

Editor. Ian Oliver—August/September 2022

## LIKE LIFE, THE ONLY THING CONSTANT FOR THE HAWKS IS CHANGE!

After a fantastic 2021-22 Season, we head into the next Season full of hope with changes in players, selectors, competition levels, operational procedures, and upgrades to our infrastructure. Over the gloomy wet Winter, Club leaders have been busy arranging new managers for various committees and planning improved ways of operating while receiving new people coming into the Club. Following is a summary of such changes.

### Changes to date:

The playing group starts this Season with the same number of players as we had at the finish of last Season. It is very pleasing to see five players stepping into Pennant Bowls from our booming Night-Hawks Program. We extend a warm welcome to all the new players and look forward to collaboratively building an even stronger playing group this Season.

The Ladies have a new coach this year in Anne Onto. She replaces Wendy Clarke who had the reigns for 4 years. We wish Anne all the best and our full support for what will be a great year for the Ladies. At this stage no Men's coach has been appointed.

The Selection Panels have been formed with mix of old and new faces. This leadership role is vital for our on-green performances, and we wish the Chairs, Chris Keller and Brett Willcox, and their Selectors, great success to emulate our fabulous year on-the-greens in 2021-22. All the Panels will be introduced on Opening day.

7 sides have been promoted for the coming Season which means we face stiffer competition than last year. Our elevation into the coveted Saturday Premier League will put extra pressure on all the sides below to perform at their best for greater upward pressure which can only be positive for our

overall performance. We are now a truly *Premier* playing Club which puts us in the top echelon of clubs in South Australia.

The trial of providing Hawks Meals has been a great success opening the club to residents and Members for high quality food in our pleasant surrounds. At this point more than 240 residents with their families have come into the Club for a meal, and with warmer weather coming that will increase. It is intended to meld Night-Hawks with the meals on Tuesday and Wednesdays providing wider options before games for the *Hawkers* whilst catering for ongoing residents and members during the games. More to come about those arrangements soon.

Winter bowls has been successful averaging 30+ players with Kerry Coggins and Peter Brooke-Smith taking over and changing the game format to the more popular 2-4 -2 pairs. Wet cold weather has impacted with 10 days being unplayable.

### Changes planned:

We are switching over to Square Retail Plus for bar services which will make the bar attendants and administrators work much more efficient, as well as presenting a more professional experience for customers. A small group has undergone training and will in turn begin training all our RSA staff ready to 'go live' in the first week of September. Treasurer Tait has done a great job in setting up the changeover.

An upgrade to the southern Club entrance to better welcome everyone is planned to occur over the next 6 months with a veranda, paving, glass automatic sliding doors, conversion of the meeting room to a foyer, and installation of a glass wall partition in the selection area to make a multi-purpose meeting area. The aim is to provide a lovely sweeping ingress into to our great Club. Following are excerpts from our submission to Mitcham Council regarding the need to upgrade the southern entrance to the Club. The Council will make its

decision later this year.

**“LIMITED REAR ENTRANCE now obliged to be MAIN ENTRANCE**

With the addition of community meals two nights a week, an expansion in social bowls and social events, and a major increase in hire for social and business functions, our clubrooms have become a growing community hub. The new car park has obliged our rear entrance to be our main entrance which, now looks like a secondary rear entrance and gives a very poor first impression, not to mention any clear welcoming direction to the way in.”

**“Ingress and Egress, incl. EMERGENCY EXIT, inadequate**

The upgraded entrance will provide better ingress, egress and emergency exiting for members and patrons, flowing straight into and out of the main body of the Club. This is increasing rapidly due to increased community use and membership nearing 600.”

The quartz-halogen floodlights on our 8 poles will be replaced with more energy efficient and brighter LEDs. This will occur soon because of shared funding between the Mitcham Council and the HBC and make a huge difference for Night-Hawks. It will also provide more options for other night comps, tournaments, and Club hires.

