



# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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Newsletter

**Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2020**

## Ongoing bowls

### Tuesday

Ladies 4's. Very popular event.  
BYO lunch.  
Contact Bev Cahill  
0408313872

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### Thursday Open 4's—Winter only.

Starts 10.30am  
Names on the list. Pie/Pastie lunch.  
Contact: Ross Higgins  
0408580111  
Doug Freeman  
0413884637

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### Friday Mixed 2 bowl triples

Starts 11am. \$36 per team.  
Soup/ Hot dog lunch.  
Great, social day.  
Contact Marg Stibbard  
0488595210

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### Keys

The Board believes that there are many, many keys to our gates, and maybe to the clubrooms, out and about in our past and present members and non members hands. It would be good if we could retrieve some of these keys. If any member has club keys in their possession that they no longer need please return them to the Secretary. We have investigated changing the gate locks / keys but the cost of doing so runs into the several thousands.

## Rose Green Carpet

Repairs to the Rose Green carpet were scheduled to commence on May 27. Upon inspection of our carpet the decision was taken to not proceed with the lift the whole carpet, repair the under surface, and replace the carpet scenario. Our carpet is ageing and has had plenty of use over the years. The experts felt that they may not be able to restretch the carpet once the repairs had been completed.

The carpet has lost its stretchability and may have torn upon being stretched. Some repairs were undertaken to a couple of the worst areas.

It was not worth the risk of losing the carpet now and having to replace it immediately.

The experts believe it has about 2 years of life after which the full replacement will be undertaken. In line with all of the above we have been advised to no longer dry vacuum the carpet. The Board have recently approved the purchase of a more powerful, robust blower, and this should be in use very soon.

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## Eftpos

We have recently installed an Eftpos machine in the bar. There has been a reasonable demand for this facility especially during the Victorian Open and when we have visitors at our club. The minimum purchase on the Eftpos is \$10 and the maximum cash out is \$50.

The machine will be available for members to pay their subs ( only when the bar is open ) and some members have taken advantage of this facility already.

## Annual Subscriptions

Accounts for our annual subs. have recently been handed to, or posted to our members.

The decision was taken to increase our annual fee for affiliated members by \$10 to \$175. This increase was made to cover increasing costs, particularly costs passed onto us by the City of Greater Shepparton. These include large increases in insurance and water usage costs. Our building is also getting to an age where maintenance costs will increase. I believe this will be the first subscription increase for 4 years. The Board also made the decision to decrease the fee for Social members from \$50 to \$25 with no free first year.

Over the last few years we have signed up a lot of new social members as the first year was free. Once these members received an account for \$50 for the second year very, very few would remain as members.

We hope this change will encourage more Social members to remain with us, and convert to fully affiliated members in due course.

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## Sponsorship Manager

Keith Dudley has been good enough to take on the very important role of Sponsorship Manager.

Keith and Cathy are currently away on holidays, and once they return we will talk to Keith to see what ideas he has in this area.

## **Outdoor Shelters**

The East Shepparton Bowls Club have been good enough to offer us a number of their shelters as they are no longer required by them. Their new undercover facility is about to be built, and, the shelters are in the way.

Once we retrieve the shelters we hope to instal them on the Western side of the Members Green to provide shelter, mainly for our Thursday Pairs Summer bowls. The Board are also hopeful of meeting with the East Shepparton management once their new facility is up and running.

We believe this could have substantial benefit to both of our clubs insofar as co-ordinating tournaments and club bowls days and trying to attract, and keep, more and bigger bowls events in the town.

We thank East Shepparton for their generosity.

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## **Bowls Coaching sessions**

Paul Nichols is back with his very popular Saturday coaching sessions. All members are encouraged to come along on Saturday morning at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. Sessions will finish at 12noon.

Please bring 4 bowls as you may need them.

These sessions were very popular and well received last year, and, we believe that many bowlers skills improved markedly.

Paul always provides an enjoyable, and fun, training session with many new drills and activities.

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## **Volunteers at the Club**

As we approach the next bowls season the Club is on the look out for some new volunteers to help out around the place and lighten the load on our hard working existing volunteers.

We will be looking for some more members to help around the greens. Bill Probst has retired after maintaining our surrounding gardens for many years. Our Friday morning mowing roster has always worked very well, and, instead of 2 members being rostered we may add a 3rd member to this roster to weed, tidy and water our surrounding gardens for about 1 hour. This is always a good morning as you will work for about an hour or so, and then have a coffee/tea and spin a bit of \*\*\*\* with the boys.

The Club is also looking for a few more people to assist the booking officer with the running of events and functions.

Usually our catering and bar staff will be rostered for these events and we just need 1 or 2 more people to welcome visitors to the club, set up bowls, and tidy up .

The wonderful facilities at our club do not 'just happen' We need more helpers. Please consider.

## **Greens and Green keeping**

Rob Thorne has agreed to stay on as our green keeper for one more year. During this period he will train and mentor a new green keeper in the art of greens management.

This proposal is still to have final Board approval, but, once this is in place the new arrangement will commence when work starts to bring the greens up to bowls standard towards the end of August.

We thank Rob and our new green keeper in training for their commitment to this extremely important part of our whole club.

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## **Bits and Pieces**

### **BPL Cup**

The BPL Cup will once again be held at our Club on Saturday 13 July at 10am. Members can still enter a team if they wish. We have 3 Shepparton Park Teams entered at this time.

Games are now sectional, not knock out, as previously.

### **RSL Bowls Club**

At this time the RSL Bowls Club will once again share our facilities. Please make them welcome as always.

### **New members**

Several new members are joining our club, and, we are hopeful there will be more before the season commences.

Please make them welcome at our club. We must continue to grow our membership base.

### **Booklet**

The Secretary is working on the new club booklet. If any member has updated their details, phone, or removing home phone, mobile number, change of email address, etc. please advise the secretary ASAP.

### **NRDBA Tour Group**

Just another reminder that a group of bowlers from the Northern Rivers of NSW will be visiting our club on Monday 21 October. There will be 48 bowlers and they will join us for lunch at 12noon, then play bowls against us. This will be 4's or 2 bowl triples as they only carry 2 bowls with them. Following the bowls they will join us for an evening meal.

Please note this date in your diaries as we will be looking for 48 bowlers to play against them and share a meal with them.

When the time comes we will be asking our members to join in and make this a memorable day for ourselves and our guests.