



# The Hawthorn Herald

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Celebrating our past, enjoying our present, planning our future

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## FROM THE EDITOR

ROSE MITCHELL

The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2011. This edition brings you all the reports for your edification whether you were there, not there, there but dozing or had snuck outside. The report below was part of the 2012 committee's report and was first given at this club in August 1913.

"Your committee have pleasure in submitting this your first annual report. We have at present 37 full members on the roll including a list of 24 playing members. We think being our first year that this is highly satisfactory. In the view of more people coming to reside at Hawthorn as time goes on that this number will be considerably increased in the very near future and we feel sure of the ultimate success of our club.

Your committee feel that we have cause to congratulate the club on attaining electric light for the evening play in the first year of its existence. This we feel sure has done a great deal towards popularising bowls in the district. Our very excellent President gave an evening to celebrate the opening and invitations to other clubs and to friends was extended. Unfortunately the weather was on that evening not just ideal for an event of this description and although the gathering was enjoyable the weather prevented it from being the great success it would otherwise have been. The total cost of the electric installation was £27/5/0 and was subscribed by members.

Our green for a new one has played very well indeed and has met with favourable comments from visitors. The Oval Trust to whom we are indebted for our green are this year laying out flower beds with a view to making the ground more attractive. They were also kind enough to supply material for the erection of a tea room for our use which with the willing help of members has been completed and has proved a welcome addition to the kiosk and when covered with creeper should be very attractive indeed.

A pleasing feature of the year has been the interest displayed in the club by the members' wives and lady friends especially in regard to the tea arrangements. Our year's play has been more noticeable by the friendliness and enjoyableness of the game than by the number of matches won. We have in all played 19 matches but unfortunately only on nine occasions were we able to call for the first round of cheers.

We remind members that all bowls that have not already been tested must be stamped before the coming season.

In conclusion we feel that our club has launched on voyage of prosperity. The friendliness among our members is one of our happiest realisations. Our green, our finances and our prospects should be very satisfactory to members and all that can be necessary is for every member to continue to do for the club the same as they have individually and collectively done in the past. We feel that then we will have no fear for the future."

**REPORTS  
PRESIDENT**

**NEIL JENKINS**

Welcome everyone to the 99th AGM of the Hawthorn Bowling club

Next year we will be celebrating our centenary and our 2012 committee chaired by Rose Mitchell are in the process of organising events to celebrate this great occasion. Details of these events will be finalised soon. The Board also intends to fund a major project to benefit the current and future members of HBC.

The present financial position of the H B C is very secure and thanks goes to the hard work of many volunteers who contribute their time and energy to make sure this club not only survives but prospers. Our membership is increasing while a lot of other clubs are struggling to survive.

The bowls landscape is changing very quickly, with a new format for Wednesday pennants being trialled in the coming season. Also the new bowls calendar will be completely different to previous seasons with the Asia Pacific games in Adelaide in 2011 and the World Championship Bowls in 2012.

It will be very challenging for our club to survive in the coming years. The Premier 1 and 2 competitions on Saturday will be dominated by the clubs who are paying their players and at the moment there are some very rich clubs who are able to do this. This is something our club has grappled with in previous years and is something we will have to address in the not too distant future.

Our financial stability has been achieved by a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Our bar staff of Michael, Tom and Joan Dixon have worked tirelessly over the past year, enabling the club to hold many functions as well as Night Hawks which has put an extra burden on the bar staff who have handled it all admirably.

The tournament committee was chaired by Brian Harmer. The organisation of Night Hawks has been a godsend. and many thanks to all who have helped especially Ron Ordner who has coordinated both nights as well as George, Gordon and Rob who have been the various nights conveyers. Brian and his team also organise and run our external tournaments. Well done everyone.

The administration of the club is done by the Board especially our Secretary Anne Weir. Anne is retiring this year, so many thanks; your service to the club will be sorely missed. Also retiring this year is our Treasurer Andy Kleinig who has served the club admirably over the last 4 years and Andrew's efforts have gone a long way to securing the financial security of the club. All our Board members contribute a lot of time making the club function at its best. Our House Manager John Whittle has done all the cleaning this year along with his other duties so thank you John. We have now implemented a new contract cleaner. Thanks go to Bernie Manser our Greens Manager and to David and Simon for all their hard work. David Sutherland is a great club man who puts in endless hours doing numerous tasks around the club.