**PS:** Hawthorn Bowling Club is among the 8 finalists in the Clubs SA ‘Sporting Club of the Year’ Award. The ceremony is in September at the Adelaide Oval – we’ll keep you posted!

So, ...it’s time to shake off the gloomy Winter blues, get those lonely little bowls out, and head to the greens to meet up with other members and begin practicing for what is shaping up to be another fantastic year for the HAWKS.

Changes provide opportunities! Let’s embrace the coming season full of changes to enjoy the wonderful evolving Club that is the home of the mighty HAWKS.

**GO HAWKS!**

Graham Dodd PhD - **President**

**Lost and not found.**

Poor old Graham has misplaced his very expensive prescription sunglasses, and would like them back again. They’re no use to anybody else.

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The HBC 2022- 2025 Strategy and Annual Business Plan will be posted on the HBC website in the second week of September. In the meantime, the President has agreed to including the following Executive Summary of this year's Business Plan (2022/23) in this issue of the *Hawks Herald*.

# 2022/23 Business Plan

## Executive Summary

### Where are we NOW?

The success of last year, both on and off the greens, left us with an amazing legacy, including increased reserves; more members; promotion to higher pennant grades; a new constitution and management structure; significantly improved facilities; major support for two state-wide charities; and stronger relations with the Mitcham City Council, our Sponsor Partners, Bowls SA and Clubs SA. What an amazing base from which to launch the new year, July '22 to June '23.

### Where do we want to BE?

In the 12 months to June 30, 2023, in addition to regular activity, the Board is aiming to:

GOVERNANCE - Review and update bylaws, policies, procedures and archives.

COMPETITION - Present 14 competitive pennant teams;  
- Get to play finals in most pennant divisions.

RECREATION - Present 60 Night Hawks teams;  
- Expand school use to at least 4.

FACILITIES - Install new LED lights to all 4 greens;  
Improve the entry and general ambience of the clubroom, aiming for our facilities to be seen as a community hub;  
Further improve the safety and appearance of the grounds.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT - Increase membership to 550.

### How are we going to get THERE?

The Governance Task Force will present its recommendations in Jan 2023

Refine selection procedures; increase practice attendances; appoint a men's and a ladies coach; and strengthen the coaches and umpires panels.

Vary the prizes and raffles for Night Hawks; approach 10 schools.

Seek Council assistance to co-fund the lights and entry improvements; self-fund the ambience improvements to the values of \$25K; arrange an independent safety assessment and act on recommendations; improve reticulation and do more planting.

Promote and grow Social membership by way of regular special deals for Social members.

In general, we will continue to pursue our Mission by way of our mantra '**A+B=HBC**', meaning **Achieve + Belong = Hawthorn Bowling Club**. We want our members, both new and old, to feel they will continue to **Achieve** (be it bowling skills, physical or mental fitness, friendships, etc) but also feel that they truly **Belong** because they feel accepted, seen and included.

As a member, you are very welcome, indeed encouraged to forward any feedback to the Board. Please address your email to [secretary@hawthornbowlingclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@hawthornbowlingclub.com.au)



## A very special occasion

Hi everyone

Thanks to Joy Kirk who organized a special celebration for Lorna Rebonds 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. (Lorna was 105 in April). Approximately 20 ladies attended as well as President, Graham Dodd and our esteemed retired member George Charlesworth.

Lorna's daughter, Kaye Lobel was also in attendance and thanked the ladies, on her mother's behalf, for planning this special and thoughtful occasion.

President Graham Dodd presented Lorna with a special certificate (designed by Brian Schaefer) and George Charlesworth also recounted some special memories of Lorna's playing days.

Thanks to all the ladies for bringing a plate, setting and cleaning up to help make this a special day for Lorna.

Regards  
Maree





## Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you

**GRAHAM FOALE**

*Window cleaner; floor sealer; and archives team member.*



### What made you choose to play bowls?

"My 50-year friend, mentor and HBC Life Member, Alan Harris. A great coach to boot. I joined 4 years ago. I was a rally driver, cyclist and bad golfer beforehand."

