

# BURLEIGH BOWLS

## BOWLER NEWS

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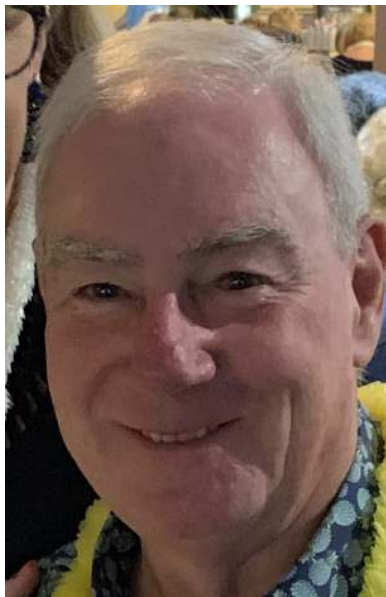
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# Chairman's Report

By Paul Hynes

How the days go by so quickly. A third of our Financial Year (October to September) has sailed by. The period has been characterised by Covid Safe plans required to remain in place, border openings and closures, an increasing patronage of the club and further clubhouse improvements ready to take place.

We are entering into a traditional quiet period for hospitality however the time gives our staff and bistro caterer time to recover from the hectic holiday period.

The club has nominated for Best Bowls Club at the Clubs Qld Excellence Awards. Winner to be announced on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Board considered we had a good story to tell regarding clubhouse upgrades, enormous community involvement in corporate functions and barefoot bowls and the achievements on our bowling side. We await the results.

The coffee outlet in the greenkeepers shed and the bar when opened have created a great outdoor area for socialising and the area is proving very popular and portrays a very good image for the club. The area was also mentioned at a Burleigh Community Master Plan workshop attended by our Manager Justin as a positive contribution to the Burleigh area. An excellent outcome.

Beer prices have increased due to another excise price increase. Prices remained the same despite the 2 excise increases last year. The good

news is the savings that can be made by placing money on the member card and using it in the club. Conditions apply.

In addition to the usual contributors to this newsletter our Treasurer has some good news on finances, House Directors Alan Cullen and Di Pickett on behalf of the House & Entertainment Committee bring you up to date on happenings around the club and our Bowls Co-ordinator Barrie has news on Bowls related initiatives.

Please take the time to read their news and with all things considered we are in a great part of the world and there is plenty to be positive about. "You do not find the happy life, you make it".

Burleigh Bowls – The Centre of the Community.

Please keep safe and have a great Easter.

LATE NEWS: Congratulations to our Max Morris div 2 team for winning the flag. A number of supporters were present at the final including members of our Premier League sides (who are also performing well). Celebrations I am told continued well into the night.

**Paul Hynes**  
**Chairman 2021**





# Treasurers Report

By Phil Westlake

The first four months of our current financial year has seen a very good trading period for the club. Once again our three Profit Centre's of Bar, Barefoot Bowls and Gaming have shown the way and have produced a net profit so far for the club equivalent to last financial years annual profit.

The increased patronage can also be contributed to the good support being shown to the home competition matches played by Premier League, Q7's and Max Morris competitions. The successful establishment of the Seadog coffee shop and the outside bar in the converted shed as well as the external renovations to the club premises has also increased the clubs profile and exposure to the community.

Gaming is a necessity to the clubs financial well being and to support this arm of the business we will be undertaking updates. The gaming area will be increased to facilitate our Covid 19 environment and to allow future increase in machines. There are a number of older style and underperforming machines at present that require replacement. We are fortunate at this time that gaming machines are very economic to acquire and it is the intention to initially replace five machines with new machines with upgraded games for less than what would have been the cost of two machines. Hopefully this will occur within the next four weeks.

The period February to April is traditionally our slow trading period for the year. This will see a lowering of monthly profits before hopefully a

a rise in trading with the influx of our southern visitors. We must keep in mind that we are still in a Covid environment and subject to shutdowns and border closures a clear risk to our financials. With the rollout of vaccine this risk should be reducing over time.

**Phil Westlake**

**Treasurer 2021**

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# **House & Entertainment Report**

**By Allan Cullen**

As a result of all the government changes, business restrictions and disruptions over the last eight months, the club has managed to re-evaluate itself to what we believe is still the central hub of Burleigh Heads.

With the ongoing renovations, ie: revamping the gaming room area with plans for extension and to update the poker machines, roof repair and repainting and still to come a replacement of all the external blue carpet to green which will help fix up some of the problems in the smoking areas. Our new outside Coffee Hub and bar area YET TO BE NAMED has proven to be a great success.

Don't forget to keep up to date with the clubs entertainment. The Saturday night bands, major up coming shows and race days. Pick up a copy of the What's On magazine at reception.

**Allan Cullen**

**Chair of House & Entertainment Committee 2021**



# Men's President Report

By Brian Bottrell

Hello Bowlers,

Well the Queensland Premier League is in full swing with Rounds 9 & 10 to be played this weekend (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb). It's a double header at home against Helensvale on Saturday and against Pine Rivers on Sunday. Hopefully the home ground advantage will secure us 2 wins. We are currently sitting at 6 on the ladder and within striking distance to secure a spot in the Finals. It's been a real boost to the Club to have Corey Wedlock and Gary Kelly playing in our Premier League side this year. They are good blokes and are fitting in well. Great to see so many people coming down and watching our home games. The atmosphere is electric.

