



Bowls News

January 2018

LADDER SATURDAY TOP SIDE

What a start to the year

Here we are in 2018 and now past the half way mark of the club pennant season. It's been a fabulous start, certainly the most promising for some time.

The season began with a visit from International Coach Lachlan Tighe. His approach provided some challenges that we still have some way to meet but certainly set a framework for increasing our competitiveness.

Henselite and Aero bowls each ran clinics for us that involved international stars. Our coaches have been working hard with many of our new bowlers.

Saturday Pennant on the Rise

Efforts in Saturday pennant competition have resulted in much improved performance as the year has progressed.

Our top three Saturday pennant sides have had their share of solid wins and the competition ladders reflect an improving club.

Our top side is in second place, the seconds having dropped the first four games haven't lost one since and although currently sitting

seventh are just 12 points from second position.

The thirds and fourths are out of the four but making real progress.

Solid Tuesday Pennant Performance

In the Tuesday our top side is third, the seconds fourth and the thirds and fourths sitting sixth and eighth respectively.

Night Pennant is Back

It has been a welcome return to night pennant providing opportunities for many of our working members to play a second pennant competition weekly. It has also created an opportunity for some of the club's new members to play and get some support from the club's top players.

Our position on top of the ladder at the Christmas break is very pleasing and the fact that we have the maximum allowed 25 players registered to play sound endorsement of the club's decision to re-enter this competition.

Pos	Team	W	L	D	F	A	S%	Pts
1	Ferntree Gully (2)	8	1	1	798	618	129.13	128
2	Dandenong Club (1)	6	2	2	727	645	112.71	112
3	Mulgrave CC (5)	5	3	2	709	669	105.98	90
4	Cranbourne (2)	5	4	1	744	705	105.53	82
5	Oakleigh (1)	4	4	2	660	714	92.44	80
6	Armadale (3)	4	5	1	714	715	99.86	74
7	Churchill Waverley Golf (1)	3	5	2	673	700	96.14	70
8	Berwick (4)	3	6	1	681	693	98.27	63
9	Glen Waverley (2)	3	6	1	647	752	86.04	61
10	Mt Waverley (2)	2	7	1	624	766	81.46	50

LADDER MIDWEEK - TOP SIDE

Pos	Team	W	L	D	F	A	S%	Pts
1	Mulgrave CC (2)	10	1	0	726	562	129.18	150
2	Burden Park (1)	8	3	0	694	583	119.04	120
3	Dandenong Club (1)	7	4	0	706	630	112.06	110
4	Narre Warren (1)	6	5	0	675	644	104.81	97
5	Edithvale (3)	7	4	0	665	623	106.74	96
6	Cardinia Waters (1)	5	6	0	601	655	91.76	84
7	Hampton Park (1)	5	6	0	610	689	88.53	81
8	Cranbourne RSL (1)	3	8	0	622	705	88.23	56
9	Berwick (4)	3	8	0	563	702	80.2	52
10	Noble Park (1)	1	10	0	615	684	89.91	34

All the ladders

The ladders for all teams are on our website at <http://dandenongclub.com.au/bowls/bowls-results/>

More Bowlers Bowling More Often

Bowls Club membership is growing again. At the time of writing we have 16 more members than we had at July one. Reversing the decline was an imperative and it's great to see effort being rewarded.

Casual participation is booming with Barefoot bowls sessions now on twice a week. In the lead up to Christmas both Fridays and Sundays have involved casual bowler activity on both greens.

Our Jack Attack Program completed a fourth season. Again, we managed a full green of 16 teams and this year graded competition. Thanks to Dandenong Club we were able to give away \$2000 in prize money plus restaurant vouchers weekly.

We started the season with a clinic and Jack Attack competition on AFL Grand Final eve. Over 80 bowlers were involved, new and old and plenty of bowlers from other clubs.

We continued to run bowls for schools with over 130 students from St Johns Dandenong

and we hosted Bowls Victoria schools' tournament over two days involving 120 students.

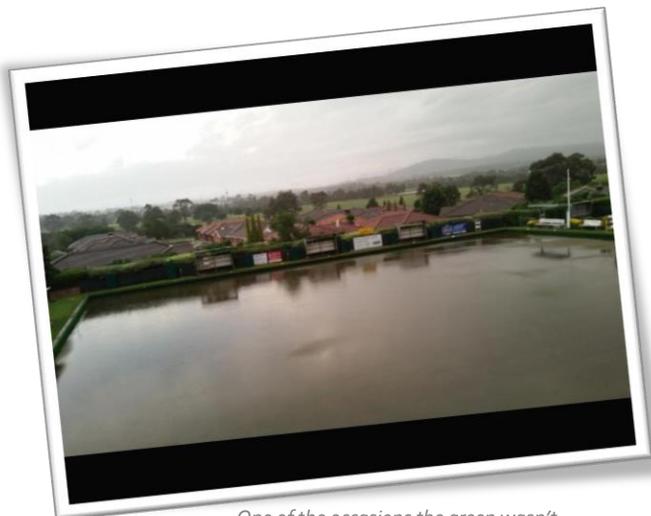
We ran a program for mothers with babies and social bowls for ReLink. Corporate bowls in December hit new heights

AUSTRALIA DAY SELL OUT

Rob and Patrice Warren have the Australia Day tournament booked out with 32 teams competing for \$5000 in cash. With just two teams from Dandenong Club participating we can again showcase the club and its facilities.



