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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

It is with a great deal of pride that I tender to you this interim report on the recently concluded Australian Open 2010.

This event was an outstanding success and was extremely well received by Bowls Australia, the players and the spectators. The general opinion was that it was an even better event than last year's Open.

We were blessed with favourable weather in the week leading up to the open and for the week of competition.

Our Greens and Surrounds looked magnificent. The greens played very well which contributed to a very high standard of play.

Our Club was well represented in a range of the events and generally speaking our players performed very well. Our Ladies team of Bev Cahill, Bev Thorn and Shirley Raglus finished runners up in the over 60 triples and Frank Watson was a member of the team that was runner up in the over 60 Men's triples. Congratulations to all our players who competed and especially those in the runners up teams.

The response from our Members to fill the ranks of Volunteers, Officials, Bar attendants, Kitchen Caterers and the Greens Committee was outstanding. It really did our Club proud.

The financial returns from the open are still being finalised, however, the preliminary figures indicate that our Club will do considerably better than last year.

The Board has decided to call a General Meeting of Members on Tuesday 9th March at 7.30p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to fully inform the Members on the results and to thank and acknowledge before the Members those people who were responsible for the conduct of the event.

Once again thank you to all Members who participated in any way in running this wonderful event. It has really put Shepparton Park Bowls Club

in the fore ground of the Nation's Bowling Community.

Lloyd Mawson

Successful Grant

Thanks must go to Ron Holland who made a successful grant application to VicHealth which has provided the club with \$2500 for the purchase of 10 sets of bowls.

Notes from February Board Meeting

Catering: Flo.

Thanks to the great workers for the Open. What a great effort girls, to have worked so hard each day without a hitch. Thank you all. Thanks also to Judi who took the washing each day; what a relief that was. To our ladies on the cleanup, thanks girls, everything was kept nice and clean and tidy. Anything left around was swooped on; much appreciated. To Phillip who was a "Gofer", I think he may have learnt a little about shopping.

I hope I wasn't too much to put up with; we ended a great week for which you can all be proud of your efforts.

Sorry the season hasn't finished yet, a few events still to come. We will be doing a new roster shortly so keep an eye on the mail box.

Thanks for your effort it was a pleasure to work with you all.

Just some figures to ponder: 56kg bananas – 54 lettuces – 14 watermelons – 36 chickens – 19doz eggs – 19doz pies – 34 melons – 16k ham – 250 slices – 32kg tomatoes – 300 loaves bread – 1000 salad sandwiches – 960 plain sandwiches – 600 coffees and teas.

Greens: Noel

Now that the AO has been completed, I would like to thank all members of my team, particularly Frank and Ray who contributed so much of their time before and during the event. The feedback from players, officials and spectators on the state of the greens and surrounds during the Open was very positive. To all members of my team, congratulations on a job well done.

All greens will be fertilized in the next 10 days, together with a spray for spring dead spot.

I hope that our club gets some of the Association Men's and Ladies finals

House: Bob

All tidied up and back to normal after the AO. Thanks to all who assisted in the preparation of the Clubhouse for the games. We can be proud of our achievement.

We are preparing our thoughts for budget issues for next season and I would appreciate ideas from members on what improvements or additions we could look at in the near future.

A further survey of the floor level variations will be organised by Council within the next 2 weeks.

Social: Ken

The "Welcome to the AO" at Emerald Bank was an overwhelming success with 215 people attending. My greatest fear was a rainy night but everything was perfect. My thanks to the people who helped on the night.

The Social Committee wishes to thank members and partners who attend our social nights, 100 plus attend our chicken nights and over 120 attended Emerald Bank. We appreciate your support.

We will be holding a Jazz on the Green night on Sunday March 14th.

Sponsorship: Alan

The following companies supplied prizes for the AO raffles. We thank them very much for their generosity. Harvey Norman: Furniture – 2 prizes, Electrical – 4 prizes, Computers – 1 prize, Telstra: 2 Phone sets.

Activity has been taking place with Coles Vouchers, some members returning vouchers and others asking for more. This scheme is about to close.

R.V.B.A.: Laurie

Divisions 1, 2 and 3 are well placed coming into the last round prior to the commencement of the finals series, with Division 1 and 3 likely to finish in the top 2 thus insuring the double chance if needed. Division 2 may need to win well and have other results fall its way to get back into the top 2.

Congratulations to Brett Foley and Frank Watson for performing so well in the AO and to all other Club participants who were to enjoy the competitive atmosphere on the greens.

V.L.B.A.: Pam

Congratulations to Bev Cahill, Bev Thorn and Shirley Raglus, being runners up in the 60 and over AO competition. Well done.

Now that the AO is over we are back to Club events and of course Pennant finals. Division 1 and Division 4 Green winning initial finals and moving straight into the grand final. We now have 3 teams playing off after Division 2 gold defeated Dookie in the semi final. All the best for the Grand finals on March 2nd. Well done.

Next Ladies meeting will be held at 10am on March 1st. Please bring a plate to share for lunch as we will have practice after the meeting.

Dinner at Victoria Hotel at 7pm after the finals on Tuesday 2nd March. Please put your name on the list if wishing to attend, by Saturday 27th February.

The annual General Meeting will be held on April 19th at 10am.

Membership:

Application for full membership was received from Lisa Graham.

Stage 2

Tenders for Stage 2 have closed and are currently being evaluated prior to going before C.O.G.S Council meeting on March 16th.