

# Home of the Roosters

*Something to crow about...*



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Edition 001

Welcome to the first edition of 'Something to crow about' newsletter. I hope to be able to provide regular updates on what is occurring at the club.

## FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

We are in an important transitioning period for the club, the changes described below show the level of commitment the executive committee is putting into their roles, we are looking at the changes to improve the operation of the club, enhancing the experience of the members and to financially secure the future of the club, volunteers are vital to the day to day operation of the club, we currently have small dedicated band of volunteers we could always do with more.

## WELCOME MARC, OUR NEW FACILITY MANAGER

Following the Half Yearly meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, the Club Executive endorsed the proposal to engage Marc Abonnel as Facility Manager for the Cockburn Community Recreation Centre.

Marc joins us with a wealth of knowledge in public and private start up companies, his business acumen, ability to think strategically, a unique ability to take ideas and visions from concept stage through to implementation and commercialisation.

Marc is a BowlsWA Board Member, a member of Australian Institute of Management and other various business organisations. He is held in very high regard within the Lawn bowls community and his appointment to this role for the Club is considered a significant achievement for the future success for the Cockburn Bowling Club.

Marc commenced on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and has spent the first two weeks getting familiar with the Bowling Club operations.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Marc and making yourself known as he moves about the club.

## CLUB INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

The club is very fortunate to have the assistance of Brent McMillan and Nicky Elsom, providing support in all matters IT. Brent and Nicky have completed extensive work on the club membership data base and regularly assist with updating and printing of member's cards for new and existing members. Brent has also arranged for Bankwest to donate 4 x SurfacePro PC's to the club, we are extremely grateful to Bankwest for this donation. Brent and Nicky also are the clubs IT specialists and are frequently called upon for advice and support to upgrade the club IT system we are most appreciative for their patience and support.

## LUCKY MEMBER DRAW

The lucky member draw random number application has been completed. Special thanks to John McElroy, his son in law Brendan Taylor who undertook the development of the programme and Fiona Taylor, (John's daughter) who prepared the graphics for the random number application. Their company Identity Boost, offers a range of affordable website design & development solutions for growing your business.

The Lucky member draw terms and conditions have now been reviewed and approved by the club executive and the document has been signed by Pat McBride and will be uploaded onto our club website prior to the first lucky member draw.

Strict conditions will apply to collect the prize these will include you must have your current financial members card and another form of ID these conditions are in the terms and conditions.

The club is intending to conduct the Lucky Member draw each Friday between the hours of 5pm – 7pm. The draw will commence shortly after the kitchen operator is appointed and working.

## KITCHEN OPERATOR

The club executive have met with an interested party to take on the kitchen and catering operation for the club.

Pat McBride and Brian Blagaich have met with Cockburn Council to prepare a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the club and the caterer. The MOU is now in its second review period following a meeting with the caterers on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Council has now located the kitchen inventory. We are hopeful we can arrange a number of volunteers to review and update the inventory as it must be attached to the MOU for signing by both parties.

## COOGEE SURF CLUB

Council arranged for Pat McBride and Brian Blagaich to meet with the Coogee Surf Club President and Business Development Manager on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. This meeting provided valuable feedback to Pat and Brian on what went well and what could be done better during the Surf Clubs transition from their original basic headquarters to their new much larger facility (not a lot different to what we have/are experiencing in our move from Rockingham Road). The learnings we have gained from that meeting is providing very good insight for our plan moving forward.

## CLUB HONOUR BOARDS

The club executive has approved a proposal to convert our club honour boards to digital. Steve Srhoy and Brian Blagaich have been working on the excel spreadsheets that will be provided to the Digital Honour Board developers. The digital display will replicate the old timber boards in look (i.e. timber finish and gold lettering). The new large display you have seen be installed adjacent the door to the greens will accommodate all the information for the Bowls Committee i.e. team selections and it will also be used for the digital honour boards.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

You will notice a Defibrillator has been installed on the north side of the door way to the greens, thank you to Marin Dragojevic who installed the enclosure for us.



## TREASURER DUTIES

Following Len Williams resignation from Club Treasurer duties, Ken Myers and Jim Ricci have taken on the shared duties. Len has acted in the role from 1994-2002 and 2014-2020 and has carried out the role both diligently and professionally. His support for a number of Presidents and Committees throughout the years is highly commendable. A big thank you to Len for his commitment to the Cockburn Bowling Club.

## MATCH OFFICE

The lighting in the match office shall be upgraded shortly. Pat managed to secure 3 T-Bar LED lights. These will be installed to improve the lighting within the match office in the next few days.