### What do you or did you do for a 'crust'?

"Started at Elder Smith as a trainee wool classer (the shearers wryly referred to us as 'schoolies') and ended up as a manager in the motor industry, Ultra Tune for the most part."

### Why do you volunteer?

"Simple, giving back." I also help out as Treasurer of Neighbourhood Watch, Treasurer of the Studebaker Car Club and I'm on the committee of the Sandpipers Ski Club."

### If you could have coffee with a prominent South Australian, who might it be?

The Premier, Peter Malinauskas, he's proving to be a generous friend of us retirees!"

### What's your most favourite fast food?

"Chinese, from The Pagoda on Glen Osmond Rd, the head guy has been there for 50+ years."

### What do you like most about the Club?

"Personal contact with lovely people and the great leadership of a people's

### Any suggestions for improvement/s at the Club?

Thank you

**JILL TURNER**

*First aid officer; measurer; sandwich and soup extraordinaire; and events crew member.*

### What made you choose to play bowls?

"Five years ago a good friend asked me to fill in at Night Hawks, I was hooked. Anne Onto gave me a lesson or two and encouraged me to play pennants, it all happened so fast!"

### What do you or did you do for a 'crust'?

"I was a General and Psychiatric Nurse; I love helping people get better"

### Why do you volunteer?

"The camaraderie and the feeling that I'm helping the Club succeed. I've always volunteered, Red Cross and my tennis club at Tea Tree Gully were past experiences."

**Have you always lived in SA?** "I was born in England and came to Adelaide with my parents when I was 5. Dad was a Cost Accountant and Mum a Secretary."

**What's your most favourite fast food?** " Pizza, and I'm OK with pineapple".

**What do you like most about the Club?** "The game of bowls when I play well sometimes; and the friendship of the people I play with."

### Any suggestions for improvement/s at the Club?

"Not really but I love all the recent improvements and plans for the future."



President."



## AROUND THE TRAPS

On Saturday of the last long weekend, **Bernie Manser** was working alone in the family vineyard when he became aware of a pain in his chest. Wisely, he decided to stop what he was doing and rest awhile. The pain settled but ,again, he made another wise decision and decided to go home. When he reached home the pain in his chest recurred. He recalled similar sensation in his chest he experienced a number of years before, which ended up with a stent being inserted into an artery to his heart. He decided to call an ambulance and was transported to the Flinders Medical Centre. Investigation revealed a 90% blockage in the main cardiac artery, leading to an other stent being inserted the next day. He recovered well from the intervention and was duly discharged from hospital two days later. He continues to feel well and his wise decision making means that he will continue to grace the greens at Hawthorn for the next pennant season and continue to enjoy the delicious wines from the family vineyard.

The energetic **Jeff Lawton** has been slowed down over the last month with excruciating pain down his left leg. His eyes begin to water as he recalls the distress he endured. Obviously, his sciatica needed investigation and

an X-ray revealed a lower lumbar disc protrusion. He has since been admitted to hospital and underwent spinal surgery from which he is now recovering. He feels confident that he will be fit for pennants come the start of the season.

It was back around the time of the last Seafood day that **Gary Mickan** was diagnosed with carcinoma of the pancreas. He began chemotherapy which unfortunately failed to stem the progression of the disease. While his condition progressively deteriorated, he was nursed throughout by his wife, Carol. He died a couple of weeks ago. Hawthorn Bowling club was well represented at his funeral last week where club president **Graham Dodd** contributed to the eulogies.

Gary has been a very popular member of the Hawthorn bowling club for many years and has consistently played in the higher levels. He was the club singles champion on one occasion and generously contributed his time in a voluntary capacity. He will be greatly missed.

