



HEATHERDALE RECREATION AND BOWLS CLUB Inc. (A0009881R)

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ANNUAL REPORT
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Recreation Club Management Board Members & Attendances

		Meetings Attended
President	Gunter Loidl	12
Vice President	Arthur Gibson	12
Vice President	<i>Vicki Pickering</i>	11
<i>Finance Director</i>	<i>Jim Corcoran</i>	11
Chief Executive Officer	Alan Moore	12
<i>Operations Secretary</i>	<i>Beverly Morgan</i>	11
<i>Director</i>	<i>Fiona McNamara</i>	13
<i>Director</i>	<i>John Knowles</i>	11
<i>Director **</i>	<i>Keith Piper</i>	1
<i>Director **</i>	<i>Des Silvester</i>	7

In addition to the 12 monthly board meetings, there was a special meeting with Henselite to discuss and resolve the issue of quality of the manufacture of our purple pants

** Keith Piper was elected to the Board at the AGM, however offered his resignation due to other commitments. He was replaced by Des Silvester who, due to family issues also offered his resignation during the year.

Chief Executive Officer's Report to the 2016-2017 Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present my 2016-2017 Annual Report. As we have one management committee it has a busy year. In the first instance we had to overcome some teething difficulties. To ensure we covered all aspects of the club, each board member was charged with the responsibility of being the conduit between the various sub committees and the board. These portfolios were allocated on the basis of the board members expertise and will be further refined and expanded next year. We have put less emphasis on formal sub-committee reports and concentrated on issues that will help us to be a better and more successful club.

Under the presidency of Gunter Loidl, the committee had 12 scheduled times and an additional meeting with Henselite regarding the purple pants issue. You may have noticed that these scheduled meetings are listed in the program book and I would encourage you to submit any issues or thoughts you might have to those meetings via myself or any board member. I would like to thank all the board members for their contribution and efforts over the previous year.

I would also like to thank all members of the various committees and working groups who have worked very hard to make Heatherdale Recreation and Bowls Club a better place to be.

The most significant initiative this year has been the long overdue replacement of the carpet and vinyl. This included the levelling and replacement of the dance floor to provide the indoor bowlers a satisfactory surface for competitions. Future projects will investigate the upgrade of the toilets and ceiling tiles.

As we are situated on council land we have an obligation to the council to keep them aware of the operations of the club. At the request of the council, we are currently reviewing a proposed more formal agreement. This is intended to formalise what should occur now and covers things such as the times we may use our lights. This is an important initiative and we will advise the outcomes of any changes as soon as they are ratified.

As you are aware, our intention was to move to purple pants for last pennant season. We had decided on Henselite with orders placed specific to our requirements. On delivery we discovered that the pants were less than ideal. A considerable amount of time was spent working with Henselite to clarify the problems then negotiating with them for the return of unsatisfactory pants. We once again intend to adopt purple pants as a part of our pennant uniform and have selected Doncaster Sporting Goods as the supplier.

Match

Our bowls program would not happen without the work of the Match committee and I would like to thank them for their work over the previous year. Laraine Ayers and Margaret Sawyer are stepping down from match and I would like to extend specific thanks for their dedication to the task

Selectors

Being on selection is not an easy task as they endeavor to get all available members into a pennant game. All regularly have a long unavailability list and the task was made harder this year with a number of members deciding that they would play midweek pennant at the last minute.

I would encourage you to make your pennant intentions known early as we are then in a position to field the appropriate number of teams so that all players get a game.

Thanks to this year outgoing selection committee for their efforts in organising the pennant teams and getting 3 sides into finals

Membership

Like many clubs one of our challenges is to recruit more members. Although Vicki has been very pro-active in this area, I believe it is the responsibility of all members to promote Heatherdale and attract new members.

Sadly during the season, Bernie Dickens, Val Uhd and Max Clark passed away. All three were very involved in club activities and are missed.

During this season we have had a number of new members but there is still pressure on the total membership number of members. This is reflected in the number of pennant teams we were able to field. Our barefoot bowls initiative has been managed by Gunter, it has recruited some members and we see this as an important initiative and need more members to assist.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TOTAL	MEN	LADIES
Life Members	6	5	1
Recreation Club Members	40	20	20
Bowls Members	128	84	44
Special Members	3	2	1
TOTAL MEMBERS	177	111	66

Greens

Our greens have once again been maintained by Jack Allison and a team of willing volunteers. However Jack has indicated that it is time to retire from looking after our greens. We have commenced the task of finding a replacement. We are working on a short list of qualified candidates and hope to begin the interview process in the very near future

As is normally the case our greens were closed over the Christmas New Year break and expect the same next season.

Thanks goes to Green Keeper Jack Allison and the dedicated group who help to keep our greens open and always ready to play.

Bar Committee

Thank you to the members of the Bar Committee who give their time willingly to help in the successful running of the Bar. The Bar profit continues to be a major source of income for the club. The introduction of barefoot bowls and the increased number of functions at the club helps the bar bottom line but it does mean more work for the bar staff...

Grounds (Maintenance)

Robert Portbury led an enthusiastic group of members who help to maintain the surrounds, carry out minor repairs and help keeping the mechanical equipment operating. Thanks go to Robert and his group of dedicated Monday Morning volunteers. They are always looking for volunteers to join the group.

Barefoot Bowls/ House/ Hire of club rooms

Gunter Loidl has taken on this role and has worked hard to promote and manage the hiring of our facilities and use of the greens for barefoot bowls. This year we had another increase in the number of people hiring the clubrooms and barefoot bowlers. Not only have these events contributed to our finances but they promote Heatherdale as a bowls club and increase perspective membership opportunities. Thanks to Gunter and the members that have assisted to make these events successful. We need more members willing to assist, the work is not onerous, so don't wait to be asked, volunteer.

