



# ***ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB***

***Newsletter – July/August 2020*** Editor: ***Steve Veitch***



## ***President's Report***

Firstly, to all our members, I hope you are keeping well and staying sane in these difficult times. As we continue stage 4 of our lockdowns, I know it's a challenge to all of us but hope you are able to stay in touch with friends and family.

The board, at the last meeting decided to sell off the beer from the clubhouse. This has now been done and we thank those who purchased and paid promptly.

Our annual membership fees have been sent out and we thank those members who have already paid. The fees cover the general running cost, including repairs and maintenance of the club and also Bowls Vic affiliation fees.

With the new lockdowns, it is now known that pennant will not commence on the 26th of September as planned. Bowls Vic have indicated a start date of Sat 7th November and Tuesday 10th. If we cannot proceed on the dates listed, then the alternate date under consideration is the 16th of January 2021.

Thank you to all those members who have nominated for next seasons committees in the first round. Second round nominations are now being finalised. At this stage it appears that most positions have been filled. We are however in urgent need of a **new Greens Director**. If anybody is interested in this position could they please contact Helen to discuss what's involved.

On a positive note, Council has approved the upgrade of the retaining wall in front of the car park. The contractor and I met two weeks ago and I've been assured that they are ready to start and that work will commence as soon as possible.

In order to hold our AGM, we need an attendance of at least 45 members which means it cannot be held in the foreseeable future. The Board will consider at the next meeting whether to accept the nominations for positions without waiting for a possible AGM. The Board is also considering holding the AGM by zoom. We will let you know when a decision is made either way.

## *President's Report continued*

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we have been unable to recognise the winners of all our championship games from last season. We will organise to have the presentation of trophies etc as soon as practicable when the club reopens.

Last week we learnt of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Les Engblom, after a fall. Les will be remember as always being happy and up for chat. When he was not bowling, he would come down and support whoever was playing at home. He loved enjoying a quiet VB can with his mates. I had the pleasure of playing with him in the Moama Fours a couple of years ago and it was a memorable four days on and off the green. We will all miss you, Les!

Again I say to everyone, stay positive, healthy and safe.

Looking forward to better times and seeing you all on the green.

Regards Peter Toovey

President EBC

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## ***Dates For Diary***

The Eltham Bowling Club is closed without any firm dates planned.



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## Vale Les Engblom

It is with sadness that we note the passing of our friend and fellow member, Les Engblom.

He suffered a fall and broken hip on the second of August. He was doing well until suffering heart failure several weeks later. Les passed away peacefully on the nineteenth.

His partner, Janet Tindale, would like to say "Thank you to everyone for their cards and thoughtful messages."

Les' funeral on 28/8, had restricted numbers due to Covid restrictions. However, the Club Secretary sent out details on how we were able to view the funeral on-line.

In the past few years, he and Jan would enjoy long trips up through inland Australia. It seemed the more driving the better.

One such trip was to Lightning Ridge where Jan's family own an opal mine. They had some games at the Lightning Ridge Bowls Club where Jan's sister-in-law had been Lady President for many years in the 90's.

They also went cruises with other club members.

Les was originally from Footscray. He was of course, a life-long Bulldogs supporter. He himself played for Yarraville and noted with pride of playing as a junior against a "vigorous" Ted Whitten.

At work, Les was an engineer for Steel Mains, often working on piping such as that out to the Bass Strait oil-rigs.







Being a member for several decades, Les racked up 391 Pennant Games for Eltham.

He played only a handful of games in the last couple of years but he could often be seen watching the last part of the match and then inside to join in with a can of VB.

Les played in three Sectional Premiership Pennant sides and one Metropolitan Divisional Premiership side. He was especially proud of the latter and would point out the commemorative plaque on the right just before you go into the kitchen.



ELTHAM DIVISION 8 METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONS 2008/2009

With Les in the centre of the middle row.

Refer to website [Pennants Won](#) to look up his comrades.



Les served on the Gardening Committee, Greens Committee and the RVBA Committee.

He will be sorely missed by us all.



## Message From The Greenkeeper



Was great to be out working on the greens in the sunshine although the COVID has everyone at home.

