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## NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2022

### WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the August edition of our Newsletter.

The continuing wet weather is severely restricting our bowling and the green keepers are struggling to maintain the greens in playable condition. We are seeing much growth of moss – as never seen before in our memories!! Please take extra care to avoid causing any damage to the playing surfaces.

Malcolm Kirby continues work on the new unisex, accessible toilet and the new ladies' toilet facilities at the south end of the building. Partitions, vanity toilets and sinks are expected to be installed in the coming month. There will be a need to dig up some tarmac in front of the clubhouse to make sewer connections but every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience.

*Brian H*

### CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

#### CONFETTI AND CHAOS

Hi there, I thought you might enjoy a few photos from our "Confetti and Chaos" dinner and show on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The Clubhouse was brim-full to enjoy a hilarious wedding reception.

Nine crazy characters entertained us while we enjoyed a three course dinner.

Lots of laughs, copious chaos and heaps of slapstick. And a couple cheeky jokes too, all made for a brilliant night of entertainment.

Have a look at the fun we had. And then buy tickets in our next Dinner and Show, the legendary "Faulty Towers Dining Experience".....25 years old and going strong!!!









**What a Great Show! Don't miss the next one!**

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With 25 years of globetrotting success, Faulty Towers The Original Dining Experience continues to go from strength to strength, picking up 5 star reviews wherever it plays'.

Expect the unexpected in this hilarious tour de force that makes you 'laugh so much you can't breathe' (getwestlondon). Chaos reigns right from the start as Basil, Sybil and Manuel serve a 3-course meal along with plenty of laughs.

Totally immersive, it's a true blend of ingenious comedy and unique theatrical script, creating an experience that's perfect for comedy fans, theatre fans, and anyone who just fancies going out for a meal they'll never forget.



## At The Warrawee Club

**Thursday 1 September 2022 6:30 PM - 9:45 PM**

\$95.00 (plus \$0.50 booking fee and \$2.38 processing fee) per person  
Includes a 3-course meal & 2-hour show

Arrive 6.30 pm for 7.00pm Start

For bookings, ring the Club 02 9489 1092

Warmest regards

*Kevin Mund*

Manager – The Warrawee Club

### WELCOME TO CROQUET

Welcome To the Warrawee Croquet  
Club Newsletter for August 2022.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. A reminder to all Croquet members that the **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting** of the **WARRAWEE CROQUET CLUB** will be held at the Club commencing at 10-30am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022.  
Election of office bearers for 2022-2023 is on the agenda. Please find nomination forms pinned to the club room notice board.
2. **GC Club Open Championship Singles** - This Gold letter round robin event was first conducted in 2021. Registration to enter the event opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Registration will close on the 12<sup>th</sup> August '22, with play commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.
3. **AC Club open Handicap Singles** - Registration opens 12<sup>th</sup> Sept '22 and will close on the 23 Sept '22. Known as the "Joan Vincent Trophy". This is a long standing WCC Gold Letter event that is well handicapped to provide balance to the draw - A favoured event.

### "KILWAR" COMPETITION RESULTS:

Tuesday the 28th June was the day. The location - **Killara Croquet Club** where the two clubs gathered to compete in the infamous "**KilWar**" **Competition** also known as 'The friendlies' which best describes the competition and the atmosphere on the day.

#### **Results:**


- GC Doubles: Brent Fuller and Paul Dewar 2-1
- GC Singles: Tony Fabro 2-0
- AC Singles: Jenny Ellwood 11-2
- AC Doubles: Maria Morton and Robert Woog 11-8

Not reflected in the score, hard and well fought matches were played throughout the day with WCC, this time coming out on top. Many thanks to Ron Bradner and his Killara team for hosting the day and for their courtesy and companionship. Back to Warrawee next time for a rematch.





## ROSE, CROQUET & HIGH TEA



**Rosé, Croquet & High Tea**

Ladies! Fancy a glass of French Rosé, a spot of Golf Croquet and High Tea?

Arrive at 12 noon with your group for a lesson and a game. At 1.30pm enjoy a High Tea of mini scones with strawberry jam & vanilla cream, assorted petits fours, a selection of finger sandwiches, mini quiches, macarons and delicious chocolate dipped strawberries.

