



HEATHERDALE RECREATION AND BOWLS CLUB Inc
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ANNUAL REPORT
2019 / 2020

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2019 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 114 Heatherdale Road Mitcham on Wed 15 May 2019

Vice President Arthur Gibson opened the meeting at 7.02pm as President Vicki Pickering was away. He welcomed all in attendance and asked if all in attendance had signed the attendance sheet and asked for additional apologies.

46 member's names were recorded on the attendance sheet and 30 apologies recorded.

Michael Sukkar, MP, attended the meeting and was invited to address the meeting. He committed to a \$5000 election promise to replace our existing audio equipment.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 16th May 2018 and other than an error on page 3, that incorrectly listed Merle Rheumer as a Super Veteran the minutes were moved and confirmed as accurate. Moved Graham White, seconded Norma Brian, Carried.

Matters arising from the 2018 AGM Minutes: None

Annual Reports

The following annual reports were included in the annual report document distributed to the meeting and available on our web site. The reports were taken as read and comments and questions were invited from the floor.

1. Board Members, Meetings and Attendances.
2. CEO Report
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5. Bar Report
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As there were no questions or comments from the floor it was moved by Leon Berner and seconded by Dawn Berner that the reports be accepted. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

All Club Committee positions were declared vacant and Arthur Gibson stated that as only one nomination had been received for each position except "Operations Secretary" and 1 Director position the following members were duly elected to the following positions:

President Alan Moore
CEO Elise Hansen
Finance Jim Corcoran
VP Fiona McNamara
Arthur Coghlan
Director Norma Brian
Robert Davis

Arthur Gibson asked for nominations from the floor for the vacant position of Operations Secretary and Director. As there were no nominations received, the incoming Board of Management will address at the first board meeting.

Business Received in writing: None

Fees and Green Fees

It was decided by the Board that green fees not be increased however with increased pressure on costs, membership fees are to be increased to \$220 full member and \$55 for social members.

Service Awards

Service awards were presented

Ken Cleaver	not in attendance
Brian Durrant	not in attendance
Mac McLean	
Velia McLean	
Ron Spencer	not in attendance
Michael McDonald	
Vicki Pickering	not in attendance
Garry Pickering	not in attendance

We had a number of service awards last year that were not presented. Kingsly Fiske was awarded in a previous year but had not been presented with the award

Members not in attendance will be presented at a future meeting.

General Business:

As there was no business received in writing the meeting was opened for general business from the floor.

No general business was raised but there was general announcement to support the cancer morning tea and upcoming social events.

After a short address from the new President, Alan Moore, the Chairman Arthur Gibson thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Alan Moore CEO

Board of Management Meetings held 2019/2020: 9

Member attendance at Board Meetings:

President	Alan Moore	7
VP	Arthur Coghlan	7
VP	Fiona McNamara	9
Finance Director	Jim Corcoran	9
Chief Executive Officer	Elise Hansen	9
Director	Norma Brian	4
Director	Robert Davis	8
Director	Margaret Poile	7

No meetings held after March meeting 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2019/2020

As I write this report we are all in isolation at home because of the Covid-19 pandemic not knowing how long before we can get back to normal life.

On 25 March 2020 BV & BA advised the clubs to cease all bowls activities, including all forms of social bowls including roll ups.

Our club is locked up, greens closed – no getting together for Happy Hour or a friendly game of bowls.

The club trip to Corowa cancelled together with the visit to Warragul BC.

The 18 rounds of pennant finished but grand finals & State Championships have not been played – perhaps to be played at a later date.

This season has had a few incidents of vandalism. In June 2019 graffiti was sprayed on the wall near the kitchen. This was removed by the Council.

In December 2019 and January 2020 we had break-ins. Nothing apparently taken but some damage done to doors when gaining access to the bar, which resulted in the Management Committee's approval of installation of outside security cameras and alarm system in the bar.

Some signs for the nominated parking spots were stolen and had to be replaced.

New sound system has been installed in the club house.

Thank you to the members of the Management Committee for their dedication and making it easy for me to settle into my position.

