



Bentleigh Bowling Club



NEWSLETTER— OCTOBER 2021

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Here we are in October already, the year just seems to be flying by. The good news is that we have been able to get back on the greens for some well-earned socialization. Watch this space for more information on getting down to the club this Friday. With the pennant season likely to kick off on 13 November – less than a month away - I would encourage members get in some practice. If you haven't provided your proof of vaccination can you please do so urgently. Bowls Victoria have now updated their conditions of play and attendance at the club and bowling is only open to fully vaccinated persons. On a final note, when attending the club, we need to be mindful of the current restrictions as advertised by Bowls Vic. You can visit the link below for the guidelines. Our club has also provided guidance for those attending the club premises - **under no circumstances** are you able to bring your own alcohol to the club. Under the liquor licensing guidelines even having an unopened stubby constitutes a breach of our licensing conditions and may cause us a financial penalty or restriction and possible loss of our liquor license. Thank you for your understanding.

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Bowls-Victoria-return-to-bowls-guidelines-22-October-2021.pdf>

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The Roof:

The roof works are almost complete, eliminating the leaks that were causing damage to the club rooms. The next step for us will be to consult with members on what the longer-term façade and roof solutions will look like.



The Hall:

The Hall renovation is nearly complete. The new sound system is now fully operational. I am so proud of the speed in which this was achieved and the many hours of volunteer work that were spent getting the job done. I secretly think that Rob Fisher was in his element picking out the new speakers. I hear that the “dooff dooff” can now be heard clearly all the way to the back of the greens.

The Sprinkler System:

The new sprinkler system is also fully operational. The new pipes around the 2 grass greens are now guaranteeing the required flow of water to the new sprinklers. Thanks to Rob for his many months of investigating the best options available to us without spending a fortune. In the end, it was decided to move ahead with a complete overhaul ensuring the health of the greens for decades to come.

The Kitchen:

After an extensive review of the kitchen, it was decided that we needed to address some areas that would not pass muster under the most basic health standards. These included the ceiling and wall surfaces along with the floor coverings, not to mention the state of the small room at the back of the kitchen. A big thank you to Greg who, with the help of John Hayes and Harold Laver, painted the whole kitchen, with work from Chris Green on tiles and John Simpson (Simo) on cabinets. Thanks to Ros Izod and Jude Stammers for their creative input to ensure that the kitchen is functional to our needs. We have removed the old fridge. Apparently, the legs underneath were so rusted that it was amazing it hadn't fallen over. I will miss the old clunker. I am pleased we were able to recycle the kitchen fridge as it was not being utilised where it was.

RENOVATIONS UPDATE CONT...

BBQ Area:

Work has progressed on upgrading the BBQ facilities at the Jasper Road end of the club. The old BBQ shed has been demolished making way for a ramp that will provide disabled and machinery access between the carpark and the bottom greens. The BBQ area itself will be re-located to the shed nearest the cottage on the Tucker Road boarder. There will be a second outdoor BBQ area along the fence that borders the cottage. The smoking area is to be re-located to the old sand pit area beside the “Dougie” Lighting and seating will be provided, ensuring a safe area for our smoking members and guests.

The lawn area is being levelled and a retaining wall has been installed. Soil backfill and surface levelling to re-establish the grass is still to be undertaken. Handrails down the edge of the ramp and around the edges are still to be installed. A big shout out to Greg Fidler and his band of volunteers including Alan Walker, Trevor Hanby, Chris Michell, Crumpy and Mark McLean who have nearly completed the wall in 4 days; and to Harold Laver, Garry Waldron and Tony Tesoriero who have each given their time to help out.

When you visit the club for practice you might notice a great pile of dirt at the end of the carpark. Crumpy negotiated to have this delivered to us for free – a construction company was looking to get rid of some clean fill. Great work Crumpy!

The concreting for the ramp and slabs is due next Saturday weather permitting, carpark access will be restricted on the Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd October, please park out the front and use the entrance nearest the playground so that we can maintain a safe work place.

