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# Rye BOWls Club

## Unbiased Opinion

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



## "Editor's Notes"

Sitting at home with not much to do when it struck me...."Time for a Newsletter". So welcome to the October COVID edition and I hope this finds you well, although no doubt frustrated and fed up. It cannot be too much longer until we can get back to some sense of normality and playing the game we love. Included in this edition are the COVID protocols adopted by the club for resumption of play whenever that may be. There is no doubt that we will be playing under restrictions and rules of some type for quite a while yet. It is extremely important that each of us abide by the protocols to ensure not only our own wellbeing, but that of fellow members. In the meantime, enjoy this edition and hopefully we will see you all soon.

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## "Secretary's Report"

### Bowls Activities

Obviously with current restrictions we have not been able to hold any bowls activities either in the Clubroom or on the greens.

With the current improving infection rates, hopefully we will soon see some restriction changes which will at least get us back on the greens.

### Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night

The AGM will be convened as soon as current restrictions on large meetings are relaxed.

### Greens and Surrounds

The greens and surrounds are in great condition. We eagerly await to be back on the greens as soon as possible.

The Board has commenced an investigation into the potential of installing a synthetic green at the Club. A feasibility study is being concurrently prepared, and members will be informed as more details develop.

## **Business Plan**

The Business Plan, which was prepared in 2018, has been reviewed and updated to focus on the Club's strategic direction for the next 3 years. The objective of the Business Plan is to document the objectives and measure the success of the Club's strategic direction.

## **Marketing and Membership Promotion**

A Sub-Committee has been established with the overall goal of increasing both Full and Social Membership of the Club and increasing the Community awareness of the Club. More details coming soon.

## **Bowls Victoria and Mornington Peninsula Bowls Region News**

MPB are still hopeful to be able to offer a full season of Pennant Bowls.

The emphasis on clubs and bowlers will be flexibility in how and when we play our games.

## **Grants - Lighting of Greens**

We have had no feedback yet on our Expression of Interest for a grant through the 2020-2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund to install competition standard lighting to *Glew Green*.

## **Membership**

We are pleased to welcome the following new Full Members to the Club:

- Pauline Ogilvy (First Year Bowler)
- Maurie Bell (transferring from Yarraville Bowls Club)

Transferring from the Club have been:

- Judy Bradford (to Rosebud Country Club)
- Tony Bradford (to Rosebud Country Club)
- Mike McGuire (to Ararat Bowls Club)

Ken Austin has entered Residential Aged Care at Village Glen and will not be joining us on the greens this season. Ingrid advises that Ken is settling in well and participating in many activities.

## "Did you Know?"

### LIVING / PLAYING BOWLS WITH COVID 19 PROTOCOLS TO BE OBSERVED

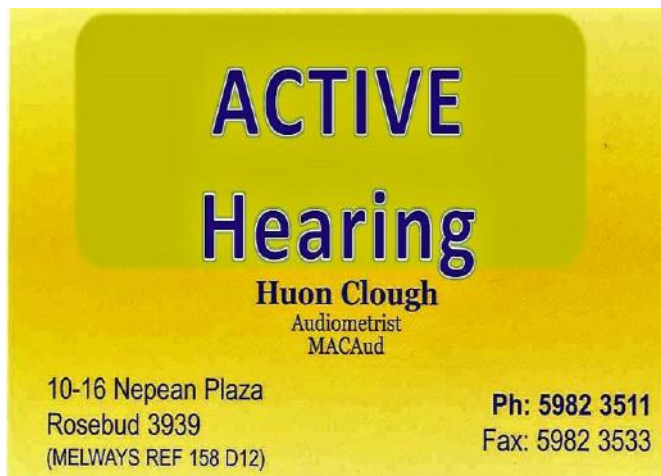
Many of our members are in the most "AT RISK" section of our community and it is incumbent upon the Club to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all our members and guests. No matter the restrictions placed upon the Club by Governments and Shire, the following protocols will specifically apply to all games of bowls and practice conducted at the Club.

