

No Bias Castle Hill Bowling Club

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Hello fellow members,

Welcome to our 'No Bias' - Winter 2019 newsletter.



Firstly, congratulations to our lady bowlers for winning in three pennant grades this season. We will all be barracking for them when they contest the State playoffs up the North Coast. Go ladies!!

The men were not as fortunate as the ladies but had a very competitive season nonetheless.

The Big Question I'm sure you are all asking: Where are we up to with the Club development proposal?

Yes, it's taking a fair while, but be assured that a lot of negotiations have been continually taking place between Augusta Advisors and RetireAustralia with input and review by the Club Development Committee and Club Board. RetireAustralia and the Club Board are both totally committed to make this joint venture development succeed for the long term functioning of our bowling club and from RetireAustralia's perspective, the long term success of their Seniors Living facility. These iterative negotiations have been necessary in order that the final plans deliver the absolute best financial and functional outcome for both parties within the confines of the available land size, expected height and boundary approvals, shade and shadow limitations, and access.

We believe we are very close to agreeing the final layout plans and financials. Accordingly, we have now set a date of Sunday 4th August for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)/Information session. Formal

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notice to follow shortly [ed: details below]. Wayne Smith from Augusta and the Club's solicitor will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Concurrently all key stake holders are actively engaged in negotiating the Development Management Agreement between our Club and RetireAustralia and we are hopeful that this will be complete within a couple of months. Following this RetireAustralia will apply for a Site Compatibility Certificate followed by a Development Application for the project.

The finances of the Club are foremost prior to and during this process until money is received from RetireAustralia. The Club Board is committed to ensuring that our cash reserves are maintained and costs are kept to a minimum. As a result, this year we have managed to maintain our cash reserves and we expect the trading loss for the year to be less than last year.

I would like to again thank all of our valued Club sponsors for their continued support. These are our local businesses and I urge all of you to consider the goods and services that these sponsors provide and choose them whenever possible. They support us and we must support them!

Best regards, Ken Sherwood, Chairman

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Castle Hill Bowling Club Limited will be held on 4th August 2019 at 5:30pm at the club to vote on important matters in relation to the redevelopment of the club.

NOTE: To vote at this meeting you must be a financial full bowling member by Wednesday 10th July 2019.



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General Manager's Report

BY Shaun Povey

Hi Members

Who would believe we are at the end of another financial year and approaching my third AGM.

The first thing I need to do is to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their ongoing support for both myself and the staff. We have been lucky to have a minimal staff turnover and only seem to lose staff to better opportunities. We also like to offer opportunities to our member's families and we thank you for assisting us in sourcing casual staff over the last while.

Secondly, I must thank our volunteers for their continued support in keeping the club and its equipment in working order while we wait for the development process to be finalized.

Thirdly we need to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support. Our sponsors link us to the community and we thank them for that.

Our kitchen staff of Shane and Matt would also like to thank the members for their support as they try out new menu's

and appreciate the feedback on their new "Smoker" venture.

We have been fortunate that we have been able to hold our own on the financial side and are holding on to our cash reserves before the expected development phase.

This year we received two grants and used the funds from the first grant to purchase another two umbrellas, two outdoor benches and two outdoor tables and bench settings.

The second grant will be used to improve our audio system with a user friendly system with a number of additional features. This will be installed before month end.

In my position, at the club, it is critical that we listen to our members and, once again, I ask that individual members talk to me if they have any suggestions and concerns as I like to personally follow up on this information. All discussions, as expected, will be kept confidential but the information is vital to maintain the member's enjoyment of their experience at the club.



We will now be heading into a busy period with a number of Sporting Clubs using our facilities for their end of the year functions and presentations. Our auditorium has also gained a reputation for a good venue for trivia and charity events.

Our next Special club event will be in September and we will be advertising the details in the next two weeks. I believe that the Post Pennants Dinner event was a great success and we hope to continue in this vane.

Lastly, we wish the Woman's Club Pennant team's good luck with their endeavor to claim the State Championships at the playoffs at Kingscliff in August.

Cheers,

Shaun Povey

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5 Minutes with Scott Dalton

Editor: Scott, tell us about your family and childhood.

Scott: I grew up in Merrylands going to Granville South Public school till year 6 then went to Granville Boys High for year 7 then my family moved to the Central Coast to open a lighting shop at Erina where I worked with Mum and Dad and my sister. I went to the Entrance High from years 8-12.

Editor: How did you become involved with bowls?

Scott: My Grandad got me started in the world of bowls when I was 8. He bought me a set of bowls and a pair of cream trousers and asked me to go and try bowls in a roll up and I haven't really left the green since. This last pennant season just finished was my 34th straight season with the unfortunate case of not being able to win a pennant flag in all of these seasons. I have been lucky enough to win National, State, Zone and club titles but am still yet to win that elusive pennant flag, which I hope I can do with Castle Hill.

Editor: Can you tell us about some of the jobs you've had and where you have lived?

Scott: As I mentioned, I have lived in Merrylands followed by the central coast. I was lucky to live in Wollongong from 1997 for a couple of years when I started my first job in the entertainment world working at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre after lying in my interview. I then moved back home to the coast and was one of the lucky 500 people chosen for employment at Fox Studios Australia in the roles of Technical Director on the Simpsons and a VIP. There were 16000 applicants for the 500 positions and also 13 interviews along the way. Once Fox closed to the public I then moved into musical theatre where I was trained in all aspects from set construction to stage management, during my time in this industry I have been



lucky to work with some of the biggest entertainers in the world such as Neil Diamond, Elton John and Billy Joel and Pink. As well as over 8000 individual performances on productions such as Lion King and Jersey Boys just to name a couple.

Editor: Outside of bowls, what other interests do you have?

Scott: My interests outside of bowls are, Music, singing, baseball, poker and cooking.

Editor: Tell us something interesting about yourself.

Scott: Not sure I am that interesting! I have a story or

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two I could tell about 'so called' celebrities I have worked with in my time, but still not sure that is interesting though.

Editor: We're told you work with the disabled. What's involved in that?

Scott: I have been lucky to start a career working with special need people in the last 6 months. I work for a company called Champions Holidays and we are lucky to mentor our champions on a daily basis which is so satisfying to see how our mentoring can make changes in their lives and daily living. We teach our champions to be as independent as they possibly can be with the challenges life has thrown them. We teach them how to use public transport so if they ever become lost while out they can always find their way home. We also teach them life skills such as cooking, cleaning and completing day to day chores. 3 of our champions have passed TAFE courses in the mainstream this year in CPR and Barista skills which is very pleasing being part of this journey with them.

Editor: What attracted you to Castle Hill Bowling Club and what keeps you here?

Scott: What attracted me to Castle Hill?? Hmmmm. I was

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playing at a rival club in our zone. While I was playing there we came up against

What keeps me here is how the club has a family feel that I have seen at no other club I

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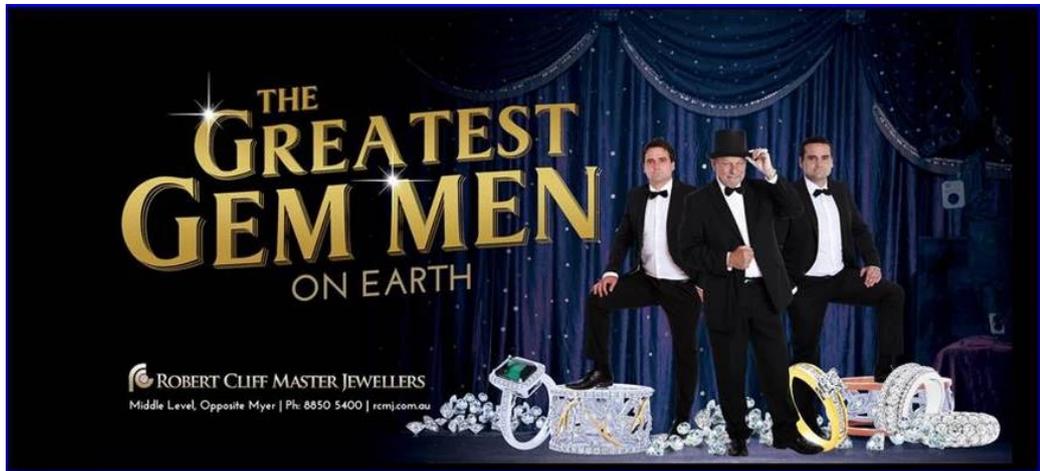
Castle Hill and the attitude was 'we are only playing Castle Hill' which used to annoy me no end. Once my time came to an end at that club I decided that Castle Hill was going to be my next club and wanted to stick it up that rival club, who we have not lost too since I have joined.

have played at in my so called bowls career and how much everyone gets behind each other and gives massive support to all Castle Hill bowlers.