The afternoon concludes at 2.45pm in time to pick up the children from school.  
Make your booking NOW for the spring/summer season!  
Contact: Peter on 0425 347 220

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Ladies of Warrawee!

do you have a celebration, a P&F or PTA function to organise or a party and looking for a unique outing with a difference that is a mix of fun and panache.?

Upon arrival you are welcomed with a glass of imported French Rosé '*Excuse my French*'

The Croquet Club facilities, equipment and coaching are provided, all you need are flat soled shoes, sunnies and a hat and you're good to go for your first fun-filled game of "Golf Croquet".

The game is followed by a delectable selection of savories through to sweets that are the hallmark of an afternoon high tea served on our balcony overlooking the rose garden and greens.

Our tea selection is modest but curated especially for the occasion. Bookings during spring and summer are essential. \$48-p/p



## WORKSHOPS ON THE LAWN - GC- RULES

Having introduced the game of Golf Croquet in 2021 and just completed our second season in Division 3 Pennants, the committee considered it appropriate to conduct workshops on the latest version of 'Edition 6 Golf Croquet Rule' released 1/7/22

Many thanks to Jenny Ellwood – Club Captain for organising the workshops and special thanks to Maria Morton - our accredited umpire and workshop educator.

In July, two workshops were conducted on the most common errors of "Faults" and "Striking the wrong ball" with a third session to be on "Score Cards and handicaps"

It's obviously beneficial to have all our new GC members familiar with the current rules of play to avoid delays and any uncertainties raised during play.



*Maria providing on lawn demonstrations to six of the thirteen members in attendance)*



**All members that attended the workshops will receive the latest GC 6<sup>th</sup> Edition rule book with complements of our sponsor “The Rose By Moran”.**

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: A HINT FOR HIGH HANDICAP GOLF CROQUET PLAYERS.**

In GC training you get lessons on stance, stalking, running hoops, blocking shots, the zone of opportunity, etc., but rarely do you get taught about hopelessness.

Imagine the situation when your opponent has a ball half way through a hoop, one of your balls is 5 yards (4.6m) away behind the hoop.

Unless you specialise in miracle jump shots, don't try. (see photo)



### **MEMBERSHIP**

Croquet membership recruitment is robust to the point of being self propelled - a comfortable position for the WCC while providing the WBC some assurance as to the Club's future direction and longevity

The next step going forward (and I add, an enjoyable task), is to convert our “Strategy Recruitment Plan to an “Increase Members Engagement Plan“ for both social and competitive members.

We currently we have 68 members with 1 application pending approval. Thanks everyone for your support and referrals.

There's no doubt we have gathered a diverse group of mature, intelligent, and dare I say at times *slightly quirky* group of people who enjoy the companionship of good friends, a tap and a chat, and when called upon quickly apply clever tactics and that cut and thrust that croquet is renowned for.

I say *slightly quirky* in the kindest way. Lets face it, one has to be original, analytical and thoughtful while unpredictable, to take on Croquet in the first place!

Well, that's it for now – In the meantime keep the head down, eye over the ball and follow through till next time.

*Peter*

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

*“Croquet the thought sport”*

### **LADIES SECTION REPORT**

Due to the relentless rain and various Covid outbreaks, we have had to cancel or postpone the following special events:

- Presidents Day, postponed to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022
- Kuring-gai Top 9, cancelled
- Jean McKinnon, cancelled

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

We are optimistic that the weather will be kind to us during Pennants that commences 9<sup>th</sup> August.

*Committee - Warrawee Women's Bowls*



## MEN'S BOWLS REPORT

There are two months of news to catch up as the June Newsletter was cancelled.

You would have received a detail report from Hillar, our WBC Secretary, regarding our Brokenwood challenge held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Geoff Krieger the CEO of Brokenwood Wines presented the prizes and is happy to continue sponsorship of WBC. We thank Brokenwood for this support.

The next **Brokenwood Challenge** will be on **Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

As with the previous event, the format will be open-gender, three bowl triples played over 21 ends. There will be a free **sausage sizzle from 11am** and cards called 11.30am. All members of winning teams will receive a bottle of Brokenwood wine.

Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard as a single or team entry. The entry fee will be \$60 per team or \$20 for a single entry. Payment can be made at the bar.

The condition of the greens over the past month has been quite concerning, with C green unplayable due to the excessive wet weather causing moss growth. This has been sprayed and hopefully play should resume by the first week of August.

**Men's Pennants** commences soon and will be played over six rounds, commencing **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**.

Warrawee has entered one side and we are playing in Division 4, Section 4. Other clubs in our Section are Lane Cove, Turramurra and Belrose.

The first match is a home game against Lane Cove. The Warrawee team is as follows:

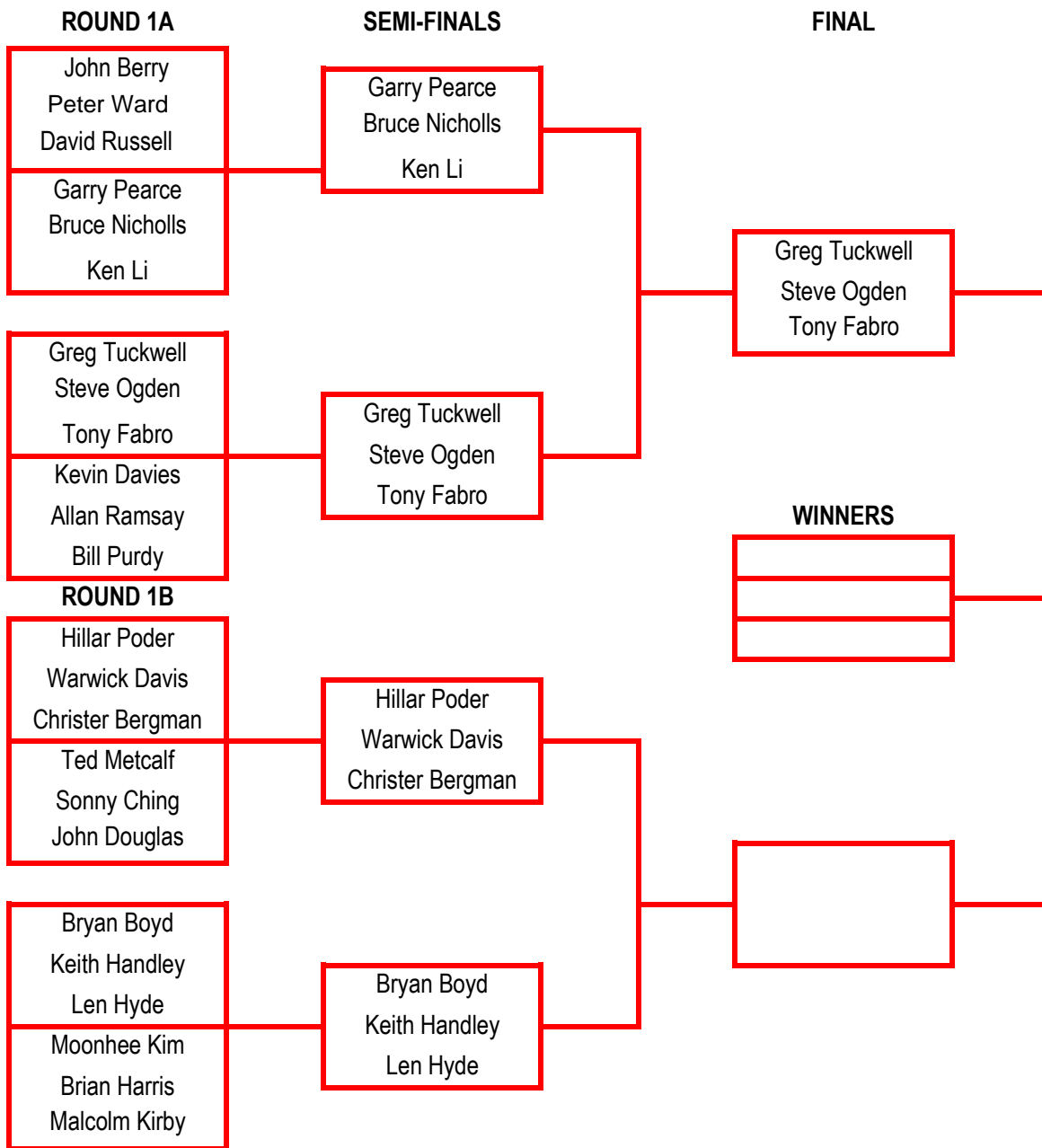
POSITION	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
LEAD	Kevin Davies	Peter Ward	Ken Potter
SECOND	Bruce Nicholls	David Russell	Peter Armstrong
THIRD	Ashley Mills	John Douglas	Steve Ogden
SKIP	Bill Purdy	Sonny Ching	Malcolm Kirby
RESERVES	Jim Fergusson – Graham Lightfoot – Hillar Poder		
SIDE MANAGER – John Douglas		DUTY SELECTOR – Ted Metcalf	

