated a Cake stall at BUNNINGS on Saturday, May 10th. If you can make something for this occasion, please let Maria know.

The goodies will be packaged in our meeting room on Friday morning (May 9th) at 10am.

Please make sure you have your donations delivered for this time.

SOCIAL: The Picnic in the Park was enjoyed by all who attended. (I heard there were a couple of teddy bears as well).

Coming up is a Morning Tea at our club on Thursday, April 17th. The Social Committee is bringing along some goodies for us all to enjoy prior to social bowls at 11am.

Come along to enjoy a light morning tea at around 10:15am.

DATES for your DIARY:

1. Thursday, April 17th - Morning tea prior to social bowls
2. Wednesday, April 23rd – U3A returns
3. Thursday, April 24th – Names down for Presentation Lunch
4. Tuesday, April 29th – Annual Meeting and Presentation Lunch
5. Saturday, May 3rd – Corporate group
6. Saturday, May 10th – Mother's Day Cake Stall @ Bunnings



As many of you know, our club thrives because of the events and activities we host; each one made possible by the effort and dedication of our incredible volunteers.

Success looks different for every event. It might mean the prestige of a well-run tournament or an exciting Jack Attack competition. It could be the funds raised through our Bunnings BBQ's, Cake Stalls or Corporate and Barefoot bowls events that keep our club strong and sustainable. Or it could simply be the joy of lending a hand to help things run smoothly when and where it's needed most.

But most importantly, our club's success depends on you. A little bit of your time can make a big difference. Whether it's helping to set up an event, doing a shift at a sausage sizzle, or simply being available when extra hands are needed, your contribution matters.

By volunteering, you're not just helping out – you're building a stronger, more vibrant club for everyone.

So, let's come together and make our club's future brighter, one event or activity at a time.

Your club needs you!

Best wishes to All. Nan T and Maurie S

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Our new eye-catching Bowls signs on the Club's Nature Strip have been installed along with a new parking sign on the driveway directing visitors up the track to our, greens!