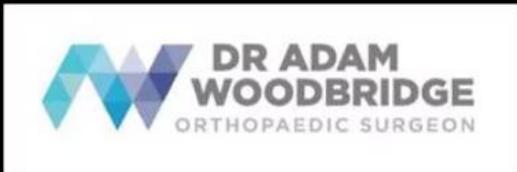
Editor: What's your vision for our club, bowls wise?

Scott: My vision for Castle Hill is to see the club become a successful club in the future both in the men and ladies bowls fraternity. I believe with a little hard work and plenty of passion and support we at Castle Hill can and will achieve this.

Thank you for allowing me to share a bit about myself through this newsletter.



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Men's President's Report

By Dave Bremner

27th February 2018

I am now in my third year as Men's President and I have certainly enjoyed "the ride".

This year has seen some changes in the makeup of the Men's Committees and I would like to thank my very hard working team. Executive Committee – Dave Gilbert, Jeff Everett and Earle Baker. Bowls Secretary – Vince Di Falco. Committee Chairmen – Andrew Eadie (Match Committee), Greg Arnold (Selectors and Coaches), Graham Berry (Umpires), John Bennett (Welfare) and Mike Richards (Zone Delegate). These gentlemen are supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteers who work diligently behind the scenes to "make bowls happen".

2019 Club Championships finals decided so far this year are -

MINOR SINGLES - Clarrie White Junior defeated Vince Di Falco

FOURS - Noel Benson, Brad Barnes, Dave Bremner and Kyle Martinez defeated Andrew Eadie, Mark Horan, David Organ and Paul Bryan

PAIRS - Paul Bryan and Scott Dalton defeated Tony and Kyle Martinez

Congratulations to the successful teams, and good

luck to all in the remaining Club Championships this year.

In a great result for Castle Hill, Keith Rowe, Beau Barry and Mike Richards won the Zone 10 Reserve Triples Championships defeating Toongabbie in the final at Greenlees Park, where the boys were well supported by our loyal fans. We wish you well in the State playoffs later in the year.



players need to commit for the full season and spend more time on the practice green. A post Pennant review has been undertaken, including recommendations, with the goal of how we can improve our performances next year.

The grade 4 and 7 Pennant Playoffs were held at our Club



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CHMBC entered 5 teams in Pennants – Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Unfortunately the results were disappointing with none of our teams making the playoffs. The results were not helped by the unavailability of many players for the full 10 weeks of the season, culminating in 17 players being unavailable for Round 10. I would like to thank and congratulate the players who regularly turned up for Pennant practice. If we genuinely wish to be more competitive as a Club, more

and again our great team, led by Vince Di Falco, professionally planned and ran the day. Positive feedback was received from both the players and Zone 10 management regarding the professional way the event was run, and the quality of our greens.

The greens certainly have been busy in 2019 and I would like to mention some of the events that have taken place already this year.

One of the highlight days of the year, the 'Battle of the Sexes' and Men's and Ladies Club Championships Awards Presentation took place in January. Congratulations to all our Club Champions and Runners up who received awards on this afternoon. A special mention to Paul Hodgkinson (Rookie of the Year) and Kyle Martinez (Player of the Year). This unique event shows the great camaraderie between our Men's and Ladies Clubs.

The Australia Day mixed carnival was another fun day with 63 bowlers on the green. A Jack Attack style event was run, with 21 teams rotating to enable each team to have 2 games.

In March an "in house" Jack Attack tournament was run with 16 teams competing in a keenly contested event. The raffle, drinks and bistro sales were great and the atmosphere in the Club, after the games, was "buzzing". Well done to all teams who participated – we will be running another one of these events later in the year.

During February we had a visit by Australia's gun bowler Natasha Scott, who gave us an informative, and insightful talk. This was followed by a Q & A session and then purposeful drills on the green. In my view Natasha's presentation was inspiring and certainly relevant to our level of bowls.

The MacAndrew/Brooke Challenge against Harbord was held in April. It was great

to have Jan MacAndrew there to present the shield, which was won by Harbord. It was a close game and hopefully we can improve a little and win the shield when we play the return match later in the year.

