

HISTORY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB Inc.



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"BAMFORD PARK"**

FOUNDED AS

1929 - RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

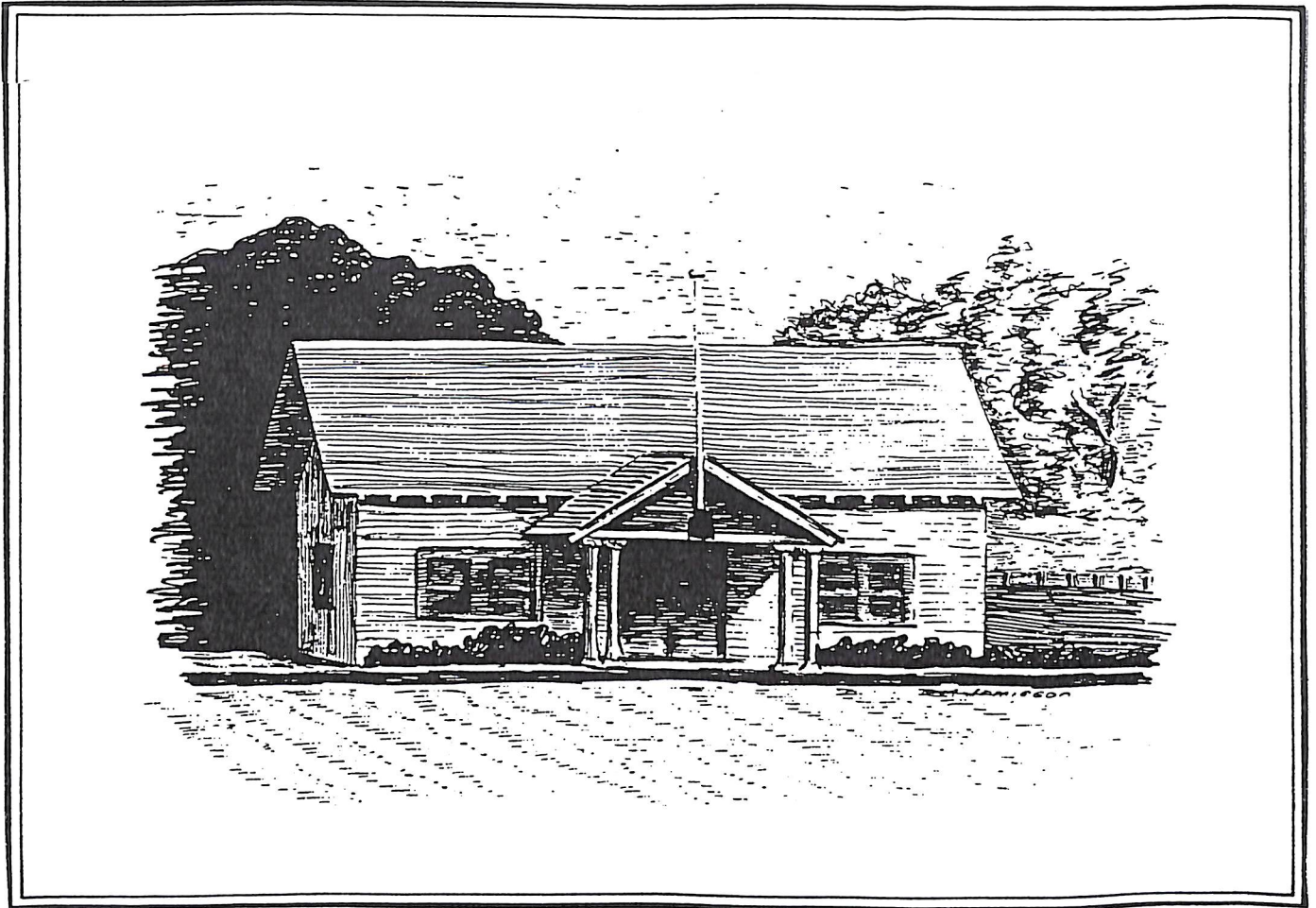
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1984 - CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC.
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FOREWORD

This compilation of the historical details and memorabilia of Ringwood Bowls Club comes as a timely adjunct to the Club's approaching 70th Anniversary. Prompted by the Club's transfer to its Loughnan Road complex in January 1997, it will provide a solid base for the ongoing record of Club life and activities.

We are fortunate that so much information remains - too often events pass by without adequate notation at the time. In our case, the Ringwood Historical Research Group has been a caring repository at the Ringwood Historical Archives for a number of Club documents and details. We appreciate their co-operation and assistance, especially Archivist at that time Ms Gayle Abbe, in making material available for this portfolio.

We also appreciate the support of Mr John Bamford, grand-son of the late Mr Philip Bamford who donated the original bowls club site.

In the years to come, as the Club continues its long and successful service to residents of the City of Maroondah, members will appreciate the availability of these Club records.

With such a substantial amount of material, the task of sourcing, collating and assembling has been most time-consuming for Club Historians Avis Holliday and Merv Pottenger, and for this we thank them sincerely for a job well done. Their reward is the knowledge that they have left the Club's story so well recorded.

ROD TAYLOR

Chairman, Board of Management
Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.

1996/97 - 97/98

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CHAMPION
1932	C. A. BLOOD	W. W. COCK	G. T. JONES
1933	A. M. IBBOTSON	W. W. COCK	F. T. BANER
1934	F. HARDY	C. SKELTON	F. T. BANER
1935	F. CLOTA	C. SKELTON	T. HUGGAN
1936	F. CLOTA	C. SKELTON	S. F. HUNT
1937	F. CLOTA	C. SKELTON	E. H. NETHERCOTE
1938	H. E. WATSON	C. SKELTON	E. H. NETHERCOTE
1939	A. M. IBBOTSON	C. SKELTON	S. F. HUNT
1940	A. M. IBBOTSON	C. SKELTON	F. T. BANER
1941	R. G. WILKINS	A. J. ROBERTS	W. ERRINGTON
1942	A. J. TANN	A. J. ROBERTS	F. KENWORTHY
1943	A. J. TANN	A. J. ROBERTS	F. KENWORTHY
1944	A. J. TANN	A. J. ROBERTS	F. KENWORTHY
1945	A. J. TANN	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1946	S. F. HUNT	A. J. ROBERTS	S. F. HUNT
1947	S. F. HUNT	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1948	W. BAMFORD	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1949	J. TANCOE	A. J. ROBERTS	W. BAMFORD
1950	J. TANCOE	A. J. ROBERTS	S. F. HUNT
1951	J. TANCOE	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1952	A. DALE	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1953	A. DALE	A. J. ROBERTS	C. RICHMOND
1954	C. A. ROBERTS	A. J. ROBERTS	J. W. GILLESPIE
1955	C. A. ROBERTS	A. J. ROBERTS	C. RICHMOND
1956	A. J. ROBERTS	D. A. DALE	C. RICHMOND
1957	A. J. ROBERTS	A. R. CATRON	J. W. GILLESPIE
1958	D. B. LEIGH	A. R. CATRON	E. G. MORRIS
1959	D. B. LEIGH	A. R. CATRON	E. G. MORRIS
1960	S. E. DICKINS	A. R. CATRON	H. E. T. JONES
1961	S. E. DICKINS	N. W. PARKER	H. E. T. JONES
1962	L. F. BEAGLEY	N. W. PARKER	T. R. BARNES
1963	L. F. BEAGLEY	N. W. PARKER	E. G. MORRIS
1964	L. F. BEAGLEY	N. W. PARKER	E. G. MORRIS
1965	L. F. BEAGLEY	A. D. STANFIELD	T. R. BARNES
1966	A. A. WILLIAMS	J. B. SMITH	E. G. MORRIS
1967	A. A. WILLIAMS	J. B. SMITH	J. DEWAR
1968	A. A. WILLIAMS	J. B. SMITH	T. R. BARNES
1969	A. A. WILLIAMS	J. B. SMITH	T. R. BARNES
1970	R. EMMERSON	J. B. SMITH	B. PAFWORTH
1971	R. EMMERSON	A. G. CHAPMAN	L. W. HINCHCLIFFE

