



# Herd on the Green

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## Tweets from the President

Things are abuzz at the Club – if you have not noticed. We are working on a number of fronts to try and secure the future of the Club.

Our most important project is the preparation of a Business Plan which has to be submitted to the City of Melville for presentation at its full Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. A number of Club member sub committees have been established and together with representatives of the Tingara Netball Club regular meetings are being held.

These meetings review progress on matters such as:

- \* the possible redevelopment of the Club site to include at least 4 new netball courts (on D green and the overflow car park) and associated changing facilities
- \* the extension and renovation of the Clubhouse and
- \* the introduction of covered synthetic greens.

In conjunction with these proposals, detailed cash flow projections are being prepared through to 30 June 2023 to assess the financial viability of the Club. If we cannot display that the Club will be financially viable then it would be difficult to see the Council agreeing to fund any upgrades.

The Club has endured a long period of decline with turnover in 2019 being one third of what it was in 2009, yes that's right, we were very profitable 10 years ago.

The following figures from the last 5 years highlight the trend:

30 June 2015	Operating Profit	\$78,637
30 June 2016	Operating Profit	\$38,873
30 June 2017	Operating Loss	\$11,780
30 June 2018	Operating Loss	\$24,307
30 June 2019	Operating Loss	\$39,191

The losses of the last three years totalling \$75,278 really brought the Club to its knees and without the City of Melville agreeing to underwrite our greenkeeping costs up to a maximum of \$60,000 the Club would not have been able to participate in the 2019/20 season. However, that funding was only in respect of the year to 30 June 2020. Beyond that, the Council has made no promises but does expect us to get our own house in order by improving our membership base, returning the Club to profitability, having more volunteers involved in the Club and involving other Community organisations to use our facilities.

Some say that the losses of \$75,278 in the

preceding 3 years are solely attributable to the actions of the Council in advising all and sundry that the Clubsite was ripe for redevelopment and the Bowling Club had no future on our site. It has also been said to me that the amount of \$60,000 should represent part compensation to the Club for the calamitous impact that the Council's actions had on our finances.

The Council has paid us approximately \$20,000 toward the cost of our greenkeeper fees but did not give us any funding in December and January as our cash position had improved as a result of improvements to our trading position. It seems as if we may be victims of our own (very limited) success in turning the ship around. We will wait to see what happens in February.

Despite the improvements which are seen and felt, the Club's future is still very much in the balance. If no funding is forthcoming from the Council for the 2020/21 year or it does not provide us with the full \$60,000 in respect of greenkeeping costs for this year to 30 June 2020, we could very well be in a pickle by June/July 2020.

While the future seems to offer many options, our problem is with time, that is, the time it will take to get the proposals funded and constructed. With that in mind, we are hoping to have Tingara Netball Club using our facilities for their meetings, functions and post game get togethers when their next season starts in May. However, there is still a lot of discussion and negotiation to be concluded before we can make any further announcements.

You can certainly help by attending any functions and to contributing to any other fund raising initiatives we have. Don't be backward in coming forward, if you have any thoughts or ways to continue the improvement in the Club's fortunes please talk to any member of the Executive.

One last matter! We have around 230 members of all types. However, it is a very small band who are trying to rally and save the Club. We need more volunteers – in particular Dad's Army is struggling. If you have any time on your hands and are what could be described as a handyman we need you! There are 101 little jobs to be done around the Club.

Look forward to hearing from you.

*John O'Brien, Club President*

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Mt Pleasant Bowling Club

# QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Tables of 8

\$10 per person

first question @ 7 pm

BYO nibbles, brain cells  
& sense of humour

With the return of Quiz Master, Richard Fuller,  
who has promised to “dumb down” the questions this time!

Please organize a table and  
put your name on the booking sheet at the Club!



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# Mens' Bowls Report



Happy New Year.

We are now over halfway through the pennant season and our Thursday teams are slowly moving up the ladder, with our 2 White side in 8<sup>th</sup> position, 4 Red 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 White 6<sup>th</sup> and our 5 White 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Saturday sides, 2 White is 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 Red 9<sup>th</sup> and our 5 White 8<sup>th</sup>. Some weeks we have had up to 14 players not available for selection, which has left the selectors with quite a few headaches.