Sponsorship

Thanks to assistance from Vicki Pickering, Bill Fletcher and Des Silvester we had another successful year. Unfortunately Des is returning to Adelaide and has stepped down from sponsorship. This has put some extra pressure on the remaining members but I am pleased that Ron Spencer will join us next season

We work hard to get and retain sponsors and very much would like you to tell out sponsors that you are from Heatherdale. Feedback is important and it shows our sponsors that their sponsorship is effective.

Remember, we have a sponsors box, where if you put your receipt you could win \$100 in the yearly draw.

Social

Thanks to Joyce Sawyer and the team for organising functions throughout the year. The Thursday 'happy hour' evenings continue to grow and have become an important part of the club.

Our show evening has been well attended and very entertaining with a 'Christmas in July' planned for this July. Thanks to all for the hard work in organising these types of evenings

Our cup eve function was again very successful and Alan Lyons announced it was his last call. Thanks to Alan and the late Max Clark for providing a very entertaining night over the years. We do plan to continue with the planning already started.

In her report, Joyce has asked for more members to join the committee and I would encourage you to consider it.

Recruitment

Thank you to Vicki Pickering who has worked hard to attract people to Heatherdale. We had signage and laminating flyers featuring the Cobelens family to promote the club and have pursued a number of initiatives to attract prospective members.

As I indicated in my preamble we need to attract members and this is in effect the responsibility of all members.

Indoor Bias Bowls

In the past season, Heatherdale was again successful in the competition. Managed by Margaret Poile and Jim Martyn, they are always happy to see more players come along.

Over recent years, the pre-season indoor competition is growing in popularity and certainly serves as a great introduction to this form of bowls.

Food Hygiene

The club has again passed the annual inspection by the council inspectors who check our written records and our methods of food handling and storage, cleaning of the kitchen and equipment, and tables at which food is prepared and consumed.

Coaches and Umpires

Thank you to all the Club Umpires, Measurers and Coaches and members who are called upon to assist the coaches throughout the season. During the season we were pleased to welcome Graeme Sanders as a member and experienced coach.

We were successful in a grant application to get 10 sets of bowls for the club. These are available for all members and perspective members to try.

All new Bowlers receive coaching before they are able to join in a game. Remember that the coaches are not there just for the new bowlers but are there for consultation for all members.

Catering

Thank you to Terri Mallet for the very effective way she looks after the rosters and catering. She is supported by a great team who have worked very effectively throughout the season.

Norma Brian is stepping down from managing the catering for our smorgasbord. This has become a very successful event for the club and I would like to thank her for her contribution.

Thank you to the members who give their time to work in the kitchen and provide meals on special days, as well as Twilight Bowls Evenings and Smorgasbord days.

General

Thank you to Meryl and Bert Ellway for being Almoners for the season and to those members who are not on committees but give their time willingly and work very hard to help maintain a club which we can all be proud of.

Our Club depends on members support by not only standing for election to committees but also stepping in to help on days/evenings and events that the club has at regular times during the year.

I would like to wish the members of the new Board of Management all the best for the ensuing year and all club members an enjoyable and successful year that is ahead of us.

I would like to congratulate all bowlers who represented Heatherdale this season and all bowlers that participated in the club championship games and finally I would like to congratulate Margaret Eklund Award winner, Jim Corcoran and the Coghlan Award winner John Benson.

Alan Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Presidents Report – 2016/2017

May 2017 signifies the end of another bowls season and the end of my second year as Chairman of the Board of Management of our Club. This year, as in every year, has been interesting, challenging and a particularly busy one for, not just Board Members but everyone involved in the functioning of our Club. The Club has achieved much during our first year of operating under a single Committee (i.e. 9 Member Board) structure. The most significant achievement being the renovation of the interior of our Clubhouse. The new floor coverings in the hall, kitchen, bar and toilets is only part of the proposed renovations. All this, and future work, will certainly help to attract more requests for the hire of our facility.

All members of the Board of Management have provided extremely valuable input to the running of our Club. Not only at our monthly meetings, but more importantly their communication responsibilities with the various sub-committees. In particular, we are extremely fortunate to have three outstanding members on the Board who have been the driving force behind our work. Alan Moore has done a fantastic job as C.E.O., Jim Corcoran as Finance Director (who has finally loosened his purse strings) and Beverley Morgan as Secretary of Operations who effectively took on the work of the former Bowls Secretary. These three have indicated that they wish to continue in these positions. Well done to all 7 of you and many thanks for your support and making my two years as Chairman so much easier.

The reports from the Club's various sub-committees are included in this Annual Report. A huge thank you to everyone involved with these sub-committees. Heatherdale is a better Club for your involvement and work throughout last season.

Socially our Club also continues to grow with the featuring of professional entertainers at our major club functions. Last year's Winter Cabaret which featured Aurora MacKrill was a huge success due to both the exceptional talents of the entertainer as well as the hard work of the volunteers in our Catering Committee. That success has resulted in requests for a return performance by Aurora with a different program to allow more of our members to see her performing. Hence Aurora MacKrill is returning to our Club on Thursday, July 27 with a Tribute to Shirley Bassey Christmas Special for our "Christmas in July" Dinner & Show. However this year the catering will be supplied by our tried & proven provider JBL thereby enabling our volunteer members to also enjoy that evening.

Another Social Event has been arranged for the afternoon of Sunday, June 4. This is in the form of a bus trip to Sandown Park Greyhound Races for a family friendly afternoon where we can win money for our Club. The \$20.00 ticket cost provides you with a \$10.00 betting voucher, first class facilities in the Chairman's Lounge, finger food & a free glass of Champagne for ladies. As well, one race will be named after our Club and we will be allocated a box colour for the day with \$100.00 riding on it for every race. Come join us for something different to do on a Sunday.