Thank you never seems to be enough to all the volunteers making it all happen. The Grounds/Maintenance people doing a tremendous job to keep the grounds nice and doing repairs around the club when needed, the members putting on an inviting Smorgasbord every month, Social Committee for organising events enjoyed by the members, committees organising the bowling events, the Selection Committee that has had a tough job "finding" players to fill the teams every week.

A special thanks to Fiona McNamara for all the time and work she put into the Club during her membership – especially as Chairman of the Selection Committee. We wish her good bowling in her "new" club.

To all the "invisible" members always there to give a helping hand, thank you.

The Club cannot function without the help from members.

I wish all to come back in good health and refreshed and ready to take on the new season.

Elise Hansen
Chief Executive Officer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019/2020

I would firstly like to thank my fellow Management Committee Members for their great input and the vast amount of work they contribute to the Club, especially Jim Corcoran and Elise Hansen who put in many hours ensuring all is running smoothly.

Robert Davis took on the big role of looking after function and barefoot bowls bookings. Together with assistance from Norma Brian they filled this very important role of ensuring that we fully utilise our club and provide additional income for the club. It could not happen without the support of members who supported them during the functions

Fiona and Arthur again took on the role of Selection whilst Margaret Poile coordinated indoor bowls and input to the Social Committee.

With a committee member short we did not have focus on recruitment this year and this is an area that need to be addressed next year as increasing our membership is vital to our long term success. It's up to every member in this, your Club, to do their best to make this happen.

Board members attend meetings, functions, prepare newsletters and correspondence, manage finances to name but a few of their responsibilities and work very hard to ensure all is well at the Club. Members are also on Sub Committees or Working Groups as well and this ensures that the Board is kept informed of any problems, repairs, personal issues within and outside the Club room as well as dealings with Council, Bowls Victoria, Eastern Ranges and also other Clubs.

We had Try Bowls days in October and other day events in an attempt to entice new members to join Heatherdale Club.

Well done again to Nick West for looking after the greens and making them a pleasure to play on

Thank you to all members who contribute at the Club. The Monday Work Group who keep the grounds and gardens among other things in top shape, the Bar Committee who ensures the bar is manned, Selection Committee who can't please all the people all the time, Match who also do a tremendous job arranging and managing events and championship games, catering, coaches, umpires and measurers, greens, trading table, almoners - the list is too long to thank everyone, but you are all tremendously appreciated as the Club could not function or be viable without you.

A special thanks to Meryl Ellway and Terri Mallett, who have indicated that they will not be able to continue catering for Smorgasbord next year. This has been a very successful day for us and we will definitely need volunteers to fill the vacuum.

Even if you have not put your name up to volunteer in some area at this stage, please do so and share the load of work that it takes to keep this Club in an operating state and take some of the burden off the other wonderful volunteers.

Ensure you are involved in as many activities as you can at your Club such as pennant, social and indoor bowls and also social functions during the day or evening.

The later part of the year has been significantly impacted by Coronavirus, to the extent that a number of events were cancelled as we could not use the greens or club rooms. This has resulted in our finances being under even more pressure.

I look forward to getting back to the club and start planning for how we can make Heatherdale a successful and viable club, however it cannot happen without you, our members.

Alan Moore
President

HEATHERDALE RECREATION AND BOWLS CLUB INC.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March, 2020

INCOME

Year Ending 31-Mar-19		Year Ending 31-Mar-20
\$175	Members Fees	\$75
\$1,954	Joining Fees	\$2,264
\$20,225	Recreation	\$20,715
\$22,354	Bowls Victoria Affiliates	\$23,054
\$46,733	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	\$39,375
\$750	Bowls Section Income	\$895
\$16,561	Indoor Bowls	\$15,926
\$11,247	Social Functions	\$5,267
\$3,500	Sponsorship and Advertising	\$3,500
\$8,212	Trading Table	\$9,453
\$109,357	Other Income	\$97,471

EXPENDITURE

\$37,300	Administration	\$32,899
\$1,059	Bowls Section Expenditure	\$946
\$10,350	Capital Expenses	\$9,009
\$82,076	Occupancy	\$85,956
\$15,941	Social Functions/Other Fundraising Expenditure	\$15,864
\$146,726		\$144,674
(\$37,369)	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$47,204)