## ELECTRICAL WORK

In the coming days you will see an electrician working within the club installing additional Power Outlets for the new large display, and 3 additional Power Outlets behind the bar. The tradesman shall also be looking at adjusting a number of lights that operate via timers to save on power.

## OFFICE IT UPGRADE

Following the meeting with the Coogee Surf Club, the club executive have approved a quotation be provided to install Office365 on the club PC's. This will improve the operation and networking of the club PC's and will enhance the way the club does business going forward. Marc is working closely with the executive to get this priority issue in place quickly as possible.

In addition, Marc has registered the business name Cockburn CRC (Cockburn Community Recreation Centre) and the Bowl and Fork for the Kitchen/Bistro with Australian Securities & Investments Commission, the owner of these names is Cockburn Bowling and Recreational Club (Inc.).

Marc has also set up a new domain for the Cockburn CRC it is [www.cockburncrc.com.au](http://www.cockburncrc.com.au). This will be used to set up a new web page. This web page will then lead you to the Cockburn Bowling Club, Function Bookings, Volleyball and Futsal both who share the Cockburn Community Recreation Centre with Lawn Bowls. These changes will then facilitate one brand for the Cockburn CRC, for the Bowling Club and will help the public in finding the information for the CRC on one website (currently the information is scattered across a number of pages and web sites which is confusing the public).

## BAREFOOT BOWLS

The Barefoot Bowls Tuesday evening event continues to be led by Syd Game with Steve Srhoy, Jim Ricci, Irene Waddell and John Link. There is a slight drop in numbers but still well supported. Well done team.

Barefoot bowls appeals to people of all ages so please don't forget to spread the word amongst family and friends.

## BEELIAR DRIVE FILTER LANE

The club has made an approach to Cockburn Council to consider upgrading the left turn into Beelias Drive from Birchley Road. The proposal by the club requested a filter lane be constructed to provide safe merging. The current intersection has obstructions which make safe entry difficult. The council has confirmed receipt of the proposal and will advise once an audit and review has been conducted.

## TUESDAY PAIRS

The Summer Tuesday Pairs competition managed by Mark Binns with tremendous support from Jim Bell and Joe Reale, continuous and is well attended and supported by our members and other club members attend on a regular basis. Mark with Jim and Joe are already planning for Winter Tuesday Pairs and Saturday Cash Triples. Keep an eye on the notice boards for more information.

## CLUB MEN CHAMPION FINALS

Congratulations to Willie TePania and Mick Simunovic on an excellent club Men Singles Final. It was of a high standard and both players should be congratulated on their performance. Willie prevailed on the day and is our new 2020 Club Singles Champion.

The club pairs was concluded on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March with Paul Brotherston and Willie TePania defeating Brian Blagaich and Marin Sokol.

The club triples champions are Brian Blagaich, Jim Ricci and Marin Sokol.

The club fours final was also concluded on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> with Mick Simunovic, Mick Musulin, Ivan Mateljok and Joe Marevic as skipper.

The Novice Singles will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April there are 7 nomination we are seeking 1 more nomination.

Congratulations to all of the players and to Mal Armstrong for managing the events.

## FROM THE LADIES BOWLS PRESIDENT

The ladies have completed all of their Club Championship games, congratulations to Lorraine Wylie on being Ladies Singles Champion and Evelyn Wilson runner up.

The 2019-20 bowls pennant system has been completed and the 1<sup>st</sup> Division team is in the playoffs, well done to all players.

The Ladies Gala Day has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

## FROM THE MENS BOWLS PRESIDENT

Ken Wylie has extended his thanks to his volunteers who provide much needed support for work in and around the greens, facility and on a day to day basis. Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you are at all able to assist please make yourself known to Ken.

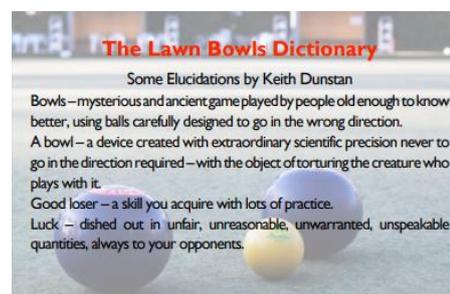
The work to eradicate the issues on the undercover green is being discussed with Green Planet (the installer). Ken will advise what the final decision will be going forward. Whatever that may be it will be at the conclusion of the pennant season and post the Legends Day Carnival.

