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BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

THURSDAY BOWLS

Thursday bowls is continuing to be well supported with many of our newer bowlers coming along and improving every day.

Pop up and have a barbecued snag & onions from 12 o'clock and enjoy a some afternoon bowling.



2 up -2 down. Sue Plowman and Pauline Judd with Tony Dodson.



Ross Tucker.



Ray Goddard continues to play very well.



Lyn Baldwin about to deliver the shot bowl.

MANAGER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

I've commenced my new "part time" role, dropping Saturdays and working 4 days per week rather than 5. This started mid-October but due to special events I found myself here for the first two weekends anyway! However, last weekend I managed a four-day weekend (with the Melbourne Cup) and thoroughly enjoyed the break.

Whilst I won't be on premises quite as much as before, you can expect to see me playing a bit more golf on Saturdays, I don't mind answering work questions whilst I'm here to play golf either so feel free to approach (unless I've played poorly).

Special Events Upcoming (for your interest)

Thursday November 13th Private Function, Barefoot Bowls & Scones, Auto Club Function 10am.

Friday November 14th – Private Function, Wedding from 3pm. Back 9 holes closed from 12pm.

Friday November 21st - Bowls ladies Invitational Day.

Tuesday November 25th - Club AGM 6pm Clubhouse.

Thursday December 4th – Private Function, Barefoot Bowls Breakup 4:30pm.

Monday December 8th – Bowls Turkey Day.

Wednesday December 10th – Women's Golf Christmas Breakup.

Wednesday December 10th – Private Function, Police Christmas Breakup Bowls at 5:30pm.

Thursday December 11th – Men's Golf Christmas Breakup

Thursday December 11th – Pizza & Pasta night launch.

Also, I have been advised that there won't be a Sunday Golf Christmas Breakup this year.

Meal nights are coming back (Just a reminder with a slight change of date)

We have some great news to share.....Thursday night will be Pizza and Pasta (Italian) nights at BGC. We have adjusted the official launch date to **Thursday December 11th** and we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure it's a hit. Below are some of the activities and menu items

Authentic stone baked pizzas (traditional Italian flavours)

House made pasta and other traditional Italian dishes

House made Italian desserts (featured in our cake displays)

Expanded wine list to include Italian wine varieties

Cocktails with an Italian theme (Aperol/Amaretti/Campari etc...)

Dine in or takeaway options

A new 9 Hole Twilight Comp between 3:00pm and 6:30pm (TBC) to coincide with the Pizza & Pasta menu (after golf on the deck)

Live music on the deck from 5pm onwards (TBC)

Members CASH DRAW

Indoor putting comp or standard raffle. One or the other.

Whilst this will be mainly an employed staff affair, I do expect we will require one volunteer each night to assist with taking meals to tables. If you are in a position to assist, please let me know. If I can get 4 or 5, it will only be an every 4- or 5-week impost.

MANAGER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2025 (cont.)

Strategic Plan update.

Major update to be released and presented at the AGM, come along if you wish to ask questions!

IN PROGRESS

Clubhouse Lounge Ceiling. **NO UPDATE** This was scheduled for July 2025 and we commenced the process at that point in time. Our pro-bono plasterer has engaged another contractor to assist and unfortunately it appears this will be a considerably bigger job than first thought (and quoted). The entire ceiling will need to be removed (rather than covered with new board). We are currently obtaining quotes.

Change the sand in seven bunkers. Repair the drainage and change the sand in four others, fill in and grass two others. (Perform 50% of).

In accordance with our Bunker audit, we will be fully renovating the 1st hole left greenside. The 17th hole left greenside, 8th hole front right greenside. We will also replace the sand in the 2nd hole, 3rd hole x 2, 5th hole, 8th hole and 14th hole. **NO UPDATE** since last report.

Perform minor renovations to the female change rooms. Finance has approved the flooring replacement, when Wood St Style and Flooring are available, it will be replaced.

UPDATE: The flooring in the cubicle has been installed. Next, we will attack the vanities and the floor directly in front of them. **NO UPDATE** since last month's report however some correspondence with the Wednesday committee of the allocation of funds and timing of the works has started.

