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The Newsletter of the Burwood District Bowls Club

From the President's Desk

Two submissions for grant funding have been made to Council. Strong and urgent work brought those submissions to readiness before the very tight closing date was reached. Warmest thanks primarily to Secretary Stuart, to Ian McCahon, to Treasurer Craig, and to all others who were active in this process for that achievement.

Submission is one thing. Success is another. Since lodging, we discover that any one organisation can only be granted up to \$10000. Our first submission sought very close to that amount which has meant that the second cannot proceed. In any case the next phase without doubt it will be highly competitive. Fingers crossed there will be some reward for effort.

A major effort is also being made to build the sponsorship support of our Club. The presentation documentation we offer to potential and existing supporters has been revised and printed up in an attractive format. Thanks to Craig who has been very close to this action. The next phase is for a team of members to become the contact agents to all the local companies, presenting our Club as a vital integral part of the community worthy of their support.

This is actually not a difficult activity and offers a very satisfying way for you to be active on the Club's behalf. Please contact Craig for further information and for deeper insight into what is involved. This is a real way of being a valued and effective member.

I am certain you all understand the pressing need to expand the membership of the Club. Perhaps the starkest indicator of that press is found in the number of members listing for Saturday Pennant in the coming season.

At the present time, unless there are members who have not yet indicated their intention to play, it seems likely that we will field two full sides of sixteen. Selectors absolutely will rely on players being available every week if we are to do that successfully.

Can you assist? Do you have contacts in your network that might just like to take on the challenge of re-growing our competitive stocks?

As I say, the need is pressing. If we all put our shoulders to this particular wheel I'm sure we can get it rolling. *It is one very positive way to be the best member you can be.*

On a personal note:

From the number of calls and inquiries, it is clear that many of you know of my recent sudden hospitalisation. Happily all went well and I am now tramping the road to full recovery and resumption of duties that attach to office. Board is warmly thanked for getting on with the business of the Club across that period. We have a sterling lot in office. In the same vein, my warmest appreciation is extended to all those who carried concern for my welfare.

Michael Chittenden

2018-19 Board of Management

President:	<i>Michael Chittenden</i>
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Board Member:	<i>Ian McCahon</i>

Dates to Remember

All of the following will have relevant information on the noticeboard.

Indoor Bowls

The Club has purchased two Indoor carpet mats, bowls and equipment. Those who have already been involved have found it a great way to socialise and keep your touch over the winter. Rollup starts at 7pm. The remaining evenings will take place on Monday July 2nd, Monday August 6th, and Monday September 3rd. Cost is \$5 per night, and all family/friends are welcome. If you are interested please contact Sue Collins.

Winter Saturday Roasts

Our excellent winter roast lunch is still running on the third Saturday of the month, through to August. With only a couple more left make sure you drop down for a great meal, and some splendid company. If you are interested please contact Jen Morley.

Woolworths BBQ

A date for this is TBC. We'll keep you posted when we become aware of the date. This has been a consistent fundraiser for us in the winter and with 90 minutes shifts it's a pretty relaxed gig.

Club WORKING BEE

The Club working bee will take place on Saturday August 25th. This is in preparation for the Opening of the Green the following week there will be a working bee to make the Clubrooms spic-and-span. All are welcome!

Saturday Practice Matches

Shortly you'll be informed about pre-season training and practice games for September, plus other news as it comes to hand.

Southern Indoor Results

Round 7 - 30/5/2018			V Armadale	
Neilsen G	Ferguson J	Hendry M	Sodaitis G	31 - 11
Robinson M	Collins S	Hodgens N	Peisley S	32-9
			WIN	62 - 20

Round 8 - 6/6/2018			V Armadale	
Kent J	Hodgens N	Hendry M	Sodaitis G	13 - 12
Nicoll S	Robinson M	Collins S	Morley R	17-21
			LOSS	30 - 33

Round 9 - 13/6/2018			V Sandham	
Kent J	Ferguson J	Hendry M	Sodaitis G	20-13
Neilsen G	Robinson M	Collins S	Morley R	13-11
			WIN	33 - 24

Classifieds

Please keep in mind that though bowls is not being played we still need to pay bills.

Any payment of outstanding subs would be greatly appreciated by the board.

Needed: Any donation of an **old device like a tablet or smart phone** would be greatly appreciated. This will assist in running functions and the bar.

Our website has now been updated and given a new look.
Please go and check it out and tell us what you think.
It can be found at: <http://www.burwooddistrict.com.au>