



To Visitors and Club Members

The Club's **Function Hall is available for hire** for all your special occasions and/or business functions. For further information and booking arrangements **Ph. 0402 107 697**

Play **Barefoot Bowls** on a lazy Sunday afternoon – take off your shoes and give bowls a go. Have a great afternoon or evening for your next birthday or work event. Vacancies are available, but bookings are essential – so call now on **0402 107 697**

WELCOME, WELCOME AND HAPPY READING

The day the August when the September *IN TOUCH* newsletter was printed, a ute and it's driver decided it was a good time to create a new parking spot on the side of our bowling green. However to do this, he managed to jump the concrete gutter, cross the footpath, go through the front fence and down the tiered garden bed and finally taking out a shade shelter with the guide wires to finish upside down on the edge of the bowling green. Thankfully the driver was not seriously injured. However the club now has to negotiate with the driver's insurance company to have our quotes accepted so that the club can initiate repairs to our damaged property.

Pennants has now finished with Ferny Grove Bowls Club securing wins in many of the grades. However, this does not detract from the tremendous effort put in by the many bowlers from Gaythorne Bowls Club who competed this year in the competition. Well done to all. Next year, Gaythorne will again be ready to take up the challenge.

Your club's management has been working steadily through September in negotiations with a private chef and 2 contract catering companies that provide staff to prepare meals at the club for both social and games days. Various options, costs, advantages and disadvantages were reviewed and it has been decided to trial a company called Contract Chefs Australia until the end of 2015. At that time, a review will be undertaken to assess how this company is performing for our club's functions and games, and if satisfactory, consideration will be given to extending this company's services. Contract Chefs Australia provides catering staff from chefs to kitchen hands to both commercial and community organisations to provide necessary food requirements, prepare meals, serve meals and to clean up afterwards. The services provided naturally come at a cost, so initially the club is envisaging our upcoming functions can be satisfactorily catered for with this company supplying the necessary food requirements and providing a chef to prepare the meals. The serving of meals and washing up afterwards will still be performed by volunteers on the nights, to minimise costs and obtain a profit on the night. Because Ken and Denise have been undertaking these roles for a long, long time and doing a great job each time, our club has not had to factor in these additional labour costs, but it is still felt at this time, that as long as the club is supported by members and visitors to maintain good attendance numbers at it's function nights, these function nights will still be a success and provide an income stream for the club. The first night to try out the new contract chef arrangement is Friday 9th October for the club's Octoberfest Celebration. So tell your friends and relatives and come along.

In previous editions of this newsletter, I have mentioned various activities for the *Over 50's* in the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program. The activities range from attending information sessions on how to make clothing dyes from plants to rowing in a Dragon racing boat. In past and current programs, usually only one bowls club has entered a daytime Lawn Bowls activity. During the last two months, Gaythorne Bowls Club has been liaising with Brisbane City Council to also secure a place in the next GOLD Program from 1st February 2016 to 30th June 2016. Our club has submitted an application for a night time under lights *Introduction to Bowls* for each Wednesday night in February 2016. This has been quite a lengthy process to date and is still ongoing with the Council, but at this time, our club is very hopeful that our nomination for our night bowls introduction will be successful. Fingers crossed. If approved, the Brisbane City Council acknowledges the time and effort that will be provided by our club in undertaking this activity for their program, and accordingly will provide some funds to cover the costs of operating the night lights and other expenses associated with this activity. Please also put these February 2016 nights in your diary for next year to come along and socialise with the GOLD Program participants and to again experience the different and cool conditions with night time bowls. A great way to introduce potentially new members to our club and to our game, and at the very least, to obtain 6 months free advertising for our club.

Another first for Gaythorne Bowls Club was our *Sausage Sizzle* stand at Masters Home Improvement Centre, Everton Park on Sunday 27th September. Masters provided the site, the shade shelter, BBQ and gas bottles and tables. Your club provided the cooks, the servers, the food and soft drinks. A big thank you to all the helpers who performed the many tasks involved in preparing for this day and also for assisting on the day. Masters – an even bigger thank you to you for finding an available day for us to have this event. A great store – go check it out. We were also lucky in that Masters had a sale on that weekend and this probably helped to swell our customer rate for the day. Overall the club cleared \$695.00 (after expenses) cooking just under 400 sausages with almost 17 loaves of bread and around 200 soft drinks. Masters was very helpful on the day and have invited the club back again next year on the 24 July 2016 – so put this date in your diary also. An inquiry with Bunnings for a placement in their Sausage Sizzle calendar has also been made but they have a long waiting list, so we will have to wait and see how we go.

The abovementioned activities highlight the efforts your club members and board members are undertaking to keep our great club going – in recent months we have all heard of how other bowls clubs have had to close due to lack of members or financial issues. All members of Gaythorne Bowls Club can assist our club by spreading the word and attending upcoming functions and games days, volunteering to help out in whatever way and whenever you can and if this is done, many pennies will be saved and our efforts will be rewarded by the club's continued operation. At this point, I should mention a big thank you to all those who are presently undertaking the many and varied tasks at the club, and I am quite certain, that sometimes we all seem to take this for granted, because the club just seems to keep on going week after week.

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

October

9th Friday - Oktoberfest celebration evening 6pm – bookings required
 18th Sunday – Ipswich Brothers Bowlers come to Gaythorne for a social bowls match. Please check the noticeboard for further details and to register your name if able to play
 19th Monday – Veterans Fours play at Gaythorne Bowls Club

November

3rd Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day
 7th Saturday – Men's President's Day
 16th Monday – Plum Pudding Day
 28th Saturday – Men's Past President's Day

December

13th Sunday – RSL Social Club Christmas Break-up Party
 18th Friday – Gaythorne Bowls Club Christmas Break-up Party

Past Activities

September

The Cruzin Couple, Edna and George, have been cruising the high seas again and loving it. Edna celebrated her birthday on the ship. I'm surprised George hasn't yet suggested to the captain to install a bowls green on the ship, but I guess trying to adjust for the ships roll as well as the bowls roll is hard to solve.



On the 19 September, Norm McCormick substituted in the club's triples competition. He was bowling very well that day providing a lot of hair pulling by the opposition team. The photo below shows Norm's three marmalade coloured bowls all snuggling up to kitty. However, by the end of that end, other bowlers had taken out Norm's bowls, but nevertheless, a good challenge by Norm.



The Day A Car Came To Bowl At Gaythorne Bowls Club



A crash always draws spectators

It's Celebration Time

Happy Birthday to:

07 Oct - Ross Walsh
12 Oct - Tom Peake
23 Oct - Pat Parry

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

Club Contact Details:

Address: 18 Prospect Road

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Phone No.: **0402 107 697** (24/7) for hall hire and barefoot bowls

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

Website: www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au