BAR and RAFFLES ACCOUNT

INCOME

\$48,623	Bar Receipts	\$35,261
\$6,142	Raffles	\$5,443
\$1,083	Sale of Sausages/Dim Sims	\$735
\$568	Other Income	\$522
\$56,416		\$41,961

PAYMENTS

\$23,728	Bar Payments	\$16,552
\$527	Club Functions/Activities	
\$2,629	Raffle Prize Expenses	\$2,734
\$15	Other Expenses	\$106
\$26,900		\$19,392
\$29,516	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$22,569
(\$7,853)	Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$24,634)
\$30,360	Donations from Bar & Raffles Account to General Account	\$24,354

FUNDS HELD

\$2,296	Bar & Raffles Account	Commonwealth Bank	\$679
\$5,774	Current Account	Commonwealth Bank	\$7,455
\$128,148	Business Online Saver A/c	Commonwealth Bank	\$103,883
\$593	Debit Card Accounts		\$538
\$633	Cash on Hand		\$254
\$137,443			\$112,809

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ending 31-Mar-19		Year Ending 31-Mar-20
	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>	
\$1,326	Donations	\$1,745
	Grants	\$1,100
\$1,537	Goods and Services Tax Refund	\$4,120
\$517	Interest	\$235
\$693	Pennant Shirts/Cloths/Caps/Apparel	\$190
\$710	Sundries	\$647
\$3,430	Use of Clubhouse/Greens	\$1,416
\$8,212		\$9,453

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

	<u>OCCUPANCY</u>	
\$6,607	Cleaning Services	\$7,808
\$2,600	Equipment	\$159
\$7,791	Gas & Electricity	\$6,027
\$6,257	Maintenance General	\$10,416
\$52,200	Maintenance Greens	\$50,863
\$401	Maintenance Surrounds	\$502
\$6,221	Water & Council Rates	\$10,181
\$82,076		\$85,956

ADMINISTRATION

\$8,354	Affiliation Fees	\$7,729
\$59	Badges/Hat Bands	\$98
\$5,569	Catering	\$4,647
\$1,580	Donations	\$1,750
\$230	Indoor Bowls	\$180
\$6,379	Insurance	\$6,265
\$435	Liquor Licence	\$446
\$4	Pennant Shirts/Cloths/Caps/Apparel	\$1,108
\$2,834	Photocopying/Printing/Stationary	\$2,447
\$160	Promotion	
\$910	Sundries	\$1,280
\$1,099	Telephone	\$860
\$9,688	Trophies/Prizes	\$6,089
\$37,300		\$32,899

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Year Ending 31 March 2019		Year Ending 31 March 2020
\$	<u>BOWLS SECTION INCOME</u>	\$
\$33,772	Green Fees	\$26,815
\$2,745	Barefoot Bowls	\$4,275
\$3,169	Winter Bowls	\$2,036
\$6,807	Meals - Bowls Events	\$6,209
\$240	Other Income	\$40
<u>\$46,733</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$39,375</u>
	<u>BOWLS SECTION EXPENDITURE</u>	
\$409	Bowls Items/Equipment	
\$650	Transport Exps/Bus Hire	
	Other Expenses	\$946
<u>\$1,059</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$946</u>
	<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	
	Install new Gas Heaters	\$6,150
	Install CCTV Security System	\$2,560
	Sound PA/Speaker System	\$249
	Fan Heater	\$50
		<u>\$9,009</u>

HEATHERDALE RECREATION & BOWLS CLUB INC.**Statement of Bowls Income & Expenses 2019/20**

