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Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2017

Victorian Open

The Vic Open has again been run, and won, and some would say it was, arguably, our best yet. There were a record number of entrants, close to 1500, and this expected to increase again next year. The City of Greater Shepparton report that the financial benefit to the City was in the order of 2 million dollars. This money was spent in the town in shops, pubs, accommodation, etc. A huge thanks, once again, to our many hard-working volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the event. A special thank you must go to the following people.

- Ben and his band of helpers for the greens, and surrounds, during the Open. There were many favourable comments during the event.
- Bill Chilcott, Peter Matthews, Stan Hester and Sandra Wallace In the Tournament office and Wes Gibbs and Stan on the microphone.
- Marg Stibbard and Di Hands for their work on organising and running the Major raffle.
- Alan Doble, Murray Phillips and their band of helpers for the great work on the BBQ.
- Marg Keen and her hard-working band of helpers for their work in feeding the masses.
- Glenn Edwards and bar staff for a great effort over long hours.
- David Slingo and Jeff Boyle for arranging the Markers/ Scoreboard team and to all members who umpired, marked or kept scoreboards up to date.
- Flo and Kath for their cleaning efforts and for their extra duties on the busy days.

- Well done to all Ladies who manned the trading table during the Open.
- A huge well done to the large number of members who turned up to setup and take down the show rink on the Rose Green.

Once again, a huge effort from all involved to carry off another very successful Victorian Open. The Open will continue at our Club next year, with it's future after that to be determined.

It is a huge ask on our members and we would ask if ALL members could consider giving a small amount of their time to assist in future.

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Housekeeping on the Greens

We would appeal to members to keep their language under control at all times on the greens. Sustained bad language can not, and will not, be tolerated.

We would also ask that bowlers do not throw the mats at the bank from a great distance, and with force. This practice has resulted in a number of broken rink markers. We thank all for their cooperation.

Bowls

The Pennant season is well advanced, and, all of our Midweek and Saturday teams are competitive and most are well placed on their respective ladders. All bowlers should take the break as a chance to "freshen up" and come back with renewed form and enthusiasm for the run into Bowls finals.

Happy Birthday

Elsa Antonella, Graham Ball, Graham Cross, Alan Doble, Flo Holland, Darren Kelly, Bob Kleinitz, Faye Matthews, Glenice Mawson, Frances Merkel, Joy O'Donnell, Ray Phillips, Sheryle Robertson, Jim Shanahan, Esma Todd, Frank Watson.

Happy Birthday to you all.

Birds

The Club has a major problem on our Rose Green with birds. They are nesting in the structure and treating the building as their playground. Does any member, or their friends and associates, have any answer to this problem?

The Club has tried many things but nothing has solved the problem. Any sensible suggestion will be considered. Please contact Rob Thorne, Ray Phillips or Bill Gullick if you have any solution.

Newsletter

A very brief newsletter this month due to time constraints. I will put out a newsletter in early January to get everyone up to speed as we resume the season.

Board Chairman Stan, and all Board members would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and healthy Christmas And a safe and prosperous New Year

Dear Valued Member,

Keen to keep members informed with timely, relevant and interesting information about Bowls in Victoria we are excited to announce that we will soon launch a new fortnightly e-newsletter.

The new e-newsletter will make it easy for members to keep up-to-date with everything they need to know about results, upcoming events and news from across the state and all levels of the sport from grassroots to elite. This e-newsletter, in a format that will take us into the future, will replace both the weekly bulletin email and *The Shot* hard copy and digital editions.

Bowls Victoria made the difficult decision to cease production of *The Shot* magazine with the May issue as it is clear that it is not meeting the needs of our members, the cost of production and printing is unsustainable and the information is often out of date before it reaches you.

To ensure you don't miss out on receiving your fortnightly edition of the new Bowls Victoria e-newsletter, visit www.bowlsvic.org.au and subscribe with your email address. Sign up to the mailing list by 31 July 2015 for a chance to be in the running to win a \$200 Coles Myer voucher*. **Bowls Victoria respects your privacy and will not pass on your email address to any other parties.**

We look forward to your continuing readership of the Bowls Victoria e-newsletter, all about Bowls in Victoria and beyond.

Warm regards,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE