

# Home of the Roosters

*Something to crow about...*



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Edition 002

Welcome to the second edition of 'Something to crow about' newsletter. I hope to continue to provide regular updates on what is occurring at the club during the closure.

## FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

During this most difficult time, we hope our members, their families and loved ones remain safe, we urge you to follow the government's directions and to maintain social distancing hopefully this trying period will conclude sooner rather than later.

We continue to plan and prepare the club for the reopening, the work is being carried out by our Facility Manager, Bar Staff and our dedicated volunteers I thank them for their continued support and understanding in these difficult times.

## OUR FACILITY MANAGER

Marc Abonnel our Facility Manager is now well into his role, working on a variety of executive approved projects and tasks.

Marc has successfully rolled out Office 365 on the clubs PC's, this work required communicating with Microsoft submitting an application and then uploading the new system on our machines. The saving identified by Marc in applying as a 'Not for Profit' organisation, then working through the application process, required a significant amount of work which has paid off to the clubs advantage.

The replacement of the existing financial accounting package, is well underway this work will entail finalising and closing off the Reckon system and implementing the Xero package. This change will improve the financial accountability and provide an interface into the new Bar Payment system.

In addition to the Office 365 roll out Marc has also updated all of the clubs PC's with Norton Security to protect the club from scams and viruses. This work was particularly challenging due to the age of a number of machines and the amount of old documentation that had been stored on a number of PC's.

## CLUB INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Brent McMillan and Nicky Elsom, have been exploring improvements to the club Wi-Fi system, there has been ongoing connectivity issues for some time.

With the recent addition to the clubs IT hardware (Bankwest donation arranged by Brent and Nicky) the connectivity problem needed to be resolved to allow our systems to operate seamlessly. Ray Howard is also a vital part of our IT team, assisting Marc with a number of issues his support is greatly appreciated. A new Data Base will be established in the near future all of the PC's will be connected to the central DB to ensure all the clubs important data is in one secure protected area, with a back-up system operating.

## LUCKY MEMBER DRAW

The lucky member draw will be conducted each Friday between the hours of 5pm – 7pm. The draw will commence shortly following the start-up of the new kitchen operator. Our intention it to have meals available for the members prior to and post the first Lucky Member draw.

The important details to remember to participate in the draw;

- you must be financial and
- must be present at the draw,
- Must produce a current financial members card,
- Must provide further proof of ID.

I will keep you posted on developments as we move through this difficult period.

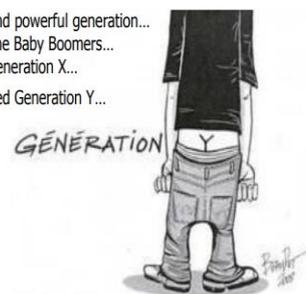
## The Y Generation:

People born before 1946 were called The Silent and powerful generation...  
People born between 1946 and 1964 are called The Baby Boomers...  
People born between 1965 and 1979 are called Generation X...

And people born between 1980 and 2010 are called Generation Y...  
Why do we call the last group Generation Y?

- Y should I get a job?
- Y should I leave home and find my own place?
- Y should I get a car when I can borrow yours?
- Y should I clean my room?
- Y should I wash and iron my own clothes?
- Y should I buy any food?

But a cartoonist explained it very eloquently...



## **KITCHEN OPERATOR**

I have been keeping in touch with the kitchen operator, the MOU is agreed between us, the kitchen inventory has been finalised with the help of Steve West, John Plume, Brian Pearson, Doug Carmody, Mathew Hardy and John McElroy.

At the conclusion of this closure period we expect the kitchen operator to sign the MOU, mobilise their staff and get under way preparing meals for the members and catering for functions within the facility.

## **COCKBURN CRC**

As reported in our earlier edition Marc has registered the name Cockburn Community Recreation Centre, a web site will be established to provide the public with a central web site to log onto Cockburn Bowling Club (including membership data base), Futsal, Beach Volleyball, book a function, social bowls bookings, book the restaurant or any other bookings that our members or public want to make. A request for quotation will be sent to companies to prepare the Website in the near future.

## **CLUB HONOUR BOARDS**

There is a slight delay in getting the digital honour boards underway.

The vendor I have been working with has limitations on the amount of information per screen; this will result in much more scrolling to accommodate the information we have; I will keep you informed on progress as we work through the issues.

The digital honour board will replicate the old timber boards in look (i.e. timber finish and gold lettering).

## **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Defibrillator has been located on the north side of the door way to the greens, we will be approaching St John Ambulance to provide training for our members, I will give more details in future on the training dates and times for those that are interested.

## **TREASURER DUTIES**

Ken Myers and Jim Ricci have taken on the shared duties of Treasurer, a big thank you to both Ken and Jim, with the change to Xero in the coming weeks, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

On their honeymoon a husband confesses a secret to his new wife. "Darling, I'm a bowls fanatic," he says.