Once again, I thank all members for their support in my position of Chairman of the Board of Management during the past two years. For me, it was a challenging yet rewarding experience. For members, the challenge will continue into the 2017/18 Season. I congratulate Vicki Pickering on her courage to stand for the position and becoming Heatherdale's first female President. I encourage all members to support Vicki, her Board and all of our sub-committee members in their quest to maintain the fine reputation of the Heatherdale Recreation & Bowls Club. This is your Club, so please, become and remain involved in any of the many club activities.

Gunter Loidl

Schedule 1
Regulation 15

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

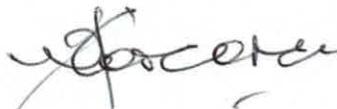
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**Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position
of incorporated association**

We William James Corcoran and Alan Moore being members of the committee of
the Heatherdale Recreation and Bowls Club Inc certify that –

“The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial
performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of
the financial year of the association ending 2016/17.”

Signed:



Date:

10 May, 2017

Signed:



Date:

10 May, 2017

HEATHERDALE RECREATION AND BOWLS CLUB INC.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March, 2017

INCOME

Year Ending 31-Mar-16		Year Ending 31-Mar-17
\$175	Members Fees	\$175
\$1,850		\$1,950
\$27,680		\$25,380
\$29,705	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	\$27,505
\$51,274	Bowls Section Income	\$51,297
\$1,020	Indoor Bowls	\$770
\$29,274	Social Functions	\$21,908
\$9,412	Sponsorship and Advertising	\$10,342
\$4,000	Trading Table	\$3,500
\$8,745	Other Income	\$14,783
\$133,430		\$130,104

EXPENDITURE

\$53,388	Administration	\$51,913
\$3,382	Bowls Section Expenditure	\$6,465
\$14,416	Capital Expense	\$26,936
\$67,163	Occupancy	\$69,946
\$18,364	Social Functions/Other Fundraising Expenditure	\$25,644
\$2,615	Goods and Services Tax	\$2,880
\$159,329		\$183,783
(\$25,899)	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$53,679)

BAR and RAFFLES ACCOUNT

INCOME

\$50,299	Bar Receipts	\$51,597
\$10,267	Raffles	\$7,305
\$1,041	Sale of Sausages/Dim Sims	\$1,050
\$1,785	Other Income	\$1,527
\$63,391		\$61,480

PAYMENTS

\$26,706	Bar Payments	\$26,195
\$365	Club Functions/Activities	\$287
\$3,542	Raffle Prize Expenses	\$2,536
\$262	Other Expenses	\$2,015
\$30,875		\$31,033
\$32,517	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$30,446
\$6,618	Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$23,233)
\$36,152	Donations from Bar & Raffles Account to General Account	\$29,631

FUNDS HELD

\$1,426	Bar & Raffles Account	Commonwealth Bank	\$2,992
\$6,080	Current Account	Commonwealth Bank	\$6,128
\$190,746	Business Online Saver A/c	Commonwealth Bank	\$167,221
\$1,905	Debit Card Accounts		\$973
\$1,147	Cash on Hand		\$756
\$201,304			\$178,071

NOTE: The Business Online Saver Account includes provision for the following:-

1. Provision for balance of carpet and floor replacement payable 2017/18 - \$25,000

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March, 2017

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ending 31-Mar-16		Year Ending 31-Mar-17
	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>	
\$9	Badges/Hat Bands	\$22
\$2,271	Donations	\$2,089
	Grants	\$3,992
\$2,804	Interest	\$1,676
\$1,183	Pennant Shirts/Cloths/Caps/Apparel	\$3,564
\$468	Sundries	\$1,820
\$2,010	Use of Clubhouse/Greens	\$1,620
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\$8,745		\$14,783
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EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

	<u>OCCUPANCY</u>	
\$7,207	Cleaning Services	\$7,207
\$749	Equipment	\$2,164
\$6,329	Gas & Electricity	\$4,975
\$10,127	Maintenance General	\$12,863
\$34,271	Maintenance Greens	\$36,380
\$272	Maintenance Surrounds	\$545
\$8,209	Water & Council Rates	\$5,811
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\$67,163		\$69,946
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ADMINISTRATION

\$8,732	Affiliation Fees	\$9,014
	Badges/Hat Bands	\$107
\$14,069	Catering	\$8,576
\$2,300	Donations	\$2,200
\$190	Indoor Bowls	\$285
\$6,524	Insurance	\$6,527
\$410	Liquor Licence	\$420
\$430	Pennant Shirts/Cloths/Caps/Apparel	\$2,519
\$3,686	Photocopying/Printing/Stationary	\$4,374
\$1,115	Promotion	\$605
\$1,926	Sundries	\$4,049
\$1,591	Telephone	\$1,430
\$12,416	Trophies/Prizes	\$11,808
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\$53,388		\$51,913
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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March, 2017

Year Ending 31 March 2016		Year Ending 31 March 2017
\$	<u>BOWLS SECTION INCOME</u>	\$
\$35,673	Green Fees	\$35,615
\$2,322	Barefoot Bowls	\$2,507
\$3,500	Winter Bowls	\$2,850
\$9,754	Meals - Bowls Events	\$10,294
\$25	Fundraising	
	Other Income	\$30
<u>\$51,274</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$51,297</u>
	<u>BOWLS SECTION EXPENDITURE</u>	
\$1,077	Bowls Item/Equipment	\$4,845
	Transport Exps/Bus Hire	\$788
\$2,305	Other Expenses	\$833
<u>\$3,382</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$6,465</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2016/17

Brother Colour Laser Printer	\$375
Garden Mower	\$399
Remove, supply and install new hot water system	\$1,440
Supply and install Whelan Dynamic Boil Hot Water Unit	\$4,108
Floor Renovations and Carpet replacement	\$20,265
Dyson Animal V6 Vacuum Cleaner	\$349
	<u>\$26,936</u>

HEATHERDALE RECREATION & BOWLS CLUB INC.

