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The Official Newsletter of the Gaythorne Bowls, Sports and Community Club Inc.

To Visitors and Club Members

Function Hall is available for hire – Consider the Club's facilities for all your special occasions and/or business functions. For further information and booking arrangements **Ph. 3855 2725**

Barefoot Bowls - Play on a lazy Sunday afternoon – take off your shoes and give bowls a go. Have a great afternoon (or evening by special arrangement) for your next birthday or work event. Vacancies are available, but bookings are essential – so call now on **Ph. 3855 2725**

WELCOME, WELCOME AND HAPPY READING

It's official – The Weather Bureau has advised that May this year in South-East Queensland has been the hottest on record. After all of our hours standing and bowling on the greens both at Gaythorne and away, we could have easily provided this information to the weather bureau.

The much awaited return match for this year between Gaythorne Bowls Club and the visiting Murgon Bowls Club was held over the weekend of 28th and 29th May on the Gaythorne greens. It is always great to see our friends from Murgon, but unfortunately their bowls playing and scoring was better than ours on the Saturday and Murgon once again retained their hold on the Murgon / Gaythorne Shield. These twice yearly matches (one away and one at home) have now been playing for 53 years with the competition match on the Saturday afternoon and a social match on the following Sunday morning. Both teams acknowledged that it is getting harder each year to provide the required number of players, and this year, Gaythorne provided 2 of it's club members to act as substitutes on the Murgon team.

It is with much sadness that I advise of 2 unexpected and sudden deaths within our bowls ranks –

- Ray Summors – member and bowler of Gaythorne Bowls Club passed away peacefully on 12th May aged 83 years. On behalf of all the Gaythorne Bowls Club members, our sympathy and deepest condolences go out to Ray's wife Joyce and their family. Ray has been a keen member and bowler at Gaythorne Bowls Club now for approximately 3 years and loved playing bowls. After parking my car in the back carpark and then walking along the path around to the front entrance to the clubhouse, the first thing that I often saw was a pushbike leaning up against a post of a shade shelter, and I would then say to myself – Ray's here today for a game of bowls. I often saw Ray riding around the streets of Mitchelton and it was always great to have a friendly chat with him and he always had a good joke or story to tell from his earlier days.
- Allan Jensen – member and bowler of Murgon Bowls Club passed away suddenly on 11th May aged 64 years. Allan was a long standing club member in Murgon and was also a regular player in the Murgon / Gaythorne matches. Allan was highly regarded as a bowler and always seemed to pull out a good bowl against Gaythorne when requested by his skip. Allan's friendly nature and personality will be sorely missed at future matches between Gaythorne and Murgon.

In the last newsletter, advice was provided about the possibility of several bowls clubs within our area amalgamating and that an initial concept plan had been prepared for consideration and comment. Representatives from Gaythorne Bowls Club and other nearby clubs and Brisbane District Bowls Association met to provide feedback from their clubs and to further discuss this proposal. This was an interesting meeting where it was made more clear that the concept plan, available at the clubhouse for perusal, if requested, is purely that – a plan created from an earlier meeting and generated to create an initial starting point of a proposal than can be modified and changed to meet the requirements and guidelines yet to be set by a proposal committee consisting of at least 1 member (possibly 2) from each of the contributing clubs and the district bowls association. This project will only proceed as long as each club and its representative/s agree to and accept the progress of this amalgamation concept proposal. The word amalgamation creates thoughts of club closures with all members then moving to another existing or new club facility. At this time, this is not the case – it is presently the desire for a large number, if not all, of the participating clubs to remain along with the new club facility to compliment their existing facilities. One of the concepts from this proposal is that profits generated from the new bowls club/entertainment facility could be distributed to the participating clubs. This is a lot to take in and it should be understood that

nothing has yet been decided or finalised regarding this project. All the financial and constructional planning and details are to be discussed and prepared over the next 12 months. The first step will be for this group to create a formal management committee to oversee this project and to undertake the difficult planning tasks associated with a project of this size. As I just mentioned, at this time it is hoped that Gaythorne Bowls Club can continue with the prospect of future funds/profits/staffing assistance from this new facility being able to assist with the daily running of our bowls club, so long as our club continues to be a part of this new proposal/concept. The site selected as the most appropriate for such a new entertainment/bowls facility is the current Stafford Bowls Club and adjacent sporting field. This is an exciting time for Gaythorne Bowls Club and the Brisbane Bowls District as it is envisaged that this proposal could be a way of ensuring the game of bowls continues in our district and that our small and friendly bowls club at Gaythorne continues well into the future. Bowls clubs everywhere are experiencing a downturn in member numbers and are having difficulties in encouraging and securing younger persons to play bowls. This new amalgamation/concept proposal is worth pursuing at this time and you will be informed of all future developments over the coming months.

Do you have a family member or friend with a birthday or other special occasion coming up and you are having difficulty thinking of what to give them as a present. Now the answer is easy – give that special person a Gaythorne Bowls Club GIFT VOUCHER valued at \$40.00. The voucher entitles the holder to an afternoon or evening of barefoot bowls for 4 people (\$8.00 per person) and drinks of their choice to the value of \$8.00. The gift voucher/s can be purchased at Gaythorne Bowls Club upon request and will be current for approximately 6 months.

Upcoming Bowls Events

Check the noticeboard for the latest scheduled days and times for the club's competitions
Veterans Fours – play every Monday at different venues Starts at 10am and finishing 3.15pm.

Cost - \$20.00 and includes morning tea and lunch.

Wednesday Morning Social Mixed Bowls – All bowlers are welcome Starts at 9.30am and finishing 12noon

Cost - \$12.00

Friday Afternoon Social Mixed Bowls – All bowlers are welcome Cost - \$12.00 Starts at 1pm

Upcoming Activities

June

4th Saturday – Patron's Day

July

2nd Friday - Christmas in July

It's Celebration Time

Happy Birthday to:

13 June - June Notte

23 June - Damien McNamara

27 June - Ken Cullen

Community Sporting Clubs Also Utilising Clubhouse

Darts Wednesday Nights 7pm til 10pm

8 Ball Wednesday Nights 7pm til 10pm, also every 2nd Tuesday night

New members and first time tryers are always welcome

Gaythorne Bowls, Sports and Community Club is very keen to support people within the local and surrounding communities by providing outdoor bowls facilities and a place for other clubs and organisations to meet and hold their own activities

If you are looking for a venue to hold your next club or business activity, either as a one-off or on a more regular basis, please contact the club on:

Ph. No. (07) 3355 2725 or email gbscc@bigpond.com

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Phone No.: **3855 2725** for hall hire and barefoot bowls

3855 2725 for members advising to attend social and club bowls games

Website: www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au



<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/>

George and Edna Machen along with their daughter and other helpers from the Gaythorne Bowls Club again set up a stall selling donated items provided by club members along with delicious cakes and jams made by our lady members. Edna is just magic with her jams. Overall they raised just over \$700.00 that goes into the club's coffers. Well done everyone for helping out on the day.

