



# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

Incorporation No. A0045877T  
ABN 87 296 478 522

## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** and **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 27th May 2014**  
**at 7.30pm**

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# Special General Meeting May 27th 2014

## Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Quorum is 40 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming and appointment of Scrutineers
4. Proposal 1
5. Proposal 2
6. Proposal 3
7. Close of meeting

## Proposal 1

**To alter Clauses 15.2 and 16 of the Constitution. Underlined sections are additions.**

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**Proposal 2**

**To alter Clause 20.6 b) of the Constitution. The proposal replaces the current wording.**

Current	Proposed
<p>20.6 b) The President and Secretary of each Section shall constitute the Bowls Committee which shall be responsible to the Board for the management and conduct of all bowls activities including Pennant and Social Bowls, respective Club Championships, social bowls, Association events and any other special events approved by the Board.</p>	<p>20.6b) The Bowls Committee shall comprise;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Men’s President</li> <li>ii. Men’s Secretary</li> <li>iii. Ladies’ President</li> <li>iv. Ladies’ Secretary</li> <li>v. Tournament Secretary</li> <li>vi. Match Committee Chairperson</li> </ul> <p>With the power to co opt when necessary.</p> <p>The Bowls Committee shall be responsible to the Board for the management and conduct of all bowls activities including Pennant and Social</p>

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**Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**May 27th 2014**

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Establishing the Quorum, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming and appointment of Scrutineers
4. Confirmation of minutes of:
  - Annual General Meeting held May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013
  - Special General Meeting held November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013
5. Receive reports from Board Members
6. Receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act
7. Elections of Board members
8. Election of Auditors
9. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club, of which due notice has been given.
10. Close of meeting

**Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**28th May 2013**

Chairman, Ray Phillips, opened the meeting at 8.30 pm and thanked members for their attendance.

Attendance: Ray Phillips, Jenni Hill, Stan Hester, Max Steigenberger, John Dempster,

Aileen Dempster, John Wallace, Sandra Wallace, Ben O'Donoghue, Anne O'Donoghue, Val Gibbs, Wes Gibbs, Alan Cameron, Marie Nelson, Ellen Cameron, Glenice Mawson, Lloyd Mawson, Sally Duff, Phil Daff, Noel Dobson, Jean Roulston, Dora Mackenzie, Trish Bone, Cec Pearson, John Mackenzie, Roger Bone, Ray Hill. Bill Clark, Noel Dumesny, Barb Allen, Ken Allen, Brenda Brodie, Peter Brodie, Frank Watson, Glenn Edwards, Bruce Tully, Pam Henderson, Bill Chilcott, Bev Cahill, Shirley Rogers, Flo Holland, Kath Murley, Jim Campbell, Hugh Loe, Margaret Davey, Shirley Sinclair, Bill Sinclair, Bev Thorn, Graeme Sinclair, Lorraine Sinclair, Alan Sutherland, Tan Dempsey, Josh Warren, Ryan Collins, Alby Rodda. Noel Griffin, Bill Probst, John Davey, Barry Laws, Bob Smith, Moira Smith, Mary Kennedy, Reg Jeffrey, Dave Hardie, Wally Bramley, Roy Rowan, Alan Doble, Ailsa Cook, Jim Cook, Ken Cuthbert, Don Williams, Marie Kleinitz, Bob Kleinitz, Brian Hardy, Wendy Holland, Pam McGurgan, Denis McGurgan, Graham Cross, Margaret Smyth, Jim Shanahan, Peter Cross, Jeff Boyle, Greg Williams, Ash Williamson, Margo Dobson, Jim Broadbent. John Mortimer.

Apologies Dave Lyons, Frank Winter, Lorna Winter, Norm Michelmore, Beth Durston, Alan Meaden, Kevin Thorn, John Rodda, Mavis Boyle, Laurie Fagan, Bev Clark, Leigh Clark, Graeme Betts, Bob Brown, Glen Lockwood.

**Apologies** were accepted on the motion of Jenni Hill and John Wallace CD

**Scrutineers:** Chairman, Ray Phillips, appointed John Davey and Anne O'Donoghue as scrutineers for the election of office bearers.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2012 were available in the agenda papers. These were accepted on the motion of Mary Kennedy and John Mackenzie, CD

**Reports:** The reports from each member of the Board of Management were available in the agenda papers. Chairman Ray read his report and referred to those who had assisted the Club in any way during the past year.