Presented by... J. KNOX & V. FIELD

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

YEAR PRESIDENT SECRETARY CHAMPION

1972	C. M. CRAIGIE	A. G. CHAPMAN	L. W. HINCHCLIFFE
1973	C. M. CRAIGIE	A. G. CHAPMAN	L. W. HINCHCLIFFE
1974	H. J. McLEAN	A. G. CHAPMAN	C. F. LAVENDER
1975	H. J. McLEAN	A. G. CHAPMAN	R. J. HOLLOW
1976	T. L. BRONNER	A. G. CHAPMAN	L. W. HINCHCLIFFE
1977	T. L. BRONNER	A. G. CHAPMAN	I. A. EMBLING
1978	A. N. CLAYTON	I. A. EMBLING	J. LINDSAY
1979	A. N. CLAYTON	I. A. EMBLING	L. W. HINCHCLIFFE
1980	H. F. MUNRO	I. A. EMBLING	K. T. AIRD
1981	H. F. MUNRO	I. A. EMBLING	N. C. WEST
1982	J. W. SOMMERVILLE	I. A. EMBLING	C. F. LAVENDER
1983	J. W. SOMMERVILLE	I. A. EMBLING	R. G. SMYTH
1984	I. L. McRAE	R. R. TAYLOR	W. W. McRAE
1985	I. L. McRAE	R. R. TAYLOR	J. LINDSAY
1986	R. HAMPSON	R. R. TAYLOR	D. McCLURE
1987	R. HAMPSON	S. JOEST	K. A. BRD
1988	A. RYDER	S. JOEST	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1989	A. BARTLING	C. DOUGLAS	D. STEVENS
1990	A. BARTLING	C. DOUGLAS	J. LINDSAY
1991	A. BARTLING	J. KIDD	D. CORRIGAN
1992	S. BRIGHT	J. KIDD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1993	S. BRIGHT	J. KIDD	D. A. CORRIGAN
1994	R. J. FORD	J. T. DARD	B. ANIC
1995	P. J. FORD	P. MARSHALL	L. J. PIER
1996	M. D. BOYD	P. MARSHALL	

Presented by... J. Knox

1996 CHAMPION - L HINCHCLIFFE

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB			
LADIES SECTION			
YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CHAMPION
1958	M. AIRD	J. M. ROBERTSON	E.C. GORDON
1959	M. AIRD	J. M. ROBERTSON	M.C. HEALEY
1960	M. RUSSELL	J. M. ROBERTSON	M. RUSSELL
1961	M. RUSSELL	J. M. ROBERTSON	D.J. JONES
1962	V. SPARROW	J. M. ROBERTSON	B. KEMPSON
1963	V. SPARROW	M. RUSSELL	B. KEMPSON
1964	A. PARKER	M. RUSSELL	M. HENCHEL
1965	A. PARKER	M. RUSSELL	E. GORDON
1966	E. GORDON	M. RUSSELL	B. KEMPSON
1967	M. RUSSELL	R. STANFIELD	M. RUSSELL
1968	L. WILLIAMS	A. HOLLIDAY	F. CRAIGIE
1969	L. WILLIAMS	A. HOLLIDAY	B. KEMPSON
1970	B. BOWER	D. GREEN	J. CROZIER
1971	B. BOWER	D. GREEN	J. CROZIER
1972	E. MASON	D. GREEN	L. COOKE
1973	E. MASON	D. GREEN	J. CLAYTON
1974	E. MASON	D. GREEN	A. HOLLIDAY
1975	L. COOKE	D. GREEN	J. CROZIER
1976	L. COOKE	D. GREEN	J. CLAYTON
1977	M. MUNRO	D. GREEN	A. HOLLIDAY
1978	M. MUNRO	D. GREEN	

Presented by J. Knox

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB			
LADIES SECTION			
YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CHAMPION
1979	M. STUCHBERY	D. GREEN	A. HOLLIDAY
1980	M. STUCHBERY	D. GREEN	J. CLAYTON
1981	A. HOLLIDAY	D. GREEN	J. CLAYTON
1982	A. HOLLIDAY	D. GREEN	C. HANSEN
1983	R. STANFIELD	D. GREEN	V. MURRAY
1984	R. STANFIELD	D. GREEN	J. CLAYTON
1985	D. SOMMERVILLE	C. ARCHBOLD	J. CLAYTON
1986	D. SOMMERVILLE	C. ARCHBOLD	A. HOLLIDAY
1987	F. ROBINSON	C. ARCHBOLD	J. CLAYTON
1988	F. ROBINSON	C. ARCHBOLD	J. CLAYTON
1989	A. TAYLOR	C. ARCHBOLD	J. CLAYTON
1990	A. TAYLOR	S. PEARCE	B. SANDERSON
1990	V. PURCHASE	S. PEARCE	J. CLAYTON
1991	V. PURCHASE	S. PEARCE	J. CLAYTON
1992	V. PURCHASE	S. PEARCE	A. HOLLIDAY
1993	B. O'GRADY	S. PEARCE	J. CLAYTON
1994	B. O'GRADY	B. FABIAN	B. SANDERSON
1995	M. BARTLING	B. FABIAN	
1996	M. BARTLING	B. FABIAN	

1996 CHAMPION J. CLAYTON

CITY OF
RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB
PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>
1970	H. F. MUNRO	G. S. GORDON
1971	J. R. SMITH	D. B. LEIGH
1972	H. F. MUNRO	J. P. FINNIGAN
1973	G. M. AIRD	T. R. BARNES
1974	J. P. FINNIGAN	R. G. SMYTH
1975	N. B. JERMYN	W.R. BAILEY
1976	N. B. JERMYN	W.R. BAILEY
1977	I. A. EMBLING	C. F. LAVENDER
1978	A. H. GOUDIE	J. M. STUART
1979	K. T. AIRD	C. H. COOKE
1980	J. LINDSAY	H. F. MUNRO
1981	G. CHAPMAN	W. R. BAILEY
1982	H. F. MUNRO	J. LINDSAY
1983	J. STUART	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1984	J. THWAITES	R. SMYTH
1985	A. BARTLING	J. ROAST
1986	G. ELLIS	A. RYDER
1987	K. AIRD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1988	G. ELLIS	A. RYDER
1989	K. AIRD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1990	J. HUNT	G. ALLAMBY
1991	A. HOLLIDAY	A. CLAYTON
1992	A. MAHLOOK	L. PIEPER

PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF KEITH LAWTON

CITY OF
RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB
PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>
1993	P. A. LAIRD	F. A. DRAPER
1994	K. AIRD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1995	H. FILLIPONI	B. ANIC