IF TIME PERMITS

(Perform 50% of) **Repair or reconstruct the golf course paths rated a high priority. 5th to 6th, 6th to 7th, 7th to 8th & 10th to 11th.** **UPDATE:** Unfortunately, due to the limited staff resources on the course we will not be in a position to start the path reconstructions.

UPDATE. Throughout the next 6 months we hope to catch-up on the above high priority bunker works. Unfortunately, we are back to two staff for the short term which will delay the process a month or so. **UPDATE:** From the week of Monday July 7th we will be back to full strength and whilst there will be a staff training period we will hopefully get to the paths over winter. **UPDATE:** We have engaged contractors to provide us with advice relating to the construction of a permanent pathway from the 18th green to the clubhouse (with a 10th tee connection) COM are currently weighing up the associated costs. We expect to reconstruct the pathway in the Next two months, whether it be hex grid/crushed rock, concrete, asphalt or similar remains to be determined. **UPDATE:** COM have approved the construction of a hex grid pathway with concrete culvert drainage from the clubhouse to the 18th green (via a new cutaway through the garden bed to the front of the 18th green (and onwards to the women's 10th tee. We expect this to commence within the month (contractor dependent for the Culvert drain).

Until next month, play well,

Jeff Graham

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—OCTOBER 2025

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

October weather has improved for the start of Pennant Bowls and our Annual Golf Tournament.

It has been a busy month with the final of our initial **Staying Alive Golf Competition** which has been a great success initialised by Sue Wood.

Life Member Geoff Johnston won the event with Alan Jackson in second place and Kody McCormick in third place. Well done to all the players and organisers.

Our **Annual Tournament** has been very successful thanks to the great work of our Match Committee supported as usual by Judy Stewart and Janet Gibson who manned a table at the Club promoting entries for many weeks. Judy and Janet have completed this task for many years and our entry numbers increase greatly with their work.

Thanks so much to Peter Dullard Motor Group who have sponsored this annual event for over 20 years. Please support this great sponsor of our club.

Thank you to the course staff who once again have excelled and also a big thanks to all of our Shop staff who made the week a success.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at the club on Tuesday 25th November at 6pm and I encourage all members to attend if possible.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls during November.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)



BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

John Crawford



We have had only one of the rare days we have had to cancel bowls due to wet weather, however we badly needed the rain.

With social bowls, Pennant and Club events all happening, you can almost bowl every day of the week. Suits me!

Secretary Jenny's 'What's Rolling' news sheet is a great asset to the members. Print it off and stick it on the fridge door and don't forget to enter into club events. Thanks also to Jenny for producing a comprehensive welcome pack for new members. I am sure these are gratefully received.

Saturday bowls is on again for all those not involved in Pennant starting at 1 p.m. on the bottom green.

Ladies' Invitation Day is on the 21st. November. Please do your best to promote this day, it would be great to see both greens full.

Good bowling,

John C.



TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

David Pollard



Hello all,

By now you will have received the Audited financial reports for 2025.

As always, I ask that if you have questions regarding the Financial reports, send them to david@pollardaccounting.com.au

If they are sent to the Club, I cannot guarantee they will get to me to be answered.

Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

Bank Accounts – as of 5 November 2025

- Trading Account \$330,503 Credit Funds
- Holding Account \$ 6,583 Credit Funds
- Term Deposit \$ 56,048 Credit Funds

The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 30.09.25

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is under by \$11,500 (not so good).

- Competition Fees & Subscriptions are the two main areas that are trailing budget.
- All other areas are either meeting budget or exceeding.

Expenses are under \$10,000 (good).

- Essentially all areas, on average, are meeting budget.
- The main area exceeding budget is an Insurance refund we have received.

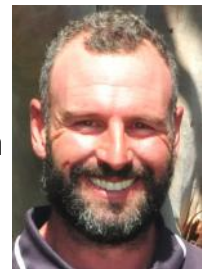
Net Profit (against budget) is under by \$1,300 (not so good), if we keep in mind the Insurance refund that was not expected, we would have been under budget by \$11,300. Our Net Trading Profit is \$41,000 (before Depreciation) against a budget of \$42,600.

