

Newsletter from the Board



Many of the discussions and processes that occur during our monthly board meetings are confidential. However, it is a goal of the current Board of Directors to promote transparency around the less confidential matters. We have decided to introduce a monthly newsletter to inform our members what's been changed and what's in the pipeline. Regarding expenditure, many are never addressed until the AGM as regards to where funds have been allocated or what improvements have been made . We hope that these monthly updates will give some insight prior to our AGM.

State/ Zone Competitions

As The Bowls Secretary has mentioned in emails "It was decided in order to encourage bowlers to participate in Zone and State events, that the Club would subsidise any entry fees for such events to the value of \$25. Consideration will be given to a higher subsidy depending on the applicable Event/entry fee" Forms can be found at the bar. You will need to present your receipt to make a claim. Marrickville Bowls is growing stronger and larger by the year. We thank you for your efforts and would like to recognise your contributions to our Club.



Constitution

The current Constitution of the club is outdated and layered like an onion. The Board has engaged a law firm that was one of the firms recommended by ClubsNSW to introduce a new constitution that reflects more current on this day and age. As we and society progress we hope that the Constitution that we abide and rely on reflects and supports us with this growth. The goal is to have it produced at the next AGM meeting

Gas Bills

Even considering the rapidly increasing costs of natural gas and electricity, the club was hit with an extraordinarily high bill for the December-March Quarter. After some investigative work during a visit from gas plumbers it was discovered that the kitchen had some previously unknown leaks and needed several upgrades due to an outdated system and ever changing regulations. The works completed were necessary for the safety of our members and guests and will no doubt benefit the Club financially in the long run.



Zone 13 Bowls Presentation Dinner

This month the annual Zone 13 presentation dinner was held at Ramsgate RSL, where a number of Marrickville Bowlers were awarded medals and prizes for the efforts over the past 12 months. The Board would like to congratulate them for their achievements: Zone Rookies winners David Hynes and Nick Lowe, who then became State Runners up; Open Reserve Pairs Runners up Benjamin Whipp and Michael Rennie, and Open Reserve Triples Runners Up Dermot Minihan, Nick Lowe and David Hynes. Also, coming up, the Zone Mixed Pairs winners Sam Knight and David Hynes will be competing in the State Finals. Well done Marrickville and keep it up.

Meat and Veggie Raffles

The new and improved Veggie Boxes have been introduced with great feedback . And Back by popular demand - the end of month second-chance-draw will be returning on the last Friday of each Month. Simply write your name on the back of your raffle tickets and place them in the barrel that will be either on the raffle table or behind the bar. Don't miss out on your chance to win either of the 2x \$50 vouchers on offer.



Air Conditioning

One of the clubs aircon units has needed full replacement. It received damage due to part failure after its 25 years of service. The decision to not bandaid fix and have a new unit, lines and ducts replaced was made. The cost variance and warranty, assurance and longevity of the new unit far outweighed a patch fix.

Club Furniture

The decision has been made to update the antiquated Club furniture. MBRC in past years has been like the youngest sibling in the bowling club family, relying on hand me downs and good opportunities to provide updates to furnishings. We are pleased to announce that there has been a purchase made to update the Clubs chairs and stools. After many months and a subcommittee formation, the immense task of finding suitable furnishings that would bring warmth into the club whilst tying in the unique decor we are blessed with has been achieved.

Chair Raffle

When the new chairs have arrive this board would like to hold a chair raffle to help dispose of the old chairs. 10 cents a ticket, 11 for a \$1. Each ticket guarantees a chair until sold out*

*Chair raffle not guaranteed

CHEAP BEER AND DRINKS



There won't be an increase in bar prices for members until January 2024 - 18 months after members prices were last increased! Nice!

Tuesday Games Night

We started a free games night in May 2023, with cards and various board games. if you didn't already know about it, come on down enjoy a drink or meal. Different games are available and free for anyone to use.

Sydney Fringe Festival

Marrickville Bowling Club has partnered with Sydney Fringe Festival to showcase some of Sydney's most eclectic emerging and established artists during the month of September. Check our gig guide for updates, or head to the Sydney Fringe Festival's website for more information.

Upcoming Gigs

@ 7:30pm on Friday 11/08

- **Body Type w/ Sweetie & Perfect Actress 'Expired Candy' Album Launch** 4 piece all-female rock outfit kicking off the first leg of their Australia-wide tour.

@ 7:30 pm on Saturday 12/08

Jack Ladder & The Dreamlanders 'Tall Pop Syndrome' Album Launch: Renowned Australian Singer/Songwriter's first time at MBRC since 2019. Second stop of his Australia-wide tour following respective sold-out tours in Europe and UK.

@ 4:30pm on Sunday 27/08

Rob Luckey and the Luckey Bastards all the way from Tasmania (yes, they brought their passports!) Rob Luckey and band make their yearly appearance at MBRC. Free and danceable!

Upcoming State/ Zone Competitions



In mid-August, Dave Hynes & Dermot Minihan are competing in the 2023/24 State Over 40's Pairs at Grandviews. Several bowlers have entered the Rookies Singles & Pairs competitions to be played in September. Entries close on 2nd August. Also Zone State Triples entries close on 3rd August. Intra-club games are a great way to stay in practice outside of Pennants season and gives great opportunities to play against players you may never normally see during inter-club games and even during pennants season.

Bowling member of the month.

Each month we are going to announce a Bowling Member of the month. It Offers members discounts on drinks and the prestige until the following month. Don't forget to tell all your friends and bar staff.

*While the process could certainly be refined, our member of the month was chosen by laying a list of full members on the ground, and throwing a pen at it.

Augusts member of the month is:

Stuart Kennedy



Photo of the Month

When you bowl at a club as picturesque as Marrickville you're bound to snap some photos that deserve a Pulitzer Prize. We'd like to recognise the exceptional photography skills of our membership base by introducing a 'Photo of the Month'.

Credit for this month's POTM goes to: Anonymous