

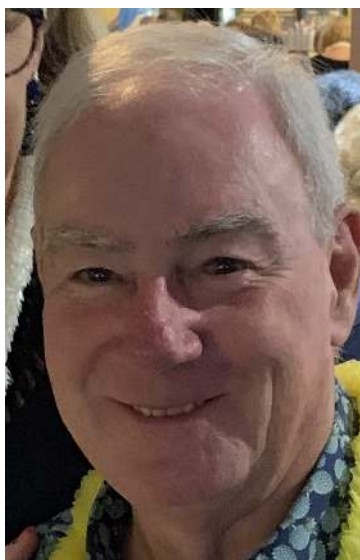
# BOWLER NEWS

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The latest news for our valued Bowling Members





# Chairman's Report

By Paul Hynes

## A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The new year has produced changing circumstances for the club. From a very busy pre-Christmas trading period, post-Christmas has seen a significant downturn in our trading. The main cause being the Omicron variant spreading in the community combined with the Government vaccination mandate which has affected many members including staff and kept many people significantly barefoot bowlers away from the club. It was necessary to cancel Australia Day social activities due to potential problems in policing the restrictions. The club was forced to close for 2 days during January due to staff being impacted.

Since the club AGM 2 meetings of the Board have been held with the following sub committees being formed:

Finance chaired by Phil Westlake

House & Infrastructure chaired by Di Pickett

Bowls Committee chaired by Scott Franklin

Initiatives for this year and following years have been identified. For the bad news the price of drinks have increased due to excise and transportation increases. It should be noted no increase was made last year as a result of stop/start covid situations. A comparison to nearby hospitality venues indicates we still have in the main the cheapest drinks in the area.

New shirts are still arriving in batches and every full bowling member at the end of October 2021 is entitled to a free shirt. In the main the shirt design has been well received however as expected you cannot please everyone. Designs for caps, hats, jackets, vests are progressing.

The replacement of the surface for green 3 is expected, weather Permitting, to commence late April/May. This is a significant job and will take 6-8 weeks. The process involves removing 50mm of the current under surface, level and compact a crushed rock base, cover with woven geotextile fabric, install panels to protect the under surface and improve drainage, install the synthetic grass over the panels, install a concrete plinth to the green. As testimony to the popularity of this surface the distributing and installing business KCL is booked out for the next 12 months. We were lucky to be able to be slotted in.

The club has engaged a Business Consultant with extensive experience to facilitate workshops aimed at developing a 5 year strategic business plan for the club. The time is right with the light rail outside our door possibly 2-3 years away and the stretch to our capacity which occurs at various times of the year to look 5 years into the future and plan accordingly. Possibilities such as synthetic main greens under a roof and possible extensions need to be planned now. Large Government Grants and if required bank loans are more favourably looked at if a Business Plan is in place. Please discuss with any Board member your thoughts on the future of the club which can be represented at the workshops. The plan will take approximately 3 months to compile.

Infrastructure improvements for the year have been identified by the House Committee, being:

- The small green re-surface
- Mens restroom upgrade. Quotes are being received for this upgrade made necessary by leaking pipework under tiling
- Our Waterdragon and Corporate logos incorporated into the fascia fronting the main green

- Advertising board at the front entrance
- Additional matching shed next to the existing greenkeeper shed
- Gaming room change by moving the wall separating the bistro outwards to accommodate additional machines in the future

Planning for the clubs 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in September will start soon with Brian Bottrell leading a small committee.

On a sad note, unfortunately the club lost a stalwart and much loved member during January. RIP Geoff 'Critta' Crittenden. You will be missed.

Good bowling and keep hydrated during the warmer weather.

**Paul Hynes**  
**Chairman 2022**



# Men's President Report

By Crawford Linton

Hello fellow bowlers.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of the men's club patron Geoffrey Crittendon, more affectionately known as CRITTA. Geoff was a tireless worker for the club during tournaments & also doubled up as manager for numerous Pennant Grades over the years. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.  
R.I.P old mate.

