

# BREAKING NEWS

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**19/10/2020**

## **Night Pennant Update**

The night Pennant season will start on January 12th with 8 rounds to be played up to March 9th., Semi finals on March 16 and the final on March 23. This of course will depend on covid restrictions being lifted to allow 24 players on the green.

The format remains at four rinks of three (2 bowl triples, 21 ends straight through). Mulgrave still needs confirmation from interested players by November 11th to field a team. We still need another six players.

If interested contact me on 0434 665 911  
Stephen Castle

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**18/10/2020**

## **Janet Morrison Award Nomination**

In what I hope is some uplifting news for us all, I just thought I'd pass on to you all the exciting news that our very own Janet Morrison has been nominated and is now a finalist in the 2020 Victorian Disability Sport & Recreation Awards as a member of the Victorian Physical Disability State Side. The full story and details are contained within this link:

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/2020/10/15/vics-nominated-in-disability-sport-recreation-awards/>

You will also note that our former member and a long and continuing friend of Mulgrave Bowls, Lucas Protopapas is also included along with Janet.

Good luck Janet and we'll all have our fingers crossed on December 3rd when the winners are announced.  
Shane McCluskey.

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**18/10/2020**

**Today's Announcement Re Easing of Restrictions**

Good Afternoon All,

I imagine like me, many of you were tuning in to this morning's announcement by the Premier in relation to any easing of restrictions. Whilst we were all hopeful of more, we can only deal with what we know and the stages that have been laid out thus far.

One of which was a return of sorts to outdoor sport, with limitations. Whilst other outdoor sports were mentioned specifically, lawn bowls was not. That doesn't mean that bowls is not included, but we will await for confirmation, or otherwise, that bowls is included in the now allowable outdoor sports.

Generally when things change, Bowls Victoria has made deputation to the state government through DHHS in order to gain any necessary clarifications on behalf of all clubs. They then forward those findings and further information on to clubs. I imagine we will have some of that information in the next day or so. Once we have those details we will be better placed to pass on credible information to our members.

Your Committee will be meeting tomorrow afternoon to progress the return to bowls at the earliest possible time. That will likely include an altered schedule of events, changed formats to the normal social bowls and pennant practice times as well. That doesn't mean we will have all the answers post that meeting, but I can assure you that your Committee, the Green Keeper team, Club Management and our Coach are all working hard to facilitate a smooth, safe and rapid return as soon as possible.

I'll update you all asap.  
Stay well all.  
Shane McCluskey.

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**15/10/2020**

**Green Update**

On the basis of some good news on Sunday I thought I would give you a update on the greens. Greens 1 & 3 are ready for play. Green 2 is still coming out of its renovation & processing well. Get your bowls polished! From your hardworking greens staff

Stephen Staff  
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**13/10/2020**

**Bowlslink Competition Module Training**

WE NEED YOUR HELP. We are seeking interested bowlers to be trained to be able to enter pennant sides and results into the competition portol. BowlsVic conduct the sessions and are available to view through either a computer, tablet or mobile. Webinar 3 – Competition Module

This first webinar in the Competition Module series will teach you how to enter all your club's pennant data, including how to:

- Find your competition
- Assign players to teams and rinks
- Change player position
- Enter & confirm match results

This webinar is being run on 3 different dates, on a Friday all from 10am – 11am. Friday 16, 23 or 30 October.

You must be registered to attend.

Further details can be obtained from Stephen Castle (0434 665 911) who will advise the registration details.

Peter Coe

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**27/9/2020**

**Thursday “7-a-Side” Pennant**

I'm writing in response to Shane's request for expressions of interest re the '7 a side' Thursday Pennant competition. Those who know me will know my views on pennant practise and time management in relation to preparation for Weekend Pennant. I have been working on plans for purposeful and enjoyable pennant practise sessions for the coming pennant season. (Whenever that may be!)

Shane and I have been in discussion about our club moving forward and we are both working hard to promote our bowls section. We both agree that Mulgrave should be involved in as much quality competition as we can.

Therefore, I encourage all bowlers who are interested in taking part in this competition to register their interest as soon as possible. The games will be seven a side, with the proposed starting date of Thursday 5th November. They will start at 10.30 in the morning and with 18 ends, should finish around 1 – 1.30 pm.

I am keen to still have Thursdays as our main pennant practise day and with the early finish, there would be no reason why it cannot still go ahead later in the day. As always, it is a commitment and I know that those players who are genuinely keen to develop and improve their games will take full advantage of the opportunity to participate in some good competitive bowling, in a slightly different format and to promote Mulgrave Country Club and have our colours out there on show.

## **BREAKING NEWS – MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB – BOWLS SECTION**

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So if you are interested in playing in THIS pennant competition, contact Shane on email: [shane@buon.com.au](mailto:shane@buon.com.au) or a message on 0415 352 352.

Thanks to those who have been contacting me with reports on how their isolation training is going. It's great to spread the enthusiasm.

Cheers, Norm Whitehead.

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**25/9/2020**

### **Expression of Interest - Thursday "7-a-Side" Pennant**

Notwithstanding the uncertain nature of the resumption of Bowls, Bowls Victoria will be conducting a '7 a side' Thursday Pennant competition in both Spring and Summer during the upcoming bowls season. It will be run quite similar to the Tuesday Midweek competition, in relation to game times with a 10.30 start, but importantly a 'side' will consist of 2 pairs and 1 triple, with 3 bowl pairs and 2 bowl triples, completed over 18 ends. BV envisage around 12 divisions with 6 sides per division and the potential for 2 or 3 byes. It has been well supported by other clubs with around 70 entries thus far.

To that end, the Bowls Committee is keen to gauge the level of interest from bowlers that may be interested in playing in that Thursday Pennant competition. That is not confirmation that we will be entering a side(s), but if there is sufficient interest, the Committee will in all likelihood do so. Of course, there will be much to do in preparation, depending on interest, in relation to management, selection and administration of any side(s), but that can be visited in due course.

In short, we are trying to determine the likelihood of bowlers wishing to play such a format each Thursday. It naturally follows that Team Managers etc will be required, so please include that in your personal considerations.

If you are interested in playing, should we go that way as a club, please indicate asap by sending me an email on [shane@buon.com.au](mailto:shane@buon.com.au) or a message on 0415 352 352. Please ONLY send me an email or message if you DO have an interest in playing Thursday '7 a side' Pennant.

We will keep you informed as we go as to the level of interest and the likelihood, or otherwise, of us fielding any sides.

Stay well all and I look forward to hearing from interested bowlers.

Shane McCluskey  
Chairperson.

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