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# Rye BOWls Club

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*Welcome to the eleventh edition of the*  
**RBC newsletter**



### "General News"

Yet another season is successfully completed, and the luckier members start to think about sunnier climes, it is timely to resurrect your club newsletter to ensure that all members are kept fully informed as to what has happened, what is going to happen and what we would like to happen.

It is intended that the newsletter be informative, fun and enjoyable, and so we ask all members for contributions, be they biographies of eminent members, tales of travels, taking the mickey out of others, or even bowling related jokes. The ongoing success of the newsletter depends largely on contributions from all members, so please help us. Your input can be lodged at the club bar or via email to: [kenbowen@gmail.com](mailto:kenbowen@gmail.com)

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## "Presidents Notes"

Firstly, I thank all members for their vote of confidence in appointing me as your President for another year, the Club is in a strong position and I will do my best to ensure that that situation continues. Also, many thanks to all our volunteer workers, be they board members, selectors, gardening, behind the bar, in the kitchen, minor maintenance or at the nerve centre, the bowls office. Without those who are willing to give so freely of their time, the Club could never be in the great position that it is.

Special thanks also to John Collery for his work in nurturing and caring for our greens and surrounds. The two best greens on the Peninsula are a credit to his work and dedication.

The maintenance work on the clubrooms is continuing, and by next summer we should have air conditioning installed.

Thank you and I hope to see you all on the greens or at the Club in 2019/2020

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## "Our fearless leaders 2019/2020"

At the AGM conducted on 26 April 2019 Board positions were adopted as follows:

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

**President:** Bob Neal

**Vice President:** Maurie Nicholls

**Secretary/Club Communication Officer:** David Jones

**Treasurer:** Trevor Maxwell

**Bowls Director (Men) and MPBD Delegate:** Bob Woollard

**Bowls Director (Ladies) and MPBD Delegate:** Marita Lavender

**Director - Greens Management:** Maurie Nicholls

**Director - Social & Promotions:** Steve Moore

**Director - House Management & Maintenance:** Ian Williams

### ELECTED NON-BOARD MEMBERS

**Assistant Secretary & MPBD Delegate:** Doug Fitcher

**Assistant Treasurer:** Ken Taylor

**Bar Manager:** Bob Martin

**Sponsorship:** Steve Moore

**Provedore:** Brian Barrett

**Midweek Pennant Selectors:** Chairperson To be advised. Barbara Serle, Betty Pitt, Lael Taylor and Bev Valance

**Saturday Pennant Selectors:** Chairperson To be advised Alan Hamilton, Tom Holdsworth, Ed Tomkins and Graham Woodrow

**Match Committee (Ladies):** Chairperson To be advised. Barbara Serle, Betty Pitt, Lael Taylor and Bev Valance

**Match Committee (Men):** Chairperson Alan Jones. Ken Bowen and Geoff DuCros

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## "Notes from the 2018-2019 AGM"

### Membership Fees

The meeting adopted a new scale of membership fees for 2019/2020 as follows:

- Full Membership..... \$195
- Full Membership 1<sup>st</sup> Year.....\$100
- Full Student Membership.....\$125
- U/18 Membership.....\$65
- Social Membership.....\$45
- Indoor Bowls Member.....\$40
- Non Bowling Member.....\$30

**FEES ARE NOW PAYABLE:** Trevor (Scrooge) Maxwell would be delighted to hear from you.

### Life Membership

23 years after he joined the Club, Mr Terry Allen was unanimously installed as a Life Member of the Rye Bowls Club. From being named "Best First Year Player" in 1997 Terry has gone on to serve the Club in many positions including:

- Supplying plants and tending gardens and lawns
- Bar duties and window cleaner
- Men's Committee
- Match Committee
- Bowls Secretary
- Chairman of Selectors
- Senior Vice President
- Pennant Manager

Terry played Pennant Bowls from Division 1 to Division 5, winning two flags and Runner Up twice, and was a Club Pairs Champion four times.

Terry has been, and continues to be, a great servant of the Club and we all extend our heartiest congratulations for this recognition. In true fashion when accepting Life Membership, Terry's words were: "Well, bugger me"! Thank you, Terry, for your dedication and devotion to Rye Bowls Club. Very Well done

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

After 9 years of organising the rabble, achieving the almost impossible, and in many ways being the face of the Rye Bowling Club, Ray Newton and his sidekick Terry Allen (5 Years) have succumbed to the pressure and workload and stood down from their positions. Thank you Ray and Terry for your hard work, organising ability and enthusiastic approach to the task, all done with a sense of humour and wide smile. The new committee hope like hell that they will both be available for assistance and advice as they take up their tasks. Very well done and many thanks to both. Ray was presented with two very colourful paper bags which looked suspiciously like they could contain a quantity of singing syrup.

## "Club Champions 2018/19"

Hearty congratulations to all who participated in the 2019 Club Championship events, the results were:



LADIES CHAMPION:	K Lucas
LADIES Runner Up:	J Bradford
MENS CHAMPION:	F Krslovic
MENS Runner Up:	A Glover
MENS' PAIRS CHAMPIONS:	J Turner and E Tomkins
MENS'PAIRS Runners Up:	L Lewis and T Allen
MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONS:	J Breen and K Lucas
MIXED PAIRS Runners Up:	A Taylor and E Hilton
PRESIDENT'S HCP CHAMPION:	A Jones
PRESIDENT's HCP Runner Up:	O Bocskay



Frankie - Mens Singles Club Champion 2018/19

Kattie - Womens Singles Club Champion 2018/19

In addition to those achievements, F Krslovic participated in the semi-finals of the regional "Champion of Champions" competition, and J Karayannis with K Bowen reached the semi finals of the regional "Novice" competition.