This year's Pennants is restricted to Men only. This is a very poor decision by the Zone after all the effort clubs have gone through to combine as a gender neutral association.

It is interesting to note that a player's participation in Men's Pennants will not affect his current pennant grading for the next year's OPEN-GENDER Pennant competition.

Despite the rain, the **Open-gender Consistency Singles** competition has almost been completed as per schedule. Only the final round is yet to be played.

The first round of the **Open-gender President's Two Bowl Triples** was split over two weeks. This was a result of the availability of only a single green for both competition and social bowls. The weather has not been kind but this is the situation at the moment. If the weather is favourable, the Final will be played on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.



The results of the **Tuesday Social Bowls Monthly Consistency** competition for May were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Anthony,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Potter and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Stamford.

For June, the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lewis Price,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clive King and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Stewart.

Congratulations.





Zone 9 has sent a reminder of the closing dates for its Championship events as follows:

- Pairs: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- Triples: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- Fours: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- Singles: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Our Bowls Section Committee and the Selectors Panel will stand down at the upcoming **AGM** on **Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Nominations have been called for all Committee positions – President, Vice President, Secretary, Bowls Secretary, Assistant Bowls Secretary and three committee members. Nominations have also been called for selectors on the Selectors Panel. Please give some serious consideration and put your name forward to serve your club. Nomination forms are available on the noticeboard and from John Berry.

Entries are invited for the **Fred Newson Open-gender Handicap Pairs** to be run on Wednesdays from the last Wednesday of August to the end of September. Entries close on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Single entries only will be accepted. Entrants will be randomly paired and teams will consist of either:

- One MAJOR and one MINOR player or
- Two MINOR players.

Handicaps will be allocated by the Club's Selectors. Our **Multi-club members** are welcome to participate

## *Committee - Warrawee Men's Bowls*

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

#### **THE FIRE OF 1978**

Tragedy struck in the morning of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1978 – a fire broke out in the roof of the Clubhouse.

Passing motorists would have seen the flames but, as there were no mobile phones in those days, it took a while for the Fire Brigade to arrive. When they did, there was already a significant amount of damage.

The fire is believed to have been started by a fault in the electrical wiring. You can see the damage in the photos below.



*After the fire*



*Damage to the roof above the Main Hall*



*Another view of damage above the Main Hall*



*The clean up begins*

Most of the damage occurred in the centre section of the upper level. Carpets and most of the food and wine stored in the building were lost.

At the time, both the Men's and Women's locker rooms were located on this level but survived.

Also, relatively unscathed were the poker machines and honour boards. The paintings on the walls also survived.

An emergency Board meeting was convened by President Peter Jackson, in the Clubhouse on the following day, while some timbers were still smoldering.

The Club was fully insured and repairs commenced almost immediately. By the end of the year, work was complete.

Following this, a celebratory *Re-opening Dinner* was held in the Clubhouse on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1979, exactly 7 months after the fire.

It may come as a surprise to some members that, at the time of the fire, the Club operated 12 poker machines.

These machines were very popular and contributed significantly to the Club's finances for many years. They were particularly popular on rainy days when bowls was washed out. On those days, the machines collected more money than could ever have been collected in green fees.

In 1977, the year before the fire, the nett profit from the machines was \$31,003, quite a significant amount in those days.