This year the Gold Coast District ran a new competition in honour of Max Morris, a patron of the District and someone who gave a lot to the District over many years. Sadly Max passed away in 2019. Burleigh entered a team in each of the four Divisions in the Max Morris Sevens and managed to win the Grand Final of Division Two. It was a fantastic effort from our bowlers winning 2 games on Saturday and then putting on a classy display of bowling on Sunday to take the Gold. Well done to all. A BIG thankyou to all the supporters including Barrie Lester, Corey Wedlock and Gary Kelly who came down prior to their flight to get to Moama for the BPL. We had the largest contingent of supporters and we were the loudest (proudest).

We have one team in the Q7's in Division 3. They have had mixed success so far and we wish them all the best for the remaining games.



Standing Left to Right: Brian Bottrell (Manager), Athol Small, John Buatava, Alan Smith, Steve Rickard, Cameron Hilton, Abraham Buatava.  
Kneeling: Scott Macdonald

The Men's Council with the co-operation of our Bowls Coordinator Barrie Lester, will be running several events this year. We have tried to diversify and introduce some new concepts. Mark May 8<sup>th</sup> in your calendar. This will be our Mates Day (May8) where Australia will take on the Rest of The World in Mixed Fours. The format will be 3 games of 8 ends.

At Easter on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April we will be running a Mixed 2 Bowl Triples Skins Tournament. This will be 7 games of 4 ends.

On the Australia Day holiday of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April we hope to run an Invitational Singles with some of the best bowlers in Queensland and Northern NSW being invited.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June we will be running a Mixed Fours competition to hopefully attract some of the players in attendance for the Australian Open.

So some events to look forward to. Please if you can get along and support our bowlers in whatever competition they are playing in. I assure you it is appreciated.

**Brian Bottrell - Mens President 2021**



# Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester

It has been a jam packed February full of bowls with Max Morris Sevens, many Premier League games contested and the start of Q7's.

I would like to thank all the members who have competed in these events you have done Burleigh Heads proud. A special mention to the division two side that won the Max Morris Sevens premiership. It was a great win for the club and those who competed in the event and a big special mention to all our members who went along and supported the players in the finals. Congratulations to everyone involved. One of the best things about our Max Morris Sevens experience was the fact that we had plenty of men and women playing in the event, it just shows how strong our culture is at Burleigh and the depth of our bowling talent.

Many of these events cannot be held or played in without our volunteers especially our umpires and team managers.

Over the next few months there will be plenty of bowls activity happening with the commencement of Jack Attack and our involvement in the Australian Open as a host club in June.

There has been some quality performances in the Queensland Premier League so far with quite a number of matches yet to play. The Burleigh Hammerheads are featuring prominently at the moment.

With the weather not exactly being on our side of late there has been plenty of good numbers for social bowls and barefoot bowls bookings continue flow in.



It's a very exciting time for a bowl section, our event calendar for 2021/22 is almost completed with high numbers of visitors expected over the winter. There are consistent upgrades to our facilities and equipment such as new microphones & a coffee machine.

Once again thank you to all the volunteers who assist with various duties around the club.

**Barrie Lester**

**Bowls Co-ordinator 2021**

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## LESTER BRAIDS UP FOR WORTHY CAUSE

BY VAL FEBBO - Story thanks to Bowls Australia

**BCiB Australian Jackaroo** and **Melbourne Pulse** star **Barrie Lester** has revealed the touching reason behind his unusual hairstyle at BPL12 in Moama this week.

Lester has donned braids with a yellow ribbon tying them together at the back to raise awareness for endometriosis, a cause which is particularly close to home.

"My wife suffers from a condition called endometriosis and this week I'm trying to raise a bit of awareness about that," Lester told Bowls Australia's Rinkside Live.

"I'm trying to get people talking about it and already over the last few days ears have sort of pricked up and people have said they've not heard about it."

“One in eight women across the world suffer from it, and we just need to raise awareness for women out there to go and get a check-up and find out a little more about it.”

Endometriosis is a painful condition that causes the tissue that lies in a female’s uterus to grow in other locations and areas where it should not.

With no cure discovered, Lester hopes he can assist primarily in raising awareness and creating conversation around the condition.



<https://www.bowls.com.au/lester-braids-up-for-worthy-cause/>

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# Green's Supervisor Report

By Oddie Moore

Welcome to 2021 and a year since Green #1 was stripped by 3 inches and regrown. The rain in late December provided a platform for disease to breed, which has been tempered with a curative spray.

The green played true, although a little under pace , for the Premier League match against Broadbeach Bulls. Michael will continue a nutrient rich spray program to enhance the playing surface and prevent couch mite infestation.