1996 M. FIRTH B. ANIC

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB

LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>
1976	A. HOLLIDAY	E. MASON
1977	A. HOLLIDAY	E. MASON
1978	A. HOLLIDAY	E. MASON
1979	J. CROZIER	N. JORDAN
1980	I. COOKE	J. CLAYTON
1981	M. CAUSON	E. GORDON
1982	L. COOKE	J. CLAYTON
1983	E. BARNARD	D. SOMMERVILLE
1984	L. COOKE	J. CLAYTON
1985	P. NICKS	A. HOLLIDAY
1986	L. COOKE	J. CLAYTON
1987	J. CLARK	P. MORTON
1988	B. SANDERSON	V. MURRAY
1989	D. McCUBBIN	J. CROCKER
1990	B. SANDERSON	V. MURRAY
1991	H. LOWEN	A. HOLLIDAY
1992	J. CLARK	I. CASSIDY
1993	H. LOWEN	A. HOLLIDAY
1994	M. BARTLING	B. SANDERSON
1995	M. BARTLING	B. SANDERSON

IN MEMORY OF RUBY KOFOED
PRESENTED BY HER FAMILY 1977

1996 D. MacCUBBIN J. CLAYTON

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB

MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

	<u>SKIP</u>	<u>LEAD</u>
1988-89	L.T. PAUL	L. PAUL
1989-90	A. CLAYTON	J. CLAYTON
1990-91	J. LINDSAY	B. McLEAN
1991-92	L.T. PAUL	L. PAUL
1992-93	M. BROWN	S. BROWN
1993-94	K.A. BIRD	D. McCUBBIN
1994-95	M. JOHNSON	B. O'GRADY
1995-96	R. PITTS	B. WILSON

Donated by C. & V. PURCHASE

1996 T. LOWE N. MATHESON

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP				
YEAR	LEAD	SECOND	THIRD	SKIP
1973	J. LINDSAY	T. BRONNER	R. HOLLOW	H. MUNRO
1974	G. WILKINS	R. BAILEY	A. HOLLIDAY	H. McLEAN
1975	K. BIRD	B. PAPWORTH	R. HOLLOW	B. QUINN
1976	K. BIRD	J. LINDSAY	R. HOLLOW	H. MUNRO
1977	M. CRAIGIE	B. PAPWORTH	D. TAYLOR	A. GOUGH
1978	K. AIRD	I. EMBLING	R. HOLLOW	A. HOLLIDAY
1979	O. JONES	R. BAILEY	A. STANFIELD	T. BRONNER
1980	B. PAPWORTH	D. HARDY	N. WEST	D. McCUBBIN
1981	K. AIRD	A. STANFIELD	D. HARDY	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1982	W. FABIAN	N. HUME	L. PAUL	J. BURCHALL
1983	M. BARNES	B. PAPWORTH	J. STUART	R. SMYTH
1984	I. SPENCER	B. STOKES	G. ELLIS	A. RYDER
1985	K. AIRD	H. NICKS	A. CLAYTON	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1986	J. SPENCE	D. MOORES	J. STUART	A. MAHLOOK
1987	M. BROWN	J. SPENCE	A. CLAYTON	A. MAHLOOK
1988	M. BROWN	J. SPENCE	A. CLAYTON	A. MAHLOOK
1989	J. LINDSAY	K. BIRD	K. AIRD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1990	J. LINDSAY	K. BIRD	K. AIRD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1991	B. WATSON	M. POTTINGER	W. McRAE	C. LAVENDER
1992	R. PITTS	L. PIEPER	R. SMYTH	K. AIRD
1993	S. ELLIS	W. FABIAN	M. BOYD	L. HINCHCLIFFE
1994	C. PURCHASE	G.R. WILLIAMS	A. BARTLING	M. JOHNSON
1995	C. PURCHASE	G.R. WILLIAMS	A. BARTLING	M. JOHNSON

GROUP 12 CHAMPIONS

1996 J. HUNT K. AIRD G. UNWIN F. DRAPER

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS	
<p>1986 K. BIRD W. McRAE C. LAVENDER D. McCUBBIN (C) WINNER - RVBA GROUP 12 FOURS RUNNERS-UP - RVBA METROPOLITAN FOURS</p> <p>1989/90 SECTION WINNERS RVBA PENNANT DIV 2 SECTION 8 DIV 12 SECTION 2</p> <p>1995/96 SECTION WINNERS RVBA PENNANT DIV 3 SECTION 1 RUNNER UP METROPOLITAN FINAL</p>	<p>1988/89 SECTION WINNER VLBA PENNANT DIV E SECTION 3</p> <p>1990/91 SECTION WINNER VLBA PENNANT DIV B2 SECTION 5</p> <p>1994-95 INAUGURAL WINNERS GROUP 17 FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP EQUAL 3rd STATE CHAMPIONSHIP J. CLAYTON B. SANDERSON J. BAXTER J. BOYD</p>
DONATED BY... ROY HAMPSON	

1996-97 WINNERS R.V.B.A. VETERANS PAIRS
L.J. PIEPER L.W. HINCHCLIFFE

MULCAHY MAZDA CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB CLASSIC					
YEAR	LEAD	2 ND	3 RD	SKIP	CLUB
1979	N. HARRISON	C. SMITH	R. THAGGARD	G. HOCHKINS	C. OF CROYDON
1980	D. HARDY	A. STANFIELD	N. WEST	L. HINCHCLIFFE	C. OF RINGWOOD
1981	D. HOLLAND	F. WHIFFIN	W. McLEAN	R. LONSDALE	EAST WANHOE
1982	M. BATROUNEY	L. BATROUNEY	D. McDONELL	V. BATROUNEY	BALWYN
1983	W. HOLMES	D. HALL	C. NAISMITH	K. MACKENZIE	BURDEN PARK
1984	J. HOLMES	D. HALL	C. NAISMITH	K. MACKENZIE	BURDEN PARK
1985	J. ROMERIL	W. BOAL	W. BELL	A. STAFFORD	YARRAMILLE/SEDDON
1986	L. EVANS	R. COUSTLEY	B. BEALE	H. MUNRO	SOUTH BENDIGO
1987	M. BATROUNEY	L. BATROUNEY	D. McDONELL	V. BATROUNEY	BALWYN
1988	M. BROWN	K. BIRD	K. AIRD	A. CLAYTON	C. OF RINGWOOD
1989	A. HEGGEN	R. RALPH	N. WARD	D. ALEXANDER	FERNTREE GULLY
1990	I. ROWE	D. MINOGUE	G. ALLAMEY	J. ALLISON	MITCHAM
1991	A. MASSEY	P. WHITMORE	A. MATHER	A. STAFFORD	ALTONA
1992	B. GREEN	N. WILLIAMSON	R. KEITH	K. MACKENZIE	BURDEN PARK
1993	W. BLUNDELL	G. BAKER	J. STUBBS	K. DOWSE	HEATHMONT
1994	M. IACUONE	R. WOODMAN	J. POWER	C. ELLIS	BLUNDOORA
1995	J. DICKSON	D. TEBBET	R. SMART	M. MANNIK	CITY OF CROYDON
1996	C. GREEN	B. PEARSE	L. BERNER	G. FREDERIC	HEATHMONT

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB GENERAL SECRETARY		CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB TREASURERS		CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB TREASURERS	
1987-91 R. TAYLOR		1957-71 I. EMBLING		1959-61 S. LOWRY	
1991-93 C. DOUGLAS		1972-81 A. KOFOED		1962-67 E. JAMIESON	
1993-94 M. POTTINGER		1982-83 C. JENKINS		1968 F. ROBINSON	
1994-95 N. THOMAS		1983-85 H. NICKS		1969-77 P. CRAIGIE	
1995 T. LOWE		1985-91 J. NIVEN		1977-80 M. MORTON	
		1991 G. ALLEN		1981-85 E. KNEEN	
				1985-91 H. LARTER	
				1991 H. MATHESON	

