



# Bentleigh Bowling Club



## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2021

It's great to see the pennant season in full swing and the festive season upon us. There are a couple of things that I would like your help with! Tonight we have David Chippindall, the Chief Operating Officer of the Melbourne Football Club, popping in for a visit. So come on down and show David a warm Bentleigh Bowling Club welcome on the night. Heathy is planning a BBQ and we will have the usual raffle and members' draw. A reminder that the Christmas Party will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> December after the last pennant match for 2021.

### RENOVATIONS UPDATE

#### **The Hall:**

The Hall renovation is now complete and the result is stunning! All the tables and chairs have been inspected and repaired so as not to cause damage to the newly polished floor. If you are moving furniture around, please don't drag them across the floor. Get someone to help and lift the tables to move them. This way we will be able to keep that newly polished look much longer.

#### **The Kitchen:**

The kitchen refurbishment is nearing completion with the installation of the stainless steel benchtops and splash-backs. The pie warmers will be fitted into the cabinetry shortly and an air-conditioner installed very soon.

At this stage we have not progressed with a double sink, but this may be a consideration in the future.

#### **BBQ Area:**

How good does this area look? There has been lots of work put in to turn this previously underutilized patch of grass into a functional BBQ and entertainment space.

The old storage shed is being transformed with a new roof, proper paneling on the walls, vinyl flooring and a roller door. A sink and bench will be installed along with the provision of other moveable benches.

We are currently looking at the best type of outdoor furniture to purchase, with the consideration of them being moveable and something that won't damage the grass.



## **Solar Panels:**

You may have noticed that the Solar Panels have been delivered. The date for installation has not been fixed yet, but hopefully some-time early in the new year we will have them installed and we will be doing our bit to help the environment.

## **COACH UPDATE**

David has recently been running some small group training sessions and I have received some great feedback. Talk to David if you would like some coaching and work out a time that is mutually acceptable.

Remember to also check the whiteboard when attending training on Thursday, depending on what division you are playing in there are directions on what type of green you should practice on e.g. if you're playing away on a grass green then practice on the grass green.

The club now has about 5 bowling arms available for loan at the club house. Contact Peter Blee if you would like to try one out and maybe even get a lesson.

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.

## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

TONIGHT! 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Visit from Melbourne Football Club COO – David Chippindall. We are working with MCC on how we can assist members of the Bentleigh Club to transition some of their members to our club. MCC made a commitment to their members that when the BC closes that they will find alternate venues for members to gather and of course to transition some of the memorabilia. It is early days, but a big show of support on the night from our members would be greatly appreciated! To celebrate there will be a 3 X \$100 member draws.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – The Christmas Party – we are kicking off straight after pennant finishes, so no need to go home and change. Nibbles will be provided early, followed by Pizza around 7ish. Craig the DJ will be spinning a few hits to keep us entertained.

24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Christmas Eve at the Club – Will Skinny Santa make an appearance, be there and find out?

## **SANDBELT REGIONAL UPDATES**

### **A word from our Sandbelt Delegates Jude & Marg**

Sandbelt Championships are well under way. Please visit the link below to see the schedule of events:

[Championships-Event-Schedule-2021-22-v3.0.pdf \(bowls.com.au\)](#)

We can also nominate up to 2 players to try out for the Men's team that will represent Sandbelt in the Bowls Victoria Regional Sides Championships for 2022. The Regionals will be played in Moama from

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The deadline for us to submit names is 15<sup>th</sup> December. 24 players will be selected from those that nominate to go to trials in late January. The location is still to be determined.

Expressions of Interest are now being taken for the Women's team as well. They will also be playing at Moama on the same dates as the Men's. Selection Trials will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at Edithvale. Please contact either Jude or Marg if you are interested in putting your name down.

Remember to log into your Bowlslink account and update your details. It is important if you want to enter any BowlsVic events as these are now run through the Bowlslink.

The Sandbelt Region Board is running CPR/Defib courses early in the new year. They have offered to pay for 1 member of each club in the region to attend this course. A second member can also attend but will not be certified. There are additional paid places available at a cost of \$50 per person. If you are interested please let me know so that I can make the appropriate nominations.

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

We received a note from Shirley Lehtinen thanking the club for the cards and flowers sent to her mother Mavis Roberts on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mavis has been a member of the Bentleigh Bowling Club for over 50 years.

Check out the article on the ABC Website regarding "Women in Bowls".

[Natasha Van Eldik is one of Australia's best at bowls, but not all women have felt welcome on the green - ABC News](#)

Thank you to all of you that turned out for the working bee last month. Many hands made light work! With an early finish and a cold beer, most tasks were completed.

Pat Tempini – once again, a big shout out to Pat for painting the building that now houses the new BBQ area and the old men's toilets. He had a few helpers on working bee day but finished it up beautifully a few days later.

Greg Fidler, Rob Fisher and Gary Crump - for their continued efforts in finishing up most of our big projects before Christmas.

There are so many others that helped out day in and day out. It amazes me the amount of people who give so generously of their time to make a difference. PS the flowers at the front entrance look beautiful. To the person that made that area look really lovely a big thank you!

Many thanks to Darren Morris who helped out a number of members couldn't get to the barber during lockdown. Darren who is fairly handy with the clippers trimmed up a storm (of hair) on the first Saturday back at the club. A few pictures of the end result are included.



PHOTOS!