This year we have had many state events and thank you to all those who have managed and umpired these events. Noel Allison who did all the cards and ran the men's and ladies' country carnivals as well as to the ladies who did all the catering and to Bev Ploenges who organised it all.

Selection as usual has been very challenging for all those involved and for not much reward. Our on field results have been very mixed to say the least. Thanks go to all chairpersons and team selectors for all their time and effort.

The club has advertised for a coach and has been actively seeking new players for the coming season. The Board hopes this will be a positive step towards improving our on field performances across all grades.

At least we look like good bowlers with our new uniform which was no mean feat for all those involved with the organisation. Thanks go to John and Jenny Whittle, Brian Starr and Rose Mitchell. Brian Starr also does all the banking along with Barry Hanna who is our auditor so thanks boys for turning out every Monday to count the money.

The past season has been very successful for the club; the only disappointment has been our on field performance and our attendances at our social functions and Thursday night teas. The social committee does a great job with little help and the events have been worth attending. Well done Marilyn, Helen, Trish and Ross.

This club is nearly a 100 years old and as the present custodians of this great club, we should make sure we all attend the centenary celebrations as a mark of respect to all those members who worked so hard in the past to make this club what it is today

#### **VICE PRESIDENT- WOMEN**

#### **MYRA MATERNE**

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 bowls season, I started on a steep learning curve. I wish to thank all members for their friendship, encouragement, tolerance, support, and cooperation. I have certainly become more aware of how many different aspects of the bowling club need reliable management and how many people are needed to fulfil these duties. I wish to congratulate those who have responsibly carried out these necessary duties during the past year.

Firstly the Board Members, especially those with specific duties-the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the House Manager, Greens Manager and Bar Manager. Also the Night Hawks organizers, the membership committee, the social committee, the chairpersons of selectors and the selectors, the tournament committee, and the Herald editor have all capably performed their duties. Of course all these officials depend on the other club members to support and cooperate with them if the club is to run smoothly. At times it seems as if a few members do more than their share of the work. I may be wrong. It is also vital that there is good communication between the various groups.

The 2010-2011 Pennant season for the ladies finished with very encouraging and respectable results. Our Premier 2 side finished 5th and will retain their position in that Division. Our Metro 2 side finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, a very creditable result but we were a bit disappointed that we narrowly missed out on getting a Pennant. With changes to the format for Premier sides and extra clubs from the Hills region joining the Metropolitan competition, the 2011-2012 season promises to be interesting and perhaps challenging for us.

Our Tuesday practices were well attended. Pene Bilsborough organized an hour's skills training which was followed by team practice. Thank you for your help Pene and thanks to Jenny Whittle who assisted with the setting up. Much appreciated.

The new lady members we welcomed at the start of the season have been an asset and have settled in well. Most of them have played in the Saturday Open

Gender competition, but several have filled in on Thursdays if available when fill-ins were needed.

I wish to thank Bev Ploenges and her team of selectors for capably dealing with the task of selecting teams. It was not always easy due to unavailability of members because of temporary ill-health, ongoing medical problems, or family commitments. We sincerely thank the men and also the Saturday lady players who obligingly filled in for us when necessary. Besides considering the players ability the selectors also gave thought to the compatibility of the members of a team. Happy players are more likely to be successful.

Thank you to Margaret Lamshed for again capably and successfully running the internal tournaments. It would be great to see more of our members enter these competitions. Any ideas as to how to make this happen would be gratefully received.

My congratulations go to this year's winners and runners-up. Club Singles Champion was Susan Jenkins and Club Pairs Champions were Pene Bilsborough and Bev Ploenges. Susan also won the 2 bowl competition. Susan was our only member to win a State title. She won the State Triples competition with Laini Murray and Joan Prosser. It is also worthy of note that Rebecca Arbon was chosen to play in the Australian Trans Tasman team in the Sight Impaired competition in N.S.W. Congratulations to these 2 lady members.

In August 2010 the ladies of our club held a very successful card day. It was enjoyed by all who attended and was very financially rewarding—approximately \$1600 was raised for the club. My thanks to all the members for their help and support and all those attending expressed the wish to be invited again. Another day is planned for August 23rd this year. Let us hope for the same degree of cooperation and another satisfying result.