Statement of Bowls Income for the Year Ending 31 March, 2016

	2016/17	2015/16
BOWLS SECTION INCOME		
Green Fees		
Barefoot Bowls Green Fees	\$2,507	\$2,322
Bowls Victoria Championships	\$140	\$260
Club Championships	\$840	\$529
Invitation Triples	\$1,012	\$1,800
Ladies 2-4-2 Pairs	\$588	\$528
Monday Bowls	\$1,628	\$1,920
Night Pennant Fees	\$2,018	\$720
Saturday Mixed Bowls	\$651	\$519
Saturday Pennant Bowls	\$10,662	\$11,246
Smorgasbord	\$3,470	\$2,414
Special Events	\$609	\$1,056
Thursday Bowls	\$528	\$1,968
Tuesday Pennant Fees	\$5,790	\$4,637
Twilight Bowls	\$616	\$642
Wednesday Social Bowls	\$4,050	\$4,002
Wednesday Triples	\$3,013	\$3,960
Winter Bowls	\$2,850	\$3,500
Total Green Fees	\$40,973	\$42,023
Other Bowls Division Income		
Gala Day Stalls	\$591	\$811
Other Income	\$30	\$25
Total	\$621	\$836
Meals for Bowls Events		
Gala Day Meals	\$490	\$666
Smorgasbord Meals	\$7,705	\$6,900
Special Events Meals	\$1,596	\$1,369
Twilight Meals	\$503	\$819
Total Meals for Bowls Events	\$10,294	\$9,754
Bowls Division Raffles		
Midweek Pennant Raffles	\$1,081	\$1,255
Monday Raffles	\$345	\$522
Saturday Raffles	\$2,302	\$3,259
Smorgasbord Raffles	\$1,144	\$1,216
Thursday Raffles	\$175	\$429
Wednesday Raffles	\$297	\$762
Other Bowls Raffles	\$354	\$789
Total Bowls Division Raffles	\$5,698	\$8,232
Total BOWLS SECTION INCOME	\$57,585	\$60,844

BAR REPORT 2015/2016

The Bar had another successful year which was once again assisted by the success of the Bare Foot Bowls Program and the hiring out of the Club premises to external group and corporate organisations. These activities increased in the 2016/17 and were managed by Gunter Loidl who was ably assisted by a group of volunteers. Without the income from these activities the Bar trade would have faced a significant decline in the Bar profits. During the Season Heatherdale hosted the Heathmont Night Pennant Teams while their green was being renovated and this provided an increase in the Bar income during the Night Pennant Season.

The Bar income increased by \$1,299 to \$51,597 during the season which was partly offset by an increase in the Bar expenditure of \$796. The overall surplus of the Bar this Season was \$25,402. The Bar surplus assists the clubs revenue stream but the decrease in Club membership, the decrease of Saturday and Midweek Pennant Teams and the decreasing numbers participating in the Clubs Bowling program will affect future Bar income. While Barefoot Bowls and the hire of the Club premises assists the bar revenue it also puts a strain on our ageing equipment which is currently being maintained by Arthur Gibson, John Knowles and Kingsley Fiske. A provision will have to be raised in the books in future Seasons to provide for the replacement of the bar equipment.

We have also welcomed two new bar people to the Committee, Gary and Vicki Pickering, please make them welcome and they will look after you. The Bar prices will be increased in August this year due to GST and price increases but as always any increases will be kept as low as possible. We hope that this financial pain will be offset by the excellent wine on offer and the chilled beer on tap. I must also thank the guys who pitched in and helped restock the fridge cabinet Saturday after bowls before a function done in 30 mins what would have taken me 3 hours.

I would like to thank all of the members of Bar Committee who have given up their time to assist with the cleaning, maintenance, restocking the fridge and serving members during the Season.

Arthur Gibson & Jim Corcoran
Bar Managers

BAR TRADING FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

31-Mar-16		31-Mar-17
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
\$50,299	Sales	\$51,597
	<u>PURCHASES</u>	
\$13,113	Beer Purchases	\$14,996
\$251	Bowls Accessories	\$153
\$110	Chips & Confectionary	\$152
\$3,048	Soft Drink/Orange Juice	\$2,173
\$8,048	Wine/Spirits	\$7,893
\$24,570	TOTAL PURCHASES	\$25,367
\$25,728	GROSS PROFIT	\$26,231
	Less Sundry Expenses	
\$727	BOC Gas	\$617
\$787	Other Bar Purchases/Maintenance	\$211
\$24,214	TRADING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$25,402

Operations Secretary 2016 / 2017

Like many of the roles within the Board of Management, The Operations Secretary role is evolving and aside from attending Board meeting, specific duties this year have included

- Club communication officer (CCO) with Bowls Victoria
- Eastern ranges delegate with one other Heatherdale member
- Duty roster in conjunction with catering coordinator
- Involved with appointment of bowls sub-committees
- Involved with season program and preparation of book
- Uniform

Many hours are spent at the beginning of each season in putting together a duty roster. This is an onerous job; at the time of writing Terri Mallett and I have already spent in excess of seven hours going through the list and trying to be fair and thorough for our next year syllabus. I expect we will need to put in more time before the program book is published. I make a special tribute to Terri, who has coordinated the catering roster for the last few years, and has put in more time than is expected when members drop away for one reason or another. Although catering is not a specific duty of the position I hold, it is nevertheless a huge part of the bowls calendar and I congratulate all who have participated in this area.

This past season we added a roster of names for assisting with barefoot bowls and functions, on a week commencing basis. This list is mainly given for members who have little or no kitchen duties. We shall again be putting this list forward for next season, and it needs an explanation of how it should work. Because of the nature that functions can be any day of the week, it is up to the member to contact the Function Director to see which day or days of the week he/she may be required.