We have appreciated the help to fill teams, from the following members Ursula Byatt, Alan Westle, Margaret Kermode, Jan Wood, Pandora Court, Libby Cook and Robert Cook for helping us field full teams. A big thank you.

The Club recently held a very successful coaching session for 6 of our up and coming thirds. Brian Jeppesen conducted the session which covered the role of a third and how to “read” heads. The session was designed to give a better understanding thus more confidence to the players when calling the skippers (upon request) on the correct shot to play. It is planned to hold further in house sessions for other players.

Membership has now passed 250 and our goal is to sign up at least 2 social members each week. If each member was to ask your wife, husband, boyfriend, girlfriend, friends, neighbours etc, and sign up one new member over the next 3 months, we would have 500 new members !!!!

I am reminded of a story in a village in Italy where everyone was asked to donate 1 bottle of wine and tip it into a large wine barrel, so that the village would have sufficient free wine for the annual festival. When the big day arrived and the wine barrel was opened... it only contained water. Everyone in the village thought I will only contribute water and no one will know. Everyone had the same thought!!

## Can you spare 2 hours to do a shift?

Our next membership initiative will be at Westfield Booragoon (previously known as Garden City) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February (all day), where we will be looking to recruit new bowlers and social members. We will set up a roster with 2 people on at a time for 2 hours. Can you spare 2 hours to do a shift? It will also raise awareness that Mt Pleasant Bowling Club is alive and kicking and open for business.!!

Barry Elliss has again agreed to run a Footy Tipping competition this year.

We will also be running an alphabet horse racing competition (no skill required) the same as our dear friend Harry Morgan ran a few years ago. This is limited to 26 entrants so get in quickly!! Details will be placed on the notice board. These are 2 initiatives to get the Club re-energised, so please support them.

We are still struggling to find volunteers to help in a wide range of areas. With the Council cutting support funding we all need to put our hand up to do something to help the Club, not only in fundraising activities, but also rounding up new members, Dads Army etc. There is a comprehensive list of the areas we need help located on the notice board.

*Arthur Peters, President Bowls*

## Plastic Cups Reminder

Members, please be aware that the supply of plastic cups at the water fountains has been discontinued. We will use current supplies but once exhausted we will not be ordering any more. We encourage the use of personal water bottles or containers.

## Ladies President Report

The Ladies are currently working on a rescheduled Gala Day as the Christmas gala was cancelled due to excessive heat.



The new date is Friday, 14th February 'Valentine's Gala Day', so the theme will be lots of hearts and flowers!!

Once again we need our ladies to help on the day with the running of stalls, raffles and providing and serving of morning tea, lunch and after game nibbles. This day has always been a big success – hard work, but a lot of fun, so I am looking forward to everyone's support.

The ladies are also running **twilight games** on Wednesdays at 4.30pm and these will continue whilst the weather is hot. A lot of fun and laughs, playing until about 6pm and concluding with drinks, cheese and biscuits. A great atmosphere for socialising and getting to know our five new 1<sup>st</sup> Year Bowlers with some much needed bowls practice.

The Ladies Tuesday pennants are being played successfully with our team mates from South Perth with Div. 2 currently in 5<sup>th</sup> position and Div. 3 in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Our Saturday team is struggling but I am sure we will rally in this second half of the season.

## Quiz Night

Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> will see the return of our Quiz Master, Richard Fuller, who has promised to "dumb down" the questions for us Senior Citizens, so please make sure you get in early as tickets were a sell-out last time.

*Jana Fuller, Ladies Bowls President*

## From the Secretary

*Welcome to our newest Members:*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year

- Jan Wood

### Social

- John Cain
- Rae Carrigg
- Michael Cartwright
- Craig Flowers
- EveLisa Galipo
- Jim Gibson
- Jay Gillett
- Chris Goss
- Graham Hartree
- Lorraine Hartree
- Sue Harwood
- Kevan Harwood
- Stacy Hayward
- Graeme Hodges
- Ingrid Hoeneveld
- Sachia Lane
- Sylvia Pedersen
- Danny Poultney
- Margaret Reeves
- Fay Truscott

Thank you for joining and we look forward to seeing you at the Club!