LIFE MEMBERS LADIES SECTION		LIFE MEMBERS	
M. RUSSELL		A. M. IBBOTSON	I. EMBLING
B. KEMPSON		R. LUCAS	A. M. KOFOED
D. GREEN		H. E. WATSON	A. N. CLAYTON
A. HOLLIDAY		J. ARCHBOLD	R. R. TAYLOR
R. STANFIELD		E. T. ROBERTS	L. L. McRAE
		G. YOUNG	
		A. J. ROBERTS	
		H. E. WALDUCK	
		C. C. PARIS	
		W. I. BAMFORD	
		J. KNOX	
		D. A. DALE	
		C. M. CRAIGIE	

L O N G S E R V I N G O F F I C I A L S

A J ROBERTS General Secretary 15 consecutive years
1941 - 1955

President 1956 & 1957

Awarded Life Membership - 1953

I A EMBLING General Treasurer 16 consecutive years
1957 - 1971

Bowls Secretary 1976 & 1977

General Secretary 6 consecutive years
1978 - 1983

Awarded Life Membership - 1980

MRS. D GREEN Ladies Section Secretary 15 consecutive years
1970 - 1984

Awarded Life Membership - 1987

C L U B C H A M P I O N R E C O R D H O L D E R SMEN

FRANK KENWORTHY - 3 consecutive years
1942, 43 & 44
(Record held until equalled by Les Hinchcliffe in 1973)

J W GILLESPIE - 7 years
1945, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54 & 57

LES HINCHCLIFFE - 8 years
1971, 72, 73, 76, 79, 88, 92 & 96

LADIES

JOYCE CLAYTON - 13 years (Including 3 consecutive years)
1974, 77, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 91,
92, 94 & 96

AVIS HOLLIDAY - 5 years
1975, 78, 79, 86 & 93

L I F E M E M B E R SMEN

1944 - A M IBBOTSON
 1944 - F R LUCAS
 1947 - F JAMES (Resigned)
 1949 - H E WATSON
 1949 - J R ARCHBOLD
 1951 - E T ROBERTS
 1951 - G YOUNG
 1953 - A J ROBERTS
 1955 - H E WALDUCK
 1960 - C C PARIS
 1961 - W BAMFORD
 1961 - J KNOX
 1962 - A DALE
 1976 - C M CRAIGIE
 1980 - I A EMBLING
 1982 - A M KOFOED
 1987 - A N CLAYTON
 1995 - R R TAYLOR
 1995 - I L McRAE

LADIES

1975 - M RUSSELL
 1977 - B KEMPSON
 1987 - D GREEN
 1989 - A HOLLIDAY
 1993 - R STANFIELD

M E R I T A W A R D S

1988 - ELSIE WOODHOUSE
 1990 - JACK SHANDLEY
 1992 - FRANK DRAPER
 1992 - BRYAN JEFFRIES
 1994 - CLIFF PURCHASE
 1996 - KEN AIRD
 1996 - FRAN ROBINSON
 1996 - DICK MASON
 1996 - BERYL McLEAN
 1996 - ROY HAMPSON
 1996 - ALAN HOLLIDAY
 1996 - SID WARNER

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUBRINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC.M I L E S A V E N U E

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INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Having accepted the assignment of researching records and assembling a portfolio of the Ringwood Bowls Club history, we met with Club Chairman, Rod Taylor, on 21 August 1996 and established the following guide lines:-

- Rather than prepare a book for publication, the material be presented in loose-leaf form in clear vinyl protector pockets, thereby allowing for the subsequent inclusion of additional information in any segment.
- As a safeguard, a second copy of the history be prepared for storage at a location other than the clubhouse.
- With the increased possibility of vandalism, even arson, during the remaining occupancy of the Miles Avenue clubhouse, priority be given to obtaining photographs of the honour boards and other memorabilia on display. (Subsequently we became aware that General Treasurer, Greg Allen, with the same thought in mind, had scanned the honour boards on video.)

Our search for early records located Minute Book No. 2 recording meetings held 10 August 1939 to 25 April 1945, and Minute Book No. 4 from 5 January 1959 to 15 July 1960.

Whilst the absence of Minute Books Nos. 1 and 3 was a major concern, an exciting discovery was a 25 page documentary entitled 'History of the Ringwood Bowling Club' compiled in 1961 by past Life Members Jack Knox and Wilfred Bamford, the latter being the son of the donor of the Miles Avenue site. Present day officials were unaware of the existence of this historical publication which apparently had a very limited circulation amongst members.

Souvenir brochures produced to mark the Jubilee Year celebrations of the Club in 1979 and the 60th Anniversary in 1989 included a brief summary of the history from 1929 to the respective year of celebration. Each of these publications is in itself an abridged history, and therefore has been included here in chronological order.

It was from these publications that members at that time, and subsequent members who may have read a copy, would have become aware of the circumstances which brought about the establishment of the Ringwood Bowling Club.

We had assumed that this material, used initially in the 1979 brochure, would have been researched from the recorded minutes of the early meetings and Annual Reports, as well as possible recollections from the few Foundation Members still alive at that time. However, the discovery of the 1961 history solved the source of that information.

Mr S E Dickins, President in 1961, introducing the publication to members, stated that the document would be of great interest to every member as an indication of the work done by the pioneers of the Club, and members past and present.

The history, which had taken four years to compile, is headed:-

"RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB
A SAGA OF ACHIEVEMENT.

A dedication to the small band of public spirited citizens who toiled so assiduously to an ideal for the benefit of posterity."

To attempt to re-write the history of the era up to 1961 would be presumptuous of us, as the document should take its rightful place in the annals of the Club, to be read in conjunction with this later treatise. The format of the current history presents comment on significant club records, photographs, and extracts from press reports, commencing with the gift of land by the late Philip Bamford to the Ringwood Borough Council. This land was subsequently known as 'Bamford Park'. However, in endeavouring to summarise each decade of significant and interesting activities, it may become necessary to traverse some references already published covering the first thirty years.

To further our efforts to trace the missing Minute Books Nos. 1 and 3, an enquiry to member Jack Lindsay, a Life Member of the Ringwood Historical Research Group, of which he was Secretary for 25 years, resulted in several visits to the Ringwood Historical Archives. The Archivist, Gayle Abbe, was a great help to us and we gratefully acknowledge her guidance and assistance.

The missing Minute Books were located safely housed in the humidity and temperature controlled archives. The Archivist could not enlighten us as to how these records had come into the Historical Research Group's possession, and informed us that the material is regarded as that organization's property and their responsibility to preserve same.

Numerous photographs associated with the Ringwood Bowling Club were made available for re-photographing, and photo-copies were obtained of microfiche records of correspondence between officials of the Club and the Ringwood Borough Council, and local newspaper clippings reporting the establishment of the Ringwood Bowling Club.

We also learned that a second copy of the 1961 History of the Ringwood Bowling Club is held at the Archives; both copies, it is understood, were bound by the late Mr Ron Pullin, who was actively involved with the Ringwood Historical Research Group. Our observation of the functioning of the Ringwood Historical Archives and the service rendered by that organisation to the community, has convinced us that that facility is the logical location for the eventual storage of the proposed second copy of this history, and also Minute Books Nos. 2 and 4 which are currently held by the Club.

As the new clubhouse at the Loughnan Road site drew nearer to completion, it became obvious that the re-erection of the honour boards posed a problem in regard to recognizing their significance in the Club's history, whilst maintaining the desired continuity with the planned new honour boards. The suggestion by Club Chairman, Rod Taylor, that the photographs taken of the honour boards depicting details up to the 1996-97 season be enlarged and framed to appropriate sizes, and together with other framed significant memorabilia form a 'Miles Avenue Gallery', solved the difficulty. The new honour boards would commence with the repetition of the 1996-97 entries.

