

# BREAKING NEWS

Editor: David West

**18/1/2022**

## **Notification - Positive COVID Case**

Just letting you all know that we have had a Mulgrave player return a positive test for Covid this afternoon. The player was involved in a home game today and tested positive after play had concluded. The game was played on green 2.

I would ask that all bowlers involved in today's play and bowlers generally, to be mindful over the next few days in relation to the state of your individual health and that of those around you. Typical symptoms include but are not limited to things such as cough, sore throat, headache, nausea, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea, aching muscles or a combination of some of those.

If you feel at anytime that you may have symptoms please immediately take steps to get tested. The nearest testing station is near Monash Uni Clayton, on the North Eastern corner of Blackburn and Wellington Roads, Clayton.

Bowlers are not compelled as 'casual contacts' to get tested under the current COVID arrangements, but I would encourage you all to be vigilant in monitoring your health and act accordingly should you have any doubt.

The opposing team and club have been notified.

As usual, we will be providing the necessary support as best we can.

The virus is random in nature as far as contracting, as well as the level of severity of adverse affects for those that do contract COVID.

I implore you all to NOT ignore symptoms, NOT treat it as 'just a cold/flu' and to NOT guess as to whether you may be affected. Our bowls section membership (and indeed the club generally) is by virtue of our demographic, a vulnerable cohort of the community.

We're hopeful that no other bowlers are affected but if you are, please don't hesitate to get tested and the necessary support.

As usual, I am happy to answer queries and take a call if you require assistance at any time.

Let's bind together in our support of those affected and in the meantime maintain all the necessary hygiene, distancing and masking requirements.

Stay well all.  
Shane McCluskey.



**18/1/2022**

**Bowls VIC Survey**

In late 2021, Bowls Victoria (BV) engaged McLaughlin Sports Consultancy (MSC) to assist in the development of the 2022-2024 BV Strategic Plan. The broad purpose of the pending Plan is for the Victorian Bowls community to have:

- A contemporary way of thinking about the future of Bowls in Victoria;
- A clear understanding of what is required to ensure Bowls and the Victorian Bowls delivery system (BV, Regions, clubs and other delivery partners) are in a better place in 2024 than now; and
- A commitment to act in a way which collaboratively moves Bowls in Victoria forward via a unified purpose, values, goals and systems.

You are invited to complete the survey prior to 26 January by clicking on the following link=  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5YKMKB>

There are 13 questions to complete and should take approx.10 mins.  
Peter Coe

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**18/1/2022**

**Club Championships - Mixed Pairs And OBE**

I know the schedule is tight over the next few weeks with Div 1 double headers, ERBR competitions and pennant games, however could Round 1 players for the mixed pairs and the OBE try to get their games played as soon as possible to enable Round 2 to go ahead.

Then I can start thinking about scheduling the Proportional comp. This may not happen until March. If you are planning to go in that comp please put your entry in the entry form box located in the alcove. I will advise a closing date sometime in February.

Thanks again for your understanding.  
Sue Miller

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**13/1/2022**

**Midweek Selection Committee**

You will remember the recent call for expressions of interest in joining Midweek Pennant Selection. Upon completion of that process Morris Le Page and Graham Cobbett have been appointed to Midweek selection for the remainder of this current season.

As per the usual process, at seasons end all vacancies will be declared as such, advertised and nominations called for.

We welcome Morris and Graham and thank them for their interest and efforts.  
Shane McCluskey

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**12/1/2022**

**Green 1 Redevelopment Update**

At a time when good news is a little scarce and definitely welcome, I have what I think qualifies as some.

The scheduled green 1 redevelopment incorporating a synthetic surface has been brought forward. Works will now begin on January 27th, one month ahead of schedule. A realistic time frame for completion is probably about 6-8 weeks, but the contractor is aiming for closer to 4-6 weeks. Regardless, we should be playing on Mulgrave's first ever synthetic green by the end of March.