Improving facilities



One of the occasions the green wasn't quite a at its best

The greens and surrounds are in the best condition they have been for many years and our thanks go to Darren the groundskeeper and Peter the gardener for their efforts. Even the recent 27mm of rain that flooded the green soon dissipated and with the club back in action the following day.

The Dandenong Club has lodged a planning permit with council to construct a roof over the number one green. It is still early days but will provide shade during summer for bowlers and keep the rain off during winter.

The facility will be the equal of anything in the state, located right here at Dandenong Club.



FAST FACTS

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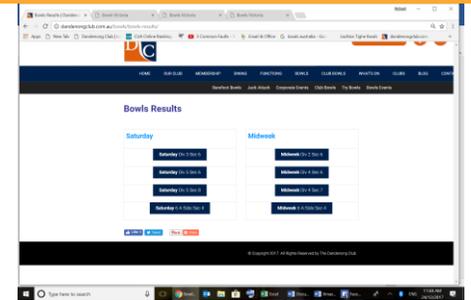
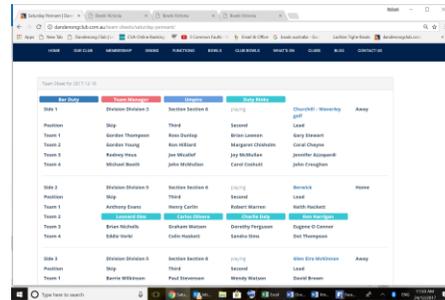
That's the percentage increase in members for the bowls club since July 1

27,100 and climbing

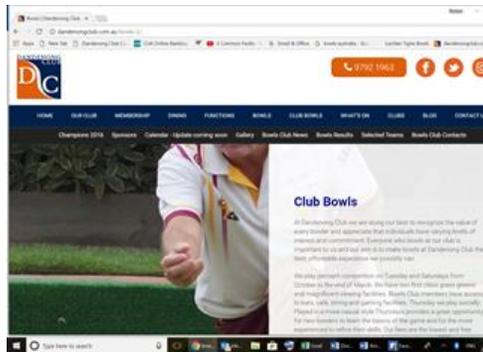
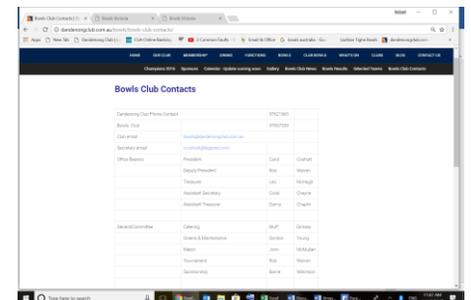
The number of Facebook views of our "Changing Face of Bowls" promotional video as at December 28



The **teams on-line** section provides all the updated selections, including match venues. We now have a format that is simple to use but secured by password protection



The **Club Contacts** section allows members to readily identify who does what around the club



Match day pennant results are available for easy viewing and available as the Bowls Victoria site is updated. The same section has fixtures and ladders. Its saves hours of work by club members and saves searching the entire Bowls Victoria site for information.

The Dandenong Club website now includes a complete bowls section. There is plenty of useful information for our members.

Changes Mooted by Bowls Vic for Pennant in 2018

Bowls Victoria has released a proposal to restructure pennant seasons in 2018

They are suggesting a later start (November 10) and later finish (Grand Finals 31 March) in a 14-week season.

All sections are reduced to 8 teams to improve competitiveness and to reduce travel.

A new seven-week, Two Bowls Triples pennant competition will commence September 1 and concludes on November 4.



New Club Champion



Rod Heus

The men's club singles championship is done and dusted with Rod Heus taking out a thrilling match with a brilliant final bowl to arrest the lead from John Mc Mullan. It was Rod's first championship having been a four-time runner up. Great work Rod!!

Face Book

Facebook promotion has become a big part of the clubs marketing and we are pleased with the efforts so far. Dandenong Club followers now total 2291. It's a great cost-effective way to get our messages out to those that we think might be interested in taking on bowls in one form or another

If you aren't yet a Facebook user give it a try. It's fun and informative



New Club Shirts

All members this year were provided a new club shirt. They have proved to be a bit hit amongst members. If you don't have yours make sure you catch up with Ross Dunlop.



Deer Park Undercover



The Deer Park Dome is pictured above. They will host the 2018 Premier final and have recently managed the Tasmania V Victoria test series. We have a planning permit lodged and hope to soon install a similar structure

New Bowlers



On January 24 members who recently joined the club will be invited to an introduction night. We will be talking coaching and skill development. Club coaches and selectors will be in attendance. The night starts at 6.30pm. Invitations will be sent to those who we would like to attend in early January.

Our Mums and Babies



In December the club was part of a Bowls Victoria program to introduce new mums to bowls. It's just baby steps and we will run it again when the weather cools a bit.