I am happy with the way we are tracking, and look forward to some good weather as we head into the holiday period.

David

BOWLING GREENS - OCTOBER 2025

Craig Rimington Course Superintendent



We will lightly scarify the top green and during November will complete a full renovation of the bottom green.

Both greens have been treated with wetting agents, insecticide and fungicide.

Recent soil testing results have indicated required treatments and amendments which will be applied during the bottom green renovation.

Craig.

GREENS DIRECTOR - OCTOBER 2025

Steve Beggs



Cancelled bowls on a wet Monday, but it seems these ducks did not get the email.

The bottom green renovation will be done Tuesday 8th November and will be out of action for as long as it takes to recover.

This puts extra pressure on our top green so all social bowls to be played east west leaving north south for Pennant and Club events.

We will all have to share the top green with social bowlers so everyone gets a game. We need to be very mindful of excessive wear with regular changing of direction of play, and rolling.

I know players do not like east west but if we do not do this we will very soon have no grass cover on north south rinks making it unplayable for us all. Rink numbers will be moved to give 6 rink play or 7 rink play where required to spread the wear to over different areas.

The top green will be scarified, fertilised and groomed very soon to improve the growth and playing surface. We all must be patient while this work is done and recovery is complete.

Steve B Greens Director

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

Jan Dodson



The Howitt Park Pre-Pennant Challenge on Sat. 11th. Oct. was a great day with Golf finally coming out the winners.

Pennant season is now in full swing and with several Club events on the go it's a busy time for all.

The first round of our Club 21 Up event was played on 7th. Oct. with rounds 2 and 3 on the 31st. Oct. with the final round on 7th. Nov.

Club Novice event has been postponed until Friday 28th. Nov. and the Club Minor Singles moved forward to Friday 19th. Dec.

Our Ladies Invitation Day flyers for 21st. Nov. have been sent out with several entries already received. We will be looking for some helpers on the day please.

The first round for the Club Mixed Pairs was on Sunday 2nd. Nov. with rounds 2 and 3 coming up on Sunday 9th. Nov. with the final round on Sunday 16th. Nov.

Some date changes to note in your Programme book:

Our Club 100 Up rounds 1 and 2 are now on Tuesday 7th. April and rounds 3 and 4 on Friday 10th April.

Our Gala Day Event has been changed to Friday 17th. April.

Good luck and good bowling to one and all.

Jan.



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PENNANT PRACTICE

Prior to the beginning of our Pennant season, we had a series of practice sessions. A big thank you to Steve for setting up the pop-up discs. Everyone seemed to agree it was very worthwhile.



Helen mastering the bowling arm.



Rose practicing with Joy, Judi and Eric.



Jan practicing with Natasha, Jenny and Mark.



Practice was good with drills set up on each rink i.e. forehand to back bowl, backhand to jack etc.



Natasha practicing the many drills.





NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2025

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc. will be held at the Club House, Eagle Point on Tuesday November 25th 2025 at 6.00pm.

Business

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting; and
2. To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding year; and
3. To present to the members the Club's statement of accounts for 2024-2025; and
4. To receive the report of the Auditor's review of the Club accounts for the 2024-2025 financial year; and
5. To appoint a Registered Auditor or auditors for the ensuing Financial Year; and
6. To approve and fix the sum of any remuneration, or honorarium benefit to be paid to members for the coming financial year; and
7. Present the 2025-26 Budget; and
8. Transact any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with rule 58. A copy of the Special Resolution to be voted on at the AGM is attached separately with this notice.

By order of the Committee of Management.



**SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE BAIRNSDALE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED
AT THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 6 pm

Clause 28 be changed to read as follows "The election of Committee Members shall commence on the third Tuesday in October each year and conclude on the following Saturday. Voting will be open at specified times on each day.

Clause 33.1 be changed to read as follows "If nominations for any positions on the Committee exceed the number required to fill those positions, a secret ballot must be arranged by the Returning Officer.

Clause 33.3.2 be changed to read "the eligibility of members to vote, the method of voting, the commencing and concluding dates and times of the ballot; and

Clause 34.4 be changed to read "Following the count of all votes received, the Returning Officer shall declare the result of the ballot which will be confirmed at the AGM.

