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Community Fund Raiser TO SUPPORT THE WARRANDYTE CRICKET CLUB APPEAL



As you may know, a tragic bus crash involving members of the Warrandyte Cricket Club and their families recently occurred in the Hunter Valley. Upon hearing this devastating news, our Donvale Bowls community came together in an incredible show of support.

In just two short weeks, we organised a special fundraising day to help support the victims' families during this difficult time. It was truly heart-warming to witness the outpouring of generosity and compassion from our members, as well as the wider community.

On the day of the event, the spirit of giving was palpable. We hosted a raffle, and our members enjoyed a friendly bowling game. Our dedicated members and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success and create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.

I am thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible efforts and the contributions of everyone who participated, **we were able to raise an impressive total of \$1,580.** This achievement is a testament to the unwavering support and kindness that defines our Donvale Bowls community. **Thank you, Ross Taylor, for the photos.**

Katie Taubert our key
organiser for this event
presenting a prize to Kay Chandler

The funds raised will go directly to supporting the families affected by the Hunter Valley bus crash. By alleviating some of their financial burdens, we hope to provide them with much-needed assistance during this challenging period.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you who played a role in making this fundraising day a success. Whether you volunteered your time, donated items for the auction, or simply attended the event, your contributions have made a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Let us continue to cherish the strong bonds we share as members of the Donvale Bowls Club. It is through our unity and compassion that we can make a positive impact on our community.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to our club and the wider community. Together, we have achieved something truly remarkable.

Warm regards to all members, Katie Taubert.



The Fundraiser for the Warrandyte Cricket Club had 48 players participate plus 5 helpers on the day, mainly ladies providing a fabulous lunch and afternoon tea.

Our raffle had 17 prizes, mainly donations from **Ritto Bettiol** (2 Cheese Boards), **Graeme Morrison** (a Plant), **Cherry Hill Tavern** (\$50 food Voucher), **Coles at The Pines** donated all the sausages and bread.

Many members donated bottles of wine. Thank you to our hard-working committee and our driving force **Katie Taubert** together with our BBQ cooks **Kel McMahon** and **Ritto Bettiol**.

Our total raised was a magnificent \$1580 and thank you to all the Donvale members attending plus those members who gave a cash donation who were unable to attend.

John Chandler
President
Non-Pennant & Social Events



Katie Taubert presenting other prizes to members



Michael Meehan & John Chandler at the friendly game of bowls – we all enjoyed our game.



Robyn & Liz enjoyed the day



Mei, Jennifer & Jill also enjoyed this special day

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ann and I have now been on the road for eight weeks enjoying our caravan travels up North. We should be at Cooktown in a week or so and then it will be time to turn around and head back.

For those not aware, I am pleased to confirm Manningham council has endorsed the 2023/24 budget, which includes an allocation for the replacement of our front grass green with a synthetic and lights. These new facilities will provide many benefits to our club members and visitors. They will provide an increased capacity for a variety of activities and events all year around, day and night, directly in front of the clubhouse and alfresco area, with a significant savings in ongoing green maintenance costs.

Our club is committed to contributing 50% of the direct actual costs for this project, so our finances are likely to be temporarily stretched over the next year or two. I am pleased to confirm that Mal Shield is managing this project for the club, to help ensure our club secures an acceptable scope, costing, club contribution and timing. My understanding is that the ideal timing for our club is to install the lights towards the end of the 2023/24 pennant season, and then the new synthetic before the start of the 2024/25 season. But there are many factors that will determine the final timing, including council bottlenecks, availability of the contractors, funding, and weather. We will endeavour to keep you informed.



Ian Bramstedt
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

After many years, Marilyn Grant is retiring from being the prime organiser of our much-loved hot food after Pennant and other events. We sincerely thank Marilyn for her fantastic contribution to the enhanced enjoyment of members socialising after events and for the funds raised for our club. I am very pleased to advise that Kay Chandler has agreed to take on the role as the prime organiser of hot food sales. Please join me in thanking Marilyn and supporting Kay.

On 26th June at the Mullum Mullum Stadium, the Disability Sports Australia Group ran a Disability Sports Australia Inclusion Day. There were several sports represented, including bowls. The bowling activities were organised by a Bowls Australia Regional Manager, Warren Griffin. He requested help from our club, and I am very pleased to thank Peter Hanslow and Brian Dunn for supporting Warren on that day. I understand that the participants enjoyed the bowling activities.

I was pleased to hear from the Pennant committee on how many sides they are confident we can field for this coming

Pennant season. It is not easy to get the numbers right as we do not want anyone to miss out, but we also do not want to enter sides then have to forfeit due to lack of numbers. Pennant is a very enjoyable sport to compete in, play at many other venues, and make great friendships. So please support the Pennant committee and your club.

