

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 7th July 2025

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.00 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty Succession Recruits – Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani, Steve Raymond, Warren Strybosch It was noted Kim Fox will be unable to continue on the succession committee for some time due to work commitments.	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed John, Mike and Warren as they missed the first meeting.	
1)	Apologies: Dean Stubley, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Sue Morgan, Craig Anderson, Loretta Benson	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: The circulated minutes of meeting held on 2 nd June 2025, will be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings at the next meeting because we did not have a quorum present.	
3)	Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters	
a)	Pennant – John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A meeting of the selectors needs to be held to reconsider if we increase the number of teams previously advised for pennant (5 for Saturday and 4 for Tuesday). Teams need to be finalised and submitted by 3rd August. The draw to be accepted will be available on 15th August and the final release of the draw will be on 15th September. (ii) There will be four practice games. The first to be held on Saturday, 27th September and then on 4th October – both will be away against other clubs. Opening Day, with dignitaries to attend, will be on 11th October – a practice game at VS for all members. Last practice to be on 18th October with all members at VS. Pennant season to commence on Saturday, 25th October. Last round to be held on February 14th before the finals commence. Tuesday pennant to commence on 28th October. (iii) John has requested the greens be played North-South from Saturday, 1st August to enable as much practice as possible. Eight rinks to be available on the bottom rink on Saturdays and Tuesdays. (iv) A coaches meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 15th July. How the Head Coach will approach training and coaching this coming season is to be discussed. (v) Goals and Strategies meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9th September. (vi) John to review the Selection Policy and advise of any changes to be made.

		<p>(vii) In consultation with the selection panel, John provided a sample card of the new assessment system to replace the tick system. John stated the tick system had too many flaws whereas the new system leans towards a more honest system. It will be introduced via forums to explain how it will work. John to advise dates for these forums at the next committee meeting. John will collate all the results on the cards. A backup person to be appointed.</p> <p>(viii) Craig still to follow up with Geoff Bryant to see what training tools we have to assist with training.</p> <p>(ix) Ron Short has taken up the role of Coaching Co-Ordinator. The committee recognised Geoff Bryant's years of service to this role and thanks him.</p>
b)	Social Bowls - Peter	<p>(i) Peter provided comprehensive schedules for the Summer and Winter social bowls programs. These will be handed out by coaches to all new bowlers when they are deemed ready to play social bowls and sent to new bowlers transferring into the club.</p> <p>(ii) Mike to get the social bowls information flyer updated through his contact.</p> <p>(iii) Paul and Rob are stepping away as social convenors for Saturday winter social bowls. Matt has volunteered to take on the role but will need somebody to help him. The committee is calling for volunteers.</p> <p>(iv) Warren put forward running a King of the Mountain competition on a Tuesday morning prior to pennant commencing. To start at 9.00 am it will be two bowls played in singles or pairs depending on numbers. There will be no cost to play and Warren will provide prizes. Looking at starting on 12th August and then playing on 19th and 26th. The idea behind this is practice for pennant. Need to determine what the coach will be doing at that time and fit in around him. Warren to send Di details of competition for consideration.</p> <p>(v) Peter to talk to Ray about a new name for Thursday social.</p> <p>(vi) Barefoot Bowls permanently moved to Friday night. Numbers are gradually increasing for the Friday night get together. Have sent notices to the nearby schools to let them know they are invited to attend after school finishes. It is expected once the weather gets warmer this will become more popular.</p>
c)	Tournament – John/Mike	<p>(i) Next Ladies Day to be held on Saturday, 28th March.</p> <p>(ii) Super 4's tournament to be held on Sunday, 19th April. Steve Gatt is providing half the prize money as a new sponsor. Mike to approach KCL for the remaining sponsorship.</p> <p>(iii) Balmoral Cup – After a successful nine weeks it was disappointing the last round finished on such a soggy note. However, everyone acknowledged the success of the tournament and Balmoral have confirmed their support for next year.</p> <p>(iv) Ladies are encouraged to enter the inter-club challenge against Croydon on 5th October. Hoping to get 40 entries or more.</p>
d)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	<p>(i) Graeme, Mal and David have provided a timetable for this year's club championships. Men's Pairs to commence on Sunday, 28th September and final played on Sunday, 9th November. Women's Pairs to commence on Sunday, 12th October with final on Sunday, 9th November. Men's Singles to commence on Sunday, 16th November and final played on Sunday, 21st December. Women's Singles to also commence on Sunday, 16th November with the final on Sunday, 21st December. Mixed Pairs to commence on Sunday, 18th January with the final on Sunday, 8th March. 100 Up Handicap Men and 100 Up Handicap Women to commence on Sunday, 25th January with the finals on Sunday, 8th March. Novice Singles to commence on Sunday, 1st February and the final played on Sunday, 8th March.</p>