Our ladies capably catered for lunches on 3 days of the Men's Country Carnival and then again for 2 days during the Women's Country carnival. A big challenge was to cater for the men's Round Robin final day. My sincere thanks to all who helped in any way. It was a great success—about 200 people were served a hearty lunch.

On all these occasions we were complimented on the standard of the meals and the friendly club atmosphere. I particularly wish to thank Bev Ploenges and Rose Mitchell for their advice and help in organizing the menus and for taking on my responsibilities when I deserted the ship at the end of March. Special thanks also to Lois Simpson for her ongoing dedicated assistance.

In addition to fellowship on Tuesday mornings and during pennant games, our lady members met on 3 occasions for a social get together. In May 2010 we held an enjoyable lunch at the Edinburgh Hotel to farewell our Past President Jan Lind. Before Christmas we enjoyed a delightful lunch in the Boulevard Lounge at the Mitcham Wallis Cinema. We celebrated the end of the pennant season at lunch at the Torrens Arms Hotel. Unfortunately the Saturday lady players were unable to join in these activities because of work commitments. It would be worth considering a social get together of all ladies when our Open Gender members were free to attend.

Thank you all for giving me the honour of being Lady Vice President. I have tried to fulfil my duties to the best of my ability. My best wishes to all incoming officials, as we plan and look forward to our CENTENARY celebrations in 2012.

## **VICE PRESIDENT MEN**

## **RANDALL GERLACH**

This has been my first year in this position and it has been a big learning curve for me.

Due to my work commitments I have been fortunate enough to be able to draw on the experience and support of fellow board members to help me keep afloat.

To the season itself and in general terms all teams except Premier 1 held their Divisions.

However, we do need more of a commitment from players particularly in our top sides, as withdrawals from these sides have an unsettling effect on all the other teams below.

Team	Position	Wins	Losses	Draws
Premier 1	9	6	11	1

The Premier 1 side fought very hard right up until the last game and in the end were unlucky to be demoted. Again they got off to a slow start and this put them under pressure for the whole season.

Having said that, the Premier 1 team has had its share of luck in past years where they have narrowly escaped demotion on several occasions and one year this was by shots up only.

While this is a huge disappointment to all players involved, we as a club have to take responsibility for this outcome and work together to make sure we maximise our resources and player potential in our endeavours to regain our Premier 1 status next year.

This will not be an easy task as there will be some very good Premier 2 teams in the competition next season.

I sincerely hope all present players will stick with the club, accept the challenge we have ahead of us. I truly believe with the younger players we now have to choose from and other developing players that the team has enormous development potential.

Team	Position	Wins	Losses	Draws
Metro 1E	4 <sup>th</sup>	12	6	

I think the players in this team would generally agree that they underperformed against expectations for the year.

The team started very slowly by losing the first 3 games to be bottom of the table at the end of round 3. They then gathered momentum to win their next 7 games and move from bottom spot to 3<sup>rd</sup> and in a good position to launch itself towards a pennant.

Unfortunately, inconsistent performances from that point against teams much lower on the ladder cost the side any chances it should have had for a pennant.

Team	Position	Wins	Losses	Draws
Metro 1S	4 <sup>th</sup>	11	7	

I am sure Trevor Strudwick was very pleased with their team's performances over the season and for the second year in a row since the promotion of our 3<sup>rd</sup> side they have acquitted themselves extremely well.

Team Metro 2W	Position 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 9	Losses 8	Draws 1
Team Metro 3E	Position 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 9	Losses 9	Draws
Team Metro 3SW	Position 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 9	Losses 9	Draws
Team Metro 4S	Position 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 10	Losses 7	Forfeit 1

These teams all performed very well, given the continual changes that had to be made due to the unavailability of players in sides above them.

At this point, I would like to give a special mention to Allan Harris for all the work he put in during the year putting together the M4S team. After begging borrowing and stealing all year he managed to put a team on the greens every week except 1. This has been extremely important to the club and has ensured all bowlers who wanted to play Saturday pennants got a game.

#### WEDNESDAY PENNANTS

To Wednesday Pennants and it was pleasing that all teams maintained their divisions.