Green 2 was taken out early in February. The “Fairy Ring” was treated with success and the renovation program will span approximately 6 weeks, with 2 allocations of grooming / scarifying, a hollow coring and the crushing of these soil cores. A soil based top dressing will occur in early March. The ditch plinth boards, ( green grass edges ), will be lifted and realigned.

The carpet green will receive a ‘wet rolling’ with the new heavy roller and a vacuuming / tidy up. All machinery is performing well.

Finally, please place cigarette butts in the appropriate containers.

Given favourable weather conditions for late Summer / early Autumn both grass greens should be ideal for Winter and onwards.

The carpet green will primarily accommodate barefoot bowls.

Thank you Michael and team!!!

**Oddie Moore**

**Green's Supervisor 2021**



**Green 1**



**Green 2**







# Ladies President Report

By Sue Fenton

A big welcome 2021 to all of us this year. We can only wish for a great year of bowls in a safe environment.

The year has got off to a flying start with our Mixed Tuesdays, Ladies Thursday and Saturday mornings well and truly up and running. Still pretty hot out on the greens but we are loving the sea breezes.

We have been joined by interstate bowlers on some days, they are always very welcome.

Events this year have included the Ron Alexander New Years Pairs, the Australia Day Mixed Pairs and the Max Morris Sevens. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated and helped to make these events such a success.

Currently we are have plenty of Premier League action, with our Burleigh Hammerheads accounting very well for themselves. We also have a team participating in the Q7s.

Hopefully we can look forward to a full season of Championship Events, our Sponsored and Gala days and the forthcoming pennant session.

Some of our ladies are not enjoying good health. We wish you well and hope to see you back on the greens or at least at the club to share a cuppa.

Once again, Happy Bowling.

**Sue Fenton**

**Ladies President 2021**



# Ladies Games Director Report

By Karen Harding

Hello everyone and welcome to my first report for 2021.

We began the year with our Aussie Day Mixed Tournament on Tuesday 26th January. We had 64 Bowlers enjoying a fun-filled morning on the green, dressed in their best (or worst?) Aussie gear. It was perfect weather and music and laughter followed by a sausage Sizzle and a drink or two was the order of the day. The morning went smoothly, everyone had a great time, and just to change things up, prizes were worked out in a different format.

Gail McGaveston and Errol Milstead won prizes of Lamingtons for the best Aussie Day outfit. Errol was definitely the best Aussie Dag and enjoyed his moment of fame. A fun day had by all.



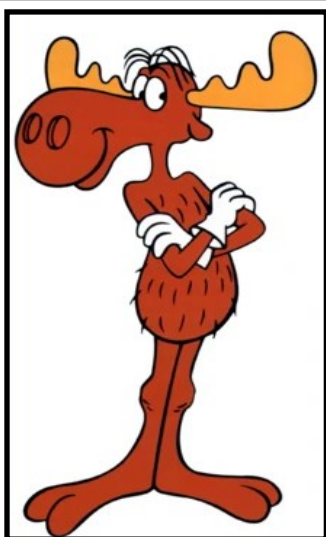




I have now placed the Sheet out for our Ladies first Competition of fours and explained to all Ladies our change in procedure.

Our numbers for Tuesday mixed pairs are consistently good despite many other competitions being run on Fridays and Saturdays, so am happy with the turnout. The other green is now out so sometimes we might have to have a triples, if numbers are up, with everyone taking a turn.

**Karen Harding**  
**Ladies Games Director 2021**



# Camels Corner August 2020

By Bruce Stotesbury

It is with sadness the Camels have lost a good mate and all round champion with the passing of Greg (Greggo) Compton. The Camels held an impromptu celebration of Greggo's life at the club in February on a sunny warm Thursday afternoon. There was a large turnout for the event including many of Greggo's family, and friends. It was great to see some historic Camels attending the event that have not been bowling recently including Yogi and Manly Steve.









The Camels have played only three competitive games so far this year including a trip to Musgrave Hill. It was an odd day at Musgrave Hill as the weather was perfect on one green and apparently the other green was participating in a heat wave. All in all, it was a great day and worth the trip to play under such strange conditions. Do you have a jumper I can use?





The Annual Camels Christmas Party was a huge success without the benefit of playing on the greens due to the inclement weather. Another important announcement from the party is to introduce the new Indoor Camels Bowling Champion. It was announced after a nail biting playoff with Shrapnel playing against Ugly, the new championship event was claimed by Gavin (Shrapnel) Shapter.

The best is yet to come.....Go Camels.

### **Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)**



# JOKES CORNER

What do you call a  
Frenchman wearing  
sandals?

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Phillipe Phillope

What do you call a guy  
with a rubber toe?

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Roberto

When you look really  
closely,  
All mirrors look like  
eyeballs



The other day, my wife  
asked me to pass her  
lipstick but I  
accidentally passed her  
a glue stick. She still isn't  
talking to me.



Two Cows are standing in  
a field. One cow says  
“Did you hear about that  
outbreak of mad cow  
disease? It makes cows go  
completely insane!”  
The other cow replies  
“Good thing I’m a  
Helicopter”.

I told my girlfriend she  
drew her  
eyebrows too high.  
She seemed surprised





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