COACH UPDATE

We had a very successful couple of virtual training sessions that were well attended. With resumption of practice down at the club, we will now close off this series.

If you are looking for a more personal coaching experience, both David Willey and Peter Blee will be at the club on a Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Simply book a rink at our www.bentleighbowlo.com.au website and join in the fun.

Looking to increase your knowledge of bowls ? Then check our Coach’s Corner <https://bentleighbowlingclub.bowls.com.au/coachs-corner/> websites to view Coach’s Corner articles on green practice drills and videos.

The club has also invested in 2 new bowling arms and a third has been donated by Peter Blee. If you are interested in transitioning to an arm, please let our coaching staff know and they can work with you on the best options. The arms we have are different sizes and designs. It gives you an opportunity to try before you buy.

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WHAT’S COMING UP

What great news from Sunday’s Roadmap announcements, we are on track to resume weekend pennant on 13 November 2021. You can review the draw here [BV-Metro-Weekend-Pennant-Draw-2021-22-V2.pdf \(bowlsvic.org.au\)](https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/BV-Metro-Weekend-Pennant-Draw-2021-22-V2.pdf) If you haven’t already done so, could you please contact selectors to let them know your availability for weekend pennant. You can reach out to Alan at alanfb28341@hotmail.com or text 0490793091. For Tuesday, please contact Ros at rosaiz19@hotmail.com or text on 0409 790 498.

At this stage, the Victorian Roadmap indicates that we can have 50 people outdoors and 20 people indoors from Friday 22nd October. As we get clearer information on the finer details, I will provide follow up guidance via email.



SANDBELT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A word from our Sandbelt Delegates Jude & Marg

Bowls Vic are anticipating the resumption of pennant commencing 13 November and have deferred the State Champions Week to April-May. On that basis, Sandbelt Bowls Region have completely revised the Region Championships schedule. Please see the links below for all the details.

For those that enter these events each year, you will notice some slight changes to the construction of the schedule:

- Over 60 events will be played Mon, Wed and Fri
- Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles are allocated two consecutive Sundays each, allowing four rounds to be completed. If extra rounds are required, we have set aside two Finals Days (Sun 13 Mar and Sat 2 Apr) which should be considered nominated playing dates for each of those events.
- The Mixed Pairs will also make use of the Finals Days if necessary
- The Champion of Champions Singles will be held after the completion of the pennant finals

<https://sandbelt.bowls.com.au/competitions-events/sandbelt-championships-sandbelt-bowls-region/>



HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

This month there is a long list of people who have contributed their time and energies for the betterment of the club. It takes a village and I know that I will have missed people that have contributed - I thank you all named and unnamed!. When we can get back to the club, I am sure that we will be hearing from Mr Walker on the next working bee.

Pat Tempini – what a wonderful job he has done painting the brick wall that borders the park side of the top green. And thank you also to Peter Blee who provided assistance to Patty!

Chris Green, Robert Fisher, Greg Fidler - for spearheading the renovation of the club and generously donating their time.

Alan Walker, Trevor Hanby, Mark McLean, Harold Laver, Crumpy, Garry Waldron and Tony Tesoriero - on the BBQ area and contributing to other projects underway.

David Young, Chris Michell, Barb Cruickshank and Jude Stammers - for maintaining the gardens and surrounds in such great condition and Ros Izod and Wendy for spending an afternoon spraying roses to get rid of the aphids. I understand they used Barb's secret aphid killing recipe.

TRAINING

The club is organizing some practice matches to be held on Saturday, kicking off at 1PM. The format will most likely be the Bentleigh 1 V Bentleigh 2. We will combine the Bentleigh 3, 4 & 5 to form a second match. No need to wear uniform. To participate in the practice matches you have to be fully vaccinated. If you haven't already provided your digital certificate to either the bentleighbowling@bigpond.com or to Jude Stammers on 0413 232 675 please do so urgently.

We would encourage your participation in the practice matches as there is only a few weeks until the pennant season starts. Could you please put your availability to Chris Clegg at clegg@bigpond.net.au or text to 0414 655 294

PHOTOS!





