



# Herd on the Green

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Somebody (cannot remember who?) recently referred to the last particular year that they had experienced as an Annus Horibilis. Well for many 2020 was that sort of year and I am sure we all know people whose lives have changed for the worst. However, for the Bowling Club it has been anything but that. Compare where we are now with where we were 12 months ago.

The Council has passed resolutions which

- \*have granted the Club a 10 year lease term with an 11 year option, 21 years in all.

- \*the Council has agreed to write off the \$200,000 loan which has been in the Club's books for a number of years

- \*vary the Club's lease to enable other not for

profit activities to be conducted under the terms of the new lease on our site, this means that the activities of Melville Cares, the Free Reformed Church and any other similar organisations will be conducted perfectly in accordance with our lease

- \*will install disabled toilets at the Club, clean up our asbestos problem and install a new partition to separate the hall from the bar area when required.

- \*will excise approx.. 35% of the Club's leased land which may be turned into Public Open Space. The land in question comprises the overflow carpark and

part of D Green located at the southern end of the block.

You might say 4 wins and a loss, a result that I feel comfortable with. I know there are some who think we could have done better and vigorously pursued the loan issue, was it still a loan or not? But in the end we had to realistically assess what was achievable and what was not. I think we just about got the balance right. **Many thanks to Councillors Katy Mair and Margaret Sandford without whose help none of the above would have been achieved.**

The Club is financial but must keep operating profitably to prove to the Council and ourselves that we can stand on our own two feet and meet the challenges that lie ahead.

We have a new shirt sponsor Grandton Ltd which is about to start construction of a 15 storey retirement apartment building located on Kintail Road near the Raffles Hotel. More will be heard from them.

The Club has a new patron, Mr. Ben Morton the member for Tangney and an Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet no less.

Melville Cares will continue to operate from our site and will gradually increase their activities and use of the Club's facilities.

Club membership is on the rise, up to 275 from a low of 140 in June 2019.

There have been many helpers in addition to the hard working Executive, whose members are in addition to myself, Peter Johnson, Jana Fuller, Sue Allen, Greg Samson and Gerald Naylor.

There are some people who I would like to mention by name because of their fantastic contribution to the Club over the last 12 months (not in order of priority).

Gerald Naylor and his erstwhile band ... Dad's Army. Excellent work which has saved the Club many thousands of dollars and produced such professional results.

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*Much more than a bowling club. The best and friendliest place to be south of the river.*

Arthur Peters and his coaching are transforming the Club. We are fortunate to have someone so dedicated who is nurturing our future stars. We now have around 110 bowlers.

Mark Lee who is always there, whether it be dawn or dusk when something goes wrong. A real Mr. Fixit often behind the scenes but a man of many talents who we all know is an invaluable resource for the Club.

Jana Fuller who has done a wonderful job as Ladies Bowls President over many years and in particular with the very successful Ladies Carnival and Fashion Parade, not to mention her commitment over 6 years of meetings with the Council over the Club's future.

Margaret Kermode who has stepped up and become involved in a number of ways. On the ladies match committee, tending to our rose gardens, helping with the organisation of social events and being in attendance on Friday nights to make sure the kitchen runs smoothly.

Bill Allen who is on the Membership Committee and who looks after those who have booked for social bowls and those who play scroungers on a Friday night.

Apologies to those who I may have missed mentioning as I know many contribute in lots of different ways. You all make a fantastic contribution. Thank you !!!

The only piece of bad news is that Ellie Graham our bar supervisor is leaving us in only 2 short weeks. She has been an excellent employee and we are sorry to lose her. We are recruiting for bar personnel and who knows we may even find a few more volunteers prepared to work regular shifts.

Well that's about it. A year of consolidation rounded off with some great news at the end. Onward and upward as they say ... 2021 looks pretty good from here!

Have a wonderful Christmas and may we all have a prosperous healthy and safe New Year.

From John O'Brien, Club President

## Opening Day

Club bowlers gathered together on 10<sup>th</sup> October to welcome the start of another bowling season 2020/21. This was particularly looked forward to and welcomed as the season had been in doubt due to COVID 19.

A mixed game was played followed by a sausage sizzle. It was good to see everyone in their whites. We wish all bowlers a successful season.



Remember, COVID 19 is still out there and it's important that as individuals we have a responsibility to protect ourselves and our fellow members and follow the recommended COVID guidelines.

Sign in when entering the Club or use the SafeWA app to register your attendance.

Continue physical distancing where possible.

Maintain good personal hygiene.

If you are feeling unwell with any flu like symptoms, then stay at home.

And on a lighter note:

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands that's where I am taking you when the pandemic ends".

Turns out we are spending 2 weeks behind the fridge.