The regular maintenance keeps going on spraying of soil conditioners , fungicide and Herbicide applications all as normal over the winter period

Regular cutting and the odd rolling of green when it's not wet.





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## Eltham Bowling Club Nominations received after 2nd round season 2020/21

### EBC BOARD

President	P. Toovey
Vice President	J. Yarwood
Treasurer	B. Harris
Secretary	H. Smith
Assistant Secretary	R. Sloggett
Director	A. Ryan
Director	T. Wadham
Director	D. Hosking
Director	R. Camera
Director	J. Sharp
Past President	C. Shilling/Collins

Please contact Helen Smith if you are interested in any of the vacant positions.

Especially the Greens Director.

### Committees

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Midweek Pennant Selectors (x5)	R. Sloggett	T. Wadham	H. Smith	D. White	<b>** P. Flett</b>	<b>** J. Yarwood</b>
Midweek Pennant Organising Committee Members (x2)						
Saturday Pennant Selectors (x5)	G. Lambert	H. Smith	P. Toovey	W. Harvey	R. Camera	
Saturday Pennant Organising Committee Members (x2)						
Match Committee Members (x6) (3F & 3 M)	B. King	R. Camera		G. Lambert	P. Toovey	
Bar Committee that includes Committee Members (x5)	D. Hosking	W. Harvey	T. Smith	B. Harris	J. Sharp	
& Hall Hire Co-ordinator (x1)	P. Flett					
Green's Committee that includes a Green's Director (x1) and Committee Members (x4)						
	G. Lambert	D. Hosking				



## Sub Committees

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Catering Sub-Committee Members (x4)	R. Sloggett	J. McDermott	K. Pepyat	W. Lyons			
Special Events Sub-Committee Members (x5)	* B. King	* W. Harvey	* A. Ryan	* C. Andrews	* M. Luke	* T. Smith	* R. Proudfoot
Fund Raising Sub-Committee Members (x4)	J. Millar						
Recruitment and New Member Sub-Committee (x4)	J. Millar						
Night Pennant Sub-Committee (x2)	P. Hickey	G. Toovey					
Summer Wednesday Social Bowls Sub-Committee Members (x7)	B. King	B. Goodman	C. Andrews	B. Pavic			
Winter Wednesday Social Bowls Sub-Committee Members (x7)	B. King	S. Veitch	C. Andrews				
Winter Saturday Social Bowls Sub-Committee Members (x5)	B. King	R. Allen	J. Millar	W. Lyons			
Garden Sub-Committee Members (x5)	P. Osborne						
Facilities Sub-Committee that includes Works Director (x1) & Providore (x1) & Clubhouse Manager (x1) & Sub-Committee Members (x4)		B. King	J. Millar				
Twilight Bowls Sub-Committee (x4)	J. Millar	W. Lyons					
Forty-Forty Sub-Committee (x4)	J. Elliot	R. Sloggett	C. Sloggett	M. Luke			
Jazz by the Green (x5)	F. Camera	R. Camera	F. Panzera	K. Pepyat			

## Portfolio Holders

	1	2	3
Sponsorship (x1)	J. Yarwood		
Barefoot Bowls Co-ordinator (x1)			
Handbook Organising Group Editor (x1)	S. Veitch		
Handbook Organising Group member (x3)			
Delegates (x2)	H. Smith		
Website (x1)	S. Veitch		
Electronic Services (x1)	B. Harris		
Newsletter (x1)	J. Yarwood		

**Please Note:** \*\* Voting required for :- Special Events Sub-Committee & Midweek Pennant Selection Committee

## ***Retaining Wall***

As mooted in the President's Report, the council are installing the new retaining wall opposite the carpark.



## ***Corona Challenge Mini Tournament***

Bruce Irvine, Jim Yarwood,  
Ron Stafford, Dave Hosking,  
Ernie Richards, Eric Butcher,  
Joe Bartolo, Hugh Robertson,  
Peter Toovey & Noel Spargo  
all competed over a number  
of weeks before the July  
lockdown.

**Dave and Ron won the  
Challenge.**

**Congratulations!**





## *Trimming the Ornamental Pear Trees (just before the July Lockdown)*



### **GOING, GOING, AND GONE**

And round up the usual suspects....





