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## July/August 2020 Newsletter

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

Due to Covid19 restrictions all bowls at Shepparton Park are cancelled until further advice. Once again, the club has been locked down and no one is to enter the club, with the exception of our greens staff who are allowed to continue in the care and maintenance duties on our greens and carpet.

There is a possibility that we can get social bowls up and running in a few weeks. This will be limited to 10 players per green, 2 players per rink, i.e. Singles.

Rob is preparing our grass greens for use, and when one or both are ready we will commence subject to Council approval.

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#### **BIRTHDAY**

A huge 'happy birthday' and congratulations to our past member David Lyons. David recently achieved the grand old age of 100.

I remember playing bowls with and against David when I first came to the club.

He would have been around 94/95 at that time and he was still very, very competitive and always striving to win.

Happy Birthday David and we hope you had a great celebration, allowing for Covid restrictions.

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#### **JAMES "JIM" COOK**

Sadly, we report that Jim passed away on July 23rd.

Jim was a much respected, and hardworking, member of this club for a number of years. Jim and Ailsa were also regular attendees at pennant over the last few years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ailsa and her family.

#### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

We are still unable to conduct our Bowls committee and Club AGM's.

We are intending to wait until late August early September before we try again.

Nominations for all club positions have now closed. All Board positions have been filled, but, there are number of positions on the Bowls committee that need to be filled for us to operate efficiently as a club.

Some of these are: Match committee, Bookings officer and several other committee positions.

If we are unable to fill most of these the club will not operate as we are all used to, and, some programs/ events may not run.

We ask all members what time and effort they may be able to give to the club.

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#### **BOWLS**

As far as pennant bowls for the upcoming season we have no advice yet as to whether this will go ahead, and in what form.

We will keep you informed.

With the Victorian Open scheduled for November 20-27 a decision will be made, by Bowls Victoria, in early September. I think we all realise that it is fairly difficult to see this going ahead.

Once again, we will keep you informed.

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#### **PENNANT**

We are still looking for pennant bowlers for the upcoming season. If your name is not yet on the lists please do so now.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members subs are now overdue and are therefore payable immediately.

We are still unsure as to what form pennant bowls will take this season, but time will tell.

As a club we still need to plan for a season that goes ahead as normal.

The club has had very limited income sine the Coronavirus struck in mid March. We therefore ask members to support their club and pay subs ASAP.

Failure to pay subs soon may mean that you are no longer eligible to play in our various social bowls events.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our Membership Director, Leonie Freeman, has asked that all members supply her with contact details of a spouse or family member. These are required in case of an accident of ill health whilst at bowls. It is a duty of care matter for the wellbeing of all members.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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#### **GLENN THATCHER**

It is with great sadness that we advise that our past member, Glenn Thatcher passed away recently.

Glenn was a relatively young man and we pass on our deepest sympathy to wife Lyn and the family.

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#### **BOWLS**

We are hopeful of getting some form of bowls going soon, however, the club is now closed until further notice.

I have written to Council seeking approval to open. Stay tuned.