These changes will allow members to vote on five days at nominated times, and if a secret ballot is required will be arranged by the Returning Officer. Result of any ballot will be announced immediately and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. Copy of the clauses with changes highlighted in blue are shown below.

Division 2 – Election and Tenure of Office

28. Election Day

The election of Committee Members shall commence on the third Tuesday in October each year and conclude on the following **Saturday. Voting will be open** at specified times on each day.

33. Election by Ballot

33.1 If nominations for any positions on the Committee exceed the number required to fill those positions, a secret ballot must **be arranged by** the Returning Officer.

33.2 A secret ballot shall:

33.2.1 be conducted entirely by means of lodging a vote; and

33.2.2 conclude at close of voting on the day designated in rule 28.

33.3 During a ballot, the notice board referred to in rule 30.2 shall display advice regarding:

33.3.1 the nominees for election including their supporting material; and

33.3.2 the eligibility of members to vote, the method of voting, **the commencing and concluding dates and times of the ballot;** and

33.3.3 such other details in relation to the election as the Committee deems necessary including any photographic identification and résumés of nominees.

34. Declaration of Ballot

34.4 Following the count of all votes received, the Returning Officer shall declare the result of the ballot **which will be confirmed at the AGM.**

Moved by Stephen Mann

Seconded by Chris Savige.....

Dated 25th October 2025

PENNANT - OCTOBER 2025

Steve Beggs

Firstly a huge thankyou to all members who volunteer to play pennant, fortunately this season we have more players than we require most weeks, BUT every week some people cannot play so numbers continually change, this makes it difficult to keep the teams the same. To find a person to fit a position means others have to be moved, this is why some miss out and some don't, so please be patient. As your Selectors, our main focus is to pick the best teams for each division.

BGBC Pennant teams are going well with Division 2 now 2nd on the ladder, Division 3 3rd on the ladder and Division 4 are 7th so we will try to lift Divvy 4.

Pennant selection is difficult, while writing this report I have had a call from a player who cannot play due to a doctors appointment on the 11th, this meant a change for the whole team and things will probably change again, but that's the way it is.

Cheers from Steve (on behalf of Your Pennant Selectors).

Midweek Pennant



Jill Dennison bowling for her team.



Skip Rose Watkins happy with that!



Angela Boyd and Jan Dodson are great value for our Pennant sides.

Midweek Pennant

The Midweek Pennant season opener was on Tuesday 14 with both sides away. Division 2, unfortunately, had a 27 shots loss at Lakes Entrance whilst Div. 3 away to Howitt Park went down by 10 shots. Let's hope for better things ahead!



Judi, Natasha, Paul and Joy all gave their best for our Club, but, alas, a win was not to be. Wait till they come back to us on grass!

Along to round 2 with both sides at home. Division 2 came up against a very strong Bairnsdale 3 side, going down by 29 shots. A closer match-up for Division 3 going down against Lakes Entrance 4 by only 6 shots.



Bronwyn Thwaites and Alan Taylor always bowl well and are usually around and about!

Midweek Pennant

Tuesday 28th. and both sides were away. Division 2 at Orbest had a disappointing 42 shots loss. Always a difficult task on their synthetic green. Division 3 had a closer game against Bairnsdale 4 going down by 10 shots. We won't talk about ladder positions yet, but better times ahead.



Julie Beggs and Helen Everett.



Helen in action with Meg and Julie.



Ross Tucker watching John Crawford's bowl into the head.



Meg Sutton.



Mark Holter.



Skip Pat Elliott.



Ross Tucker.



Ann Seville.

Weekend Pennant



Ann Seville bowling with Sue Plowman, Jenny Holter and Jenny Crane (Howitt Park).



Ron McKay (Lakes Entrance) with Angela Boyd. John Atkins taking inter-

The first Weekend Pennant round for the season began on Sat. 18.

Division 2 were home to Lakes Entrance 5 and recorded a nice 9 shots win.