## ***BOWLING REPRIEVE BEFORE LOCKDOWN***

### ***Seen on the green in June***

Rick Allen, Deb Farrar, Maureen Like, Cath Andrew. Steve Veitch, Ken McGuire and Tim Smith



Ice on the Green



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## ***Ros and Frank Out and About Before Stage 4***

***(l-r) Laughing Waters Warrandyte, Town Park Eltham and Frank's civic compliance.***





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## ***Ros and Frank During Lockdown***

from Frank

Ros and I have both been very busy, both gardening, with sewing and knitting for Ros and woodworking for me. Ros has made over 10 small knitted blankets and has joined the new “cottage industry” of mask making for family and friends. I have a new interest in 3D illusionary cutting boards and trivets.

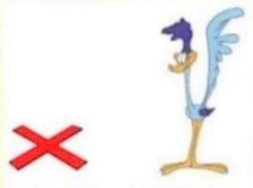




*From Helen*



At the store there was  
a big X by the register  
for me to stand on.



I've seen too many  
Road Runner cartoons  
to fall for that crap.

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## **GARDENING IN NILLUMBIK** by Don White

*Don contributes to the “Ageing Well in Nillumbik” which you can view and possibly subscribe to here - [Ageing-Well-in-Nillumbik](#)*

*This is what he is preparing for the next issue.*

THE FIRST THING IS TO HAVE GOOD SOIL AND WHAT IS GOOD SOIL?  
TO DO THIS RIGHT, YOU SHOULD HAVE A METER THAT GOES INTO  
THE SOIL AND GIVES YOU THE PH READING.

ALL PLANTS PREFER A CERTAIN PH BETWEEN 6.5 & 7, BUT I HAVE  
FOUND THAT BY MAINTAINING A PH LEVEL OF 7, ALL MY PLANTS  
THRIVE.

Eltham soil has a high level of iron so if  
need be, then treat it with 1 part AGG  
lime, 1 part gypsum, 1 part guano, 2  
parts blood & bone.

One of the unexpected benefits this  
strange situation that we all find  
ourselves in, is that I seem to be  
spending and enjoying much of my  
time in the garden.

My wife was the gardener but when  
she passed on, I started to grow  
flowers to take to her each fortnight.  
However, with coronavirus, I found  
myself drawn to growing vegies so that  
now my garden extends over  
approximately 81 square meters



To start, we need to **build beds above ground level as you will find this very helpful later with less bending** by which gardening can make one's back ache.

Use only RED GUM SLEEPERS then you don't have chemicals to worry about.  
Bunnings only have Treated Pine so go to Mitre 10 in Diamond Creek who have all  
types of timber and will cut it to size free of charge. When building the beds, attach  
the sleepers with BATTEN screws in case you wish to alter or repair later.



Make sure you use good soil and add manure (I use horse manure but weed it before using and let it well dry before using) also add blood & bone, Potash & a Slow Release.

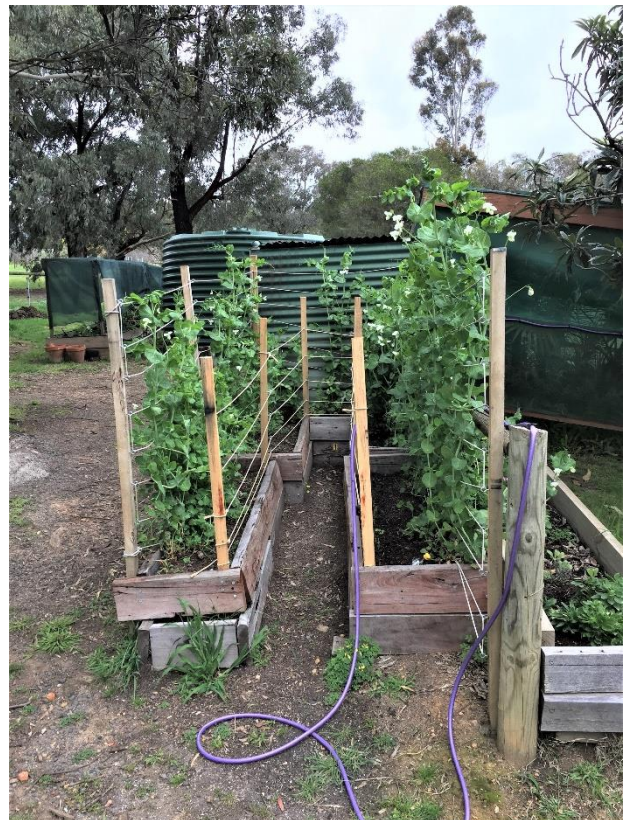
Then turn it over with a gardening **FORK IT IS MUCH EASIER THAN A SPADE.**