Early in our research Alan Stanfield was co-opted to assist us with his recollection of events during July 1960 and June 1972. Minutes of meetings held during that period and Annual Reports were missing. Fortunately almost all of the Annual Reports were later located, which helped fill in the gap. Alan joined the Club in 1962 and held office between 1964 -77 as Assistant-Secretary (4 years), General Secretary (1 year) and on Committee(6).

Voluntary assistance by Probus Club of Ringwood photographers Ron Thorn and Cyril Handoll in photographing the honour boards and all items on display in the Miles Avenue clubhouse is gratefully acknowledged.

Also acknowledged is the help given by several members in the locating of research material and typing. Ted Matthews was co-opted to assist in the erection of the 'Miles Avenue Gallery' and he constructed stands for the Loughnan Road clubhouse display case.

In the interest of accuracy and the possibility of future queries, a correction should be made on page 8 of the 1961 History of the Ringwood Bowling Club where the date of the first official opening of the green is shown as "9th October 1931", whereas the minutes of the committee meeting held on 24 September 1931, and other references, confirm the correct date was "10 October 1931". The incorrect date was transcribed to the 1979 and 1989 Souvenir brochures. Correction has been made in the Souvenir brochures incorporated in this history, as well as some other amendments, for notation when future Anniversary brochures are being drafted.

Also, in the Foreword of the 1961 History, the President, Mr S E Dickins, rightly acknowledges the contribution to the Club over thirty years by Mr Jack Knox, in which he attributes him as being a "Foundation Member". Curiosity was raised by two "X" markings in red appearing in the margin of the copy held by the Club, which prompted a check of the 57 Foundation Members as at 12 August 1930. The first record of John Knox as a member appears in the list for the year ending 31 July 1932.

The copy of the 1961 History held by the Ringwood Historical Research Group was apparently prepared by photo-copying process, as the margin "X" markings are black, which seems to confirm that John Knox's classification as a Foundation Member had previously been queried.

However, the report by Mr Lucas, Works Supervisor, to the 1930 Annual General Meeting acknowledges that "The setting of the plinths which, of course, required expert workmanship, was undertaken and carried out gratis by Mr John Knox."

AVIS HOLLIDAY & MERV. POTTENGER

Club Historians

ERRATUM

See Page 18 of the History of the Ringwood Bowls Club Inc. 1929 - 1996, which refers to the correct date of the first official opening of the Ringwood Bowling Club being 10th October 1931, not 9th October 1931 as stated on page 8 of the 1961 History.

Also Page 18 of the 1996 History comments on the reference in the Foreword to the 1961 History to John Knox being a Foundation Member, whereas the first record of John Knox being a (financial) member appears in the membership list for the year ending 31 July 1932.

FOR INSERTION
IN ARCHIVES COPY
OF 1961 HISTORY
OF RINGWOOD BOWLING
CLUB.

ORIGIN OF BAMFORD PARK

At the first meeting with the Archivist at the Ringwood Historical Archives, amongst the items perused to determine those that would be relevant to this history of the Ringwood Bowling Club, was a letter dated 18 October, 1926 from Mr P Bamford to the Ringwood Borough Council, in which he offered as a gift an area of land which could solve the difficulty of finding a site for a bowling green and croquet lawns.

A Personal Correspondence copyright is held by the Ringwood Historical Archives on the letter, which requires written authority from a relative of the late Mr P Bamford to release the letter for publication.

Title records Vol. 4047 Fol. 809.262 detail the transfer of the land to the Mayor and Councillors of Ringwood on 22 December, 1926, including a sketch of the area. On 11 June, 1929, a small section of land was transferred to the Country Roads Board, for which Mr Bamford accepted £3/6/- compensation.

The land gifted by Mr Bamford adjoined Miles Park, the area between Adelaide Street and Ringwood Street along the Mullum Creek, which Captain E T Miles had gifted to the Council in 1925.

Although neither of these areas have been referred to as a park for some years, due to the nature of the development that has taken place, it is regrettable that the generosity of the donors is not now recognised in some form within the municipality.

The first reference to Bamford Park in the records that have been sighted appears in the local press report of the Ringwood Council meeting held on 26 April, 1929, which states:

"Plans for improvements on Bamford and Miles Parks are now in hand and the improvements to Ringwood Park have been commenced by Contractor Brown. At a meeting of the parks committee it was decided that complete plans be drawn up for improvements to Miles and Bamford Parks, and that £250 be allocated for improvements to Ringwood Park on the lines submitted previously."

At a later Council meeting on 1 October, 1931, the Engineer reported completion of the construction of the roadway between Warrandyte Road and Adelaide Street, at a cost of £59/16/-, and suggested that the road be named Bamford Grove. Apparently the name Miles Avenue was preferred. Even what remains of Miles Avenue could be obliterated by the proposed further Eastland development.

Footnote

The Club is indebted to member Neville Fuller who through his association with relatives of the late Philip Bamford, has obtained from John Bamford the necessary permission to include in this history a copy of the letter from his grandfather to the Borough of Ringwood on October 18 1926.

The letter granting the Club restricted permission is attached to Philip Bamford's letter.

Letter

Ringwood
Oct 19. 1926

The Secretary
Borough Ringwood

Dear Sir

Sometime ago Capt Miles made over a portion of his land abutting on the Sandy Gully and Mullum creeks as a gift to the ~~parish~~ Council for park and recreation purposes.

I now feel that the value of that gift would be enhanced if I likewise were to donate to the Council for a like purpose a piece of land adjoining of about two acres in extent situated between a continuation of St. Charles St and Waverley Road, Ringwood.

Probably also it may (if the Council decides to accept of my offer) incidentally lead to a solution of the problem of a site for a Bowling Green and Croquet Lawn for Ringwood.

Awaiting the favor of your reply
Yours truly

(45)

P. Bamford.

(Personal Correspondence Copyright)

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Ref: 300/neville
5 March, 1998

Mr Neville Fuller
5 Georgian Court
Ringwood Vic 3134.

Dear Neville,

I refer to your correspondence, initially to Kitty Masterton, and our telephone discussions concerning the history of the Ringwood Bowling Club. I understand that the Club wishes to publish in this history a copy of a letter of October 18 1926 from my grandfather, Philip Bamford. In this letter he offered to donate land to the Borough of Ringwood for the original site of the Bowling Club.

I am happy for the letter or a copy to be published by the Ringwood Bowling Club in its history, but ask that the letter be included in its entirety. While it is perhaps a minor matter, my agreement to publish the letter in this way does not provide any... other rights to the Club or anyone else in connection with the letter.

As we discussed, I think that the photocopy version of the letter that you sent to Kitty Masterton is a handwritten copy, made a long while ago. I have since looked at a few of Philip's signatures. Some are signed "P Bamford" and some "Philip Bamford". Either signature could therefore be on the original letter, although I think his handwriting is different to the signature on the photocopy version of the letter.

There is one other small but important detail. I note in the interesting article by the Club Historian Merv Pottenger that my grandfather's first name was not correctly spelt. His first name was Philip.

Best wishes in the writing of your Club History. I hope that I might see a copy when it is complete.

Please let me know if there are any other queries.