The Management Committee acknowledges that an additional toilet adjacent to the back green would be welcomed by members and visitors. We are committed to getting that project started, but the timing will need to wait until we have more certainty over the amount and timing of our contributions to the very important front green conversion. To ensure there is as minimal delay as possible, a small working group will be formed to investigate an appropriate solution, location, permit requirements and obtain quotes. We can use that information to lobby once again for council support and seek suitable grants or government funding.

Look forward to seeing you at the club in September.

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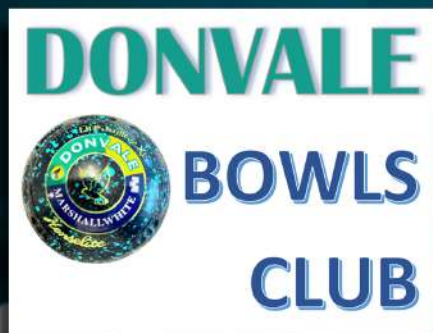


Photo by : Ewan Simpson

Leanne Sullivan

By Rob “Stormy” Fairweather

Donvale Bowls Club is indeed indebted and beholden to many of our beloved characters which define and distinguish it.

One such character at Donvale is Leanne Sullivan.

A brief insight into Leanne's working life, her involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the experiences it provided.

She grew up in the seaside area, attending Brighton Primary School and Brighton Secondary College.

Upon leaving school, she pursued a career in the dental industry, filling roles in both nursing and management.

In 2018 retiring after a 42 year-long career the last three decades spent serving a single employer.

She met her husband John in the early 1980's.

They shared a mutual love of tenpin bowling, enjoying many years of competition at the state level.

In addition, during the late 1980's and early 1990's participated

in numerous fun runs, including completing in a half marathon. In the mid-1980's, Leanne relocated to Doncaster and later married John.

They had a son named Charlie.

The family held a passion for travel, enjoying and exploring both Australia and overseas.

Their last major trip together was in 2017, a six-week European adventure, it was here they bid farewell to Charlie who continued his own six month-long world tour.

Sadly in 2019 John passed away, Leanne seeking activities to fill in her spare time.

In 2020, she signed up with the University of the Third Age (U3A) at the Blackburn Bowls Club, unfortunately her involvement was short-lived due to the onset of the Covid pandemic.

With Melbourne beginning to reopen later, the only club accepting U3A members was the Donvale Bowls Club, she signed up and became a

fully-fledged member in August 2021.

Leanne is immensely grateful to Barry and Julie Wilkins for introducing her to the challenging sport of lawn bowls and welcoming her into such a fantastic club.

She played in the Pennant 21/22 season in the 6th division, which her team won.

Triumphed in several Club Championship events, securing victories in the 100-up and pairs in 2023.

Also managing to secure runner-up in the mixed pairs, triples, and novice singles.

How fortunate we are to have Leanne at Donvale.

A tireless worker and volunteer, involved in so many aspects at the club that may be challenging or need addressing.

Trust, you agree her enthusiasm and laughter enhances and motivates us all.

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ASK THE UMPIRE – JULY 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

As Helpful Herbert drifts off to sleep each night a big smile appears on his face as he continues to dream about the Crystal Mark 4th Edition April 2023 of the Laws of Bowls.

On one night he recently dreamt about another game where he played Nasty Norm. In this game Nasty Norm appeared to know very little about Law 13 relating to possession of the rink.

In this game Fast Freddy, Helpful Herbert's lead almost pushed his opponent off the mat before the opponent's bowl came to rest. This didn't worry Nasty Norm at all but it worried Helpful Herbert who told Fast Freddy that he must wait until his opponent's bowl came to rest before he steps on the mat to play his bowl. This made Fast Freddy angry, and he yelled "umpire". The umpire was on the next rink, and he told Fast Freddy that Helpful Herbert was right.

The dream continued and on the next end, once the opposition third had played his second bowl Fast Freddy immediately started striding to the head, thus blocking the opposing player's view of his bowl. Helpful Herbert decided he'd better admonish Fast Freddy again, but Nasty Norm beat him to it and called the umpire. The umpire came and told Fast Freddy that when possession of the rink had passed to the opposition he must wait behind the mat until their bowl came to rest. Was the umpire in this dream, right? Helpful Herbert knew that he was (and so does Umpire Barry).

It's worthwhile setting out a precis of the relevant law:

Law 13 is Possession of the rink, because parts of this law are routinely infringed in a pennant game.

Law 13.1 - Possession of the rink belongs to the player or team whose bowl is being played.

Law 13.2 - As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink passes to the opposing team after allowing time to mark a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

Law 13.3 – A player must not deliver a bowl before the previous bowl comes to rest and possession of the rink transfers to his or her team.