Division 3 were also home and, once again, a win against Howitt Park 3. Division 4 were unlucky, with a close game against Bairnsdale 7, coming away with a 5 shots loss.



Mira Faithfull playing against Bairnsdale.



Stuart Chapman has the bowling arm well under control and bowled well.



Meg Sutton in action with Natasha Zosko.



Round 2 was not the best. All sides were away, Division 2 to Lindenow, Division 3 to Metung and Division 4 to Tambo Valley. All sides lost with the '2s going down by 17, '3s by 12 and the '4s by 6.

It will be good to get back on our nice grass green where we will, hopefully, be back on the winning ledger.

Mike Manning played well against Lindenow but they were a bit good for us on their home green.



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Duties of the Marker

With some of our singles events both under way and coming up, it may be timely to look at the 'Duties of the Marker'. A good marker can make or break a game. If you cannot stand for the duration of the game, maybe you should not be marking, or if you are tired, get a replacement marker.

These hints have been compiled by the Queensland State Umpire Committee.

DO be correctly attire and equipped (chalk, pen & card).

DO challenge the length of the jack roll if in doubt. It is your duty to ensure the jack is at least 21 metres.

DO answer any specific questions about the state of the head which is asked by the player in possession of the rink. Do not offer any opinions.

DO know the definition of a 'jack high' bowl.

DO mark all touchers with chalk and remove chalk marks from non-touchers as soon as they come to rest.

DO stop any bowl from a neighbouring rink which is likely to disturb the head.

DO not move, or cause to be moved, either the jack or any bowls until the players have agreed the number of shots.

DO record the score after the players have agreed to the number of shots and tell the players the running total after each end.

Keep clear of the head when the players arrive—they determine the result, not you!

DON'T raise the jack above your head before you place it on the 'T' mark.

DON'T say a shot is doubtful if it is not really so.

DON'T invite the player to inspect the head.

DON'T talk to spectators on the bank.

DON'T supplement your answer with information not asked for.

**Remember, you are there to help the players,
not be a part of their game.**

2024-2025 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 5 was our Annual Meeting (changed from our usual May date). 30 members were in attendance which was excellent. Bowls President John Crawford welcomed our Club President Stephen Mann, Life Member Bev Yeates and all members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Crawford

John read his report and said he felt honoured to be President for another year. He was particularly pleased with the increased membership and quality of our new members with their willingness to pitch in with the running of the Club. Thank you to Steve Beggs and all gardeners and greens people for the continued improvement of our greens and surrounds. Thank you to our committees who continue to work in harmony and efficiency, and Bev, Eric and Helen for the production of our Programme Book.

Lastly, to all members, thank you for your support of our Committees and the Club in general. "I would not be doing this job again if you weren't such a lovely lot of people to grow old with."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Everett

Helen presented her report which showed details for a full financial year.

Some of the main points included: Bottles & Cans collection in excess of \$1500.00; visiting players (especially from Howitt Park) over winter have been greatly appreciated; increase in membership; the barbecues prior to our social games has made extra revenue. Thank you to Jodie in the office for collating our expenses and revenue each month.

Thank you also to all members who volunteer in any way to make our Club one of the best in our district.

GREENS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Beggs

Fourteen years as Greens Director has been a challenge, busy and very rewarding. The many achievements have made our greens and environment not just great to look at, with our fantastic views, but reasonably easy to maintain by our very enthusiastic members.

We have been fortunate the COM have supported us when we have requested equipment that makes the job easier for all.

For your info the list of new or late model equipment the Bowls Section now has includes:

- John Deere ride-on mower with grass catcher
- Atom industrial edger
- New line marking machine
- Ryobi 18 volt blower/vacuum
- Small hand held 18 volt pressure cleaner

Synthetic grass in the ditches looks terrific even though it was expensive but well worthwhile, not only from a maintenance aspect, other benefits are—no more weeds and the feral cats do not visit to do their business in the sand ditches, eliminating the frequent clean-up after them.

Wish list for 2025/2026 year:

- Purchase new rink numbers for both greens
- New BGBC flag
- Replace timber seating with aluminium planks as required
- Remove overgrown lower green north side.