On another health issue, I would like to wish our previous past President, Brian Bottrell, a speedy recovery from a heart problem that laid him up in hospital for a couple of days.

On the bowls front saw the completion of the B Grade Pairs. The final was contested between Kevin Free & Ron Waters vs Des Wicks & Paul O'Neil. In a very fluctuating game where the lead changed 4 times, scores were locked at 20 all after 17 ends. Paul & Des then scored a 2 followed by a game breaking 5 on the 19th end before running out 30—21 victors.

In the Semi Finals, Paul & Des defeated Steve Lord & Greg Pierce while Kevin & Ron accounted for Brian Paroz & Allan Holmes.  
Congratulations to all players involved.

January saw the Premier League & Max Morris. After 6 rounds the Premier League are in 5th position and the reserves are outright 1st which is a tremendous achievement for the club. With one round to

go in the Max Morris, our Div. 2 team only need to win one game to qualify and the Div 3. team are sitting on top of the Competition. Our over 60's need to win their last game to qualify for the finals.

Last weekend saw the commencement of our Q7's team. In a double header our girls had a win and a loss. The selectors are still very confident that this team of mostly rookies will do very well.

In the Men's Locker room you will find a list up for potential umpires. At the moment we are running very low on qualified umpires so if you are in a position to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly I would like to thank all those members who made themselves available for the working bees during Dec & Jan. Without the help and support of these members the club would find it very difficult to Survive. Again a very big THANK YOU!

Until our next bi-monthly issue I wish you all good bowling & good health. I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Yours in bowls....

**Crawford Linton**  
**Mens President 2022**





# Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester

The past month has been a very action packed month with many events and tournaments held.

Starting off in early January our 2nd Ron Alexander New Year's pairs was conducted, some brilliant bowls were played over the two days of competition with 26 teams enjoying themselves.

The eventual winners were Mark Foley and Gary Pearson who went through the tournament undefeated. Thank you to all the volunteers and especially our major sponsor **Ray White Burleigh Group** who supported this tournament tremendously.

Mark and Garry joined by Ray White Burleigh Group representative Brett Thompson.



Our Premier League season for 2022 kicked off on Saturday, January 8th with some good results which now sees our two teams positioned

in the top five. Burleigh water dragons are the only club which has both their premier and reserves teams in the top five after six rounds. I am very proud of the efforts our players have put in especially with juggling our Covid outbreak.

Our Max Morris competition has been a success with our division two and three sides performing very well which sees them currently in the finals. Our over 60's side is also performing well and currently only just shy from making the finals also.

We are two rounds in of our Q7's competition with one win and one loss also very proud of that team who have pushed their opposition on both occasions.

Our Australia Day one bowl mixed fours was a huge success with members dressing up for the occasion enjoying some great company on and off the greens whilst picking up some prizes and enjoying a sausage or two. This was a very fun day and it was also great to see Justin and the staff put a team in. Our winners on the day were the brilliant team of Myers and Kendall's.





The men's B grade pairs has just been completed with the team of Paul O'Neill and Des Wicks defeating Ron Waters and Kevin Free in a very high standard match congratulations to all players.



As always we are looking for more coaches and umpires if you are interested in registering please see myself or reception.

Our new shirts have been out on the greens and on display it's great to see our new club mascot the water dragon promoting our club very well. We thank the club for supplying the FREE shirt, amazing gesture.

The rollout of our club championships program will be out very soon along with the club agreeing to provide green space available in June for the Australian Open.

There is a very exciting few months ahead of us here at Burleigh Bowls and we couldn't do it without our very valuable volunteers and I thank you very much. Go Dragons!!!

**Barrie Lester**  
**Bowls Co-ordinator 2022**



# Green's Supervisor Report

By Ossie Moore

The Christmas/New Year period provided issues with COVID Safe, again restricting player numbers. January, with only 5 days rainless was a testing time for Michael.