The reports were received on the motion of Brian Hardie and Ben O'Donoghue. CD

**Financial Report:** Margo Dobson presented the Treasurer's report and indicated that the Club had seen a very successful year financially. Funds at the end of the year were up considerably from last year. The financial statements were accepted and adopted on the motion of Margo Dobson and Ken Allen. Cd

Margo Dobson expressed thanks to Bill Chilcott and Stan Hester who had assisted her both during the year and in the preparation of the annual financial reports.

It was moved by Stan Hester and Margo Dobson that the declarations required by the Associations Incorporations Act, as tabled, be approved and signed. CD

## Elections

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	Stan Hester	John Wallace	Ray Phillips
Deputy Chairman	John Wallace	Jeff Boyle	Ray Phillips
	Noel Dobson	Peter Broadie	Ken Allen
Secretary	Jenni Hill	Stan Hester	Ray Phillips
Treasurer	Margo Dobson	Stan Hester	Bill Chilcott
Greens Director	Ray Phillips	John Wallace	Jeff Boyle
Membership Director	No nomination		
Bar Manager	Frank Watson	Ray Phillips	Jenni Hill
Sponsorship Manager	Max Steinberger	Stan Hester	Alan Sutherland
Catering Manager	Barb Allen	Moira Smith	Bev Cahill
Social Activities Manager	No nomination		

As there were two candidates for Deputy Chairman, a ballot was taken and the scrutineers reported that John Wallace had received the most votes and therefore Chairman Ray declared John Wallace duly elected.

It was moved by Mary Kennedy and Shirley Raglan that the ballot papers be destroyed. CD

**Auditors:** It was moved by Stan Hester and Margo Dobson that Metzke & Allen be reappointed as auditors for the ensuring year. CD

**Fees:** Members were advised that the fees for the upcoming season are as follows:

Full Membership \$150.00

Junior Membership \$10.00

Social membership \$40.00

Indoor Membership \$10.00

Night Pennant Registration \$40.00

Trade Night Registration \$10.00 plus \$10.00 per night

Get on the Green Registration \$10.00 plus \$10.00 per night

Green fees \$5.00

Locker hires \$25.00.

Closing Prior to the closing of the meeting Lloyd Mawson expressed the thanks of all members to Ray Phillips for the work and commitment he gave during his period as Chairman.

Chairman, Ray Phillips then declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

## **Board of Management Reports**

### **Chairman**

It is my pleasure to present this report to our members for the Season 2013-2014 even though I will not be able to attend the meeting as I will be overseas, as I mentioned when I was installed as your Chairman last year.

Our membership continues to increase and at the end of our year we had 132 Male Members, 69 Lady Members and 70 Social members. This year we saw an increase in the younger age group which is encouraging as they are the future for our Club. We still need to find more new younger members to cover for those members who are in the "older" bracket who are now no longer as active as they have been in the past.

Financially the year has not been as successful as the previous year. The result has been affected by a drop in sponsorship and an increase in some items of expenditure. The treasurer will detail all aspects of the result in his report.

The Shepparton Park Bowls Club has had a very successful year both on and off the greens. Following the appointment of Mark Ryan as our Club Coach we have already seen the benefits that he has brought to the Club. For the first time in our history we won the Division 1 and Division 2 premierships in Saturday Pennant and also had Divisions 3 & 4 play in the Grand Final. In Mid-week Pennant we had two teams in the finals but unfortunately they did not reach the Grand Finals. This achievement shows that the members of the Club have benefited from Mark's influence and the dedication of our members in the way they performed in Pennant. The Division I side progressed to the local regional finals and were successful and look forward to playing in the Victorian playoff in May. the result of which was Third Place.

We must congratulate the selectors, both Ladies and Men, who spent long hours working out team selections when there were members who were unable to play due to various reasons. Their efforts are commended by the Board and the results achieved in Pennant confirm their decisions.