From Jana Fuller, Ladies Bowls President

**Fashion Parade** Since the last newsletter the ladies' bowls division has been busy. We had a fashion parade in October, brought to us by Kimbo's Fashions with over 100 ladies attending the parade and modelled by our own lovely models. This was followed by an afternoon tea catered by our club ladies. A very successful and profitable day for the club.



**Melbourne Cup** November saw another great Melbourne Cup at the Club with Hedley Bond and Glenys Butterfield taking out the best dressed prizes. A sit down lunch followed the race with much mirth, merriment, champagne and wine. Some were still seen at the Club after 4 p.m. – trust they have made it home by now! My horse is still trying to finish the race, but I believe he is on the home straight.



Champagne anyone?



Thank you to all  
our helpers.



**Gala Day** The annual Ladies Gala Day was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December sponsored by Southern Cross Financial Services with 30 teams (120 ladies) playing across all 3 greens. A morning and afternoon game was played and a two course lunch in between was enjoyed by everyone. My thanks go to Southern Cross Financial Services for their sponsorship, also to the ladies who worked tirelessly on the day and to everyone who donated salads, raffles and produce for our stall. The day was hugely successful and extremely profitable once again, with Thornlie winning the day and Willetton in second place.



Our next catering function is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – the **Bankers Christmas Lunch** with oysters, prawns, wine and all the good things in life!! :



Happy Xmas Bankers 😊

On 16<sup>th</sup> December we have our **Lady President's day** with a game of bowls followed by a “pooled” lunch, so hope to see all of our lady bowlers there.

Unfortunately our pennant teams are not doing as well as we would like, however, we are all trying our best and most importantly enjoying the competition and company. We have quite a number of new lady members this season who are trying their hand at pennants for the first time this season and we are very grateful to them for putting their hands up to play this early in their bowling careers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.





## Ladies Championship Drawn Triples Winners

Congratulations to Dee Maras, Cheryl Smith and Maria Aranda on winning the Ladies Drawn Triples. Good result ladies and a special pat on the back to Maria and Cheryl who were competing as 1<sup>st</sup> year bowlers and were in the winning team.

## Donation of Bowls to Aquinas College

By Dean Nottle

The school plans on introducing lawn bowls to the program. They have already started playing and the students are thoroughly enjoying it. We are extremely grateful for the donation from Mt. Pleasant Bowling Club and are looking forward to developing some budding lawn bowlers for the future. Maybe some future stars. The Club donated 6 sets of bowls.

Barry Elliss with Dean Nottle from Aquinas



## Notes from the Coaches' Corner

Since August last year until now 30 new people have attended coaching sessions at the Club.

It is interesting to note the success of some of these 1<sup>st</sup> year bowlers. Maria Aranda and Cheryl Smith were part of the Ladies' Club Championship Triples team with Dee Maras. John Mueller won the Men's Novice Singles Club Championship and went on to be runner-up in the State Men's Novice Singles Championship.

There have been a further 8 longer term bowlers who have had some one-on-one sessions including some who have had videos taken of their delivery. It is a very important tool to see yourself delivering a bowl, followed by a discussion with the coaches where improvement (consistency) could be made.

Psychologists believe it takes up to 80 repetitions to re-train the brain, so that it automatically adjusts to any new change.

Getting new bowlers to the Club is one thing, but keeping them is equally important. So please play your part in introducing yourself to new members and make them welcome.....because we are the friendliest Club in Australia !!!

Barry and I are available to help you improve your game and your consistency.

Just give us a call:

Barry Ellis 0411 512 134 or

Arthur Peters 0417 173 174.

Merry Christmas and good bowling in 2021.

Arthur Peters

From the Secretary

## A warm welcome to our new members:

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Bowler:** Patrick Gorman

**Change of Status from Social to 1<sup>st</sup> Year Bowler:** Michael Cartwright, Lyn Mueller, Sherri Shamsi.

**Social:** Stephen Breen, Kevin Crockford, Susan Crockford, Beverley Croucher, Bruce Croucher, Michelle Dymott, Cherie Galvin, Robert Hart, Udo Inge, Carla Love, Tom Love, Kelvin May, Debra Piotio, Alan Rush, David Wade, Stephen Waller.

## Thank You to all who attended the Lamb Tasting Sessions on Wednesday, December 9.

It was an interesting and enjoyable exercise and by participating you supported research into a lamb grading system for Australia and raised \$1000 for our Club. 😊



Better than a date with Tom Cruise!!!!

Q: How do sheep greet each other at Xmas?

A: A Merry Christmas to Ewe!

Q: Where do sheep go when they die?

A: To the baa baa que.