Team Premier 1	Position 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 11	Losses 5	Draws 1
Team Premier 2S	Position 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 7	Losses 10	Draws
Team Metro 1S	Position 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wins 11	Losses 6	Draws
Team Metro 3S	Position 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wins 12	Losses 5	Draws

It was especially pleasing to see the Premier 2S team maintain their status following their promotion from the previous season. I am sure after a year of consolidation they will now be looking for top 4 finishes next season.

Finally, I would like acknowledge a few people who have played important roles in the club being able to put 7 sides on the greens each Saturday and 4 sides on Wednesdays.

I would like to thank all the Selectors for the many hours they have put into selecting the teams each week in what can seem a very thankless job at times. These guys rarely receive positive feedback for their selections but often hear about how they could and should have done it better and from players who should be playing in higher sides and/or did not deserve to be demoted.

Thank you also the Chairmen of Selectors for both Saturdays and Wednesdays, Vic Magoch and Graham Dodd. Again these guys have put in a huge amount of time collating scores and rating slips and presenting these on a Monday to assist in the Selection processes. Graham has also been the driving force in organising Junior Development coaching sessions and these are very important to the club's future growth and development. Hopefully we can continue the program next season and that other club members recognise the importance of developing junior players and offer their assistance to help Graham in the running these sessions.

Thanks to Bernie Manser for his work in putting the Development Squad together and monitoring the progress. A questionnaire was sent to the players to evaluate the benefits of the training sessions and generally the feedback received was very positive with participants feeling their games had improved as a result.

The expertise and support of Noel Allison in the running of State events was also really appreciated and I could not have managed these with his help.

Finally, I would to congratulate all the internal club tournament winners, Bernie Ward for winning the state Metropolitan Singles by the closest possible margin against our own Marc Evans and also Gary Mickan for making the quarter finals.

And on a closing note, huge congratulations go to our Hensilite Cup winning team and all those players who contributed to that victory along the way.

Thank you all for bearing with me and I hope you will all be with us again in the upcoming season.

## **GREENS MANAGER**

## **BERNIE MANSER**

The condition of our greens has improved again this year, no doubt helped by the mild summer.

### **A Green:**

There is good grass cover on this green. During January volunteers installed new plinths at both ends of this green. Thank you to all involved. Simon limited mowing close to the plinths to help the grass to recover in the worked area. Fairy rings have appeared this season. At present there is no treatment which can totally eliminate them. The currently available procedures will reduce their size and bowls should not be affected.

Overall we are pleased with this green.

### **B Green:**

While it is still not the green of choice for a lot of members it continues to improve. The extensive work carried out during the year has resulted in better drainage and improved grass cover. The improvement of this green over the last couple of years is a credit to our green-keeper.

### **C Green:**

There is good grass cover on this green in spite of the heavy workload it experiences. The fairy rings are being treated as on A Green. Recently, new plinths have been installed at both ends of the green by contractors but because of the cost involved the east and west sides will be considered later. New shades have been erected at both ends of this green with the assistance of a State Sport & Recreation Grant. New seats have been purchased and will be installed

between C and D Greens under the shades. They are designed to be used at the same time by bowlers on both greens. This should free up space for bags to be stored out of the way.

Overall we are pleased with this green.

D Green:

There is good grass cover on this green in spite of the heavy workload it experiences. As mentioned for C Green, plinths have been installed here also. We are negotiating with Council to have the trees on the western side of this green cut back to the fence line. The largest and most intrusive tree is in our neighbour's property and Council is negotiating with him. Council has also agreed to investigate installing a root barrier along this boundary. If this able to be done, together with the trimming of the trees, there should be improvement in the playing surface on that side of the green.

Overall we are pleased with this green.

Equipment:

During the season the major pieces of equipment purchased were a dew roller & a "fat boy" greens shaver. No major purchases are anticipated during the coming season.

General:

During the season Simon re-arranged his work program to have a green open on Mondays. It is intended that this be continued, subject to the need for major renovation work.

The rink booking sheet was re-introduced this year to facilitate a more orderly access to greens for internal tournaments. This appeared to work apart from a couple of minor hiccups.

Finally a big thank you is owed to Simon our greens-keeper, David Sutherland and all the other members who have assisted with work around the greens this year.