Congratulations to our 2014 Club Champions, Trevor Serafini and Shirley Raglus. Shirley went on to compete on the Central Goulburn Murray event.

We again hosted the 2103 Victorian Open Bowls Tournament and I would like to thank the Committee that set this event in place, John Wallace, Dave Hardie, Jeff Boyle, Jim Shanahan, Alan Sutherland, Ray Phillips, Di Hands, Val Gibbs and Frank Watson. This team of people worked alongside Bowls Victoria and the Greater Shepparton City Council to again bring the Victorian Open to the Goulburn Valley of which we saw 17 Clubs being used throughout the tournament.

The Board's thanks go to those members who assisted in various ways during the tournament. There are so many individuals who gave a considerable amount of hours to make the tournament the success that it was that it is best not to mention names for fear of missing out on someone. However, those who gave of their time will know how much the Board appreciated their efforts.

This year the Charity Day Committee had to be re-formed just before the event due to the resignations of most of the members from last year. With only a short time to prepare for the event a new Committee under the leadership of Alan Sutherland was formed and many new volunteers came forward to assist in the planning for the day. Many thanks go to this new Committee for their efforts who decided that the proceeds should go to Connect GV. A great day was held with a large number of bowlers from other Clubs joining with our members in the festivities of the day. At the end of the day it was announced that an amount of \$5029 had been raised. A wonderful result in view of the short time the Committee had to organise the day. The Winter Committee, Phil Daff, Pam McGurgan, Bev Cahill and Ray Phillips, are to be congratulated on a wonderful program of events for our members and visitors. Thanks also to those members who assisted the Committee.

The Catering Committee consisting of Barb Allen and her team of ladies have done a magnificent job in catering, not only for the normal events, but many of the special events that were held at the Club. Particular mention must be made of the efforts put in for the Victorian Open.

Alan Doble, our Booking Officer, has had a busy year with many corporate days, barefoot bowling days! nights and other events that he has secured for the Club. These events raise considerable revenue for the Club. Alan is also noted for the prowess as a BBQ chef. Thanks Alan for a great job.

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Our Sponsorship Manager, Max Steigenberger, has spent a lot of time in endeavouring to retain all of our sponsors. This is a difficult task in today's environment as many businesses are finding conditions are not as good as there were, however, Max has been able to retain most sponsors as well as finding some new sponsors. Our thanks go to Max for a job well done as sponsorship income forms a considerable part of our income.

Our Social Committee, under the guidance of Kaye Pyke-Fernando and her helpers have again put in place many events for the benefit of members. The most notable of these are the Chicken and Salad nights. These events take a lot of planning and work and the response from members in their attendance are sometimes not as good as it could be.

Our greens are maintained by a band of volunteers who work tirelessly to see that the greens are always up to the high standard that our Greens Director, Ray Phillips, expects. This year the volunteers consisted of, Graham Cross, John Mackenzie, Frank Winter, Bill Probst, Ron Holland, Reg Jeffery, Brian Hardy, Lynton Burkitt and Graham Sinclair. To these men we say thank you.

Many thanks to Jim Broadbent and Murray Phillips for their work in organising the Over 60's and to Jim Shanahan and Pam McGurgan for conducting the Night Pennant. Sadly, Bill Clark who had assisted Jim Broadbent passed away during the year. His contribution over many years is greatly appreciated. The popular Thursday 2 x 2's had a new team this year. Phil Daff along with various helpers ran a most successful season. Attendances from members of other Clubs and our own members assured the events were well attended and enjoyed.

This year our Tournament Secretaries, Di Hands and Wes Gibbs, who with their assistants ran many successful tournaments, although some were affected by the weather and were played at a later date. These events attracted many visitors to our Club and with some good sponsorship monies available meant that there was considerable competition to achieve the end results. We are most grateful for the work put in by the Committee to run these events that provide a great deal of interest for our members.

The Board expresses its thanks to our Bowls Section Presidents and their Committees for the work put in to see that the bowling activities of the Club continue to be provided for the successful running of the Club. To my Deputy Chairman, John Wallace, I say thank you for all of the work you have overseen and done to maintain the facilities of the Club. John has chosen not to seek re-election and we extend to him our grateful thanks for his work and supervision in relation to the House and Security portfolio of the Board over a number of years.