Brian Ross-Soden and I have attended the Eastern Ranges meetings as delegates all season.

We organised John Snell, a senior coach and former Australian State player to attend an evening where a good attendance of our members came along to hear him talk.

Again I have been involved with attending meetings regarding Women only bowls. I have a passion regarding this. To me, it is important that we keep the ladies in our clubs, and that all can play where they are comfortable. Even though I personally am happy playing in open competition, I feel for the ladies who are leaving clubs because they get passed over. I was asked by a Regional Bowls Manager to assist with a Pilot Program for a ladies six week triples competition. Eastern Ranges came on board and with the assistance of Elise Hansen we are in the middle of playing this competition among six clubs in the region. This has met with some enthusiasm, and it will be interesting to see where it leads in the future.

Match and selection committees have performed their duties with dedication. Fiona McNamara and Frank Parker have chaired their committees exceptionally well.

I congratulate the Selection Panel for the great work they have put in this year. We had some success with Pennant, and it is to all pennant players that I say a big thank you, we can't all be winners, but we all put in and are playing for a wonderful club.

Our Match committee comprises quite a few members who volunteer their time to give us some wonderful games on the green. A lot of clubs have dropped some of their tournaments, but we have managed to keep going. Our Smorgasbord has again had a successful year, and to those of you who have stepped down we owe you a huge debt of gratitude. Margaret, (and Doug) Laraine & Norma and her team; WELL DONE! I am pleased to announce that Smorgasbord will continue next season.

Consider putting your name forward for a position for the next 12 months as we wind down this year. I have enjoyed my role on the new committee, in my opinion it has worked well. We have done a lot of work and the new look floor is superb. The members on the board work well together, we all have our say and the results are for the best outcome for the betterment of the club.

Yours in bowling, Beverley Morgan

Club Championships 2016 / 2017

Once again Fiona McNamara managed the club championship games with this years winners and runners up as follows:-

Ladies Singles	Winner	Gail Loidl
	Runner up	Sylvia Stacey
Mens' Singles	Winner	Bob Pratt
	Runner up	George Dolan
Ladies 100 Up	Winner	Sylvia Stacey
	Runner up	Margaret Sawyer
Mens' 100 Up	Winner	Peter Kelsey
	Runner up	Frank Parker
Ladies Pairs	Winners	Sylvia Stacey & Laraine Ayres
	Runners up	Fiona McNamara & Margaret Poile
Mens' Pairs	Winners	Bob Pratt & Jack Allison
	Runners up	Barry Hockham & Ethan Cassidy
Mixed Pairs	Winners	Jim Corcoran & Gail Loidl
	Runners up	Alan Moore & Vicki Pickering



Congratulations to the Winners, Runners Up and all members who entered a championship event.

Fiona McNamara
Championships Co-ordinator

House & Barefoot Bowls Report – 2016 / 2017

The 2016/17 Bowling Season was the third successive season where Barefoot Bowls here at Heatherdale Recreation & Bowls Club was offered to our local community during the “daylight saving” period - November to April. The offer was repeated for the third season via the advertising of our Club’s “Try Bowls” Days that are held in October. Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 continues to be the most suitable time because of our weekly “Thursday Happy Hour” and the programmed “Twilight Bowls Events.” A further advertising brochure/flyer was again produced for distribution and display in shops and the local businesses / factories. This was a more detailed invitation for people to experience “Barefoot Bowls” at our Club on a Thursday evening or **at some other time by arrangement**. We also had two flag style banners advertising “Barefoot Bowls 6:30 pm. Tonight” and “New Bowlers Welcome” produced. These were displayed most Thursday afternoons at the entrance to our drive at Heatherdale Road. The revenue raised from this third season was a more than last season - just less than \$12,000.00.

A brief summary of facts resulting from this venture for the 2016/17 season;

These are –

A total of 29 occasions involving Barefoot Bowls and/or Hire of our Hall – 13 Thursday evenings and 16 other “arranged by-appointment afternoons or evenings” [Monday (1), Wednesday (1), Friday (5), Saturday (5), and Sunday (4)].

Some of our bookings were return visits but most of them being people who had not been to our Club before. There were two - the Heatherdale Cricket Club and Cadbury that did not have return visits this year.

The participating groups once again included Families & Friends, Farewells, Birthday Parties, Organisations & Businesses Xmas Breakups and Team building and one Christmas Dinner Function.

A variety of catering arrangements were again offered & used – BYO Food, Nibbles, Bar-B-Q’s, Pizzas delivered, etc.

Income from Bar sales was of the order of \$ 8,000.00.

Income from Clubroom hire was some \$2 000.00.

The remaining income was derived from our Catering, use of Kitchen and/or Bar-B-Q.

To summarize;

I believe that the Barefoot Bowls and Clubhouse Hire venture continues to be a financial success for our Club by providing some additional revenue that compensates for the continuing fall in income from our bowling activities. I again extend a heartfelt thank-you to all those dedicated members – rostered and other volunteers - who provided assistance with setting up, welcoming visitors, coaching, cooking, serving drinks, packing-up, etc. once again this year.

Gunter Loidl

Grounds Report 2016 – 2017

Since the amalgamation of the two club committees the areas of responsibilities has become somewhat different but the business of running the club still goes on. Accordingly this report covers the grounds, building maintenance and general repairs both inside and outside the club .

Bob Portbury and Brian Ross-Soden have been extremely busy with outside and inside maintenance including painting and repairs to the scoreboards refitting new signs and making repairs and adjustments to our sunshades, as well as repairing and installing relief drains to the bar glass chiller and the new boiling water unit .After the break-in repairs to the office cupboards were also done.

The grassed areas surrounding the greens and all of the gardens as always well maintained by the Monday working group.