	2019/20	2018/19
BOWLS INCOME		
Green Fees		
Barefoot Bowls Green Fees	\$4,275	\$2,745
Bowls Victoria Championships	\$30	\$340
Club Championships	\$243	\$150
Invitation Triples		\$588
Monday Bowls	\$2,070	\$2,628
Night Pennant Fees	\$360	\$840
Other Green Fees	\$814	\$756
Saturday Mixed Bowls	\$534	\$1,140
Saturday Pennant Bowls	\$8,563	\$10,692
Smorgasbord	\$3,288	\$2,468
Special Events	\$500	\$872
Thursday Bowls	\$512	\$802
Tuesday Pennant Fees	\$6,578	\$6,283
Twilight Bowls	\$335	\$112
Wednesday Social Bowls	\$2,611	\$3,732
Wednesday Triples	\$377	\$2,369
Winter Bowls	\$2,036	\$3,169
Total Green Fees	\$33,126	\$39,686
Meals for Bowls Events		
Smorgasbord Meals	\$5,336	\$4,142
Special Events Meals	\$776	\$2,557
Twilight Meals	\$97	\$108
Total Meals for Bowls Events	\$6,209	\$6,807
Other Bowls Income		
Other Income	\$40	\$240
Transfer Fees		\$0
Total Other Income	\$40	\$240
Total BOWLS INCOME	\$39,375	\$46,733

BAR REPORT 2019/2020

This report has been written with the dubious benefit of having experienced the Covid 19 pandemic. Up until the bar was shut down, the club was shut down, and the state was shut down, we were managing to be on the same pathway as previous years, but with the decline in membership and the subsequent loss of any external functions and less pennant teams our sales continued to decline.

I have attempted to reduce our expenditure to the lowest level possible and still provide an acceptable level of service to members but the bar has always managed to show a profit and this year those figures have been significantly reduced. If we are not able to rectify this situation and no other source of revenue is available then we must face the fact that our club will not survive long term.

For us to survive we need two things money and members. If our members commit to necessity of running functions to raise funds then our financial position can improve and perhaps buy us some time to attract new members to our club.

Please read this report with Treasurer Jim's figures for the bar this year

Arthur Gibson

Bar manager this year [but who knows for how long]

BAR TRADING FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

31-Mar-19		31-Mar-20
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
\$48,623	Sales	\$35,261
	<u>PURCHASES</u>	
\$14,510	Beer Purchases	\$9,797
\$225	Bowls Accessories	
\$70	Chips & Confectionary	\$65
\$1,904	Soft Drink/Orange Juice	\$1,230
\$6,195	Wine/Spirits	\$4,878
<u>\$22,904</u>	TOTAL PURCHASES	<u>\$15,971</u>
\$25,719	GROSS PROFIT	\$19,290
	Less Sundry Expenses	
\$816	BOC Gas	\$554
\$8	Other Bar Purchases/Maintenance	\$7
<u>\$24,895</u>	TRADING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>\$18,728</u>

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT 2019/2020

In June 2019 the Selection Committee was formed by the Club Management Board. The Committee Members from last year Fiona McNamara, Arthur Coghlan, Keith Piper and Michael McDonald and welcomed Ivy Davis to the panel.

Fiona McNamara was selected as Chairperson.

We had our Selections meetings on Tuesday afternoons.

Early meetings were held to discuss how many sides for the season and the marking system. The liaison selectors for each side were also appointed and the marking system the same as the prior season. The goals for the season was to have no teams relegated and as many teams as possible in finals.

After some weeks we implemented the conditions that until all players were notified of changes, sheets were not put on the internet or the window. They were given a phone call to inform them of the change.

Midweek Pennant

We had the numbers to have 3 Open sides of 12 players entered in Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Midweek Pennant Results

- **Side 1 - 5th**
- **Side 2 - 5th**
- **Side 3 - 8th**

Saturday Pennant

With the club's continuing decline in numbers, we could only field 3 sides of 16 players entered in Divisions 3, 5, 5.

Saturday Pennant Results

- **Side 1 – 10th Finished on the bottom of the ladder. That means it is back in Div 3**
- **Side 2 - 5th Just missed out on playing finals.**
- **Side 3 - 8th**

Night Pennant

We had a combined team with Bayswater this season.

Night Pennant Results

- **Side 1 – 8th**

Night pennant is a good place to pit your skills against good players, as the higher grades use this as a practice. Also, a good place for new bowlers to start pennant. If you are working through the week it is a game to play in after work hours. It is triples so it finishes around 10 pm.

Seasons Overview

At the start of the season we had enough players to cover the number of teams we entered, but as the season progressed we lost a number of players through illness and holidays. We had to rely on members who were emergencies and they almost became weekly players. I would like to thank those members who helped us out and gave us the numbers so we did not have to forfeit any games.