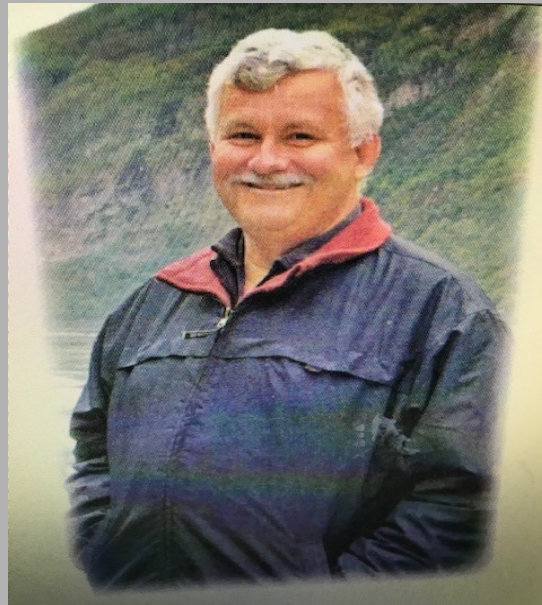
The Bureau of Statistics reports that the Australian death toll from Covid was 905 in the ten months of 2020, 1345 in 2021 and 4820 in the fist six months of 2022. I give you the stats but I will leave you to make your own conclusions.

Bob Wadsworth



Vale Gaz.

The club will miss you.



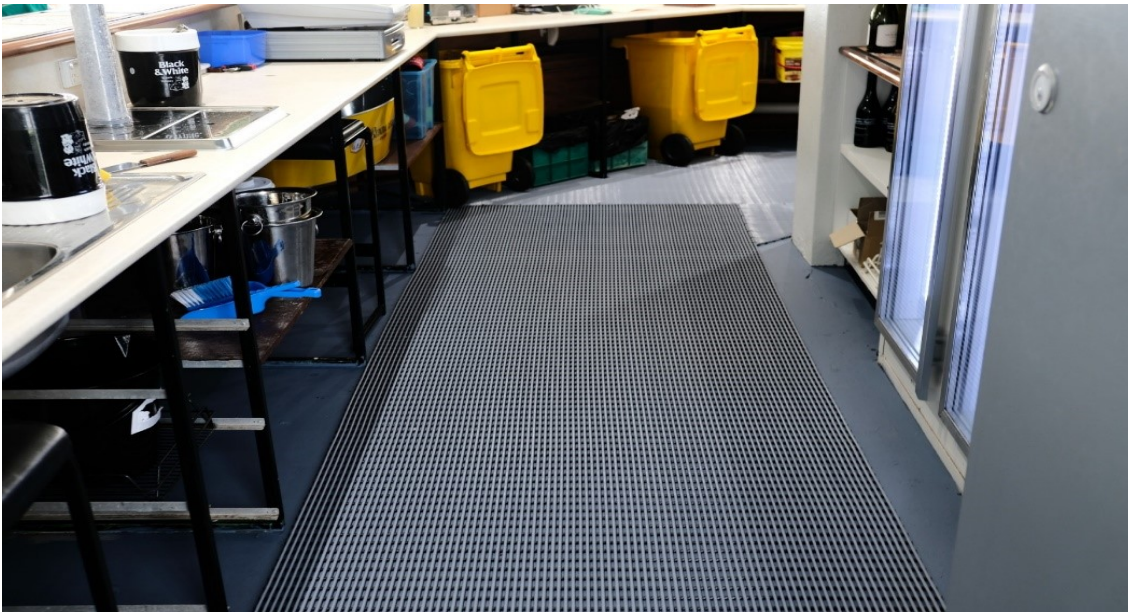
**Gary Robert Mickan**

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## Our New Bar Floor

A big thanks to Rick Owen for purchasing and installing our brand-new rubber matting bar floor. It looks fantastic, is very easy on the feet when standing for long periods and is easy to clean. Rick also painted the floor with non-slip paint before the matting was laid. It all goes to making the duties of our Bar Attendants an easier and more pleasant experience.

Thank you, Rick, for your superb work – it looks and feels excellent!