With the new floor surfaces being done an enthusiastic group of volunteers removed the old dance floor and I must thank Henrik Cobelens and Michael McDonald who went the extra yard and carried out the concrete grinding to assist in the floor levelling.

This is a club of ageing members ; it also is an ageing building, this year has seen burst pipes both inside and outside the building one of the two hotwater services being replaced and the boiling water unit also replaced . It is also intended to replace the pans and cisterns in both Mens and Ladies toilets but not in the disabled toilet.

With the installation of new vinyl flooring in the toilet entry areas the walls have been painted and I thank Bob Pratt, Ray Standfield, Peter Robinson and Brian Durrant for their efforts (still more to be done yet). Without these volunteers,all part of our Monday working group this club could not be in the excellent condition that it presents itself to members and visitors alike

If I have missed any ones specific contribution to the volunteer work carried out I apologise ;but so many people do so much it is hard to mention them all.

Arthur Gibson . Vice President 2016 /2017.

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 2016/17 SEASON

In June 2016 the Committee was formed by the Club Management Board. The Committee Members from last year Phyl Dickens, Keith Moore and Frank Parker welcomed Margaret Poile, Fiona, McNamara, Keith Piper and Arthur Coghlan. Early meetings were held to discuss Sides for the next Season and the following recommendations were made –

Midweek Pennant

- we had the numbers to continue our Women Only Side in Division One.
- Two open Sides of twelve players in Divisions 2 and 4, then a six Player Side in Division 5.

Saturday Pennant

- with the numbers declining we could not field five full Sides therefore a recommendation was made to only field 4 full Pennant Sides. We asked Bowls Vic whether the Club could have Sides in Divisions 2, 4, 5 and 6, however Bowls Victoria declined the request stating that as our Division 5 and 6 Sides gained promotion in the 2015-16 Season we could only have Sides in Divisions 3, 4 (2 sides) and 5. We could see that this would prove a struggle for some of our Sides.
- a Six Player Side was entered in Division Eight.

These early meetings also selected the Chairperson (Frank Parker), the Selectors responsible for each Side (the chain of communication between Sides and Selectors). Following a recommendation from last year's Committee the assessment cards were brought back. The goals for the Season were discussed set and communicated to the Players. A Night Pennant Side was entered but there were only enough players to enter one Side.

From August on Selection Meetings were held every Tuesday afternoon.

SEASON OVERVIEW

MIDWEEK PENNANT

- Womens Only Side 8th
- Side Two 5th
- Side Three 1st (It won its first Final but lost the second)
- Side Four 5th

SATURDAY PENNANT

- Side One 1st (lost its first Final)
- Side Two 9th
- Side Three 4th (lost its first Final)
- Side Four 9th
- Side Five 7th

NIGHT PENNANT

- Side One 5th

At the start of the Season Midweek Pennant had an influx of Players wishing to play and as many as possible were given a game. The Saturday Pennant numbers stayed stable early in the Season but as the Season progressed we were short of Players and we wish to thank all who stepped in and helped. It became obvious some weeks into the Season that Side Two in Division 4 had drawn a very tough Section, so the Selectors made the call to strengthen the Third Side, also in Division 4, thus making sure we could keep a Side in that Division.

END OF SEASON SUMMARY

Due to a restructure of the Open Midweek Pennant competition in Season 2017/18 by Bowls Victoria there was no promotion of Sides this year. Our Women Only Side bowled as well as we expected. Side Two had every chance to finish as high as third but over the last few weeks lost their way. Side Three had a great year 46 points in front in top spot won their first final then got the nerves and lost the second final. Side Four had an up and down year but still held on to fifth spot.

Saturday Pennant will see Side One stay in 3rd Division, one Side will remain in 4th Division, one Side was relegated to 5th Division, Side Four was relegated to 6th Division and Side Five in 8th Division.

THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

1. We made the same comment last year WE MUST RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT. (This means that it is the responsibility of members to assist with the recruitment process).
2. Our Club Coaches are good but maybe we need to consider a paid Coach.
3. With or without a coach we need structured practice for all Players next Season.
4. There should be more practice even with our own Teams. (It is interesting to note that Teams that practice together are more successful in Pennant games.)
5. We need to foster and encourage a much better Team/Side Spirit.

In closing there are many to thank. Firstly to my fellow Selectors well done and thank you. A special thanks to Keith Moore pounding that computer is a big job. Secondly a big thanks to all our Side Managers without you we would not function as we do a standing ovation to you all. Thirdly it is our Club Members that play that make the Pennant Season a success. Lastly thanks to Maurie Keogh for looking after the Bankers, a job well done.

So another Season close thank you for giving me the privilege of being your Chairperson.

Frank Parker

Match Committee 2016 – 2017

This season's bowling agenda has been completed with successful results for all events. Unfortunately Des Silvester had to resign from Match due to family commitments and Gordon Uhd took up his duties in the New Year. Yvonne McCann, although not a member of Match, kindly helped with the taking of money on Smorgasbord days. Penny & Ian Crowe, also not members of Match, kindly helped with the taking of money on monthly Wednesday Triples. Needless to say Match Committee was rather stretched over the course of this season. Margaret Sawyer and Laraine Ayres are retiring from the Committee after each serving for 6 years. As usual new members are always needed.

Opening Day 52 bowlers attended to start the season off.

Ladies Invitation 2-4-2 October's event was well attended with 22 teams including 11 visiting teams, while February's event attracted 20 teams with 10 visiting teams.

Gala & Guest Day Numbers were down this year with 22 teams attending, 8 of which were visiting. 105 meals were served.

Chicken & Bubbly 16 teams enjoyed a mixed fours game on a pleasant day. 9 visiting teams attended.