Green #1 continues to play true and was well prepared for the Max Morris and Premier League competitions, given the weather conditions. There was continued treatment for algae, and minor aeration was done to assist with root development. The gutters were replenished with brilliant white sand.

Green #2 managed to survive December and make renovations in early January. The surface was scarified and later, with the help of a working bee, top-dressed to allow the "levelling tractor" to perform. The worn areas were spiked with a roller and the green will be top-dressed again on Thursday 10th of February. Soil amendments and fertiliser were added prior to Thursday.

Green #3 had the sweep mower run over the surface each week and the Club/ Board has signed off on the KCL company to resurface and panel the green. This process will require 6-8 weeks and will proceed shortly after #2 is back in play.

Again, thanks to all in the working bee and Michael and his team for their continued work ethics over this period.

**Ossie Moore**

**Green's Supervisor 2022**



## Boys with toys



## Boys with BIGGER toys





# Ladies President Report

By Sue Fenton

A big welcome to 2022. We are making our way back to bowls slowly what with the heat and the Covid cloud but it is good to be back.

There are great games on display each weekend with strong teams in the Premier League, Max Morris Memorial and Q7s.

Our Ladies Championship events kick off from 6th March with the 4's. Good luck to all competitors, you will all be in the running for our Club Champion with an aggregate score in the Championship events.

We acknowledge that volunteers are the backbone of our Club and thank you for your ongoing contributions. We do need volunteers to put their hands up to become accredited umpires or coaches. Please contact the ladies council if interested.

I really hope we can enjoy a great year of social bowls and can participate in mixing it up in pennant and games with our neighbouring Clubs.

I hope you all stay well and safe.

**Sue Fenton**  
**Ladies President 2022**



# **Ladies Games Director Report**

**By Carolyn Fisher**

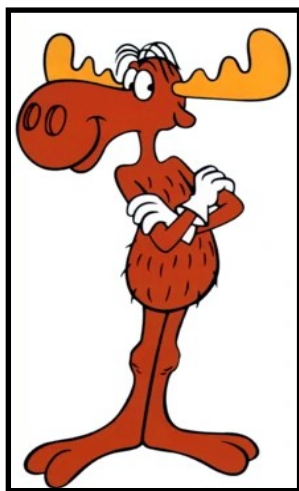
Thank you to all the ladies who have helped out in the games office, much appreciated.

The sheet is now out for the championship fours, get your teams together. Entries close and games will be drawn on the 24th February.

1st round to be played on or before 5th March. The pairs will be advertised following the 4's.

**Carolyn Fisher**  
**Games Director 2022**





# Camels Corner 2022

By Bruce Stotesbury

Happy New Year Camels and welcome to 2022.

2021 ended with the very successful Camels Annual Christmas Party, although we were missing some of our mates who passed during the year, but they were not forgotten.

The home games have had excellent turnouts with many rinks filled and the gamesmanship and brotherhood continuing during these Covid-19 times.

A big welcome back to Mick the Matt !!

2022 so far has been a quiet year for the Camels with almost all home games with only one away game to Musgrave Hill, which was a success and good to see everyone and be back on the road.

One amazing factor from the Gala Day at Musgrave Hill was the match that featured Geoff Irwin (Fats) against his long time mate Barry (Swanny) from Musgrave Hill. They have both been waiting to play against each other for years. Naturally Fats dominated and played a skillful game destroying his mate and his teammates from Musgrave Hill. Fats and Barry go way back to high school, and became mates around 1967. They went to school together, hung out together and even worked together and have remained life long friends. Well done....

CHEERS!

**Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)**











# JOKES CORNER

At a party a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream & cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?"

"Why should it?" he answers. "I keep telling them its for you!"

The older you get  
The better you get  
Except if you're a banana

Guy goes into the doctors.  
'Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my bottom.'  
'How's that?'  
'Don't you start.'

A woman told her friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising."

She said, "So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

## The Good Life





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