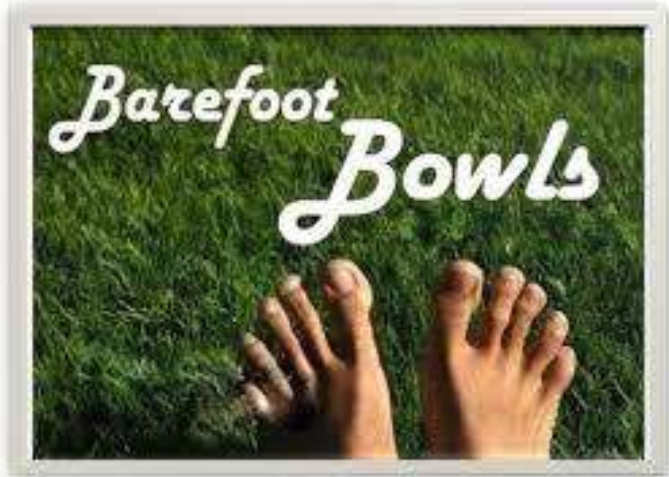
Again, congratulations to all for their fine performances.

Another Champion who deserves a mention is our own Paul "Happy" Hammond. Paul was recently elected as Australia's "Champion Snorer" after his dedicated and sustained performances in Yarrawonga recently. Those intending to share accommodation during the Edinburgh Shield next year be warned. Might be a lonely room Paul!

A rectangular advertisement for 'MOBILE BATTERY SERVICE'. The text includes 'DISCOUNT PRICES', a list of services (\* AUTOMOTIVE \* TRUCK \*, \* MARINE \* TRACTOR \*, \* GOLF BUGGY \* CART \*), 'DELIVERY &amp; FITTING AVAILABLE', and '7 DAY SERVICE'. It also provides the depot address '38 PENINSULA AVE RYE' and phone numbers '5985 6544' and '0409 948 235'. There are small images of various battery types: Group 31 Truck, Light Truck, Commercial Heavy Duty, and Specialty Heavy Duty.

A logo for 'RYE HOTEL' featuring a stylized blue sailboat to the right of the text. Below the name is the tagline 'Perfect Foreshore'. The address '2415 Point Nepean Road Rye' is listed in a large blue font, followed by the contact information 'Hotel 03 5985 2277 - Accommodation 03 5985 7222'.

## "Social Scuttlebutt"



Once again, our Barefoot Bowls program has been enormously successful, attracting 40-60 players each Thursday evening. This year the highest attendance was 86 people who enjoyed the challenge, had a great deal of fun, and more importantly, were introduced to the game of Bowls and sampled the terrific atmosphere of our club.

Although the nights were starting to close in and many had difficulty in seeing the jack in the glare of our lights, the Corporate challenge was a keenly contested event conducted over three Thursday evenings. The teams needed to display bowling skills, teamwork and communication skills as well as the obligatory drinking talent with the team from GOLDRIM consisting of Gavin, Lyn, Simmo and Gary soundly taking the top honours. Well done to the winners and all participants. Hopefully next year we will see even more teams taking part.



## "Trívía"



In early April the Club hosted a charity Trivia night for 130 guests. The purpose of the evening was to raise funds for the acquisition of an "Assistance Dog" for a local 3-year-old child with autism. A terrific night ensued, with, as well as the trivia questions, games, auctions and a visit by the most beautiful "Assistance Dog." Quizmaster Steve Moore and his very able assistant, wife Jan did an excellent job in hosting the evening with the amount of \$10000 being raised. Mention must also be made of a donation of \$1000 from Rye Lions, whilst our Club contributed \$500. What an amazing community we live in. The child now has the dog due to the Variety Club making up the shortfall in costs

Steve and Jan also conducted a trivia afternoon for members of the Club on 28 April. Raucous hilarity and great fun were the order of the day. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated



"Wooden Spooners" team. Winners are grinners

## "Around the Rinks"



It is rumoured that Ken Bowen is to be presented with Life Membership of the Rye CFA because of his regular and frequently repeated contributions to the "Wrong Bias" fund.

Who was the normally sane, alert and "with it" gentleman who was so excited about a trip to play in the "Edinburgh Shield" with the boys that he forgot to take his bowls!!!!!!! One could understand if they had been forgotten on the return journey, given the usual very heavy brain fog prevalent on the Monday, but what was he thinking? Clue..... His initials are LL.

## "Club Maintenance"

It is a tried and true maxim of all sporting and community clubs that 20% of members do 80% of the work involved in keeping the Club functioning. Sadly, this is not the case with our club which operates at about a 13% contribution rate from members with many individuals fulfilling dual roles. Our Maintenance and Housing Director, Ian Williams and his small crew need the assistance of as many members as



possible. The crew have been busy preparing the shelters at the Nan Taylor Green for repainting and now the time has arrived. The whole structure requires two coats of paint which will take the existing crew nearly 60 hours of work. The crew work on Tuesday mornings commencing at 8.30am and Ian would welcome anyone with a few hours to spare. Bring your paintbrushes and let's get it done.



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## "Joke of the Month"



A man was walking down the street when he was approached by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man opened his wallet, took out ten dollars and said, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on nomination fees at a bowling club instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played lawn bowls in 10 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a guy looks like after he's given up drinking and bowls."

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