We need to get more new members or as the numbers decline so will the number of sides we can enter. As members of this Club we need to strive to improve our bowls and team spirit to improve our sides and hopefully this will get more sides in finals and getting promoted. We need to work on our goals and set them higher, to get sides promoted and win flags.

Suggestions for next Season

1. At any time throughout the season any person can approach the Selection Committee. We will listen to what you have to say, but may not always agree with you. We will discuss the matter and go from there.
2. Winging and complaining to everyone else does not address the problem or find a solution.
3. Attending coaching or drills and skills is also recommended.

In closing there are many to thank. Firstly, to my fellow Selectors well done and thank you. Thank you to all the Side Managers for stepping up every week and special thanks goes to Michael McDonald (Greens Director) and Nick West (Green Keeper) for the greens. Many players (ours and visitors) have noticed the improvement in the condition of our greens. To the people in the kitchen during and after the game thank you.

So as another season closes I thank you for giving me the privilege of being your Chairperson of Selection. Final word from me is, we need people to put their hands up for these positions and many other positions in the club for it to run smoothly.

Fiona McNamara
(Chairperson of Selection) on behalf of the Selection Panel.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships for 2019/2020 were not finalised due to restrictions regarding Covid-19. The finals of the women's and men's singles were played.

Women's Singles: Winner Margaret Poile. Runner Up Merle Rheumer.
Men's Singles: Winner Jack Allison. Runner Up Brian Ross-Soden.

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

No report as season was cut short due to Covid-19.

HOUSE AND BAREFOOT BOWLS REPORT 2019/2020

I cannot express my appreciation enough to all the people who have helped me with the running of barefoot bowls and the hiring of the club rooms.

I would like to give a special thank you to Norma Brian for arranging club members to help with barefoot bowls and Kingsley Fiske for arranging bar staff. Their help and expertise are much appreciated.

We hired the club rooms out on 15 occasions throughout the season.
We had eleven companies who hired the club rooms and played bowls.
We had four companies that just hired the club rooms.

Again, my thanks and gratitude to all the club members that helped make these events a great success.

Robert Davis
Event Manager

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT 2019/2020

The 2019/2020 season has been another busy year for the Monday morning Grounds and Maintenance Group. There are 3 main parts of the Group, gardening, mowing and maintenance.

Ken Cleaver, Tony Dear and Brian Durrant led the garden maintenance people, keeping the gardens and surrounds in good condition. Mac McLean looked after the two front display gardens and helped out in other gardens.

Jack Allison and Michael McDonald mowed and whipper snipped the lawns and surrounds as well as helping the garden section when required.

Ray Standfield cleaned the clubroom windows, sprayed weeds and helped out where needed.

Bob Portbury and Brian Ross-Soden painted scoreboards, changed tap washers, fixed doors, cleaned gutters, serviced locks and did numerous other small tasks. Ron Spencer did the servicing and maintenance on the hand mowers and other mechanical items, apart from the greens mowers and rollers.

Thanks to all members for their hard work during the year.

The group was usually joined by members of the Bar Staff doing the cleaning of the bar and Alan Toby cleaning the kitchen.

Robert Portbury,
Chairperson
Grounds and Maintenance

SPONSORSHIP REPORT 2019/2020

With today's economic we have had a challenging year with sponsorship. A number of our sponsors were not in a position to support the club and we feel it is a trend that may continue.

The committee of Vicki Pickering, Ron Spencer and myself have explored numerous sponsorship possibilities without success. My thanks to the members who have suggested some possible sponsors.

Even though Joseph O'Loughlin of O'Loughlin Real Estate is no longer a sponsor he gave his time as auctioneer for the cancer morning tea and race caller in the Heatherdale Cup. Tim and Claudia from Worldwide Travel and Cruise have also been strong supporters of the club and have provided some great prizes over and above their sponsorship.

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

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 Club's facilities and helps to keep our fees down.

You could win \$100 in the yearly draw of the sponsor's box; however we need to put any sponsors receipts in the box

Alan Moore

RECRUITMENT 2019/2020

It is all members responsibility to promote the club and assist with obtaining new members.

Up till now it has not been successful.

The best way to recruit new members is for club members to introduce potential members to the club so they can be introduced to bowls.