Twilight This event was reduced to 6 for the season due to poor attendance last year. Charity night was the best attended with 24 members playing. On average 18 bowlers attended over the season, and, as mentioned in last year's report, the majority who bowled were the same each time.

Smorgasbord As usual a great event enjoyed by all and, with the high standard of the meal following the game, it is hard to beat. Unfortunately numbers are down with an average of 21 teams attending, down from 24 last season. Consequently meals served averaged 96 as opposed to 106 last season.

Thursday Monthly 2-4-2 An average of 14-16 teams attending consisting mostly of our club members.

Mon. & Wed. Monthly 2 Bowl Triples Wednesday attendance is on average 43 with visiting teams attending. Monday's event is attended by about 30 bowlers consisting mainly of our club members.

Presidents & Past Presidents Day Another enjoyable day with a number of past presidents included in the 42 bowlers playing a game of 2 bowl triples. 11 visitors joined us later for the delicious afternoon tea.

Warragul Day Our turn to host 28 bowlers from Warragul. 2 bowl triples was played in dry conditions after a wet start to the day. Heatherdale won back the Cup with a resounding win.

Invitational Men's & Women's Triples Another successful day with fine weather gracing us. 14 mens and 14 ladies teams competed in 3 games of 2 bowl triples. Ditch rinks were excluded this year, and in so doing, no complaints have been received at the time of writing. Bowlers from 15 different clubs participated.

Presentation Day A relaxed game that was unfortunately interrupted by rain.

Thank you to all members who respond to last minute calls to fill in when someone pulls out of a team. Thanks also to all who help with the running of our events, including ground staff and the reliable and regular men who put out the mats, jacks and scoops.

I look forward to members offering to be part of Match Committee next season.

Fiona McNamara

SPONSORSHIP REPORT – 2016 / 2017

Thanks to assistance from Vicki Pickering, Des Silvester and Bill Fletcher we had another successful year. Unfortunately Des is returning Adelaide and offered his resignation from both the Board and Sponsorship. Although not officially on the committee, Max Clark was very involved and his input, ideas and contacts leave a gap. His is sadly missed. Ron Spencer will join us on the committee next year but if any members have any sponsorship ideas please do not hesitate to contact us.

We did lose a few sponsors over the last year but did get some new sponsors such that our income from sponsorship was not significantly impacted. You will soon see a new sponsorship sign form Wall T Wall, the company who supplied and installed the carpet and flooring.

Thanks again to Joseph O'Loughlin of O'Loughlin Real Estate who provided a promotional board for our introduction to Bare Foot Bowling and our try bowls open days. He was also our auctioneer for the cancer morning tea. Jim and Claudia from Worldwide Travel and Cruise and Ringwood Jewellers also provided some great prizes over and above their sponsorship. Also thanks to Rod Whitehouse, Mitcham Fencing, for his long sponsorship association with us. He has indicated that he is retiring from the business

Please remember to support our sponsors and let them know you are from Heatherdale when you use their services. The income from the sponsors is needed to help maintain the clubs facilities and helps to keep our fees down.

Alan Moore



Recruitment Report – 2016 / 2017.

As mentioned previously, we have an ongoing challenge to increase our membership numbers at our Club.

We tried a few different things this year to promote our Try Bowls Recruitment days in October as we previously found large signage more noticeable by cars, bicycles and walkers, so our Sponsor Joseph O'Loughlin kindly prepared additional large signage which was installed at Cnr Canterbury & Springvale Roads, Great Ryrie Street & Canterbury Road and also at the entrance to our Club.

Flyers were prepared and printed advertising our Try Bowls Days in October and on the reverse side we advertised Barefoot Bowls on a Thursday evening. A large number of our members helped by delivering flyers to be displayed on windows or notice boards at gyms, hairdressers, dentists, doctors, cafes, shops and the list goes continues. We also advertised free in the local paper and on radio.

A sausage sizzle was held at Brentford Square where members cooked, served and handed out numerous flyers promoting our Try Bowls days to people entering and exiting Woolworths.

Bev and I later send out 100 letters to youth leaders at church groups with the intent of trying to get some groups together that may wish to play a competitive game, but didn't receive any requests.

It was disappointing that we didn't get more people attending the Try Bowls days in October and on one day the weather didn't help at all. I guess we just need to keep on trying and think of different ways to attract new members. Often word of mouth is successful whether it be via a social or bowling event at the Club.

When we do get new people join, it is all our responsibility to make them feel welcome and assist wherever possible.

I would like to thank all the members who have helped throughout the year, as one of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Vicki Pickering

SOCIAL REPORT FOR SEASON 2016 / 17

Happy Hour on Thursday evenings remains popular with an average attendance of 70 members who had an enjoyable evening all eager to win the Club Draw at approximately 6pm. Every member who attended had the right to win the jackpot as long as they were present in the Club or within the grounds.

During the Winter hiatus some of the ladies met at "Coffee of Course" at Ringwood Golf Club Canterbury Road Ringwood once a month from May to August for morning tea.. Dates were changed from the 2nd Tuesday to the 1st Tuesday to accommodate the ladies who attend Probus. Dates will be in Programme Book for next year which should be the 1st Tuesday of May, June, July and August.

Biggest Morning Tea was held on Thursday May 19th 2016 at 10.00am. This was another success raising approximately \$2000, less than last year but still a job well done. Thanks to all who participated, I hope receipts were sent to all who needed one. This year our Auctioneers were our own Max Clark and Joseph from O 'Loughlin Real Estate and both did us proud once more. This day is most important to us as I have said because we lose friends every year to this dreadful disease but on the other hand some survive which is wonderful and I'm sure our contributions helped in some small way.

Opening Dinner Friday 28th August 2016 was catered by JBL Catering and entertainment was Rob Foenander who was excellent. Attendance was much improved as it allowed us to reach the minimum numbers for catering. The evening was enjoyed by all and Jason presented a delicious meal again. The evening was enjoyable as it allowed us to see a lot of friends we miss during the Winter break.

