



# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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## August 2017 Newsletter

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

#### August / September 2017

September 10 Club opening day in  
Conjunction with RSL 1pm  
September 12 Women's 2 bowl  
Triples tournament 9.30am

#### Ongoing bowls

Tuesday's Ladies 4's  
Contact: Bev Cahill  
0408313872

Thursday's Men's 4's  
Contact: Ross Higgins  
0408580111  
Doug Freeman  
0413884637

Friday's Ladies Pairs  
Contact: Marg Stibbard  
0488595210

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#### Thank you

A huge "thank you" to our Chairman,  
Wes Gibbs, for organising our working  
bees at RSL Bowls Club to salvage  
their carpet.

The working bees were well attended  
under very trying conditions on the  
Monday.

Thank you to all for working so hard!!!

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#### Working bees

Over the next few weeks we will be  
holding working bees on Monday  
mornings starting at 8.30 to 9am.  
We have salvaged a large quantity of  
carpet from the RSL bowling green,  
and, under the guidance of Rob Thorne  
this will be used to repair/replace the  
badly worn carpet at the Southern end  
of the Foundation Green.

If any members are able to help out in  
this work it would be greatly  
appreciated.

#### Greens

Rob Thorne and Ray Phillips will look  
after our greens over the upcoming  
season.

Rob and Ray will attend to the more  
technical areas of greenkeeping i.e.  
spraying, fertilising, mowing,  
grooming, watering, etc.

We are looking for interested members  
to join the hard-working greens  
committee to assist with work around  
the greens, such as, rolling, watering,  
line marking, etc. Training will be  
provided.

We are also seeking members who  
may be able to assist in looking after  
the Rose Green. Rob and Ray will not  
have the time to do this work as well.  
The weekly Friday roster for mowing  
and tidying the green surrounds will  
continue to operate.

Any member who has an interest in  
helping out around the greens please  
make yourself known to Ray or Rob.

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#### 60 & Over Bowls

The ladies, and men's 60 & Over will  
be commencing soon.

If you would like to join the 60 & Over  
brigade please call:-

Ladies: Moira Smith 0400231508

Men: Jim Broadbent 58217152  
0427217152

You will travel to the various clubs  
around the district and enjoy a great,  
fun, day of bowls in a very friendly  
spirit.

You are usually back in Shepparton by  
3pm.

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#### Jarryd Tinning

Jarryd has been selected in a Victorian  
Country squad to play the South Aust.  
Reserves side in Mildura on August  
11-13. Well done and good luck  
Jarryd.

#### RSL agreement

A sharing agreement has recently been  
signed with the RSL Bowls Club to  
use our facilities.

The RSL have been holding their  
Sunday morning social bowls for  
several weeks now and it has been  
pleasing to see a growing attendance  
with a number of our bowlers enjoying  
the event.

We would like all members to make  
the RSL members most welcome. No  
doubt there will be issues that arise as  
we go along. No problem is  
insurmountable and we will have  
regular meetings with the RSL to sort  
out any problems/issues as they arise.  
The Board are very happy to have RSL  
with us and hopefully they will prosper  
with this opportunity.

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#### Edna Harling

Congratulations to our esteemed Life  
Member, Edna Harling, on her recent  
induction into the inaugural Greater  
Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame.

A wonderful achievement after a  
fantastic bowls career.

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#### Birthdays

*Peter Borthwick, Brenda Brodie, Doug  
Cross, Melissa Fear, Wes Gibbs, Lyn  
Hindmarsh, Kelvin Ivers, Ken Martyn,  
John Priestley, Shirley Sinclair, Judi  
Smith, Marg Thorne, Anthony Tinkler,  
Tanya Warren.*

**Happy Birthday to you all.**

#### Pennant

With the pennant season fast  
approaching, any member who has not  
yet indicated their intention to play  
pennant please do so to the selectors.

## **Pennant Practice Matches**

The following pennant practice matches have been arranged.

7/10/17 at Benalla. Entries close 1/10/17.  
Bus leaves at 11am—there will be a charge for the bus. BBQ at 12noon.

14/10/17 at Shepparton Park V Golden Square  
Entries close 7/10/17.  
BBQ at 12noon—free for visitors.

There are lists in the foyer—please add your name if you would like a pennant warm-up against good opposition. There will also likely be a practise match/matches against RSL. Details as we proceed.

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## **Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon**

The Club will be holding a Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon on Tuesday 7th November.  
The day will include a short game of bowls followed by a catered luncheon, and sweets. At a cost of \$25 per head. Drinks at bar prices.  
There will be sweeps, raffles and lots of fun for everyone. More details, and an attendance sheet will be on the notice board in due course.

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## **Heating, Cooling, Lighting**

In an attempt to control rising energy costs, we would ask all members to assist in helping us to keep costs down by taking the following actions:-

- \* only turn on the lighting necessary to complete your task inside the Club rooms.
- \* only turn on the lights, on the Rose Green, on the Rinks you are using.
- \* the gas heating, on the Rose Green, is very expensive, and, is arguably ineffective. Please only turn it on if it is absolutely necessary .

On several occasions recently the heating inside the clubrooms has been left on all night.  
We would ask ALL members to make sure ALL lighting, heating, and cooling is turned off before you leave the club. Signs have been placed on the Club's doors, at eye level, in an attempt to remind members of this.  
We have also applied for a pre-approval to apply for a grant to update all our lighting to high efficiency LED lighting.  
We hope this will be successful.

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## **Pennant**

The Bowls Committee have taken the decision to withdraw one of our Division 5 teams from Weekend Pennant. The selectors have tried to contact every bowler, and, the numbers are just not there.

## **RSA / Bar certificates**

The Club is looking for members who may be interested in helping with bar duty. If we can get 8 or 10 willing people, Male or Female, we will be able to organise a RSA course to obtain the qualifications.  
The RSA course takes about 4 hours to complete, and, could possibly be held at Shepparton Park one evening. With the RSL Bowls Club now using our facilities the bar will be busier than ever. We need to share the load on our volunteers, and, if we can get a good number of volunteers, everyone on the roster will only need to do bar duty on a few occasions throughout the season.  
Please help if you can.

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## **Victorian Open**

The Victorian Open is fast approaching, November 18-24 is the time.  
Once again we will be seeking the help of ALL members to take on the many jobs required for this event. Entry to the Victorian Open events is now open and full details will be available on the Bowls Victoria website. ([www.bowlsvic.org.au](http://www.bowlsvic.org.au))

We are unaware as to whether our Club will be offered a further term as hosts of the Victorian Open. If we are, we will have to use this years event as a "test case" as to whether we have enough people prepared to put their hand up to complete the huge workload required for the event. We know that many of our members do a huge amount of work during the Open week. If we were to host the Open for a further 2 or 3 years would that still be the case in 2 or 3 years time.  
As you are all aware we have an ageing membership base and a number of people with medical ailments, away on holidays, etc, etc.  
Please consider your availability and commitment to the Victorian Open. If many people can only do 1 shift for the week it would help enormously.

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## **Bowling arms**

If you think you need a bowlers arm please obtain a Doctors certificate and hand this to the Secretary. The application will take a week to ten days for approval. There are arms available at the Club for loan and practice. Please leave these arms at the Club, after your practice.

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## **Shepparton Show Me**

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our application for funding for the Victoria Open. This was probably understandable as they have supported us for a number of years. We will look elsewhere for funds.