MATCH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Joy Ryan

Joy reported her position as Co-Ordinator was made easier with the assistance of the Match Committee. Monday Triples has been successfully organised and run by John Crawford and Alan Taylor. Our numbers on Social days has been topped up by visiting clubs, mainly Howitt Park, Paynesville and Bairnsdale.

2024-2025 Annual General Meeting

Our biggest event of the year was our Ladies' Invitation Day with 12 clubs from surrounding areas. Our thanks go to Stephen Baggs Funeral Directors for their generous ongoing sponsorship. Our Club Championships were run and won in good spirits and I urge all members to enter and have a go.

2024-2025 CLUB EVENTS WINNERS

Men's Club Singles Champion	Steve Beggs
Runner-up	Jim Haine
Ladies' Club Singles Champion	Judi Hogan
Runner-up	Angela Boyd
Men's Minor Singles	Mike Manning
Runner-up	Mark Holter
Ladies' Minor Singles	Not contested
Men's Club Pairs Champions	Steve Beggs Paul Sampson
Runners-up	Jim Haine Alan Taylor
Ladies' Club Pairs Champions	Joy Ryan Rose Watkins
Runners-up	Angela Boyd Jill Dennison
Men's Club Fours Champions	Eric Yeates Roger Plowman
Runners-up	John Crawford Alan Taylor
Ladies' Club Fours Champions	Lui Mosele Mike Manning
Runners-up	Jim Haine Mark Holter
Mixed Fours Champions	Jill Dennison Judi Hogan
Runners-up	Sue Plowman Jenny Holter
Mixed Pairs Champions	Pat Elliott Rose Watkins
Runners-up	Joy Ryan Pam Boucher
Mixed Pairs Champions	Lui Mosele Joy Ryan
Runners-up	Sue Plowman John Atkins
Men's 21 Up Event	Angela Boyd Judi Hogan
Runner-up	Roger Plowman John Crawford
Ladies' 21 Up Event	Lui Mosele Judi Hogan
Runner-up	Eric Yeates Bev Yeates
Men's 100 Up Event	Eric Yeates
Runner-up	Lui Mosele
Ladies' 100 Up Event	Jenny Holter
Runner-up	Sue Plowman
Ladies' Handicap Pairs	Eric Yeates
Runners-up	Lui Mosele
Men's Handicap Pairs	Judi Hogan
Runners-up	Pam Boucher
Novice Singles Events	Joy Ryan Jan Dodson
	Rose Watkins Jenny Holter
	Jim Haine Barry Buntine
	Lui Mosele Tony Dodson
	Not contested

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MATCH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT (cont.):

Unfortunately Gala Day was postponed due to lack of entries. Hopefully we can attract clubs to enter this event next season.

For us to get other clubs to visit and support these days, we must support them. I urge all members to look on the notice board for coming events and get a team together to represent our great club. Finally, I wish the incoming committee good luck and have a great year.

NEW UMPIRE: Congratulations were extended to Peter Sutton on becoming an Umpire.

Club President Stephen thanked John and everyone for another successful year.

He also encouraged everyone to vote in the Club elections prior to the upcoming Club Annual Meeting.

There has been an update on the provision of a trophy cabinet.

It will be built in the near future and placed in the Clubhouse entry.

Repairs to the Car Park are also on track to be completed soon.

Stephen took the chair for the election of Office-bearers who are:

President: John Crawford

Vice-President: Alan Taylor

Treasurer: Helen Everett

Secretary: Jenny Holter

Greens Director: Steve Beggs

Catering Co-Ordinator: Julie Beggs

Bowls Co-ordinator: Jan Dodson

General Committee: Lyn Baldwin, Joy Ryan and Peter Sutton

Match Committee: John Crawford, Joy Ryan, Meg Sutton and Jenny Holter.

Pennant Selectors: Paul Sampson, Steve Beggs, Angela Boyd, Helen Everett and Alan Taylor.

Publicity: Judi Hogan

Newsletter: Bev Yeates

Raffles: Ann Seville, Rose Watkins and Geraldine Atkins.

EGBR Delegate: Helen Everett.

AGENDA ITEMS:

The first was a request to remove the Club Events condition of play where if there were byes, only one round to be played on the first day. LOST.