Best regards



John Bamford

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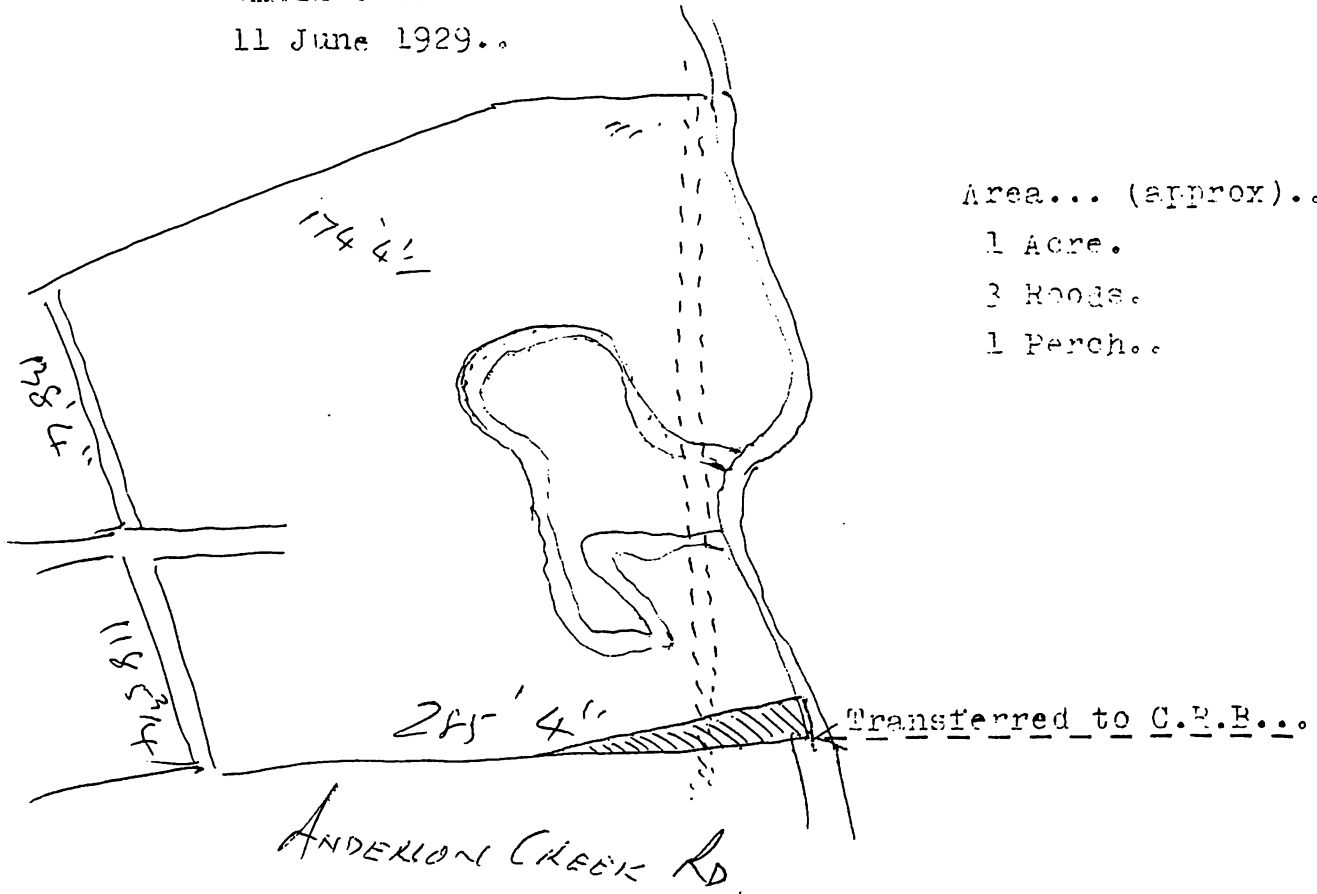
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Crown portion 12, Parish of Ringwood
County of Mornington...

Registered in the name of Walter Bamford and Philip Bamford
1st July 1918...

Transferred to Mayor and Councillors of Ringwood.
22nd. Dec. 1926...

Small section transferred to the C.R.B.
11 June 1929..



Excerpts from Borough of Ringwood council meetings - 1929

Plans for improvements on Bamford and Miles Parks are now in hand, and the park improvements to Ringwood Park have been commenced by Contractor Brown. At a meeting of the parks committee it was decided that complete plans be drawn up for improvements to Miles and Bamford Parks, and that £250 be allocated for improvements to Ringwood Park on the lines submitted previously. *24/4/29*

Council meeting 28/2/29

Same, stating that as Mr. P. Bamford had made a gift to the council of certain land-fronting Warrantye road, it was now necessary that the council execute the transfer of a portion of that land taken for deviation purposes to the Country Roads Board. The payment of £3/6/- compensation money would be paid to Mr. Bamford.—Received. *L. 2/p*

Ringwood Bowling Green.

Ringwood Bowling Club, asking under what conditions the council would grant the use of Bamford park for the establishment of a bowling green, and what restrictions would be imposed.

It was recommended by committee that the ground be granted for the purpose of a bowling green, and that a copy of rules and regulations relating to parks and gardens be forwarded to the secretary of the bowling club, recommendations which were adopted.

L. 2/p. Council 2/8/29

2/8/29 ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The tree planting in Ringwood park is now well in hand, all the elms being complete and the syprus nearly complete. Clearing of Heathmont park is also in hand.

Wantirna Road.—Materials have been ordered for this work, which I hope to commence on Monday next. Most of the fences are now back, and the Postal department is making arrangements to move poles to new alignment.

Gravel.—I have made arrangements, subject to the approval of council, with Mr. W. McClelland to obtain gravel as required from his property at Warrantye. The conditions are:—(1) That he is to make a road out to the main road; (2) that the quarry will be in the hands of Mr. G. Burns; (3) that a royalty of 1/- per yard be paid for all gravel taken as required by the council. I recommend the acceptance of this offer.—On the motion of Crs. Miles and Blood the engineer's action was endorsed.

Drainage of Bamford Park.—As directed, I have prepared plan showing alternate schemes for the proper drainage of Bamford park. No. 1 scheme will cost £450, and No. 2 £130. In addition to the laying of pipes it will be necessary to grade the whole of the block between the creek and road before it would be suitable for laying down lawn.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Excitement at the discovery of the minute books held at the Ringwood Historical Archives was tempered by the fact that although they gave continuity in the recording of meetings from 6 January, 1930 to July, 1960, it was realised that the vital records of minutes from the inaugural meeting on 18 July, 1929 to the end of that year could not be located.

The minutes of the committee meeting on 6 January, 1930 record that the meeting was held in the Club Pavilion and that "Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed." It is worth noting that it was less than four months earlier that plans and estimates for a complete pavilion were tabled at the first general meeting on 17 September, 1929. No doubt there would have been a few finishing touches outstanding.

In the absence of minutes recording the inaugural meeting and subsequent early meetings, it is fortunate that acquisition of photo-copies of material held by the Ringwood Historical Research Group at the Archives has provided ample detail, in particular the comprehensive press reports of the inaugural meeting on 18 July, 1929 which appeared in the Upper Yarra Advocate and the Mail. The inclusion of these reports in their entirety, together with the first Annual Reports and significant items of correspondence, supplement the precis of events published in the 1961 History of the Ringwood Bowling Club.

On page 1 of the 1961 history, mention is made of a meeting held in the Town Hall in June 1929, attended by thirty who expressed themselves in favour of the establishment of a Bowling Club, and on page 2 states "At a subsequent meeting formation of a Club was duly confirmed with the election of officers as the foundation committee."

Both press reports of the 18 July, 1929 meeting, and a letter dated 19 July to the Mayor and Councillors advising that a Bowling Club had been formed in Ringwood are consistent with the statement in the first Annual Report that "The first meeting held for this purpose was a public meeting held in the Town Hall On Thursday 18th July, 1929." No reference can be found to an

earlier meeting in June to verify that mentioned in the 1961 History.