1. Until otherwise notified, the Clubrooms shall remain closed to all members and visitors. Toilets will be open.
2. The Match Committee is responsible for ensuring an adequate supply of sterilised mats and Jacks plus hand sanitiser is available for each day.
3. Those "rolling up" or practising must abide by these protocols.
4. Players must book in advance, the intended date and time they wish to "roll up" or practise at the Club, on the sheet provided on the match notice board (behind the glass).
5. Players must register their presence at the Club (name, time played & telephone number) on the sheet provided on the match notice board (behind the glass).
6. All players MUST sanitise their hands prior to, and on completion of play.
7. Mats and Jacks are to be handled by one player only. (This may mean 1 x Jack at each end).
8. Rye Bowls Club recommends that masks be worn at all times.
9. Social distancing (i.e. 1.5 metres apart) is to be maintained at all times.
10. Bowls rakes are not to be used at any time.

In addition to the above protocols for play/practise, the following shall apply:

- The Clubroom including Bar and Kitchen will be closed except for toilet facilities. Remember - our Liquor License does not permit alcohol to be brought onto the Club premises or grounds.
- When using the toilets please make sure you have cleaned and wiped all the surfaces that you have been in contact with. Wash your hands before leaving the facility. Use the sanitiser products provided.
- Remember, all the above is to protect your health and the health of fellow members.

David Jones 20th October 2020



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## "Trivia"

**AUSTRALIANA QUIZ:-** Can you answer the new citizenship questions? [Answers on page 8.](#)  
Use of Google is not encouraged.

1. *In Australian slang, what was or is, "a Walloper"*
2. *What was a "Gladstone Bag" and who was it named after?*
3. *What is meant by the term "Strike a Light"?*
4. *What is a "Bluey?" 4 answers required?*
5. *What does "Whackoyoubautbonza" mean?*
6. *What is known as a "Bondi Cigar"?*
7. *What is a "Squiz"?*
8. *Who or what is a "Seppo"?*
9. *What does "As dry as a Pom's towel" mean?*
10. *Who or what is a "Piker"?*
11. *And last of all, what would you do with "Moolah" if you could?*

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# "Have a Laugh"

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God does have a sense of humour! Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom, He made seniors loose co-ordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So, if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it is God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

## Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

#9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 - Life is sexually transmitted

#7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 - Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they cannot tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they will not bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 - Health freaks are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 - In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 - Life is like a jar of chilli peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

## THE SELECTORS' LAMENT

They beat their breasts and cried out loud,  
As they faced the northern wall,  
Where the selectors had placed the team selections  
On the notice board was their call.

There were some that swore and some that cried,  
And some who stood and muttered  
Some were proud, some were coy,  
And others merely stuttered.

There were voices raised in anger,  
Shrill screams split the air,  
There were those who didn't say a thing,  
Because they really didn't care.

"I won't play with him", one said,  
"He's a bloody hopeless skip."  
And one who very quietly said,  
"It's time I took my trip."

There were many self- selections,  
There were lots of "bloody hells!"  
There weren't very many  
who said the Selectors had done well.

The players knew who should be there,  
They knew who to pick,  
Just ask them when you hear them say,  
"That selector is a \$\$\$#@!"

Each year the tears get deeper,  
As on the floor they fall,  
From those who stand in anguish  
Before the wailing wall.



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## "Trivia answers"

### Answers to AUSTRALIANA QUIZ

1. A Policeman.
2. A small, leather, top opening bag with a single catch. Named after William Gladstone, a four times British Prime Minister.
3. A term expressing surprise, meaning, I was in the dark about this but now I see it.
4. A Dog, a Swag, a Redhead, an Infringement notice.
5. Bloody excellent.
6. A Brown Mullet.
7. To have a look.
8. An American. During WW2 Americans were referred to as Septic Tanks (Yanks) hence Seppo.
9. Extremely dry as in an Aussie summer. Reflects the bathing habits of the English.
10. One who does not give his all to a task or shirks responsibility.
11. Spend it!

There can be no doubt that we, as current Australians have inherited a rich and vibrant history, particularly with language.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition and your day has been brightened. Hopefully, we will all be back to reality sometime soon.



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