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## January 2018 Newsletter

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

### Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's 2x2 pairs  
Contact: Ross Higgins  
0408580111  
Doug Freeman  
0413884637

Friday's Ladies Pairs  
Contact: Marg Stibbard  
0488595210

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### Upcoming events:

Progressive Dinner.  
When: Friday 2nd February.  
Meet: Bowls Club carpark.  
Time: 6pm sharp.  
Cost \$25 per person.  
Money upfront—first to pay get seats on the bus.  
Money in envelope (named ) in club letterbox and add your name to list on outside notice board.  
Includes nibbles, spit roast, sweets and bus.  
Bring own drinks for first and main course.

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### 5 a side tournament

The popular 5 a side tournament will be held on Thursday 8 February.  
\$1600 prize money.  
\$100 per team entry  
Includes lunch and afternoon tea.  
Limited to 22 teams—19 on the list already. BE QUICK.

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### Lighting

The lighting on the Rose Green, and, the fluorescent lights inside the clubrooms, have been updated to the latest LED energy efficient lighting.

Once again, we saw a wonderful effort from our volunteers, who turned up in their numbers, to move the protective boards on the floor, and, then push the elevated tower from light to light.

We thank our partners in this venture, L&H Auslec, Specialised Lighting Solutions (SLS) and the electricians who completed the job, Norvec.

We thank everyone involved, particularly our members, who always turn up to do the 'hard yards' when required.

The electricians were so impressed with our help that they have offered to do a \$400 /\$500 job for the Club for FREE.

We will negotiate on this.

## Thank You All.

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### Club games

The following club games are still to be played.

Drawn Pairs closes 1/2/2018  
2 entries only.

Drawn Triples closed 1/1/2018  
3 entries only.

Entries for drawn triples have been extended until 31/1/18.

This is an honour board event.  
Enter NOW.

### Duty Teams

For every home pennant game, Midweek and Saturday, a "duty team" will be named on the team selection sheet.

The duty team duties are as follows:

- \* remove and stack all scoreboards in front of the greenkeepers shed.
- \* collect the flags on the 4 corners of the grass greens and put them in the shed.
- \* take down the flags in front of the clubhouse and put them in the office.
- \* put the umpires equipment in the office.
- \* make sure all mats and kitties are collected.

These duties are not being performed, on all occasions, and we ask that all bowlers check to see if they are in the duty team, and, if so, complete the duty. Thank you all.

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### Communications with members

The Board have been concerned about our ability to communicate quickly with members, in the event that a quick response is needed. We are going to trial a new SMS system that will enable us to forward a short, concise message to our members via their Mobile phone.

Could any member who may have a new phone, mobile, email address please advise the Secretary or Treasurer. Thank you.

## GVBD Heat Rule

With the extreme weather this weekend it is appropriate to remind all pennant bowlers of the current heat rule for our bowls division.

There is ONE heat rule for Midweek and Saturday competitions across all divisions.

It is 39degrees across all divisions.

When 40degrees, or above, is forecast on Win TV news ( 6pm Monday to Friday ) on the night before, all pennant matches for the following day will be cancelled.

Please ensure it is Win News, only, that you watch to get the forecast, as others may vary.

With the cancellation of bowls on 20/1/2018 there are only 4 games remaining in both Midweek and Saturday pennant.

There is a general bye on Saturday 27 January as it is the Australia Day long weekend.

All teams will need to put their best feet forward in the race to the finals.

## Good luck to all teams

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## Club Sponsors

Members will have noticed the newish sponsors board in the clubrooms. Our sponsors provide valuable support to our Club and we would ask all members to give them your consideration when making your purchasing decisions. If you decide to use a sponsor for your purchase please let them know that you are a member of Shepparton Park.

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## Club Defibrillator

The Clubs Defib machine, currently kept in the front members lounge, will be moved to a more accessible point within the club house.

On several occasions during the Vic Open the door to the lounge was locked and the Defib machine could not be accessed, if required.

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## Victorian Open 2018 onwards

We have no advice yet as to whether we will again conduct the Vic Open in 2018 and beyond.

Members will be informed when a decision is relayed to us.

## Night Pennant

The Wednesday night pennant competition will resume on Wednesday 7 February.

We are struggling for numbers to make this a viable competition. If any member would like to come and have a fun, social game of 3 bowl triples please let Rob Thorne (0418576107) know you are available. It is the best time of the year to bowl in the evening and you will be able to play under our wonderful new lights.

I believe it will only be a short, sharp season and there are no late nights.

Please come down and help keep this vital competition going.

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## Charity Day

The Club is looking for members who are willing to put their hand up to join the Committee for the St Patricks Charity Day to be held on Thursday March 15.

This is always a very popular event and last year over \$6000 was raised for Shepparton Food Share.

If you have a bit of time to offer please advise Chairman Wes or Secretary Bill and we will keep a list of those names.

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## Bowlers Arms

Just a reminder that the Club has a number of Bowlers arms available for any bowlers who thinks they may need to move to an arm.

If you intend to play with an arm you will need to obtain an official approval card from Bowls Victoria. This will require you to get a certificate from your Doctor stating that the arm is required.

When you have this certificate please see the Secretary who will forward an application to Bowls Victoria.

It usually takes a week to 10 days.

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## NBN

Jim Shanahan has arranged for the NBN to be connected—this may take some weeks.

Advice of pennant results may change if we lose our Fax. This may not affect this season. We will keep Team Managers, etc. informed.