



# BOWLED OVER



Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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Singles: Manny Flores

Minors: David Torkar

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## Our world remains problematic

Since our last edition our world has again changed significantly – and the Melbourne metropolitan area plus the Mitchell Shire has changed more than most. Worryingly, our situation is seemingly spreading into other country areas, and NSW could easily be swallowed up again.

Our infection rates have escalated (although hopefully that might be plateauing), but the number of deaths is climbing at a faster rate than the early days of COVID-19 in Australia, with the infection number growth pretty much all in Victoria, as are all of the escalating number of deaths.

As we approach the half way mark of our current lockdown restrictions there is no solid evidence of things being reined in – and we are now all wearing masks. Let's hope for some dramatic improvement very soon.

From a bowls perspective we do, under current Level 3 restrictions, have a limited opportunity for social bowls but with significant provisos.

On the advice of the State Government, BowlsVic has put in place very tight limitations on bowls to align with the current Melbourne metro and Mitchell Shire COVID-19 restrictions. In particular, a limitation of 10 bowlers at any one time applies on our Green (and playing maximum 2 per Rink), with Clubroom use limited to bathrooms, as well as all the prevailing social distancing, sign in/sign out, sanitizing and hygiene practices etc, etc all of which have been previously advised - plus, now, the wearing of face masks.

The Club Board has made social bowling available to members only - and strictly under the above arrangements while the current lockdown remains in force. To this end, weather permitting, bowling is available only between 11.30am and 2.30pm on a Thursday and 12.30pm to 3pm on a Saturday. To ensure the limitation of 10 bowlers on the Green at any one time, and that all other requirements are adhered to, all control is with Nigel Thompson ("thank you" Nigel). To use the Green on a Thursday and/or Saturday you must pre-book for your opportunity to bowl by contacting Nigel in advance, on Mobile 0411 220 545 or Email at [nigel.thompson.nt@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.thompson.nt@gmail.com).

Since these arrangements have been put in place a small number of members has been taking the advantage to have a roll. If you would like to join them, please book with Nigel.

Note that these arrangements will always be subject to review/variation in line with COVID-19 restrictions applying at the time - **AND MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO BY ALL MEMBERS, AS IS THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A FACE MASK.**

**Above all, if you are feeling even the slightest bit unwell, ensure that you stay at home.**

## What does the near term future hold given that it is looking increasingly likely that current Stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions will continue beyond 20 August:

### For the Club's Annual General Meeting on Saturday 22 August:

- With the Board having previously decided to defer the Club AGM twice so that it could hopefully be held "in person" on Saturday 22 August, the new reality is that the AGM will likely need to proceed on that date via "ZOOM" - in the event of which, all members will be provided with ZOOM access details etc in the lead up days.
- Club Secretary, Clay Beveridge will forward the formal notice of the AGM in due course. He has already sent details of Board vacancies and sought nominations for vacant positions - so please give these vacancies serious thought.

### For "Opening Day" – scheduled for Saturday 29 August

Any extension of the current Stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions beyond 20 August will mean that "Opening Day" will need to be postponed. We should know the situation on or before our AGM.

### For the 2020/21 Pennant Season

Notwithstanding that BowlsVic has planning well in hand for the coming Season (planned to commence at the end of September), there has to be some likelihood that things will change unless there is a very speedy and serious reduction in COVID-19 infections. At the very least, a delayed commencement to the Season, or even a compression of the Season – let's all hope not, but it has to be in our minds at this stage.

## News around the Club

- We hope that all of members are remaining healthy in these troubled times – and that the light at the end of the tunnel will soon be shining.
- At this time of a "normal" year we have many members overseas or enjoying warmer climes. Not so this year as Col Reed, with Jan, is our only sunshine chasing member – enjoying things in Tweed Heads (and having beaten the border closure to do so).

## Club Calendar

- **Saturday 22 August – Annual General Meeting 1pm**
- **Saturday 29 August traditional annual "Opening of the Green" 1pm – in uniform**
- **Saturday 26 September – Indicative start of Saturday Pennant Season**
- **Tuesday 29 September – Indicative start of Mid-week Pennant Season**

**Please keep your eyes open for COVID-19 impacts on any/all of these events.**

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