During the year we had a change in the position of Treasurer. The Board accepted the resignation of Margo Dobson and appointed Jim Shanahan in her place. Our thanks go to Margo for the work done over a period of eighteen months. Jim has so far provided the Board with a greater range of skills and we thank Jim for his efforts.

To our Board Secretary, Jenni Hill, we say thank you for your efforts to maintain the role of Secretary and to keep the Board up to date on the affairs of the Club.

We look forward to another of success both on and off the greens.

Stan Hester  
Chairperson.

### **Deputy Chairman**

This is my last Report after 3 years of being Deputy Chairman.

In this time I have seen many changes and improvements implemented.

At this time I would like to thank the Board and the members for their support over the years.

I wish the incoming Deputy Chairman all the best and I will continue to provide support where needed.

Thanks to all who have helped by doing jobs around the Club.

John Wallace

## **Club Secretary**

Firstly I say Thank You to everyone for the positive input re the Newsletter it there for member input and to let the members know what is happening within the club so don't forget to contribute.

The past year has continued to be busy with the Victorian Open highlighting our club and its facilities, but also with the many events being held at the club, with many visitors wanting to take the venue home with them. Thanks to Alan Doble, the Tournament Committee, Catering Committee and all involved in these events.

The Board has met on a regular basis and has dealt with a wide range of issues, which involved discussion and debate, but the motivating factor for all members was the long term interests of the Club.

We also hosted a number of State and Goulburn Valley events this past year and thank all those members who helped with those and congratulate all those members who participated.

Our Club has had a good year both on and off the greens and mats, and we continue to maintain a sound financial position.

Thanks those who maintain the web site giving us valuable information and they appreciate input re information required.

The major challenges for the future are to maintain the feeling of ownership of the club by our members, and to provide opportunities, both on and off the green, for members to feel there is something for them to be involved in.

Congratulation to the four Pennant sides who participated in finals this year and especially to Division I & 2 who came away with medals and Div I who went further to be third in the State.

*Jenni Hill*

## **Greens Director**

Well we have come to the end of another season and what a good season it has been.

The greens have stood up to the amount of play and will go into winter in good condition.

In November we had the Members green scarified, cored and lasered again and while it was a little slow when we started playing on it again it has now got good pace and is playing very well, we expect the members green to- be very, good next year.

We have been trying to keep the foundation green a bit faster this year and has been playing between 15 to 17 seconds most weeks, and have seen Divisions 1 and 2 Saturday teams take out the premierships.

This year we have spoken to a few who have been dumping or lofting bowls and it is pleasing to see that some members have done something to rectify this problem, if you notice any fellow members that are still having a problem then please have a word with them, this is to protect our greens, the club does have some loan bowlers arms that they can try

I would like to thank all those who turn up of a Friday for their rostered duty.

To our members of the greens committee Murray Phillips, Bruce Tully, John Mackenzie. Bill Probst, Linton Burkitt, Ron Holland, Glen Lockwood, Glen Edwards, Graeme Cross, Graeme Sinclair, Reg Jeffery. Brian Hardy and John Wallace a great job every one.

To Sandra Wallace for the work that she does in planting and looking after the flowers in front of the club house we thank you very much.

Ray Phillips  
Greens Director.

### **Indoor Bowls 2013 Season**

Another enjoyable season of Indoor Bowls has drawn to a close, soon we will roll up the mats, and start roiling the larger bowls outside on the greens.

While our Club has had a friendly enjoyable season, we cannot claim any successes in Pennant this year.

The three teams entered in the night pennant did not make the finals, and our team entered in the Fridays Round Robin competition, although they performed well, did not win a prize.

We had representatives playing for the Goulburn Valley in Tournaments at Ballarat & Moama, again without success.

On the brighter side Kath Murley & Lorraine Vamos won the G.V. Ladies Pairs, and the team of Fred Murley Bob Smith Brian Nesbit and Ray Hindmarsh were Runners Up *in* the Men's Fours.

Our own Championships held throughout the Season resulted in Ladies Singles Champion won by Kath Murley Men's Singles by Fred Murley, and Champion Pairs winners were Keith Dudley and Ian McLean.