Q: Why are sheep the most unimpressed species of animals?

A: Because all they ever say is “meeeeeh”

**Membership** As this newsletter goes to print our Membership numbers have climbed to 275 and we are still meeting our monthly targets, so well done to all those who have introduced new members to the Club. This has been our best method of enticing new members via existing member introductions.

During the last 4 weeks we have distributed approximately 1600 pamphlets into the immediate area around the Club. This is nil cost (thanks to Ben Morton’s office), easily done and we have picked up a few new members. It does also have the major benefit of raising awareness in the area that the Club is staying.

We are planning another 1000 letterbox drops before Christmas, so if you can assist please contact Greg Samson on mobile 0438 333 879 or catch him at the Club. Two people can deliver 200 in an hour. Please help if you can.

The membership committee is currently working on a strategy to better target potential new members. This will be finalised in the new year. Our goal is to achieve 350 members by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. This equates to 2 new members each week. Any suggestions regarding increasing membership are always welcome.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all 275 members.

From the Membership Committee: Greg Samson, Bill Allen & Arthur Peters





## Friday Night Community Bowls

Summer is here so it is perfect weather for Friday night bowls at the club.

You can combine the bowls with a pre-ordered meal (ask for the menu) or perhaps just have a drink before, during or after the game. Our drinks are very reasonably priced.

We are hosting barefoot bowls for groups of friends or colleagues who make a booking. Use the club's bowls and get assistance from club bowlers to show you the fundamentals of the game. The fees are \$10 per bowler.

Barefoot bowls can also be organized on other nights of the week year round and could be a fun way to hold your next party. Suitable for team building, corporate hire, social gatherings, birthdays. A bbq is available for hire or you can self cater.

We have also started playing **Short Scroungers** on Friday nights for those who wish to play a more competitive game. The game is played over 10 ends commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Results on the first four nights have been:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Plate Winner</u>
20/11 Max Aranda	Dominic DaCruz
27/11 Patrick Gorman	Pat Gilbert
4/12 Patrick Gorman	Phillip Dellabosca
11/12 Maria Aranda	Bev Johnson

Fees \$7 per player

Prizes Drink voucher for game winner (and plate winner if 6 or more bowlers).

## NEW GOLD SPONSOR

### Norup+Wilson / Grandton Applecross

*The team behind Grandton Applecross have agreed to become the Club's Gold Sponsor and in a 3 year deal, will be featured as the Club's official shirt sponsor.*

Grandton Applecross is the result of a not-for-profit retirement village operator (Grandton) and a luxury apartment builder (Norup & Wilson) teaming up to create a new version of retirement living on Kintail Road in Applecross.

In re-imagining seniors living, the Grandton model has evolved to enable seniors to choose how they wish to live in their own home, within a vibrant community setting, with access to a menu of personal and clinical care services as needs require. Importantly the model offers seniors the opportunity to not move to an institutional nursing home.

The Accommodation Model combines apartments that are able to adapt to changing care needs associated with ageing over time, meaning residents may never have to move again.

Apartments range in size from one to three bedrooms (all master suites), plus several penthouse suites and all have generous living areas.

There will be extensive outdoor and indoor entertaining areas for residents to enjoy either on their own or with family and friends, plus the Grandton Enrichment Programme to stimulate mind and body .

The Grandton model offers a range of services to support everyone's lifestyle and needs.

There will be a full suite of personal and clinical services available as required, including:

Allied health services

Clinical nursing services

Domestic and respite services

Home maintenance and support services

Additionally a ten bed executive care suite will be available within the building

Reservations are now being taken – [www.grandton.net](http://www.grandton.net). The directors invite members to visit with them to discuss what Grandton Applecross has to offer and what options are available.



## NEW CLUB PATRON

Ben Morton the Federal Member for the seat of Tangney has kindly accepted our offer to become the Club's Patron.

You could say that we just about have the Prime Minister's ear as Ben is the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

Ben's office has always been very approachable and we hope to work together more closely in the near future particularly as they are able to provide assistance with Federal Grant Funding.

Thanks to Gerry Naylor for suggesting that we approach Ben .



Thank you to all those who put in their coins for Guide Dogs W.A. It mounts up, \$3,025.32 total!!!!

*And another thank you to those Members who have been bringing their recyclable containers from home to put in our recycle bin. This too adds up with almost 1000 containers being collected each week at the Club.*

*And finally -*



## FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Have you been to the Club on a Friday night lately? We have Clarrie and Jeff playing music for you every second Friday night and they are GOOD. Come along and listen, you'll enjoy it.



MERRY XMAS TO ALL, SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.

Remember, we are closed from end of business Dec 24 and re-open on Tuesday, 5 January 2021





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