Nine of our men represented

great to see seven of our Life members in attendance.

The post Pennant "celebration" dinner was held on Friday 14th June. With over 100 people in attendance, a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Ladies



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Castle Hill in the annual North Epping Invitational 9-a-side tournament. With 10 Clubs competing, we won 8 of our 9 games and took out the trophy and the prize money. Well done to all involved.

The Anzac Day and Scott McLeod Memorial was another great day with 84 bowlers on the green. Aussie style food and fun dominated the day, followed by drinks and 2 up. A big thank you to Billy McLeod and family for their enthusiastic and generous support of this day.

It was fantastic to see our enthusiastic members (ladies, men and some non-bowlers) helping out at the Election BBQ. A good result for the Club.

The Life members Day was held on the Queen's Birthday Monday holiday. Lunch was followed by a game of bowls (42 players). It certainly was

Club on winning three Pennant flags this year and good luck in your upcoming playoffs at Kingscliff.

2019 has been hectic so far. I wish all bowlers well in all their endeavours for the rest of the year. I encourage you to enter events, within and outside of our Club, improve your standard of bowls and always play with pride for our great Club, Castle Hill.

Dave Bremner
President

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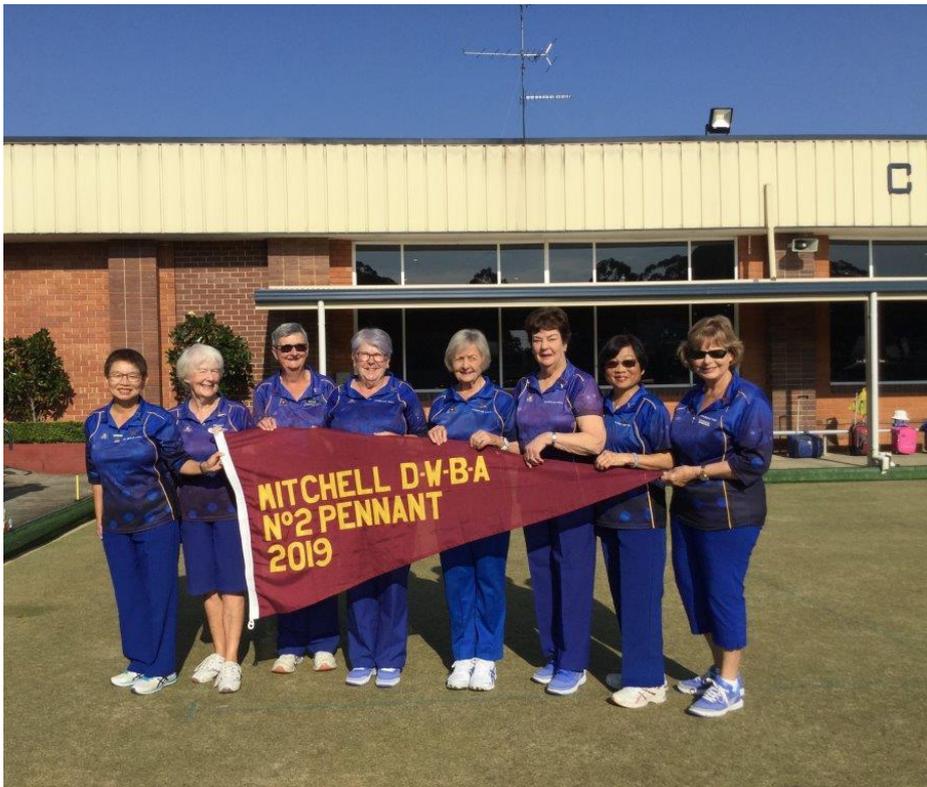
News from the Ladies' Club

By Di Creed – Communications Officer

February 2018

It's been a great start to the first half of 2019 with our Grades 2, 3 and 4 winning their Pennants flags, Regional Playoffs and now

The ladies are holding a Rainbow Fashions Parade at the Club on 26th July to raise funds to assist our teams to travel to Kingscliff. Enquiries and bookings for the Fashion Parade - Theresa Potter



Grade 2 - Lan Lim, Hazel Turner, Shylie Little, Joy Loh, Benita Woods, Marion Binet, Florence Lee, Pam Lowe

heading off to the State Playoffs at Kingscliff, Northern NSW.