## LEGENDS DAY CARNIVAL

Save the date for the Legends Day Carnival it will be held this year on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Notices and team nomination sheets will be posted on the last day of March. This will give plenty of time for members to get a team together. The format will be 2 games of set play with a power play and tie breaker. This will allow for a later start and earlier finish.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are very keen to hear from interested members who wish to be part of the club social committee. This committee will play a vital part in the social fabric of the club, planning and managing club member social events.



## BAR PAYMENT SYSTEM

The club executive has requested costing details to purchase and install the Square electronic payment system. This will replace the existing system operating in the club bar. The new system will significantly improve and streamline the current way we process transactions and track inventory. It will accept all types of payments and will interface with the new club financial package Xero (also proposed to be rolled out at the commencement of the next financial year).

## CLUB FINANCIAL PACKAGE

The club executive has requested costing details for the replacement of the existing Reckon accounting package. Xero accounting software is considered an ideal replacement. It uses a single unified ledger which allows users to work in the same set of books regardless of the location or operating system. It is cost neutral and would simplify the business accounting methods currently in place for the club.

## KITCHEN DINETTE & ARCHIVE AREAS

Plans are taking shape to carry out work within the store area adjacent the club office. The work will require the relocation of the older style player lockers. Sections will go into the mens and ladies showers area. We are seeking volunteers to help move the lockers as they are quite heavy.

Marin Dragojevic has kindly offered to fix adjustable cabinet legs (to keep the units off the tiled floor) and to look at fixings at the top of the units to prevent tipping.

Once that move has occurred a metal stud dividing wall will be constructed to partition the store into a kitchen dinette area and an office archive area, with a doorway leading into the office. This will allow the office cabinets to be relocated into the new archive area and free up valuable office space.

We will need someone with metal stud wall experience to assist if possible. Please let us know if you can help.

## END OF 2019-20 PENNANT FUNCTION

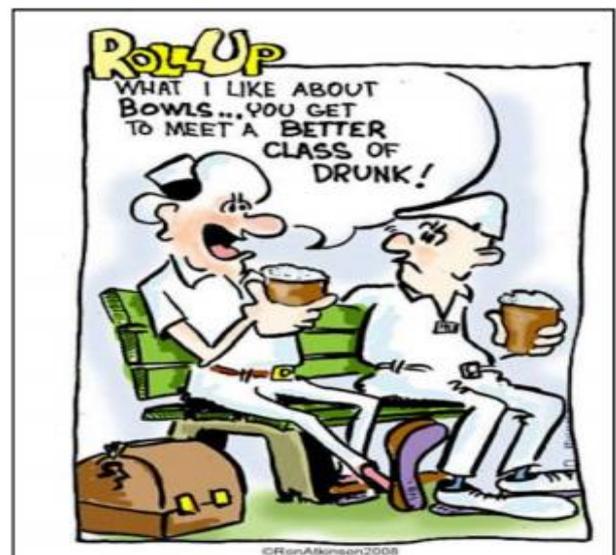
Due to the BowlsWA cancellation notice (see the link) the drinks and nibbles following the last Saturday pennant game on 28<sup>th</sup> March will be rescheduled more information will be provided in due course.

## DARTS

Plays an important part in the social fabric of our club, both Ladies and Mens competitions are conducted throughout the week, Ladies events are Mondays, Wednesday night is the mens and Pat has just secured a new Southern League competition to be conducted on Tuesday nights.

## WHY ARE WE KNOWN AS THE ROOSTERS

I have asked Steve Srhoj and Michael Zusman how Cockburn's nick-name originated, both have the same recollection; in the 80's Laurie Slater a sports journalist in Perth (played for Vic Park) had a bowls radio show during the course of his radio shows he gave nick-names to all of the 1<sup>st</sup> Red sides playing; Cockburn was at the peak of their power, dominating the game in Perth, Laurie take on Cockburn's dominance was "Cockburn have plenty to crow about", hence he started the nick-name the Cockburn Roosters.



## CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

BowlsWA have issued an updated cancel advice to members.

Please read this advice by visiting the below website:

<https://www.bowlswa.com.au/2020/03/17/bowls-wa-to-postpone-and-cancel-events/>



## HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

We are looking for content to make this newsletter more relevant to you.

It is intended to keep all club members informed on key major developments around the club.

Please feel free to provide me with any feedback and/or news items you would like to be included.

These can be emailed to [admin@cockburncrc.com.au](mailto:admin@cockburncrc.com.au)

Happy and Safe Bowling!

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**Brian Blagaich**