

BOWLEDOVER



Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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John Grogan

| <u>Minors:</u> | Paul Ives |
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Condolences

The sympathy of all members is extended to Club Treasurer, Clay Beveridge on the passing of his wife Jen after an extended period of ill health. Our thoughts are with Clay and the wider family at this difficult time.

From the President

Hello All,

As the season approaches, I just wanted to reach out to you to wish you all the best for the forthcoming Pennant Season in all Grades (Saturday, Midweek and Night Pennant). Bowl well and represent your Club with distinction.

I feel we have the personnel to achieve success this year and look to rising in Grades quickly since Bowls Victoria's restructure placed our First-Grade team back in Division 4. Our last foray in Division 4 saw a



premiership. Let's also move out of Division 6.

Our Midweek sides in recent years have been traditionally strong so I expect nothing less than continued success.

It's been a few years since we had a Night Pennant Team. For those committing to play, good luck and enjoy the experience.

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

As you may be aware, on behalf of the club I have been applying for Grants for several years of which we have had great success in obtaining funding. One thing that has been overlooked and is part of the Grant process (and should be part of our Club's Mandate) is that all members should adhere to Sports and Recreation Victoria's "FAIR PLAY CODE" and it's also part of the GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM of which I understand we subscribe to.

Nigel Thompson is in the throes of organising a form for all members to sign to make us compliant with future request for Grants.

We currently have three Grant applications submitted, and a further Grant application for Capital Works up to \$10000 is being lodged in the coming weeks.

Please ensure you sign these forms as presented in the coming weeks.

Many Thanks

Don

Pre-Season Games

Our final Pre-Season Super "9's" game saw a win over Hoppers Crossing in a game that was curtailed by a hail storm. Pre-Season Super "9's" has been a good Pennant lead up, providing some "real game" tests.

Practice Matches against Doutta Galla and Princes Park on Saturday saw mixed results – a good win over Doutta Galla and a bad loss against Princes Park.



New Members

A big welcome to new Club members, Andre (Andrew) Ra'Kosi and Lorenzo Di Sipio. Andrew has been a regular at Thursday Social bowls for some years, and Lorenzo has been a regular since COVID-19.

Markers Wanted

The Club has been awarded two premiere Northern Gateway events on the following dates -

- Women's singles opening rounds on Sunday 16 October; and
- Men's Triples opening rounds on Sunday 30 October

Being selected to host these events is an honour for our Club, but we do need to "do the job". To "do the job" we will require 6 volunteers to act as Markers on 16 October, and Nigel Thompson will be Umpire of the day at both events. If you can act as a Marker on Sunday 16 October, please let Nigel know asap.

Please note that the Club rooms will be out of bounds on both days, except for access to the toilets, due to First Aid training being conducted on both occasions. Only access will be via the Office door.

Final Practice Matches

Our final Practice Matches before Pennant commences are on next **Saturday 8 October - Aberfeldie 1 & 2 V Strathmore (at Strathmore) 12:45pm start.** Keep your eyes out for Team selections – Noticeboard & Club website.

News around the Club

• Albert Considine is out of action following some recent surgery, as is David Torkar who is suffering a "back problem". We hope to see them both back on the Green soon.

Club Diary

Saturday 7 October – Practice Matches V Strathmore as above Tuesday 11 October – Mid-week Pennant Round 1 Aberfeldie 1 V Sunshine VRI (at Home) Aberfeldie 2 V Princes Park (at Home) Friday evening 14 October – 6-a-Side Pennant Round 1 Aberfeldie 1 V Fitzroy Victoria (Away) Saturday 15 October – Scheduled Saturday Pennant Round 1 Aberfeldie 1 V Werribee (at Home)

Aberfeldie 2 V Glenroy (Away)



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