Indoor Bowls hones up your skills for the summer game of outdoor *bowls*, and keeps you fit through the cold winter in warm air conditioned comfort. We are currently light on for members, and strongly recommend to Bowls Club members and friends to consider playing the game next season.

Enquiries re joining us next season should contact Keith Dudley or myself.

Bob Smith  
President.

### **Ladies' Section**

Our ladies section had a wonderful year. Division 1-1 team had a good season being on top of the ladder for most of the year, and then disappointingly went down in the Finals.

Division 3-1 team also made it to the finals, and they too went down in the Grand Finals. However i feel even getting into the Grand Final is an achievement in itself.

I hope all other teams enjoyed the year and take heart, knowing that winning is not everything, and next season will be a whole new ball (bowls) game.

We did however have a deal of success in State events, with winners in:

Bowls Victoria Women's 60 & Over State Singles won by Cath Dudley.

Bowls Victoria Women's 60 & Over State Pairs won by Di Hands and Cath Dudley.

Bowls Victoria Women's State Singles won by Bev Cahill.

Bowls Victoria Women's State Triples won by Brenda Brodie, Marg Smyth and Sandra Wallace.

Bowls Victoria Women's State Fours won by Bev Cahill, Bev Thorn, Glenice Mawson and Shirley Raglus.

Bowls Victoria Women's Champion of Champions State Singles won by Shirley Raglus.

Bowls Victoria Women's Champion of Champions State Pairs won by Di Hans and Kate Bush.

Congratulation must also go to the winners of our club events, especially to Shirley Raglus for taking out the club Championship.

We would like to see more entries in club events, enabling the B Grade championship to be run. Not being able to run this event due to lack of entries was disappointing, but with only 2 entries it would have been a very shallow win.

A very big Thank You must go to our hard working dedicated secretary Ellen Cameron. This has been Ellen's seventh consecutive year as secretary, and what a good job she has done. She is easy and co-operative to work with and I affectionately thank her for all her tireless work.

Thank You too, to ALL committees for jobs well done throughout the year.

The Selectors had a particularly hard job this season being very short of ladies wanting to play pennant, and I'm sure they were grateful to the men who put their names forward to play in this mid week competition on a regular basis.

The Match Committee headed by Ann O'Donoghue, for your successful efforts in getting all club championships events through on time and for your continued efforts to get Thursday ladies social bowls up and running. Those who do go enjoy it and they did have a lot of fun putting on the Cinderella play at Christmas time.

The Catering Committee with Barb Allan at the helm do an amazing job. My mind boggles when I think of the hours they must spend planning, buying supplies and preparing meals and afternoon teas, not only for Saturdays pennant, but for all our major tournaments and events run throughout the season. I think their workload has almost doubled this year. I hope you realize how much you are appreciated for all you do. Tournaments, well done to Di Hands for all your work involving the running of tournaments throughout the year. A Great Effort.

Tuesday's Winter Bowls run by Bev Cahill was a big success and enjoyed by so many. Well Done Bev. Once again thanks to Aileen Dempster for all the beautiful cards and envelopes she made throughout the year that dress up our Prize Tables so nicely. Also to Ellen and Alan Cameron for preparing all the prize money envelopes for Presentation night. Once again so beautifully done and presented so well.

I must make mention of Kaye Pyke-Benardi and her crew who run the Chicken Nights and Fridays Happy Hour, adding much enjoyment to the Social life of the Bowls Club, and the ladies who organize the Trading Table and Raffles as needed.

Finally a very big "Thank You" to all the lady members who have supported me over the last Two Years. I would like you to know how much I have enjoyed being your president. I think you are a great bunch and so pleasant and co-operative to work with.

Moira Smith

### Men's Section

It has been a great year for Shepparton Park in the Saturday Pennant competition. Four teams played off on Grand Final day with Division 1 and Division 2 becoming the premier teams. For many years now previous Presidents have been commenting on how good our membership and facilities are but we haven't made the big one, now we have. Our recruiting was excellent and with the appointment of Mark Ryan as coach we were able to achieve the ultimate in the two top Divisions. Well done Divisions 3 and 4. This too was a worthy achievement. Our Division I team was successful at Yarrowonga when they represented the Goulburn Valley Bowls Division and now play off at Barham when does this end? We may be representing Australia overseas by year's end!