## SITUATIONS VACANT

We're very fortunate to have a large and proud crew of volunteers at HBC. However, from time to time, we need a few extras for special projects such as, on this occasion:

### **Replacing the roof sheets on the northern shelters.**

We'll have specialists in place to take care of technical and safety matters but there's a lot of general support for which we need quite a few helping hands.

If you think you might have a few hours to spare in **late Nov/early Dec**, either Adam Strudwick (0432 709 314) or Brett Willcox (0408 811 685) would love to hear from you. Final dates and times will largely depend on volunteer availability, so it would be really appreciated if you could get in touch ASAP.

As they say, "Many hands make light work", not to mention the cost savings and camaraderie.

## Summer Triples

The NEW ALTERNATIVE Saturday afternoon competition

Due to its success over the past 2-years, Home Bowls has been expanded to become a permanent Saturday afternoon team and individual competition to be known as 'Summer Triples'.

First-timers, old-timers and in-betweeners, open-gender, all welcome.



Players may register as teams or as individuals. Teams will comprise 2 players who will be allocated a third rotating individual player from week to week. 'Good Different,' to plagiarise for a moment.

The season starts with a trial game on Sat Oct 8, 12.30 for 1pm. Merchandise will be developed but there is no uniform. Just flat soled shoes and a warm smile. To stay with the 'Good Different' theme for another moment, there are options for casual attendance, all games are at the Hawthorn Bowling Club and there are down-to-earth policies regarding heat and inclement weather.

We'll play a 9-week Pre Xmas competition and a 9-week Post Xmas competition. Loan bowls available, along with weekly coaching tips and prizes. It's free for members and it's only \$10 a time for new-comers.

Sounds good? Register now with a simple 'YES' to [graeme@alders.id.au](mailto:graeme@alders.id.au) or 0419 030 908 and we'll send you a little more detail. FEEL NO OBLIGATION, play when you want and JUST ENJOY THE GAME and THE COMPANY OF THOSE WITH WHOM YOU PLAY.

### Just for Fun. An interesting old brain teaser.

Imagine that the Earth is a perfect sphere, with no mountains etc.

and it is 40,000 km in circumference. I have draped a long piece of rope right around the equator. I want to lift my piece of rope so that it is floating one metre above the equator, all the way round the Earth. How much extra rope would I need?

- A) more than 10 kilometres
- B) Between 1 and ten kilometres.
- C) Less than 1 kilometre.

Answer next issue.

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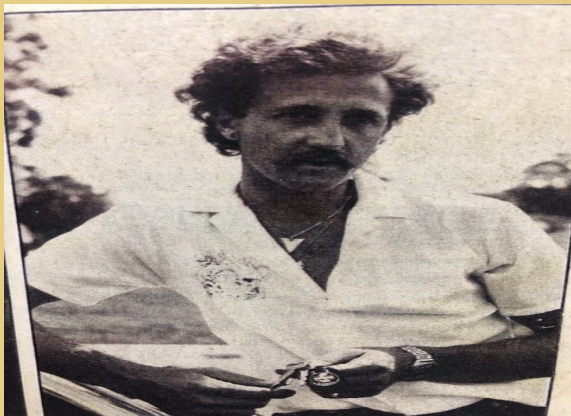
## 2022 Pre-Xmas Event Calendars:

**OPENING DAY**, Saturday Sep 10 - Launch 10.30am; Lunch (Burgers \$5) at 12n; Internal Trial 1pm

**MOVIE NIGHT**, Friday Sep 16 - 5.30 for 6pm Meal at Club; Movie at Wallis Mitcham at 7.30pm; \$25

**ROUND 1 TEA**, Saturday Oct 15 - 6pm for Pulled Pork Burger and Chips; \$10

**WINE & CHEESE NIGHT**, Friday Nov 18 - 6.30 for 7pm; \$25



Who is he?

This photo, of a well known club member, was taken in 1983.

Can you recognise him?

(No prizes will be awarded)

Answer, elsewhere in the Herald.



## Sponsor Partners September 2022

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