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November 2017 Newsletter

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

November 2017

Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs

Contact: Ross Higgins

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Doug Freeman

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Friday's Ladies Pairs

Contact: Marg Stibbard

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Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 15, fully catered with entertainment provided.

\$25 per head.

Names on the list please.

Victorian Open

The Open is fast approaching and Bowls Victoria have a world record 1672 entrants.

We would ask all Club members to put their hands up for some of the many jobs that will be required by our members.

Raffle books have been circulated and it would be great if all members could sell their allotted tickets and return the book and cash ASAP.

Club Booklets

If there are any spelling mistakes or your contact details are wrong please tell the Secretary **NOW** so that it can be amended for next year.

Vic Open Raffle

Can all members please return their raffle books, preferably sold, or unsold to Marg Stibbard ASAP.

Thank you.

Greens Report

Due to the hard work put in by Ray Phillips, Rob Thorne and helpers, the greens are looking very good.

The Rose Green has had a shampoo and been rolled in readiness for the Vic. Open. Whilst on the subject of the carpet green, the Greens committee has found several divots at each end and others at around the 5m to 6m area, these can only occur by players **DROPPING BOWLS** from the bank and **DUMPING** their **BOWLS** during play and practice.

It is up to every player to be vigilant and report any such instances to the Greens Keeper or greens committee members. The Club has bowling arms to assist players who are having problems in this part of their play. The Club also have **DUMP MATS** which will be issued to those players who fail to comply with this **RULE** as it is unfair to other bowlers who expect to play on unspoiled surfaces.

The carpet is very expensive to replace and if treated properly will last for years to come.

The netting around the Rose Green is moderately successful at this stage, the real test will come when the hotter weather arrives.

Members may have noticed that the carpet in front of the clubhouse has been replaced. Rob has done a very neat job.

Finally Bill's gardens are looking very healthy and in wonderful order.

Murray Phillips

Greens Director

LED lighting

The committee are still working on updating the Rose Green lighting to LED's We hope to have some exciting news to announce shortly.

Victorian Open

The 2017 Vic. Open will commence this Saturday 18 November and finish on Friday 24 November.

There will be no Pennant, Club or Social bowls during this time. Weekend pennant will resume on Saturday 25 November. This will mean that following the conclusion of the Vic Open on Friday evening we will require **EVERY** possible member to assist with the cleanup as we have 5 teams at home on Saturday. Every green and the carpet will be in use on that day.

There are rosters in the Clubhouse for all of the various duties during the Vic. Open. We have rosters for the kitchen (see Marg Keen), Markers and scoreboard attendants, bar and BBQ.

Please check these rosters to see if you have some duties. If your name is not there please report to Marg Keen, Glenn Edwards or Murray Phillips and I am sure they will be happy to fit you in.

Microphone system

The Club has recently purchased 2 new microphones to replace our extremely frustrating old ones. Despite some teething problems we believe that we are getting the hang of them, and, we trust they will perform up to expectations during the Open.

The after pennant meals on Saturday evenings are still running.