Law 13.4 – If a player plays a bowl before the previous bowl comes to rest or if the players in possession of the rink are being interfered with, annoyed, or distracted in any way by their opponents, penalties apply. The first breach of the law brings a warning. The second breach will result in the offender's last bowl being declared dead, with a replacement of the head if necessary or the end being declared dead.

Common breaches of Law 13 include:

1. Walking down the rink while a player is watching his or her bowl in course. The walker's obligation is to remain at least one metre behind the mat until the bowl comes to rest.
2. Fussing around the head while the opposition is on the mat waiting to play their bowl. The offenders' obligation is to remain at least one metre behind the mat or behind the jack at the head.
3. Having a conference in the middle of the rink while not in possession of the rink. Such conferences should take place at least one metre behind the mat or behind the jack at the head.

MISSING BOWLS

Previous missing set no 14 has now been returned to the shed but another set is now missing.

**Set No 24 Size 1H Dreamline XG's with red and blue stickers on them.
Would whoever have these bowls please return them to the shed.**

**Members are reminded that club equipment should not be removed from the club.
There is a notice in the shed to this effect.**

MEDIA EVENT AT OUR CLUB

From Ian Bramstedt

Late last week the Liberal Party contacted Michael Meehan, and with very short notice, requested that we allow a media event to be conducted at our club. They wanted to highlight what they considered unfair allocation of grants that favoured labor party electorates. We considered the risk of allowing this at our club and decided that the risks of upsetting our sponsor Sonja Terpstra, were outweighed by the increased awareness of our need for funding. In my opinion, all political parties participate in pork-barrelling and using whiteboards to decide where funds should be allocated. So, it could be considered a bit of a media stunt.

The media event took place last Saturday attended by **John Pesutto (opposition leader), Sam Groth (Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation) and Nicole Werner (Liberal candidate for Ryan Smith's seat of Warrandyte)**. As far as I am aware, the media has not yet been aired on TV yet.

A big thank you to John Chandler who attending this event representing our club and facing the cameras and questions. At short notice, he was an INC committee member willing and available to be there. Well done.

The Hockey club happened to be there on the day, and they knew some of the politicians, so they also got into the act, and indicated the lack of grants for their pitch lighting upgrade.

If anyone has any queries, please let me know.

I have attached a copy of a Facebook post by Nicole Werner, which I have also shared on the Donvale Bowls Facebook page.

Hi Nicole

Thanks for showing your support for our bowls club (and the Doncaster Hockey Club). We enjoyed a very good relationship with Ryan Smith and hope to continue that "when" you are elected to represent the Warrandyte electorate. You are already showing your passion for our community, and I am sure you will be a great advocate and voice for local issues.

We need funding for a couple of much needed facility improvements, so we can expand and improve on the bowling programs we provide to our growing number of diverse members, and the local community, including local schools and special needs groups. The improvements include replacing our very restrictive and expensive (for maintenance) grass green with an all year round synthetic under lights and an additional disabled toilet close to our rear green.

Last year we reached out to Keith Wolahan for funding support, but unfortunately there has been and still is a lack of suitable grants available. I will send you a copy of that request just for your background.

We look forward to having you at our club many times as our guest over the next few years. Bowls is a fantastic inclusive sport that provides many social and health benefits to participants.

Regards, Ian Bramstedt, Chairman, Donvale Bowls club



Hi John Chandler

Thank you for allowing us to come and visit the Donvale Bowling Club on Sunday, with John Pesutto and Sam Groth and for taking part in the media story.

As discussed, I would love to help where we can advocate for funding for the bowls club (and hockey club).

To that end, I know that you will have already met Keith Wolahan - federal member for Menzies.

I have already spoken with his office, so they are aware of your need for funding.

I have included Keith's office in this email so that we can further the conversation.

Kind regards

Nicole

GREENSBOROUGH HOTEL FOR 33 MEMBERS ENJOYING THEIR CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH



John Chandler
President
Non-Pennant & Social Events

On the 20th July some 33 members attended the Greensborough Hotel for our Christmas in July function and the meal including the Plum Pudding sweet was excellent and a very enjoyable day.

Despite our cold and wet days Winter Bowls Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday are attracting excellent numbers please

assist our Coordinators by giving 24 hours' notice if you are playing or unable to play.

Manningham Community Raffle. We are thrilled we have sold almost 90 books the raffle closes on 31st August please help us to sell the remaining 10 books and the club will receive \$1500. Remember there is an incredible \$10,000 worth of prizes to be won please contact Katie Taubert 0421 313 237 or the writer for your book with over 200 members in our club surely, we can sell 100 books.

Again, thank you all for supporting our social events.



Ian Heap, Ron Pretto, John Chandler

Thanks John for the great photos

Dianne, Malcolm, Virginia.



Jan, Peter, Mei.



Adrian, Gill.



Merilyn, Dennis.



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