#### Club Winners

Congratulations to Trevor Serafini who won the Shepparton Park singles title from Paul Warren. This was a hard-fought battle, each winning end for end in a great game. Brian Hall won the B Grade championship with another great game from Kelvin Rogash. The pairs were won by Dennis Smyth and Vince Page from Gavan Flanagan and Kevin Thorn. In the Drawn Triples Don Dickinson, Glenn Edwards and John Mackenzie defeated Neville Manton, Peter Matthews and Lynton Burkitt.

#### Victorian Open

Once again we hosted the Victorian Open with the assistance of sixteen other clubs in the area. Having the other clubs involved makes this occasion more worthwhile. Having the undercover green enabled us to manage and complete events after heavy rain stopped play at other venues. This meant late nights for some, but we worked through it and all concerned were very pleased with the event. There is a big chance that we will be hosting the event again. It was great to see our members putting up their hands to help - volunteers are always welcome.

#### Selection

We are very fortunate to have people who are willing to do the very thankless task of being on the Selection Committee. This group was ably led by Graeme Sinclair, with Dennis Smyth, Glenn Edwards, Glenn Lockwood and coach Mark Ryan. As usual players were unavailable each week and this made the task more difficult. After many phone calls the teams were on the greens each week, well done.

#### Coaching

A coaching selection panel was formed and after interviews, Mark Ryan was appointed. We were very fortunate in having a very talented man who was able to help all bowlers. We are very appreciative of his ability to have four teams playing in the Grand Final and the top two sides being premiers. Well done Mark, we look forward to having you for many more years.

#### Winter Bowls

Having the undercover green available enables us to play bowls all year round. Well done to the members who organised the Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday events.

#### 2x2 Jackpot Pairs

A big thank-you to Phil Daffor organising the 2x2's each Thursday. He had various assistants each week and they did a great job. This day is enjoyed by not only our members but many bowlers from other clubs.

#### Tuesday Night Practice

These sessions were well attended, and also a big thank-you to Alan Doble who cooked the barbecue each week. The talks and training routines from the coach were very well received.

#### Match Committee

Entries may have been down in some events but they were all keenly contested. A big thank-you to Jim Campbell, Jeff Boyle and Ken Cuthbert who were the Match Committee and did a great job with the organising these events.

#### Night Pennant

Another great season was held. This is a great forum for new bowlers and we gain a lot of new pennant players from this competition. Thanks to organisers Jim Broadbent, Jim Shanahan and Pam McGurgan.

#### 60 and Over

Thanks to Jim Broadbent and Murray Phillips for organising this great day each week for many of our bowlers. Greens Committee

Ray Phillips leads a band of merry men each week to look after and maintain our greens and surrounds. They were always of a high standard, it was interesting to hear comments during the Victorian Open from visitors who were very pleased with the standard. I even heard players who had been beaten say, "I can't blame the greens, they were great." That's about as good a compliment as you can get.

#### Catering Committee

Barb Allen and her team do a great job each week both on Saturday and Thursday. We do appreciate the work done by the ladies each week.

#### Tournaments

It is good to know when we have guests play at our Club that they are in the capable hands as far as the organisation of our tournaments is concerned. Wes Gibbs, Don Dickinson and Di Hands do a great job for our Club and we do appreciate this.

#### Publicity

Graeme Betts has set a high standard as our publicity officer. I never realised that the "acho" teachers at the tech school had talents, now I know. Graeme did a very professional job each week. Thanks for this.

#### Booking Officer

What a great job Alan Doble has done each week with this task. It is a very challenging job and requires a lot of organising others to assist. Please help when Alan requires assistance with bowls instruction, barbecues, the bar, etc.

#### Secretary

Finally a big thank-you to Bill Probst for the work he has done. Bill is always ready to help with whatever is coming up, he is a very conscientious and hey. another tech school "acho." Wow.

With having the covered green we are able to play all year round. This is great, but it also makes our Club very busy and requires a lot of helpers. Our Club is one of the best in regional Victoria, and to maintain a high standard we need your help. When asked, please make yourself available. Do you perform some task around the Club to make things better?