"You'll never see me at the weekends and all our holidays will be at bowls tournaments." "I've got a confession too," replies his new wife. "I'm a hooker." "That's ok," replies the husband. "Just concentrate on your aiming point and take a bit more green."

## **MATCH OFFICE**

The lighting in the match office has been upgraded, the change in lighting levels is very good and will be appreciated by all the match team who use the office.

## **ELECTRICAL WORK**

An electrician has been working within the club installing additional Power Outlets for the new large display in the members lounge, and additional power outlets behind the bar, replacing Bar Cooler door lamps, and adjusting a number of lights that operate via timers to save on power.

## **BAREFOOT BOWLS**

The Barefoot Bowls competition on Tuesday evenings has concluded, it was managed by Syd Game with Steve Srhoy, Jim Ricci, Irene Waddell and John Link. It was financially a tremendous success, in 2019 the competition raised \$8,000; this year with a reduced timetable the result was \$7,000. Bar takings of course is not included in these figures. A great effort and 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**

We await the audit and review findings by Council for the left turn into Beeliar Drive from Birchley Road. The proposal by the club requested a filter lane be constructed to provide safe merging. Council has advised due to the significant decrease in traffic flow the audit findings will be delayed.

## TUESDAY PAIRS

The Summer Tuesday Pairs competition managed by Mark Binns with tremendous support from Jim Bell and Joe Reale has concluded, it has been well supported by our members and other club members, it has been a great effort by the team, we are hopeful they can start the competition up again once we reopen.

### CLUB MEN CHAMPION FINALS

Unfortunately due to the closure the Novice Singles did not take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

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

### FROM THE LADIES BOWLS PRESIDENT

The 2019-20 bowls pennant system has been completed and the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Green South team was in the playoffs, well done to all players, they lost by 13 shots but still it was a great effort by all of the players.

During the season men have helped due to unavailable Ladies players, they have to be congratulated they were Brett Parker, Fred Struthers, Charles Campbell, Michael Bridge, John Link & Pat McBride.

### 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 on a day to day basis.

The work to eradicate the issues on the undercover green has been discussed with Green Planet (the installer). Green Planet has proposed a method to roll back the surface to allow work to take place on the sub-surface, the preferred option it to roll the surface East – West to allow the tracking of the roll; Ken will advise when we will need approx. 40 volunteers to assist with the roll-back, obviously it will be post the closure, but prior to the next season. Ken is seeking 500mm diameter storm water pipe sections to assist with the rolling of the green, if anyone has a suggestion it would be welcome

### LEGENDS DAY CARNIVAL

Due to the closure the Legends Day Carnival will be rescheduled (date to be advised). 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 still very keen to hear from interested members who wish to be part of the club social committee. The Committee will play a vital part in the social fabric of the club, planning and managing club member social events, please let myself or Marc know if you can help.



### BAR PAYMENT SYSTEM

An application has been submitted to purchase and rollout the Square electronic payment processing system. This system will allow quick & easy payment set-up, no lock in contracts, analytics (real time sales reports), inventory management and fast payment turnaround (we will receive payments into our bank account within two business days or less), with a range of hardware to assist the user it will be a significant improvement on our current machines.

### CLUB FINANCIAL PACKAGE

Work has commenced on 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. As Xero is cloud based it can be linked to Square. Paying bills will be simpler with Xero; it is cost neutral and would simplify the business accounting methods currently in place for the club.

## PLAYERS OLDER STYLE LOCKERS

The older style player lockers have now been relocated into the Mens/Ladies Showers (see photos below)

*Mens Lockers now in Mens Shower*



*Ladies Lockers now in Ladies Shower*



If you previously had a locker, hopefully we returned your personal effects to the same locker, please check upon your return.

Marin Dragojevic fixed castors to the underside of the units to enable the relocation and together with assistance from Brandon moved the units into their final location.

## STORE AREA CHANGES

Following the relocation of the lockers a metal stud dividing wall will be constructed to partition the store into two areas an area as a dinette for the Ladies 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.

### Question:

What do you do with someone who can't draw, can't roll the jack, can't set a mat, can't keep score and won't listen?

**Answer:** Make them Skip!

## END OF 2019-20 PENNANT SEASON

Due to the BowlsWA cancellation notice following the advice to cancel events by BowlsWA, the 2019-20 Pennant Season final team standings are yet to be announced, when that detail is provided we will be posting that information on our web site.

## DARTS

Similar to Lawn Bowls, Darts is also cancelled resumption of the season will be advised by the association once that detail is provided we will be posting that information on our website..