		(ii) Committee have asked that the schedule be reviewed and possibly changed around to be able to extend into the new year. We have also asked for the inclusion of a triples competition with single entries under a point system to encourage our more inexperienced bowlers to get involved in Club Championships and possible comps outside the club. Updated schedule to be provided by next meeting.
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	(i) Rhona has joined the Corporate team. (ii) 3 events have been booked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunnings – 10th August, between 6.30-11.00 pm. (50 people) Trivia and Presentation Night. Whitehorse Physie – 20th September, between 6.30-10.30 pm (150 people) Trivia Night (need at least 4 RSAs to man the bar. Peter Ballam – 8th February 2026, between 2.00-5.00 pm. (numbers not known at this stage) 80th Birthday. (iii) Prices have been reset at VSC level for the hire of the clubroom from 01/07/2025 and when finalised will be published on noticeboards.
f)	Facilities/Greens – Paul/Di	(i) Water fountains are working apart from the one on the east side of the bottom green which is causing a few problems as to what the issue is. (ii) Paul asked when the top green is due for replacement as the matting is in good condition at this stage. When replaced the drainage and tree root issues will have to be addressed at the same time. Di advised we would be looking at \$200,000 plus to replace the green. Paul then asked if it was feasible to do a minor upgrade to push the replacement out. Paul to provide Di with requirements for both greens before next VSC meeting on 21 st July. (iii) Kitchen upgrade to be completed on Wednesday. (iv) Projection screen has been approved and will be installed before September.
	Membership - Di	(i) We have welcomed 7 new members (all experienced bowlers) who have transferred from other clubs in the last week and a half. Helen King from Blackburn, Frank Gatt from Clayton, Sue and Rob Sharpe, Ross Dunlop and Lee Andrews from the Dandenong Club and John Hawes from Burwood. (ii) Currently have 194 members of which approximately 120 will be playing pennant. (iii) Elka Nowak who was playing social bowls has left the club and returned to Donvale. (iv) Di to follow up with Rhona and Dean to contact the members who have not been seen around the club for some time. (v) New member checklist has now been completed and will be utilised as each new member joins. There will be more involvement from the coaches which will be discussed at the coaches meeting.
h)	Catering - Pam	(i) No report received as Pam away at the moment.
i)	Social Club	(i) Christmas in July on 27 th July (Gourmet Guru providing catering). (ii) Trivia Night on 29 th August.
j)	Finance/VSC	(i) Cash report for June provided by Jann.

k)	Housekeeping	(i) Nothing to report.
l)	Wellbeing	(i) Geoff Bryant is back playing bowls after a heart scare. (ii) Bill Jones is back after 6 months, after falling and breaking his collarbone. (iii) Sue Van West is recovering following a fall which resulted in a fracture in her vertebrae. (iv) Marj Walker has been undergoing some tests but is feeling much better. (v) Rob Hannam is back following a work place injury which resulted in a staph infection. (vi) Barry Hockham's mother passed away this morning at age 98. (vii) Discussion was held about the correct procedure for the flag being at half mast when a member passes away. The correct procedure is to raise the flag to the top of the pole and then lower to half mast on receiving notification of a member passing. The flag should be taken down each night and reset at half mast each day until after the funeral.
m)	Chairperson's Report	(i) Steve Gatt attended the last VSC meeting and spoke about the Australian Sporting Foundation and how to go about applying for funds for major projects. A sub committee has been formed consisting of Ken, Di, Spiro James and Steve to look at a strategy to fund facilities for the bowls club (dome, lighting, shade etc.). (ii) A project plan also to be drawn up covering both tennis and bowls. (iii) Richard Welsh MP has contacted Di expressing an interest in visiting the club with the Shadow Minister for Sport, Sam Groth. The visit has been scheduled for Tuesday, 22 nd July. (iv) Seniors' Festival to be held on Friday, 17 th and 24 th October. (v) Mike and Paul to attend the Marketing and Promotion seminar being held by Whitehorse Council on 16 th and 23 rd July. (vi) Need to work on the website and get it updated. Discussed website as a 'landing page' with facebook becoming the communication page/noticeboard. Warren and Mike to follow up.
n)	ERBR Delegates Report	(i) ERBR have followed up notifying clubs of their obligation to review and update their Constitution and Code of Conduct along with Job Descriptions. (ii) ERBR are holding a professional coaching session. We have offered to host this event, details to be advised.
o)	Correspondence In/Out	(i) Email received from Trevor Holland regarding the exercise group holding classes every Friday. To be noted on the calendar to avoid any clashes. Mike to action.
4)	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
a)	Action Plan	(i) Still needs to be finalised, each committee member to email Di with what they believe needs to be included in the Action Plan by next meeting. Review of member list to be included in Action Plan. Look at future goals for up to the next 5 years including lighting, dome, shelter for decking, cover for bags outside and shading. A BBQ area between the two greens is in the pipeline. (ii) The screen outside the Greenhouse needs attention. The surrounds inside and out need to be tidied and cleaned up. (iii) Di to put in eNews asking for any request from members for items to be included in the Action Plan.

b)	First Aid/Defib Training	(i) Training/information session to be held on how to use the defibrillator. (ii) It was noted Joy regularly checks the first aid kits and replaces any items that need updating.
c)	New Members' Meeting	(i) On hold at this stage.
d)	Catchcry	(i) Will readdress this closer to the start of pennant.
e)	Limited Viewing/Vision Strips	(i) VSC is looking at having the vision strips adjusted along the windows.

5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone for their contribution.

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 4th August at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 9.50 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____