## Looking for a venue?

As a member you may consider having a family gathering, get together with a group of friends or a work function at the club. Please contact our Bar Supervisor, Ellie Graham, to quote for your next celebration or special event.



## FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY BOWLS - \$5 ENTRY

Mt Pleasant Bowling Club continues **Community Bowls** on Friday nights during Summer.

Bowling on a warm summer evening is perfect and a lot of fun too!

*We welcome everyone to come and play. You can come down solo, with a friend or as a group. You can just do your own thing or if you want to be in a competition we will make up teams.*

- To enter the competition just be at the Club by 5.45 p.m. sign up & get your bowls.
  - The competition games start at 6.15 p.m.
  - A helping hand is always provided.
  - Wear bowling shoes or play in socks or bare feet.
- We will play 10 ends with a 2 end play off to determine the winners if needed.

*Club meals are available on the first Friday of each month*

*... and the beer and bubbles are always cold.*

*We hope to see you soon for Community Bowls!*

## HELP WANTED - do you have spare hours?

1. The Club currently pays a Jani King franchise \$18,504 p.a. (\$1542 per month) to clean the Club's premises. Two cleaners from the franchise spend 12 hours per week (in 4 visits of 3 hours) on the job. If anyone has any suggestions on reducing these costs i.e. volunteers, new cleaners, etc please contact us.

2. Bar wages cost the Club in excess of \$1000 per week, also add Super at 9.5%. Is there anyone prepared to put their hand up (or know of anyone with some experience) prepared to work voluntarily for 2-4 hours per week to help us get through? Keeping bar costs low and service standards high is our priority.

3. Dad's Army is in danger of becoming a PLATOON! The guys who have run this for years are getting old (very old!) If you have the time and are good with your hands or just willing and able we need you – just 2 hours per week will do.



# Australia Day Long Weekend at the Club



During the Australia Day Long Weekend the Club was rockin'.

Thank you to Mt. Pleasant Old Boys and  
to all those people who came and had a great night.

Happy Australia Day everyone.



**SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL CLUB DINNER!**

Mount Pleasant Bowling Club

## Annual Club Dinner 2020

*Friday 3rd April*

**Choice of Chicken or Seafood Paella**

Price includes Pavlova, Tea & Coffee

Only **\$30**



Attendee EOI sought for catering numbers.

**MORE ANNUAL DINNER INFORMATION COMING SOON**

# The Dinner Club

## First FRIDAY each month



Our next dinner is  
**7th February**

**Menu:** *Saucy Chicken Drumsticks*

**Marinated and gently cooked.**

**Served with Rice Salad and Asian Slaw**

**Please put your name at the kitchen door by Wed. 5th February**

**Dinner is served straight after the Meat Raffle Draw**

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**or by putting your name down @ the kitchen door.**



**John Logan**  
**Friday 7 & 21 Feb**  
**5pm til 7pm**

See John at Mt Pleasant Bowling Club



**Barefoot  
Bowling**

**\$10 per person**

**for a 2 hour session.**

**Great fun and**

**all equipment is provided.**

**Ask for more information**

**at the bar!**

### Bar Trading Hours

Monday	3pm to 6.30 pm
Tuesday	3pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday	3pm to 6.30pm
Thursday	3pm to as required
Friday	3pm to as required
Saturday	3pm to as required
Sunday*	Closed

\*12.30 if bowls scheduled

## MEMBER UPDATE



### Club Member Profiles & Club Communication

The Club website is an important method of communication with our members, of all categories both bowling and social. We are currently working on updating all members' details including Bowlers and Social members via the Club database embedded in the website.

A critical requirement in communicating with you is your email address.