Alan Sutherland

#### **Bar Manager**

A successful year again with a substantial amount going through the bar from our members, on Pennant and

Tournament Days as well as social events. Thank you to the volunteer staff for turning up for their duty times and the support I received throughout the year.

There are still a number of members who need to update their RSA which you can do on-line. See me if you have any issues with this, as you need a current certificate to serve behind the bar.

Frank Watson

### **Catering Manager**

Season 2013-14 has been another busy one in the catering department. Our committee of 10, together with members who fill our rosters for the Saturday Pennant and Thursday Competitions, have done well and thank you to those who have made themselves available. We had many special days throughout the season. Our own tournaments :- Open Mixed Fours Mixed Turkey Triples, Open 2 Bowl Triples, Mens 5 a side, Ladies Invitation Triples & St Patrick's Charity Day all went well thanks to our hard-working group of women. Our Memorial Day was held in conjunction with the grand final of the night pennant. Another good evening. Of course November was dominated by the activities around the Victorian Open. The catering girls and volunteers had a busy week providing lunches for players, officials and spectators. At the conclusion, the catering group put on a special afternoon tea for officials and guests. I think they excelled themselves. Thank you to all members who provided food for the occasion. Alan Doble and his group of men on the barbecue deserve a special mention. They spent the whole week working tirelessly providing barbecue fare day in day out. A job well done.

We also catered for The Central, Goulburn, Murray Region Ladies Challenge Cup Tournament. A good day. Several groups hired the undercover green for social functions. In partnership with Alan and his barbecue, the catering girls provided salads for those occasions. Those evenings are very popular amongst groups of working people who like to have a bowl and unwind with a drink and a barbecue meal.

In May each year, we have a visit from Chirnside Park for two days of bowls. Our catering group provide an evening meal on arrival and morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on each of the two days bowling.

In June we have the long weekend tournament. Three days of bowls. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is provided on each of those days. A busy weekend.

Our success in the Saturday Pennant competition led to two nights of celebration and commiseration, for which we catered. A good chance to mill over what was, or might have been. On a sad note, we lost two members and a past member this year. Our club provided the wakes for the Clark, Chilcott and Walsh families. Our condolences to those families.

### **Social Activities Manager**

The Social Committee worked together this year to bring some "fun" to our Social Nights including a Progressive Dinner and thanks to those members Probsts, Lifestyle and O'Donoghues, who offered their homes and facilities.

The Friday Night "Happy Hours" were initially well attended with all members and guests enjoying the atmosphere & the finger food we provided each week. Unfortunately numbers dropped off during the season. Even though the Spinning Wheel was popular frequently the winners of the first spins weren't there which meant a figure of \$500 was the Jackpot at the end of the season which was won by Paul Warren, Margo Dobson, Alan Meaden and Bruce Tully. Thanks to those who purchased tickets at the start of the season. Josh Warren was very dedicated to selling the raffle tickets which were always popular and thanks to the sponsors for their support with prizes. The Chicken & Salad nights were very successful with a large number of members & guests in attendance. Thanks to everyone for their support and a special thanks to Marg, Margo and all those who helped on the night, the new idea of rostering teams proved successful.

Unfortunately the Christmas Party was not well attended but those that did come had a great night, catering was by Murphs Roving Roast and the Jack Pot of \$240 was won by Bill Probst. Presentation Night was 9th May was a casserole and sweets night and had a good attendance, Congratulations to all successful bowls members for their achievements this season and a special congratulation to the two Premierships teams. Finally Thanks to all members for their support especially my regular team Margo & Margaret, the duty teams, and all those who helped set up for regular functions.

Personally I was a bit disappointed at the lack of Board Members and members at these functions, I am

aware that members do have other commitments but for the 2014/15 season I hope for improvement.  
Kaye Pyke-Fernando

### **Sponsorship Manager**

Once again, the support for Shepparton Park Bowls Club by local businesses has been most generous. It would be appreciated if members gave them support where possible. They have provided us with approximately **\$13,625** in cash and the club received approximately \$28900. in advertising and in kind support including the Vic Open. This makes a tota' of approximately \$42,525.

Max Steigenberger