## **NIGHT HAWKS**

**BRIAN HARMER**

Night Hawks 2010/11 is a very good story and one which I am delighted to tell. I am sure that you all know that until this year that George Charlesworth – or Mr Night Hawk – has run the HBC Night Hawks pretty well single-handed for a number of years. Many of you today will have played Night Hawks under George's stewardship in years gone by. George decided that due to his deteriorating physical condition, he was unable to continue to run Night Hawks (both nights) during 2010/11. The Board suggested that a good solution was for Night Hawks to be included under the umbrella of the Tournament group, TOG.

George along with a number of other interested club members commenced gathering information about Night Hawks including conducting a detailed survey of our then existing Night Hawks data base. We all learnt a lot.

We had a number of early successes –

- Ron Ordner agreed to act as Night Hawks Convenor.
- Gordon Hay agreed to run Tuesday Night Hawks and Rob Geelen agreed to assist him.

- George agreed to run Wednesday Night Hawks and Greg McGregor agreed to assist him.
- Trevor Gilbert & Brian Schaefer agreed to manage a substantial advertising program.
- Tom & Joan Dixon agreed to help Michael Dempster by running the bar on one of the two nights.

Fantastic contributions by a number of people.

Ron Ordner worked on 42 nights (Tuesday & Wednesday) out of the total of 44 nights scheduled. (He even worked on washed out nights to direct traffic etc.)

Gordon Hay, George Charlesworth, Rob Geelen, Greg McGregor, Michael Dempster, Tom and Joan Dixon worked 19 nights each. Many other people worked numerous nights either behind the bar, cooking the sausages or helping with the supper on the pre-Christmas and end of season windup nights.

But the best news is not the money.

It is the comments made by the Night Hawks players themselves during the season and at the wind-ups when very many Night Hawks expressed their appreciation, enjoyment and thanks to the HBC for putting on a great series.

That is the best news and the future of Night Hawks is bright!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

## **TREVOR GILBERT**

The committee consisting of Pam Bowling, Fiona McGregor, Myra Materne, Joe Grieve, Murray Evans, Randall Gerlach and myself met on several occasions during the past twelve months.

This year our main interest was the holding of Come and Try introduction to lawn bowls sessions on 3rd, 10th and 17th April. Anne Wehr printed approximately 1600 flyers which were designed by Pam Bowling.

The committee looked at different methods of advertising the Come and Try sessions to the general public including "Facebook" and "Twitter" neither of which proceeded. The cost of advertising in the local weekly Eastern Courier is now prohibitive to us. We arranged for a notice advertising the sessions to appear in the April edition of the Mitcham Community News and for details to appear on the Mitcham Council website.

We handed out flyers at the Mitcham Shopping Centre on Thursday 31st March. This was an experience in itself with a number of people approached being annoyed that we considered them old enough to play lawn bowls. Those people were, in the majority of instances, aged above 55 years. The impression I received from them was that you only take up lawn bowls when you have one foot in either heaven's or hell's door.

I believe that Bowls Australia and Bowls SA need to take steps to change the general public's perception in respect to the age of people playing lawn bowls. Trying to explain that the Club, State and Australian champions are all younger people did not alter their feelings. In an 8.5 hour period only around 120 people who passed our allocated area actually accepted a flyer. Like we all do, a number steered well clear of us as if we had the plague.

I also briefly addressed the NightHawks attendees on a Tuesday and Wednesday night asking them to take a flyer for their friends, relatives, workmates and neighbours who may be interested in giving lawn bowls a go.

Flyers were also handed out to the View Club for their notice board. The balance of 1400 flyers was distributed to letter boxes in neighbouring suburbs. Special thanks to John and Jenny Whittle and Tom and Joan Dixon. Anne Wehr emailed a copy of the flyer to all members requesting that they print and give to their friends, relatives, workmates and neighbours who may like to experience lawn bowls. Brian Schaefer made it possible for interested parties to register for the sessions on our web site.

Our first session on April 3rd attracted 13 participants. The second session on April 10th was cancelled due to the inclement weather. The third and final session on April 17th was the most successful with 23 attendees, seven of whom were also at the first session. At the last session there were 13 female and 10 male attendees of various ages.

