



# THE WHISPERING GULL

## INVERLOCH BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this year's first edition of The Whispering Gull

### Building Update

The building committee and the Board of Directors continue to be frustrated by ongoing issues affecting the upgrade and renovation of our clubrooms. The Draft Master Plan for Thompson's Reserve has been completed by the Bass Coast Shire and will be the vehicle for us to use when we have to finally vacate our present site. It is now apparent that any relocation will be subject to availability of Government funding and it may be 10 to 12 years (or more) into the future at an estimated cost of over \$3 million. Due to this time frame we are now in the process of finalising a new lease agreement to give us continued tenancy on our present site after our current lease expires in 2015. During the last few weeks we have met with the Bass Coast Shire to commence the "due process" to renew our lease, hopefully for a further 21 years, but this will be decided by the DSE. This process includes the preparation of a business plan, preparation of a documented case as to why we need to renew our lease, a visit from the Valuer General to assess the rental fee, as well as providing other documentation to support our application. Meanwhile an advertisement will be placed in the local papers by the Bass Coast Shire advertising our intention to re-lease the site. All of this is very time consuming and adds to the frustration of achieving the best outcome.

In anticipation of receiving a lease renewal we have met with Luis Castagna (Lumel Project Managers) of Leongatha. Luis has kindly offered his services as Project Manager for a building upgrade and has already met with us on and off site to prepare a design and plans to firstly construct a new kitchen/toilets and committee/secretary room at the eastern end of the building. Stage 2 will be the renovation of the western end including the bar and a new entrance area. Stage 3 (depending on funds) will be the minor renovation of the top floor. In his opinion, in discussion with us, it would be cost effective to retain the top floor and carry out Stage 1 and 2 first. This would provide modern new facilities downstairs and also increase the seating area in conjunction with modernising the building. His aim is to keep within our budget and spending only the funds we presently have in hand. When we have the conceptual plans for the latest proposal we will be able to convey more information to members through the pages of this newsletter. **Neil Everitt, John Sutcliffe and Jack Miller (Board Members/Building Committee)**

### Club Contacts

**President** – Nic Van Grunsven

**Secretary** – Carol Waters

**Treasurer** – John Sutcliffe

**Directors** –

Ron Burge – Mens Section

Joyce Arnold- Ladies Section

Ron Kee – Facilities Director

Bev Kurrle – Catering

Neil Everitt – Sponsorship

Jack Miller – Social Director

Carol Waters - Communications

#### Mens Selectors

Ron Burge – Chairperson

Norm West

Ray Gostling

Trevor Scott

Ron Kee

#### Ladies Selectors

Maureen Paynting

Nellie Martin

Carol Baines

Pam Sutcliffe

Joyce Arnold

#### Tournament Secretary

**Ladies** – Margaret Flett

**Mens** -

### On the Green

#### Men's Pennant Events

*Battle of Hastings bowls  
day 15<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Practice match Inv vs Won  
At Wonthaggi  
Date to be advised*

*Men's Pennant starts  
Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>*

#### Ladies Pennant Events

*Tuesday Pennant Practice  
Matches*

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
San Remo at Inverloch

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Philip Island at Phillip  
Island  
September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Phillip Island at Inverloch

October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Leongatha at Leongatha

BYO lunch, club uniform  
10.30 start

#### Ladies Get Together

New season Get Together,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm. Join  
us for afternoon tea  
Ladies please bring a small  
plate.

#### Club Uniform

*Now Available:  
Ladies Polo shirts - short  
and long sleeve.  
Ladies Jackets  
Mens Polo Shirts -  
Limited supply  
(More have been  
ordered)*

### CLUB OPENING

Mark your calendar for 8<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm. It is our Club's opening for the season. Our club champions Ron Burge and Ivy Sheppard will roll the 1st bowls of the new season. There will be mixed bowls followed by an afternoon tea. Please bring a plate along. Watch the noticeboard for more details.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## BINGO

Come along and support our club Bingo. Held every Thursday night. Ticket sales from 7.30pm, eyes down at 8.00pm. Helpers wanted, contact –  
**John Sutcliffe on 5674 1057**

## FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

Every Second Friday the club run a \$12.00 Meal deal. Starting at 6.30pm. Enjoy our Raffles - \$2.00 for 3 Tickets. Also our Spinning Wheel - \$2.00 per ticket. Names to be placed on chalkboard by midday on the day.

## CLUB BAR

Come along and enjoy a coldie or whatever your preference. Our club bar is open from 4.30pm, Tuesday's to Saturday's inc. Served with a smile at competitive prices.

## CARPET BOWLS

### *Don Stoneham Trophy Presentation Night*

As usual, this will take the form of a dinner generously provided by the Stoneham Family in the upstairs function room at the Clubhouse, on Friday the 24th of August. It will feature the usual demonstration match between the men's and ladies' champions.

*Please ensure you check our noticeboard for State and Club events along with other items of interest.*

## ERNIE'S BIRTHDAY BASH!



*July 30<sup>th</sup> marks a milestone for long time club member Ernie Treadwell. Members helped Ernie celebrate with an impromptu dinner held at the bowling club. The cake was made by Bev Kurrle.*

*MC on the night was Neil Everitt and speeches were made by Trevor Scott, Jack Miller and Ron Burge. The light Dinner was supplied by the lady members and enjoyed by all.*

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

### Four bowlers

Four bowlers were out on the 'Green' practising. As one of them was about to bowl at the 15th end, which was next to a busy road, they saw a funeral procession go by. Instead of bowling, the bowler removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed. At this point, the other three said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen." And the bowler answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"

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### GET WELL WISHES

*Get well wishes to our members*  
*Judith Moule*  
*Frank Kurrle*  
*Yvonne Randell*  
*Ken Perrett*

## INVERLOCH, HUB OF THE UNIVERSE

I met a man the other day,  
A dapper little Pom;  
He asked me in a poncey voice:  
Old chap, where are you from?  
I said, I hail from Inverloch,  
You know the place, of course,  
He sniffed and said, Afraid not, sir,  
Must be, at best, one horse!  
Not so, said I - but 'ere I tell you  
more,  
You must know our inner suburbs,  
The Tarwins, Mid and Lower,  
Wonthaggi, 'Gatha and The Burra,  
Kongwak and Kilcunda  
The city of Moyarra,  
And the Archies, Up and Under,  
And Dalyston Town, of great renown,  
the Meeniyan metropolis,  
Not to mention old Cape Paterson,  
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And the Jumbunna megalopolis  
And the poorer outer suburbs,  
Phillip Island and Strezlecki\*  
Where the denizens of Inverloch  
Pop down for lunch or brekky.  
I said: Of course you'll know these  
places, If you've been around at all,  
In a voice now tart and terse,  
For Inverloch is known world-wide  
As - Hub of The Universe.  
This English chap, now chastened,  
And a little bit contrite  
Replied, I'm really sorry, sir  
That I was not aware, at least not really  
quite,  
Of the size and fame of Inverloch,  
The city of power and light;  
And of course you'll have an airport,  
So I'll come down to check it out  
- On the first available flight.

A Poem by Harry Dunn