Recruitment continues to be a major issue for us at Heatherdale. In previous years Bev Morgan has provided her time but this year no-one stood up to give us some new ideas and a fresh approach

It appears that the best method of recruitment is to have members introduce potential members to the club so that they can try bowls.

Thanks to all members who helped out with our try bowls days by getting the word out to local residents and shops by distributing promotional flyers.

Recruiting new members can't be left to specific days throughout the year, it is all members responsibility to promote your Club at every opportunity and assist with obtaining new members.

It is much appreciated if new members are helped and made welcome by all members whenever possible, not only on the green by coaches and players, but also socially in the club room. Your friendliness can ensure they integrate into the club and feel comfortable more quickly

SOCIAL REPORT 2019/2020

Since our last AGM on 15 May 2019 the Social Committee have organised many events throughout the year. Thank you to all Social Committee members and club members who have helped make these events such a success.

Happy Hour on Thursday evenings throughout the year at the Club is popular with a draw for club winner if present at the club or within the grounds. Thanks to Gunter and Joan for their varied trivia questions.

Cancer Morning Tea – 21 May 2019

As per normal this day was a great success. Joseph O'Loughlin auctioneered goods donated by club members for this worthy cause and his witty sense of humour added to the entertainment on the day. Fun was had by all with friends outbidding each other and tables trying to be the biggest spenders. A generous donation was given to the Cancer Council which is such a worthy cause.

Members brought along a plate for morning tea that was enjoyed by all.

Day at The Dogs – 2 June

This was a great day had by all in attendance at Sandown Park. Free bus trip, nibbles, drinks and race tickets- what is there not to like. Thanks Paula for organising this event.

Winter Cabaret – 4 July

Damien Mullen (Elvis) entertainer was a huge hit. He has many followers and in fact we had more people wanting to attend than we could fit into the club room.

The room was beautifully decorated and JBL catering as usual did a great job in providing dinner and sweets.

Club Season Opening Dinner – 30 August

Warren Vardy and band (called Almost a Band) entertained on the night. They were very popular and the band size kept increasing as more entertainers arrived. Nibbles/drinks were provided on arrival for members and JBL provided catering. The band interacted with members and this ensured a fun night was had by all.

Great night to start off the new bowls season.

Cup Eve Dinner (Music Eras Theme) – 4 November at 6.30pm

Social Committee members and Alan Lyons put a great deal into this night by firstly agreeing on a theme for the night, coming up with the fitting jockey background for each particular horse in the program book (which enabled many laughs among the Social Committee members during preparation), also producing flyers and organising catering.

Gunter does a great job in decorating for the event and preparing the very necessary colourful, informative race book.

Paula prepared music trivia quiz questions and asked them on the night. Joseph O'Loughlin was in excellent form and did a great job calling the race without hardly taking a breath.

Ray, Michael, Garry and David Terry kept everyone up to date with the latest info and looked after the winners.

Thanks to the bar members, members serving drinks and nibbles on arrival, others who go to a good deal of trouble to ensure tables are set up to reflect the theme of the night and also clear tables and make sure everything is running smoothly.

This night is very popular and without all the wonderful volunteers on the night it just couldn't happen.

Christmas Dinner – 13 December at 6.30pm

Rod's band (he and his mate) provided great entertainment for this night and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Christmas Raffle – (drawn at Christmas Dinner)

Ladies on the Social Committee bought goods for the Christmas raffle, made up seven great prizes and promoted and sold tickets well in advance and wherever possible prior to it being drawn on Opening Day.

A good profit was made on this raffle so it will happen again next year.

Entertainment Book

Alan suggested selling the Entertainment Book at the Club as some members purchase them online or through other organisations and by selling them this way a percentage would be returned to the Club.

Crazy Whist

Usually held approximately 6 times per year. It is a fun night for members and friends to get together. Thanks to Social Committee members, catering and bar staff who help make these nights a success.

Club Trip Away – 1-4 May

Bev put a lot of work into planning the club trip away to Cobram but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions.