Each session commenced with a welcome to the Hawthorn Bowling Club, brief explanation of some of the common bowl's terms and demonstrations showing the difference between backhand and forehand. Participants were then split into groups and received very basic coaching for 3/4 of an hour before the commencement of an actual game. As usual the games were thoroughly enjoyed by all and raised a few laughs.

The majority attending became aware of the sessions through the letter box drop. Two or three via the flyers at the Mitcham Shopping Centre, two via the Mitcham Community News or Mitcham Council website, one via the View Club and several via NightHawks. Overall the feedback was positive and I believe that the sessions were enjoyed by the attendees and provided those who have never bowled before with the basics of lawn bowls.

A sausage sizzle was held at the completion of each session. Whilst enjoying a sausage attendees were advised of Bill Booker's coaching sessions prior to winter bowls, winter bowls and NightHawks. A number showed interest in the coaching sessions and others in NightHawks.

I thank the committee members for their assistance during the year and to Bernie Manser, Greg McGregor and David Young for assisting on the Sundays.

## **TOURNAMENT**

**BRIAN HARMER**

Overall we are very satisfied

### 1. Events Calendar

TOG designed and prepared the first Events Calendar for Season 2007/2008.

The Events Calendar contains a lot of useful detail including description and date of each Tournament to be held during the Season. It also has list all club members with phone and email contact details.

### 2. Tournaments 2010/11

Premium Wines Direct Day – Cosmo triples in October 2010.

Melbourne Cup Day – Cosmo Pairs – 1st Tuesday November 2010.

Community CPS ProAm – Cosmo Medley, Adelaide Cup Day – March 2011.

Cappo Bros Seafood Day – Cosmo 4s – late March 2011.

Phil Hoffmann Travel/Alfred James Autumn Series March/ April 2011 (over 3 weeks).

Players sponsors and caterers all received positive feedback

Conclusion. Probably for me the most enjoyable aspect of chairing TOG and running a couple of the Tournaments is working with a great bunch of club members.

## **CENTENARY**

**ROSE MITCHELL**

2012 committee Noel Allison, Graham Dodd, Joy Kirk, Clem Case and Alan Reid.

### **Events.**

January First day of 2012 pennants – The opening of Centenary Year after the match. Members to stay on or come back and bring their families. Visitors to be invited – City of Mitcham Mayor, General Manager of Bowls SA, sponsors, past members etc. (one of these will declare the year open) Finger food catered for not by us so we can all enjoy the occasion. To commemorate the switching on of the electric lights in January 1913 the City of Mitcham band will be in attendance as they were on that occasion. All current members will receive a commemorative bowls cloth.

Fashion parade in May. This is a fund raiser by the women members.

Opening of 12/13 season in October. The occasion will include a schools/and or junior completion which we plan to run in the winter. Graham Dodd has that under control.

Gala Day in October to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of the HBC women's bowls.

Cocktail party in November as the official function which is the actual centenary, the date to coincide with our World Championship guests in late November. Invited guests similar to the opening plus the launch of the HBC history book.

Memorabilia Centenary bowls cloth for each member at the opening in January. Red and white wine with centenary labels, on sale all year and for use as prizes. We could extend these labels to replace our coasters and out of date place mats. History book and maybe a DVD if we can do it. Photo display over the bar which could be unveiled at the 2012 function in January. We will also refurbish some of our old photos and hang on the walls where we can.

### **Three main projects**

- 1) The 2012 committee project is taking on archiving our history. We have had discussions with History SA, there are grants to apply for, a huge amount of work to be done after I have finished with everything – a staggering amount.
- 2) The women are going to have refurbishing the kitchen dinner set and cutlery as our project. We will also have a fundraiser or two towards something else a little less utility - still deciding on that one. We are going to indulge in a fashion parade in May '12 as a fund raiser and also have some smaller things planned for accumulating funds.
- 3) The Board is suggesting that the project for the club is solar power. This is a big expenditure but reflects planning for the future – our current power bill is about \$7000 pa. We do not have the final quotes yet and it will have to go to a general meeting anyway. Neil will take questions at the end of the meeting

4) This centenary is an opportunity not only to have a party and tart ourselves up but to project the impression on anyone and everyone that Hawthorn is a vibrant club with "no fear for the future."