With an email address, all members will be automatically updated on club events, fixtures, happenings, social occasions and important Club communications; including the distribution of the Club newsletter "Herd on the Green". Please take the time to review the following information.

#### Bowling Members

Club Secretary, Susan Allen and bowling member, Peter Purves have been working on this for a while now. Some members will have recently received an automatically generated email advising that their membership details have been initiated on the website. That email requires you to provide your own (confidential) password and to check your details on the web. Once you have done that you can access your profile at any time, but more importantly, you will receive automatically generated advices regarding all Club activities – a great boost to the Club's ability to let you know what is happening at any given time, whether that is bowling, social events or an update on Club status etc.

#### Social Members

Over the next days we will be activating all Social members' profiles in the same way providing we have an email address for you – if we don't we will be calling you to ask whether you have an email such that we can complete our records accordingly – at this stage you do not need to do anything, most of this will be entirely seamless and will not require you to do anything until you receive the email generated by the website.

Importantly, our Social Members are recognised as being a significant facet of the Club historically and crucial to its future success – your committee wants not only to keep you up to date with what's happening at the Club but also wants to hear from you as to how you would like to see the Club develop your particular category of membership.

#### Improving Communication to Members

In updating all members' details we can communicate more effectively with all our members at all times and, you can communicate with each other as members via the website facility.

Some people have asked "Do I have to participate?" and "Is my information available to other people?" the simple answer is that the Club needs to maintain a centralised database of all its members and this information will always be available to Club executives (as it is currently through the "paper trail") but your membership and contact details on the website can be made as private as you wish – by you as a member.

Firstly, only **other Club Members** can view your details via the website, but if you don't wish your contact information to be seen by others (including members) you yourself can control and restrict access to your details via your personal log-in. Similarly, if you do not wish to receive Club notifications you can simply turn them off (and on again) at will.

We look forward to completing this important process in the immediate future but in the meantime, should any member be concerned or have any queries please give Peter Purves a call 0418 940 636 to discuss. Peter can also facilitate amending your details if you are having any difficulties with access.



## Blasts from the Past

While rummaging through the filing cabinets recently I came across a folder with some very interesting articles about the Club's initiation, development of the clubhouse site and the controversy that was happening at the time... With current developments still causing some controversy on sites and locations the executive thought all members would like to share some of these historic articles – the first one here is from *The Daily News*, 23 February, 1961.

Other articles through to the late 60's will be included in future issues of "Herd on the Green".

Mark Lee

### Classified Section

**Public Notice**

CITY OF FREMANTLE hereby gives notification of the making of a by-law amending By-Law No. 215 for the provision of new building lines. The following streets in Fremantle are affected:—Adelaide Street, Queen Street, Cantonment Street, and Josephson Street.

**Halt**

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# Bowling Club Get Site

**MELVILLE** Road Board has allocated a site for the new Mt. Pleasant Bowling Club.

It is in a sheltered position on The Esplanade at Deepwater Point, close to the river with water on two sides.

The board will make an early start on levelling the site and preparing greens and parking areas.

The site—352ft. by 332 ft.—will carry four six-rink greens and a clubhouse.

The board will finance the work from loan funds but the club will meet all costs, repaying principal and interest over a fixed period.

A rough layout of the greens and parking areas has been submitted to the board and plans for the clubhouse are being prepared.

There are now 125 men and 114 women members, according to secretary D. R. Fitzpatrick.

The club is still open to new members, but it is possible that the women's roll may soon be restricted.

The four greens should allow for at least another 100 men members.

• • • **FREMANTLE** Hockey Club will hold its annual meeting in the Gibson Park clubrooms, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday.

## GOLF CLUB PLANS 1962 TEE-OFF

**MOSMAN** Park's new Chidley Point Golf Club has recently made big progress.

All greens and fairways have now been grassed and the full nine holes should be ready for play early next year.

Main hold-up now is the wait for the grass to grow.

Three holes (eight, one and nine) have been fully grassed and will be opened for play within a few months.

A water supply has been established and reticulation installed.

Members able to help on "busy bees" will be welcome at the course on Sundays from 9 a.m.

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