This will obviously require some alterations to the way we do things as a section until that time, including split greens for some pennant matches, directional play, perhaps some minor fixture changes where a home game or two may need to be played elsewhere etc, but none insurmountable and definitely worth any such minor inconvenience.

This is an exciting development and I can't wait to join you all on the new green soon.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you all in advance for your cooperation and understanding as we move closer to the beginning of works and the installation of the new green.

Shane McCluskey.

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**8/1/2022**

**Club Championships**

Congratulations to Wayne Frazer and Evelyn Martin for winning the men's and ladies Singles finals respectively today.

Thanks to all those who came along and supported them and to those who officiated or helped put.

Pairs finals are tomorrow at 1.30 pm.  
Sue Miller.

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**5/1/2022**

**Club Championships**

The draw for the mixed pairs is now on the website.

There will not be a specific date set for the 1st round, so could all players please organise their own matches at their convenience.

All rounds need to be completed by 9th February and the date for the final will be determined by the finalists on a date that is mutually agreed upon.

The reason behind this, is that available dates in the coming weeks are very tight with Div 1 having 3 Sat/Sun games, ERBR comps, and often players not wanting to play the nights before or after pennant.

Thank you again for your cooperation with this tight schedule.  
Sue Miller.

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**17/12/2021**

**Reminder Of Designated Smoking Areas**

Could I just remind all bowlers that it is important for those who are smokers to ensure you use the designated smoking areas around the greens.

Out of respect for other bowlers, spectators and importantly neighbouring properties, I would ask for smokers to refrain from smoking anywhere else. Particularly at the Northern end of green 3.

Could I ask Side Managers to make visiting Side Managers aware of the above and to pass it on to their players prior to play.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. Have a great day.  
Shane.

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**8/12/2021**

**Fingers Crossed For Alison!**

As previously announced, our very own Alison Meakin has for the last number of months been training in the squad from which our Commonwealth Games All Abilities lawn bowls representatives will be chosen.

Well, Ally has now made it through to the reduced squad of four. Eventually, two of those four candidates will be selected to represent our country at those games.

Whilst it is an unbelievable achievement to reach the final four, our very best of hopes and wishes are with Ally as the trials continue.

Keep up the great work Ally!

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**29/11/2021**

**Change to Weekend Selection Committee**

Recently a vacancy arose on the Weekend Selection Committee. I am pleased to announce that Barry Fleming has agreed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the season and will join the Weekend Selection Committee immediately.

Barry brings a wealth of experience to the role as a former selector and long term bowler and club member. Our collective thanks to Barry for taking up the challenge.

I would also like to express our gratitude to Peter Miller for his extensive efforts and many weekly hours spent during his time on selection.

Shane McCluskey



**19/11/2021**

**Eastern Ranges Championship Events**

All Eastern Ranges Bowls Region (ERBR) events are now open for entries.

The full schedule of events with the closing date and rounds can be viewed on ERBR webpage <https://easterranges.bowls.com.au> . A copy is also pinned on the inside Alcove notice board.

Fours & Triples are the first events with entries closing 30 Nov.

All entries must be made and paid via Bowlslink. The club currently has a policy that we will reimburse each entrant their entry fee by completing a claim form and providing receipt of payment. T&C's apply.

Any enquiries please contact me.

Peter Coe 0400 521 976

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**16/11/2021**

**Eastern Ranges Championship Events**

The championship schedule from Eastern Ranges Bowls Region has been received. All entries this year will be via Bowlslink where the individual will need to enter and pay the entry fee. If you are planning to enter you must have activated your account on Bowlslink. During December the Fours & Triples will be held. Close date for the Fours is 30 Nov with rounds 1 & 2 on 5 Dec. Close date for the Triples is Dec 5 with rounds 1 & 2 on 12 Dec.

A full schedule of events is on the Alcove notice board or on Eastern Ranges webpage <https://easterranges.bowls.com.au>

Any queries you are welcome to contact me

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