*Damage in the Poker Machine Lounge, which is now our Bar Lounge*





*The poker machines were mostly unscathed...*



*...as were our Honour Boards*



*Work in progress*



*Work is complete*

However, all good things must come to an end.

While most clubs would upgrade their machines regularly, to maintain player interest, Warrawee declined to do so. They persevered with ageing machines which, one by one, broke down and were not replaced. In addition to this, the once-generous machines had been tweaked to reduce payouts to the legal minimum and player interest diminished.

Former Club President Ted Metcalf recalls that, in the mid-1990s, the number of machines had dropped to two or three and there were only one or two members who played them regularly. In addition to this, it had been some time since a jackpot had been paid. Another jackpot might be due soon and it might be wise to bail out before the axe fell.

As a result, the remaining machines were sold to another club.

While most clubs rely on poker machine revenue to balance their books, Warrawee decided to persevere without them, promoting the lack of machines as an incentive for new members to join the Club.

**READ ON**

Obviously Warrawee is not the only bowling club that believes it is better off without poker machines.

Our eagle-eyed Chair Brian, found this article in the Sydney Morning Herald recently.





## They said it couldn't be done': Pokie-free Petersham Bowlo thrives at 125



By [Michael Koziol](#)

July 29, 2022 — 11.30am

When the Petersham Bowling Club's new board of directors decided to ditch their poker machines in 2007, they were told it couldn't be done. The business model relied on the money reliably delivered by the pokies, ClubsNSW advised at the time; what they really needed to do was upgrade them.

Fifteen years later, the PBC is still there, still profitable and still pokies-free, and this weekend the inner west institution celebrates its 125th birthday – older than the Australian federation.



*I'll drink to that: Petersham Bowling Club general manager Penny Ryan, bar manager Carl Manwarring and president George Catsi*

"We're the alternate model where you go, 'You can survive'," says club president George Catsi, who is also a lifelong Sydney writer, performer and arts academic. "They all point to us now [and say], 'But Petersham did it'."

The club is known not just for surviving in an era when so many bowling clubs have bitten the dust, but for defeating two of Sydney's seemingly unstoppable giants: poker machines and property developers.

Faced with plummeting membership and financial ruin in the mid-2000s, the club's board twice attempted to flog the site for development.

The first proposal would have demolished the club, built 17 townhouses on the top green and reconstructed the club where the lower green was, with a new green on the roof. It was rejected by council as over-development.



*South Australia vs. NSW women's event at Petersham Bowling Club on March 26, 1936.*



*“The Petersham Bowlo is an inner west icon ... It was locals who fought to keep the club in community hands where it has thrived.”*

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who is the local MP

Two years later, the increasingly desperate board tried again with a plan to lease the lower green to Eddy Groves' now-defunct ABC Learning for a childcare centre.

“Bowling clubs are a favourite for developers because they're usually f---ed and on the way out,” then board member Paul Wade told the *Herald* at the time. “No one bowls here any more because they're all dead. The place is empty most days.”

When that idea was also defeated, the board members who pitched it resigned en masse, and a new board was elected, including Catsi as president. He's now on his second stint after a break.

The new board consisted of enthusiastic locals who had never bowled before and had minimal hospitality experience; Catsi once worked at a bar in London.

“We had a lawyer, a landscape architect, a teacher – we were a motley bunch,” he says. “We had our first board meeting and went ‘Geez, what have we done? What do we do?’”



*“We had to survive on our wits,” says Catsi. “We had to do things that actually brought customers in.”*

One of their first acts was to switch off the poker machines at the wall and sell their licences. This was a controversial move at the time, especially among bowling clubs, but these days plenty of Sydney venues have forgone pokies – especially in the inner west.

The club was “loud and proud” about ditching the machines, and it worked. “We saw a bounce in the business where people were coming from out of area,” Catsi says. “They were telling us, ‘We're coming to you because we want to go to a club with no poker machines’.”

Anthony Albanese, the local federal MP, released a statement in 2016 marking 10 years since the club went pokies-free. The now prime minister said the PBC's birthday was an opportunity to celebrate both the venue and the people who love it.