Readers of the press reports may wonder at what stage Mr Arthur Blood was elected as inaugural President. At the 18 July, 1929 public meeting, in the absence of the Mayor, Cr, J B McAlpin, who had tendered an apology, Cr Mackinlay was voted to the chair. In electing officers, as was the custom, Cr. McAlpin as current Mayor was elected President, Mr W Cock as Secretary and Mr E J Collins, Treasurer. In the meantime Cr. McAlpin was not re-elected at the Ringwood Borough Council elections, and at the next bowling club meeting Cr. McCaskill was voted to the chair. (Mail - 26 August '29)

With a detailed scheme of financing the establishment of a Ringwood Bowling Club prepared, invitations were issued to prospective members to attend a public meeting on 9 September, when, hopefully, the scheme would be accepted.

Having received advice from the Town Clerk by letter dated 7 September, 1929, granting permission for the Club to have full control of the ground and its assets should the site in Bamford Park be used for a Bowling Green and Croquet Lawns - on terms similar to those extended to the Ringwood Tennis Club, the Secretary formerly notified the Council that at the Club meeting on 9 September, acceptance of Bamford Park as a site for bowling green and croquet lawns was recommended.

Having determined that a foundation member would be anyone paying £2/2/-, or more, covering membership to 31 July, 1930, a meeting of financial members was held on 17 September to consider the adoption of the Constitution, elect office bearers, and attend to any other business as provided in the Constitution. It is assumed that it would have been at this meeting that Cr. Arthur Blood, having been elected as Mayor, would have been elected as President. Council records show that Cr. Blood was re-elected as Mayor in 1930/31 and 1931/32 coinciding with his term as inaugural President.

Unfortunately, the original honour board recording the President, Secretary and Club Champion commences at the 1932/33 season. Details of the office bearers for the formative years 1929/30, 1930/31 and 1931/32 have been noted in copies of the Jubilee Year and 60th Anniversary Souvenir booklets which have been incorporated in this portfolio, to prompt the inclusion of these details in future publications.

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Champion</u>
1929-30	Cr. A Blood	W W Cock	E J Collins	-
1930-31	Cr. A Blood	W W Cock	E J Collins	-
1931-32	Cr. A Blood	W W Cock	A Aldag	-

Without wishing to appear pedantic, there is another matter which should be rectified, even at this advanced stage in the life of the club. It relates to the numbering of the Annual Reports and likewise, the Annual General Meetings.

The provisional office bearers elected at the first meeting on 18 July 1929, were re-affirmed at the Inaugural General Meeting of the Club on 17 September 1929, apart from the election of Cr. A Blood as President in lieu of Cr. J B McAlpin.

A mistake was apparently inadvertently made in recording the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 15 August 1940 as the 10th A.G.M. The minutes of the previous A.G.M. on 10 August 1939, had been correctly recorded as the 10th A.G.M. at which the 10th Annual Reports were presented.

The numbering of all A.G.M.s and Annual Reports have consecutively followed the duplicated No. 10 and therefore have been one year in arrear since 1940, Rather than alter the number of each Annual Report and A.G.M. over that period, it is recommended that the Annual Report for the year 1998-99 be identified as the 70th Annual Report, and likewise reference to the next A.G.M. in 1999 should be the 70th A.G.M. (See extracts over-page of Headings of Minutes of Meetings 10 August 1939 and 15 August 1940.)

Minutes & Proceedings of the 10th Annual Meeting Held in the Club Pavilion on Thursday Aug 10th 1939

Messrs	
Present	Watson. Wingrove Devenish Young Bottomley James Lane Rogers Flower Williams Wilkins Cedzich Jones Bane Gillespie Archbold Skelton. Ibbotson Bayford Burgess Knox J Roberts T. Roberts Hunt Walker Travers Aird. Bruce Marden Kenworthy Horner Nethercote Angus Ward Brady

10th Annual Meeting —

Thursday 15th August 1940

Members Present. Messrs Ibbotson Skelton Archbold Bane
Brady Bryce Cedzich J Roberts Rogers Hunt
Gillespie Dawson Knox D Smith Jones J Roberts Lane
Devenish Williams James Bottomley Travers

Ringwood's Bowling Green

"Admiral" (UPPER YARRA)

25/7/29 J. McAlpin

The meeting convened for Thursday night, July 18, in the Ringwood Town Hall, to discuss the proposed formation of a bowling club for the borough. was attended by a keen and representative gathering of citizens who are interested in the advancement of their district. Apologies were received from the Mayor of Ringwood (Cr. J. B. McAlpin), Cr. A. T. Miles, Captain E. T. Miles, Messrs. Bellby, Ashton, Kenworthy, Ashley and T. R. G. Williams, all of whom assured support to the movement.

Cr. Mackinlay was voted to the chair, and among those present were Messrs. Long, Cock, Collins, Bently, Dwight, D. J. Pratt, Grant, Breen, Ward, Ibbotson, Little, Wellington, Skelton, Lucas, Ferguson, T. Falconer, Devenish, Travers, Marsden, S. Hunt, Blood, Moulder, Dr. Langley, Cr. McCaskill.

The chairman said he knew nothing about bowls—Voices: We'll soon teach you. (Laughter.) The meeting was convened by Messrs. Long and Cock in order that the desirability of forming a bowling club may be discussed. Some few years ago a similar movement was started, but fell through, and now, with a site donated and available for the purpose, the movement had been resuscitated. He would call on Mr. Long to introduce the matter and give the details required.

Mr. Long briefly reviewed the movement so far as it had gone, and said that up to the present the main difficulty had been to get the services of a secretary who would push the movement. They had found a gentleman willing to do this work in Mr. Cock, the recently appointed State Savings Bank manager. Mr. Cock had a wide experience in bowling, and was well equipped in all ways to organise a club. It was decided to call a meeting, and with the assistance of Mr. Ward circulars had been sent to a large number, and the responsibility now rested on the meeting. Mr. Cock would be able to give full details.

Mr. Cock thanked Mr. Long for the introduction. He had come to Ringwood a few months ago, and found it hard to get to know the townspeople. Being a bowler, he enquired about a bowling green, and was surprised to learn that a place like Ringwood had no green. This is one of the most sociable means of getting to know each other. There was no sport so sociable as bowls. One only had to look over the fence of a bowling green to be invited in and asked to join up. The opportunity to start a bowling club was here, and they should make the most of it. "I have had some years' association with bowling clubs, but am a stranger to most of you," went on this eloquent speaker, "and if you have any other gentleman ready to do the organising work I will willingly stand behind him and assist him to the utmost. We have taken a few steps already in gathering details, but we would like an expression of your ideas, firstly regarding the formation of a club."

Mr. Dwight: A bowling club has recently been formed at Croydon. Are any representatives present from there, or has any data been obtained?

Mr. Long: We have figures from Croydon, Blackburn and Box Hill, but before going into figures the desirability of forming a club should be expressed. A site for a park and recreation reserve was presented to the council by Mr. Bamford, and in his letter he suggested that the site may solve the difficulty of a site for a bowling green and croquet lawn. A design was drawn by Mr. Linacre, setting out the park into a bowling green and croquet lawn, and it is here for your inspection.

Mr. Cock said he hoped the enthusiasm shown would be so great that no difficulties would deter them. Blackburn, with a population of 1900, had a green; Croydon, with 1500, also had a green, as did Warburton with a population of 1000. Surely, then, Ringwood, with 3200, could manage a green.

Mr. Collins: What is the estimated cost of a green?

Mr. Cock: Roughly £1000 for an eight-rink green, calculating each rink to cost £100 and allowing for cost of pavilion, fencing, etc.

The Chairman: It would expedite matters if a motion were submitted.