I am currently germinating vast quantities of Iceberg Lettuce, Tomatoes, Rocket, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Peas, Beans, Strawberries, in my walk-in Greenhouse which will be transplanted to the garden when the seeds grow to be seedlings about 60mm tall.

I bought Potatoes seeded in May, then stored them in a bin that shuts out all light. Then the potatoes will produce shoots by late August. You can cut the Potatoes in half, but **YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 EYES IN EACH HALF.** I use only Sebago Potatoes as they are an all-purpose Potato. You can buy seeds from nurseries, Bunnings, Mitre 10 and online from SEEDS COLLECTION in Ferntree Gully. Free delivery for orders over \$20.

Gardening is a very personal thing and what one likes may not completely suit others so we can just pick the eyes out of all areas. For example at the moment, I am trying Broccoli when the experts say it's the wrong time but with our wacky weather and in a greenhouse, the soil is warmer than normal. Carrots some find hard to grow but with carrots and parsnip you **MUST** have sandy soil, so I mixed 30% fine sand with Osmacote garden soil and got oversized carrots

Although there is a time suggested to plant different type of vegies **by using a greenhouse, you can get results out of season.**



If you don't want to have a greenhouse, just get an old ice cream container or any old container and drill a small hole in the bottom. Then if outside, put a clear piece of plastic over it or take it inside near a window for it to get the sun. When transplanting make sure that one plant only goes into each hole.

## JIM'S RENOVATION HINTS

From Jim Yarwood

Some great tips here on getting stuff done around your house ...



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And he's not wearing his helmet!  
Don't go there!!





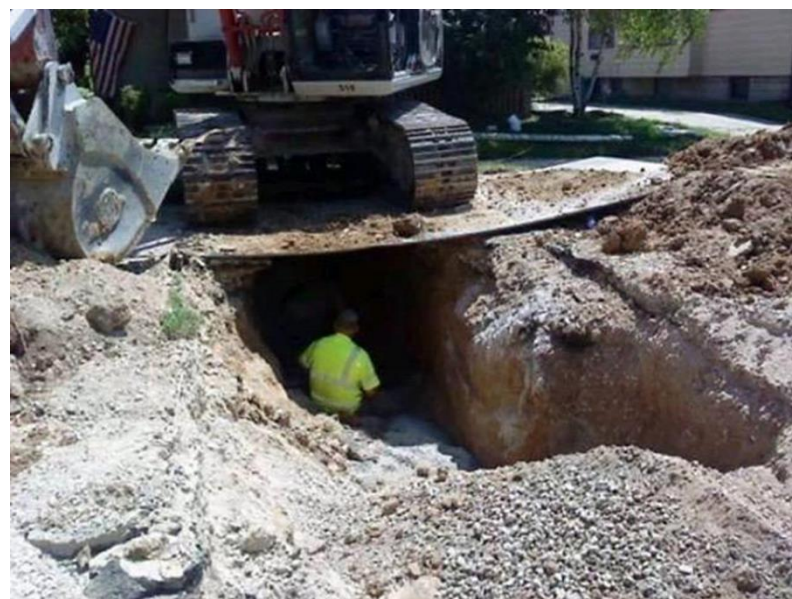


This is actually the clever one; mechanically it works.

(Ed. note - Not really)



Voltaren for aching backs after a day's work!



It doesn't matter; he must already be brain DEAD!

**Nah! Don't really try these at home.**



Closer to the afterlife than they think!!