*“The Petersham Bowlo is an inner west icon. It has lasted for 125 years because it is sustained by passionate volunteers, members and supporters,” he told the Herald.*

*“It was locals who fought to keep the club in community hands where it has thrived. It is more than just a great place to get a beer: it's where local bands get discovered and a hub of Petersham community life.”*



Bowls NSW spokesman Billy Johnson said there were now about 470 registered bowling clubs in NSW – down from about 850 decades ago – with 45,000 members.

He said clubs were looking to modernise the game and diversify their revenue streams after a tumultuous few years of COVID, floods and poor weather.

“We’ve had a decline in membership but we’ve been pleasantly surprised with how clubs have recovered post-COVID,” Johnson said.

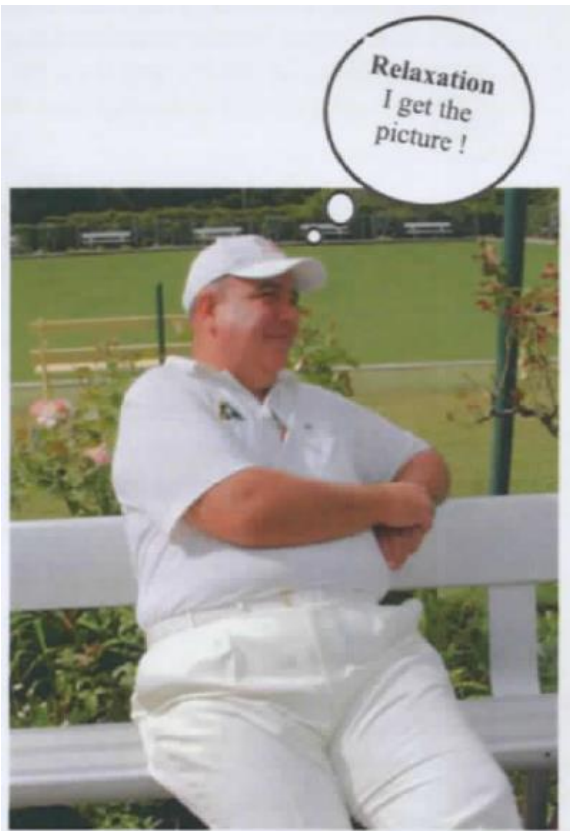


*Country Week bowling at the Petersham Bowling Club on January 18, 1972.*

Some clubs such as The Greens in North Sydney – which is blessed with stunning harbour views – have reinvented themselves with the times. Others opted for the path Petersham rejected – for example the 130-year-old Waverley Bowling Club, which is due to reopen next year after being redeveloped by Mirvac along with 55 luxury apartments for older people.

Balmain Bowling Club, the state’s oldest, says it will reopen in October, having been closed for more than a year. It amalgamated with St Johns Park Bowling Club in 2020, but a statement on the club’s website warns it “continues to experience substantial financial losses”.

## VALE JAMIE HANCOCK



We were devastated recently to learn of the passing of former Club member Jamie Hancock. After a two year battle with prostate cancer, Jamie succumbed on April 27. He was 63 years old.

Jamie joined our Club in 2006 and embraced the game enthusiastically until moving to Adelaide in 2018 for business reasons. He remained on our mailing list but we heard nothing in return. It was not until his wife Valerie received our email regarding the passing of Bill Locke that she gave us the sad news.

Jamie was larger than life, a jovial fellow with a wicked sense of humour.

When playing bowls, he had a fondness for weighted shots. It was not unusual for Jamie to send down a drive, whenever he thought it was warranted, even when he was playing lead.

There was never a shortage of entertainment when Jamie was on the field. Not only that, but his weighted shots had their measure of success.





A sociable person, Jamie enjoyed a chat, over a beer or two with fellow Club members. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

*Hillar*

**Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club**

### **CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH**

Brian and Moonhee's new unit is again delayed and they are unlikely to gain access before October. As Brian really hates the cold and damp, Brian and Moonhee are heading back to summer in South Korea on 4<sup>th</sup> August until 20<sup>th</sup> September so the next Newsletter will be in two months time.

A reminder that our Club website address is: <https://warraweclub.com.au>

Stay safe and stay well.

*Brian H*



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