Cup eve Dinner Monday 31st November 2016 Catered by our favourite caterer Jason of JBL Catering. Pre Dinner Appetizers were served at 6.30pm followed by mains approx. 7.00pm. The race books stayed at the same price of \$2.00. Prizes for the lucky numbers were \$25, \$15 and \$10. Sweeps on Heatherdale Cup were available and we also had sweeps on the Melbourne Cup. The theme was Country and Western and every one dressed the part. Another great Cup Eve event. The room was dressed with hay bales and appropriate notices added to the theme

Christmas Dinner Friday December 9th 2016 once again Jason from JBL Catering catered and supplied us with a delicious meal. Santa was there with his assistant and I am glad to report he didn't get lost this year. He did a wonderful job again and promised to return next year if we were all good. The entertainer was of course "Just June" who entertained us once again

A Christmas Raffle was run with several hampers as prizes.

Throughout the year we ran two or three Crazy Whist Games which wasn't enough. Perhaps next season we can introduce some other form of card game as well. Think about it!!

I would like to thank the Management Committee for their support this past year likewise all the members for their cooperation when needed. I would also thank Bill Fletcher and Gunter Loidl for their efforts making our Happy Hour HAPPY!! Last but certainly not least I thank my team Joan Benson, Norma Brian, Paula Corcoran Ivy Davis, Meryl Ellway and Babs Elliott. We need more members on the Social Committee so why not join us.

Joyce Sawyers
Chairperson Social Committee

Indoor Bias Bowls Report – 2016 / 17

We entered 2 teams in Indoor Pennant this year. We welcomed Lesley Furlong for her 1st season. Our returning players: Eileen Aanensen, Babs Elliott, Phyl Dickens, Glen and Jim Martyn, Yvonne McCann, Jill Philpott, Mel Gordon, Arthur Gibson, Peter Robinson, Fiona McNamara, Margaret Poile.

Thanks everyone for your attendance for practice Tuesdays and pennant Wednesdays. It was decided because of the uneven floor we would play 1 team home and 1 away every week.

Club Champions

Ladies Singles: Fiona McNamara. Runner up: Phyl Dickens

Mens Singles: Mel Gordon Runner Up: Peter Robinson

Champion of Champions Runner Up: Fiona McNamara

The Gil Peg Cup with South Group was well attended. Much appreciation to Gunter Loidl for organizing and driving the bus to Springers Stadium for games then to Chelsea bowls club for supper. South group retained the cup.

Regional Championships were well supported again this year. Congratulations to everyone who entered.

Ladies Singles: Winner Margaret Poile. Margaret went on to play at Sunshine but was knocked out in the 2nd round.

Mens Singles: Runner Up Mel Gordon. Mel did not attend Sunshine.

Mens Pairs: Runner Up Peter Robinson, Mel Gordon (skip)

Ladies Triples: Winners: Lesley Furlong, Eileen Aanensen, Fiona McNamara (skip)

Runners Up: Margaret Poile, Lynne Walker, Jodie Jones (skip) Lesley, Eileen and Fiona did not attend Sunshine.

Margaret Poile's team competed at Sunshine and are the state champions for 2016.

Ladies 4's: Wendy (Glen Wav), Margaret Poile, Lynne Walker, Judy (Blackburn RSL) competed at Sunshine and are State 4's runners up.

Mixed 4's: Runners Up: Eileen Aanensen, Phyl Dickens, Mel Gordon, Peter Robinson (Skip), Fiona McNamara (Sub)

Mixed Pairs: Winners: Margaret Poile, Jim Bulow (Skip)

At the end of the season the ladder was split into 2 divisions. Both teams played in finals.

Lesley Furlong, Eileen Aanensen, Mel Gordon, Fiona McNamara (Skip) played in Division 2 but were knocked out in the Semi Final. Yvonne McCann, Jim Martyn. Glen Martyn, Margaret Poile (Skip) played in Division 1. Grand Final. however they were out bowled on the day.

We had a lot of members at Glen Waverley supporting us. Thank you to those members.

Presentation Night Dinner was again held at Blackburn RSL and all who attended enjoyed a great night. We are Grateful to the committee for your continued support and to the Wednesday Social Bowlers as we share the clubrooms on Wednesday afternoons.

Margaret Poile (Secretary)

TRADING TABLE REPORT – 2016 / 2017

Happy to have our table up again. It was missed by many while packed away, but certainly worthwhile to get our lovely new carpet. With our yearly taking of \$3,500, we have had a steady year, although, not record breaking. Once again, my sincere thanks to the people who come to craft group. It's these ladies who make our lovely coat-hangers. Merle Rheumer who knits beautiful baby jackets for us. Then of course Glenice Piper and Joan Benson who never fail to be there when any help is needed. Glenice also attends the table every pennant day.

Once again, Thank you to all.

***From Linda
At The Table***

Almoners Report – 2016 / 2017

Our report this year is filled with sadness

Three of our much loved and long standing members have passed away namely Bernie Dickens, Val Uhd and Max Clark. They are sadly missed at the club.

Recently Gunter and Gail Loidl's daughter passed away after suffering a very long illness. Our thoughts are with them and their family.

Maralyn Wells is recovering well from surgery. Knox hospital has profited very well from our members. Bill Fletcher has been in and out several times with many broken bones. Joyce Sawyer, Bert Ellway and Dawn Berner were in after Christmas. They are recovering well. Kingsley Fiske has had ankle surgery. Great to see him back at the club. We hope he doesn't need his crutches for too long.

As almoners we are not always aware of Members who are not well and we rely on you all to keep us informed.

We are also aware that everyone has the right to privacy if they wish and do not publicly advise everything that we become aware of.

Meryl & Bert Ellway