The second, that entries for Club Events close two days before the event, not 2-3 weeks. PASSED.

Review of our By-Laws:

Information Meetings—Two meetings per season to take place.

Committee: Only one Bowls Co-Ordinator. Midweek and Weekend Pennant Selectors to be five voted at the AGM. Match Committee five members elected at the AGM (plus the Bowls Co-ordinator).

Election of Officers and Committee: If a position has no nominations they can be called for on the day at the AGM.

General Business: Trophy Cabinet. BowlsLink App. Saturday afternoon bowls will not be introduced until the end of the Pennant season. Jenny made welcome packs for new members. **Introductory Membership** category explained. 12 months only, allows play on all social days but not club events or Pennant. Suggestion that our **Website** should be updated.

Meeting closed 12.30 p.m. Next AGM October 2026 (to be reviewed).

Over recent times I have had the privilege to go through reams of Committee and Annual Meetings reports for our Club. Some are quite interesting and I will highlight them in the coming months. One thing which became evident is the much 'simpler times' we lived in some 40+ years ago. You will notice references to Chairlady, Vice-Chairlady, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. We were not permitted to have Bowls 'Presidents' in our Club until, from memory, the late 1990's.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Club House on Thursday, 1st. December, 1988 at 10.30 a.m.

In the absence, on account of illness, of our Chairwoman, the Vice-Chairwoman, Ann Wyndham, opened the meeting, and welcomed the thirty members present.

Apologies: Chairwoman, Gloria Harrap, Glenda Moulton, Molly Foard, Monica Smith, Sue Bayley, Betty Rann and Mernda Andrew.

Ann Wyndham explained that the reason for the meeting was to discuss two motions, which, in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, called the events concerned 'Championships'. The first motion was moved by Phyl Flannagan and seconded by Ruth Robertson that the Club Championship Fours be 'drawn' teams. Carried.

However, to be a Championship, the teams must be nominated—not drawn.

After discussion the meeting decided to keep the event the Club Championship Fours. Consequently, the mover, Phyl Flannagan and seconder Ruth Robertson, gave notice to rescind the motion.

The second motion to be discussed was moved by Ann Wyndham and seconded by Glenda Moulton that the Club Championship Drawn Triples be played instead of the 21 Up. Carried.

Mover, Ann Wyndham and seconder Glenda Moulton, moved to rescind the motion.

The event will be called the Club Drawn Triples.

The meeting closed at 10.48 a.m.

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Club House on 15th. October, 1992 at 3.30 a.m.

As Chairlady Tuppy was ill, Vice-Chairlady Jean Mitchell opened the meeting and welcomed the thirty-two members present.

The letter from the VLBA (Victorian Ladies' Bowling Assoc.) re 'Pennant By-Law 2F' - was read out:

'Pennant By-Law 2F' which the VLBA would like discussed at a meeting in the Prahran Town Hall on November 9th. at 1.00 p.m. refers to Pennant being played on Tuesdays only, in the metropolitan and country areas. Two Delegates from each Club, or proxy Delegate, have been invited to attend.

Mernda Andrew moved that Tuppy Fairweather and Thelma Dyson attend the meeting as Delegates and to vote in the best interest according to the circumstances for our district. Gloria Harrap seconded the motion. A show of hands proved 100% support for the motion.