The Castle Hill contingent of 30, including Managers, reserves plus supporters, is heading up north for play commencing 14th to 18th August. We wish the three teams great bowling, but most of all to enjoy this fantastic experience!

CONGRATULATIONS to our three teams - the Club is very proud of your achievement.

96343693 or Di Creed 88507445. The cost of \$15 includes a light lunch. Men's Club members - please let your wives/partners know about our fashion parade. We will be holding a raffle, with prizes of jewellery kindly donated by Prouds Jewellers. Thanks for your assistance in our fundraising endeavours.

The Club held a combined men's and ladies' clubs Post Pennant



dinner on 14th June. The winning ladies' teams were congratulated and were very grateful to receive financial help from the men's club from the proceeds of a sausage sizzle held on election day, to assist with travel costs to Kingscliff. This, together with a silent auction of jewellery and watches and a game of bowls trivia run by Paul Hodgkinson realised an additional total of approximately \$2000 being added to our fundraising efforts.... thank you to those concerned!

We should also make special mention of our Grade 3(2) team who were Runners Up to our Grade 3(1) team! The Selectors did a great job selecting the teams, and the enthusiasm, loyalty and consistency of the teams proved to be a winning combination! Thanks to all the team Managers and to Hazel for her coaching sessions.

Well done to our team who played in the inaugural Mitchell Plate competition which was held during the Pennants season. This competition is played by non-Pennant playing Members, and the ladies did us

proud by running third against some very tough competition.

Congratulations to Joy Young, our 2019 Major Singles Champion. Joy plays in the Champion of Club Champions at Asquith 2nd - 5th July, and we wish her well.

Congratulations also to Shylie Little and Denise Campbell, our 2019 Pairs Champions.

Congratulations to Marion Binet, Shylie Little, Hazel Turner and Lan Lim who won the District Senior Fours, defeating our Runners Up team of Benita Woods, Lynne Graham, Sue O'Connell and Jackie Jones. Castle Hill was very well represented.

The Club Triples are being held at present, but the competition has been delayed by some of our teams playing in the Australian Open.

Our team of Belen Avanzado, Evelyn Brien and Denise Campbell played well in the Summer League Playoffs at Blacktown Workers, with Austral winning overall.

Castle Hill was well represented at the State Carnival held over five days at Tuncurry/Forster at the end of May and a great time was had by all. This is a time to enjoy some great bowls with ladies from all over the State....and a whole lot of laughs and camaraderie!



Grade 3 - Anne Gilbert (will be unavailable at Playoffs and re-placed by Jan Kurtz), Therese Holt, Wendy Bell, Chris

Well done to Joy Lees, Eileen Bromley and Robin Davidson, Runners Up in the District Triples.

Our club hosted the District Carnival and thanks must go to our Social Committee who

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2nd July

FINAL CLUB TRIPLES

Congratulations to Joy Loh, Shylie Little and Hazel Turner who defeated Pat Nichols, Rowena Coode and Pam Lowe in the final.

Well done to Joy Loh and Ursula Killow who were Runners Up in the **DISTRICT OPEN PAIRS** to The Hills team of Chrissy Cadman and Karen McCann.

supplied a spectacular morning tea.

Our annual Flo Willcox Carnival will be held on 5th August and we welcome any contributions to our trade table, including home baked goods, handcrafts and quality homewares etc. Any enquiries re the carnival please contact Secretary Belen on 9680 8329.

On a very sad note we have lost four of our past and recent bowling ladies in the past six months - R.I.P. Doris Smith, Kay Wort, Denise Aiken and Helen Wiessner. Many of us hold fond memories of these lovely ladies and we remember them with much love. We also think of Robyn Denning with the loss of her brother Dennis Feltham and remember our many games with Dennis over the years. The

men's Club has also lost some of their members recently and our thoughts go with all their families.

All the best to those on the sick list.....hope to see you back with us soon!

Good bowling

Di Creed, Communications
Officer



Grade 4 - Judy Day, Margaret Raz, Theresa Potter, Maggie Rowe, Jan Leonard, Leonie MacAulay, Laura Pickering, Rosemary Menere



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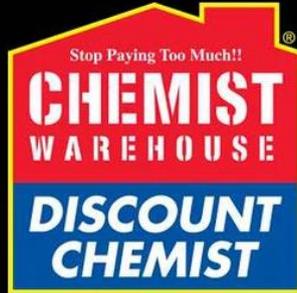
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