Vicki Pickering

INDOOR BIAS BOWLS REPORT 2019/2020

Our indoor bowls commenced 8th May and was played over 13 weeks. We entered 2 teams. Our players: Margaret Poile, Fiona McNamara, Eileen Aanensen, Phyl Dickens, Lesley Furlong, Paula Corcoran, Babs Elliott, Gail Loidl, Norma Brian, Norm Ryland, Jim Corcoran, Mel Gordon, Arthur Gibson, Lucas Protopapas and we welcomed Graeme White to our Tuesday practices.

At the end of the season our competition was split into Division 1 and Division 2 for finals. Division 1 champions: Gail Loidl, Lucas Protopapas, Fiona McNamara, Margaret Poile (skip). Division 2 champions: Norm Ryland, Paula Corcoran, Mel Gordon, Jim Corcoran (skip). Well done to all our players who helped us get into finals.

Congratulations to our Heatherdale Singles Champions: Ladies – Fiona McNamara, R/U Lesley Furlong. Men's – Jim Corcoran, R/U Norm Ryland.

E.S.I.B.B.A Championships:

Ladies 4's winners Wendy Archer, Margaret Poile, Lynne Walker, Jodie Jones (skip).

Ladies Triples winners Margaret Poile, Lynne Walker, Jodie Jones (skip).

Ladies Champion of Champions winner Jodie Jones, R/U Fiona McNamara.

Ladies Pairs winners Lesley Furlong, Fiona McNamara (skip), R/U Phyl Dickens, Margaret Poile (skip).

Our club was able to host some of the finals. Once again thanks to those who helped (you know who you are) to run these events.

Gill Pegg Cup: It was Eastern Groups turn to host this event with 4 mats played at Doncaster, 3 at Blackburn and 2 at Blackburn RSL. We all enjoyed supper at Blackburn RSL. Eastern Group won the cup from South Group which was very exciting. The last time we won was 2009. Well done to Fiona, Lesley, Eileen, Mel, Paula and Margaret for representing Eastern Group.

Plans are underway for our Groups 50th Birthday Celebrations to be held at Manningham Club on the 3rd of May.

Presentation Dinner was held at Heatherdale with JBL Caterers keeping us well fed. A great night celebrating all awards with 46 people from 7 clubs.

As you can see we have been very busy enjoying our very successful season. Looking forward to season 2020.

Season 2020: V.I.B.B.A Board of Management has suspended all pennant games, social bowls, championships, tournaments and nationals due to the Coronavirus. Hope everyone stays sane and healthy.

Margaret Poile

TRADING TABLE REPORT 2019/2020

It has been a difficult year for the table as with most facets of the Club.

Without a larger volume of members and visitors, sales are down. Taking this in to consideration, I think we have done quite well.

The total amount banked for the year is \$3,500.00.

Thanks again this year to the helpers. Merle Rheumer who knits beautiful baby jackets, the ladies who knit coat hangers, Joan Benson who decorates them. She also looks after our book library, Glenice Piper who is always around to help and Margaret Clark who grows plants.

Many thanks to all.

We now find ourselves in very serious times.

Please, everyone, stay safe, stay isolated and hopefully it won't be too long before we can be back at our Club.

Linda Cobelens

At The Table

ALMONERS REPORT 2019/2020

We write this report during a time of uncertainty where everyone is in isolation because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We are unable to attend the Club for bowls, Happy Hour and Social Events, so communications are not easy.

We have lost a few of our long standing and respected members of the Club over the past year.

Gordon Bain August 2019

David Simcox September 2019

Ron Welsh February 2020

Terry Langham March 2020

Jim Watt April 2020

We have a number of members who have had operations and follow up treatments:

Terry Mallet had a cancer operation and is recovering slowly.

Wendy Standfield had a heart operation in June and a knee operation in November and has recovered well.

Mickey Johnson, Penny Crowe, Joan Coghlan, Joan Smart, Sylvia Stacey and Ivy Davis all had surgery during the year and are recovering well.

Robyn Stephens and Dawn Berner have been in and out of hospital. We hope they are feeling much better.

We hope everyone is coping with staying at home and please stay safe and well.

Meryl and Bert Ellway
Almoners

Since this report was written the Club has lost the following members:

Vic Thek, Graeme Bland, Dawn Berner and Ian Proctor.



Recruitment at Whitehorse Festival



Chicken & Bubbly Day

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