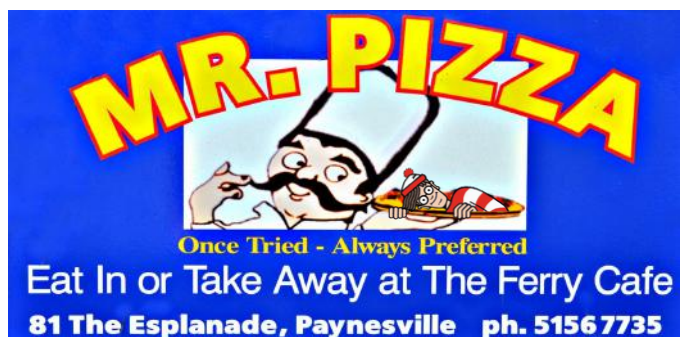
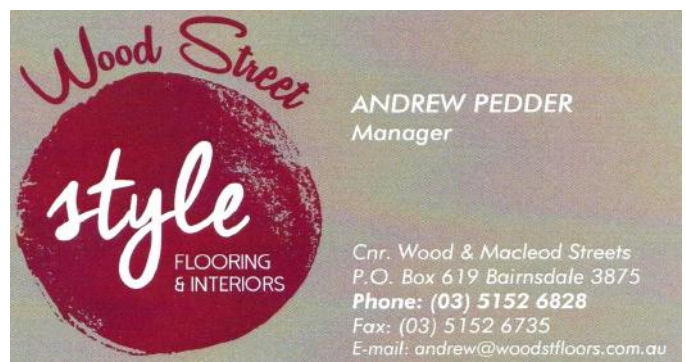
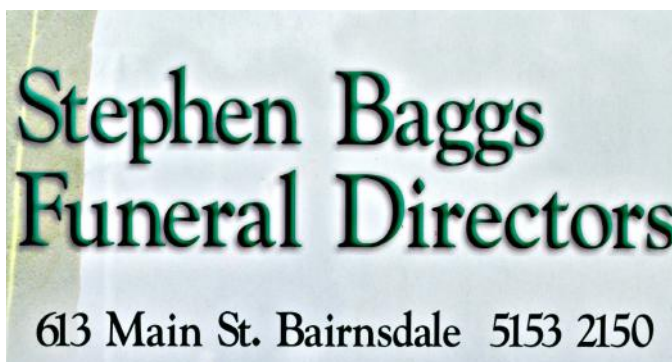
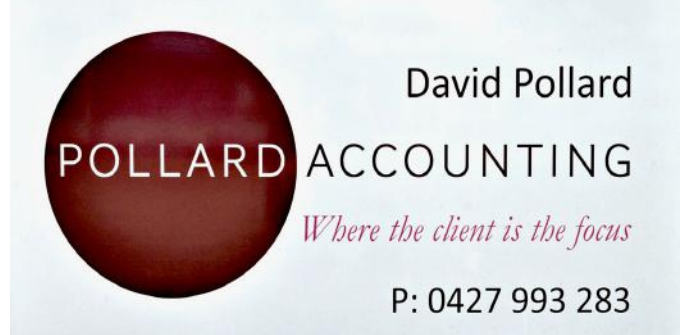
The Secretary had done research into avenues of transport. Coopers Hire & Drive 22 passengers bus was decided on with David Dyson to drive the vehicle. Carried.

This is why Pennant is played on Tuesdays right across Victoria.

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CARD GAMES

Card Games for members and friends is being held at the Club each week.

12.30 p.m. for play from 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Games: Wizard - Scotch Rummy - 500 - Various others

Instruction will be available for all comers.



Every Friday

12.30 Lunch - please order ahead

Eyes down 1 p.m.



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This prevents the felt picking up grass and weed seeds
and transferring them to the green.



Not enough thought has been given to the
working person when scheduling events.

I would like to play Midweek Pennant,
but the lunacy of fixturing it during the week
makes it impossible for the working person
to play.

I am proposing to shifting Midweek Pennant
to Saturday morning. Most people who play
Pennant on Saturday afternoon will have the
morning free anyway, so why not hold it then.

We could also enter into some kind of
sponsorship arrangement with McDonalds
where a Bacon and Egg McMuffin meal is
already at the Club waiting for each player.
20% of all proceeds to be forwarded to the
Club in the absence of being able to drink
beer at 8.00 a.m.

We could call it the 'McDonalds Cup'.

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WHERE'S WALLY?

Can you find Wally?
He is in this edition
somewhere.

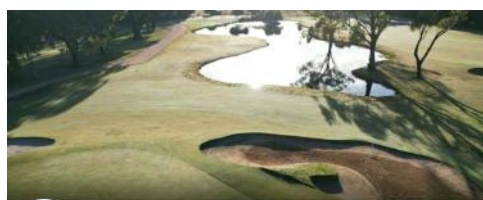
This is where he
was in September.



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