### Remember:

*We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing!*

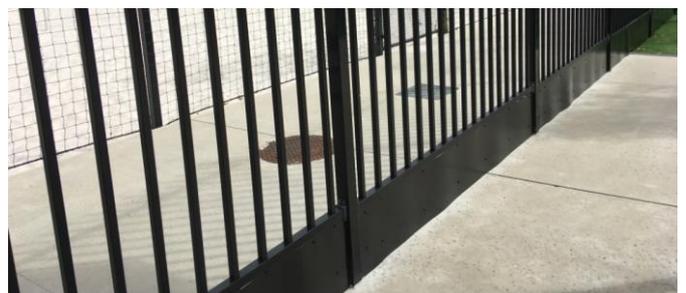
## FENCE LEAF BARRIERS

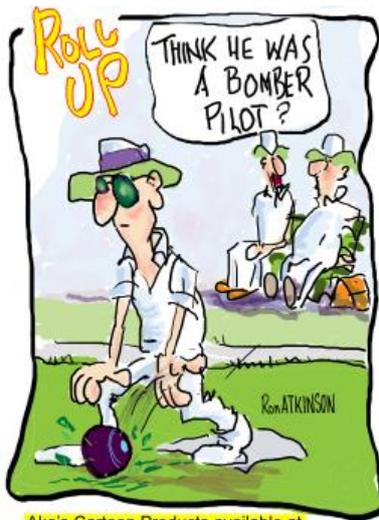
Fence Leaf barriers have been fitted around the facility perimeter fencing over the past few months, this work has been quite difficult and very time consuming, it has been most important to prevent tree litter from finding its way onto our green. In addition shade cloth has also installed and repaired (vandal damage) to the western perimeter fencing. The work has been carried out by Adrian Grubelich, Ken Wylie, Tammy Fraser, Ron Wilson and Alf Edwards, great job, thank you and well done (see the photo below of their efforts).

*Shade cloth & Leaf Barrier Installation:*



*Leaf barrier installation:*





Ako's Cartoon Products available at [www.lawnbowshypnosis.com](http://www.lawnbowshypnosis.com)

### SHRUB REMOVAL

The *Adenanthos sericeus* shrubs, commonly known as Albany Woolly bush; planted along the northern perimeter fencing have been removed (see before/after photos), these bushes have long been considered an issue, their growth and size was going to result in constant pruning costs, it was decided to remove them entirely; the final result is more light and air in the undercover green and certainly a significant saving for ongoing trimming costs.

*Before Shrub removal*

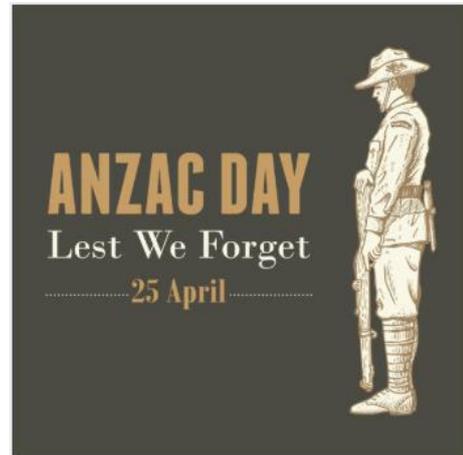


*After shrub removal*



### ANZAC DAY

Remember that ANZAC DAY is on 25<sup>th</sup> April, even with the social distancing and isolations in place, we can all still pause for a moment and pay our respects to our service men and women on this special day.



### What Time Is It?

During the planning stages of a very large military operation, Operations HQ received a radio request for a "Time Check." The Operations HQ lackey asks, "Who's calling?"

"What difference does that make?"  
 "It makes a lot of difference," says the lackey.  
 "If you're a Reservist Unit, it's 3 o'clock. If you're an Infantry Unit, it's 1500 hrs. If you're the Navy, it's six bells. If you're the Armoured Corps, the big hand is on the 12 and the small hand is on the 3. If you're the Artillery Corps, it's Thursday afternoon."

### Members Health

I will use this section to keep everyone informed with members health issues, if anyone has information on our members health concerns we would appreciate any information so that we may send a cheerio.

Our first is Ron Collis, Ron is our club patron, staunch Freo supporter and great club man, Ron will be going into hospital on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, all our best and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## LED BEELIAR DRIVE DISPLAY

A submission has been provided to council to seek funding support to install a large LED double sided display on Beeliar Drive, the display will provide the passing motorist and local residents current information on club activities, it is proposed the display would be installed just inside the timber bollards with power supplied from the car park switch board, it will be Wi-Fi capable, meaning we can manage the media content from the club office.

*Proposed location of the LED Display*



## CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

The Government of Western Australia has daily community and business advice you can get this information by visiting the below website:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>



## BAR STAFF

We are extremely fortunate to have great loyal staff who have been working behind our bar, we all have seen them on a daily basis always with a smile, they are Tiana, Lisa, Kiandrah and Logan.

Due to the closure they have willingly taken on other duties; such as cleaning, the kitchen (it's never looked cleaner and organised), the front of bar and back of bar areas have been cleaned and tidied up, the members lounge and function room furniture has been moved and stacked to allow carpet and chair cleaning to take place, general day to day cleaning throughout building areas and assisting in the office on a number of projects we have under way. Thank you for all your efforts fantastic work and keep smiling.

## 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)

Keep safe.

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