Cr. McCaskill: I am of opinion, Mr. Chairman, that there is room for a bowling club in Ringwood, and that we should have it; especially as through Mr. Bamford's generosity we have a suitable site available. Undoubtedly the club would be a great social medium and supply a long felt want. I will move that a Ringwood Bowling Club be formed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dwight and carried unanimously.

Another Meeting.

Mr. Lucas then moved that a committee of five be appointed to report on the sites available, to next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ward and carried.

The following were appointed:—Messrs. Collins, Pratt, Cock, Ward, Dwight.

Mr. Dwight: There are too many banks in it; must be finance somewhere. (Laughter.)

It was left to Mr. Lucas to convene the committee meeting.

Election of Officers.

The chairman then called for nomination of president, secretary and treasurer. Other officers could be appointed when a constitution was drawn up.

Cr. McAlpin was unanimously elected as president, Mr. Cock as secretary, and Mr. Collins as treasurer.

The following were appointed as the committee to draw up the constitution:—Messrs. O. J. Pratt, Ward, Long, Dwight, Moulder, Skelton and Travers.

(Courtesy of Ringwood Historical Archives)

"MAIL"

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

26/7/24 :o:—
 DESIRABILITY AFFIRMED AT
 MEETING.

A largely attended meeting of those interested in the formation of a Ringwood Bowling Club took place on Thursday evening at the Ringwood Town Hall. Cr Mackinlay was voted to the chair, and there were present: Messrs. A. J. Dwight, H. J. Bently, A. Blood, G. Marden, R. Travers, S. F. Hunt, A. F. B. Long, F. B. Lucas, A. Cock, C. V. Ward, O. J. Pratt, McCaskill, Mulder, Devenish, T. S. Falconer, K. Wellington, A. M. Ibbotson, N. Ferguson, A. Collins, T. Grant, W. Dwight, Skelton and Breen. Apologies were indicated from Cr. J. B. McAlpin, Cr. A. T. Miles, Mr. E. T. Miles, Messrs. T. R. G. Williams, A. C. Beilby, F. Kenworthy, W. Ashton and A. G. Ashley.

At the instance of Mr. Long, Cr. Mackinlay was voted to the chair.

The chairman explained that they were met for the purpose of considering the possibility of forming a Bowling Club. He believed that Mr. Cock had information which would be of value to the meeting.

Mr. Cock explained that as a newcomer to Ringwood he had felt some want of some institution as a bowling green, for at present it was difficult to get to know others. All sections would be brought together by means of a bowling club. He had been associated with bowling clubs elsewhere, and whilst he had no special qualifications he would be glad if it was the wish of those present to do the secretarial work. He had already taken a few steps in order to test the feeling of citizens towards a bowling club.

Mr. A. F. B. Long said that Mr. Bamford had gifted the land between Adelaide street and Warrandyte road for park and recreation purposes. He had mentioned in his letter that perhaps the site might solve the difficulty of providing land for a bowling green, with which might be associated a croquet lawn. He felt that the Borough Council would be agreeable to the site being used for the purposes mentioned.

Cr. McCaskill moved, Mr. A. J. Dwight seconded, that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to form a bowling club. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Collins seconded, that the Borough Council be asked under what conditions the available for a bowling green. Carried.

After Messrs. Collins and Ward had both remarked that they knew of no bowling clubs where such abuses took place, the motion to write to the Council was agreed to.

Mr. Lucas said if the greens were on Council land the Council could assist to any extent which they might determine by way of works.

Election of Officers.

On the nomination of Mr. Long, Cr. J. B. McAlpin was elected president.

At the instance of Messrs. Ward and Travers, Mr. Cock was appointed secretary and Mr. Collins treasurer.

A rules committee consisting of Messrs. Long, A. J. Dwight, C. V. Ward, Mulder, O. J. Pratt, R. Travers and Skelton, was appointed.

Mr. Cock moved, Dr. Langley seconded pro forma that foundation members be enrolled at 5/.

Cr. McCaskill, Mr. Marden, Mr. Collins, Mr. Mulder and others thought such action premature.

Mr. Cock asked were they going to permit other than duly defined members to vote at future meetings. They could only do so by some qualification.

Ringwood
19th July 1929.

The Mayor & Councillors
Borough of Ringwood.

Dear Sirs,

I have to advise you that at a Public Meeting held on 18th inst a Bowling Club was formed in Ringwood and I was instructed to approach you with the request that at your next meeting you would deal with the matter of our occupancy of a site in Ramford's Park. We should like you to inform us under what conditions you would allow us the right to this ground and what restrictions you would impose.

Yours faithfully

W. B. C.

Wm. Secy. R. B. C.

Ringwood
21/8/29.

The Town Clerk
Borough of Ringwood.

Dear Sir.

Following discussion at our last meeting of your letter granting us the use of Ramford Park as a site for a bowling green I am instructed to request that your Councilmen meet in committee three delegates representing this Club to go further into this matter.

Would you be good enough to make arrangements to this effect.

Yours faithfully
W. B. C. L.

How Beech

Ringwood Bowling Club.

Mail 26/5/29 Ringwood Bowling Club.

OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL.

ESTIMATES REDUCED.

The meeting of the bowling club in the Town Hall on Thursday night was productive of only a moderate attendance, owing chiefly to the inclement weather and the prevalent idea that the meeting had been deferred until after the elections. Cr. McCaskill was voted to the chair. Apologies were received from Messrs. Mackinlay, Collins, Lucas and Peake.

Deputation to Council.

The secretary reported that the committee had decided, in view of the elections, to postpone the deputation to the council until after the elections.

Pavilion.

A plan and estimates for a complete pavilion was tabled, through the courtesy of Mr. Peake. The pavilion was of nice design, and provided ample accommodation, being estimated to cost £400.

Cost of Green.

Mr. F. R. Lucas reported that the soil was being analysed by Mr. Linacre, of Mont Park, whose report would not be available for another week. He had no doubt, however, as to the surface soil being suitable, provided it was topped with two or three inches of Burwood soil. The average depth of surface black soil was about nine inches. Below this the soil was still sandy silt, fairly porous, but of very little use except as filling under the lawn and a medium for drainage.

He estimated for lateral drains three-inch agricultural pipes would be needed under two inches of ashes. The surface soil should be scooped off to a depth of nine inches before any levelling took place.

This could be done by volunteer labor, as could the levelling of the subsoil, drainage and spreading of ashes. The setting of plinths, top dressing with three inches of Burwood soil, planting and sowing of grass would need to be carried out by experts.

Ashes, if purchased, would cost about 10/- a yard, but a saving could be effected if arrangements were made to collect them from local firms or cart them from Mitcham.

The amount of Burwood or Frankston soil would not exceed a three-inch coat, or 175 yards for an eight-rink green and 130 yards for a six-rink green. This could be delivered at Ringwood for less than 10/- per yard.

In regard to the setting of the plinths, final levelling, sowing and finishing, I have interviewed an expert, who states that if everything were in readiness he would come up if required, with eight trained men, and finish off the work in two days.

Allowing for paid labor for the whole of the work, Mr. Lucas' estimate for an eight-rink is as follows: Scooping, cleaning and replacing 800 yds. top soil, £125; levelling subsoil, £50; supplying and laying 1250 agricultural pipes, £16; supplying and laying 120 yards of ashes, £60; setting plinth and supply of material, £26; laying on water, etc., £35; seed and manures, £48; 150 yds. Burwood soil, and spreading, £100; expert finish, sowing, etc., £25; total, £485. A six-rink green would cost £420. Fencing, an additional item, would cost £100.

Should the club decide to go on the lines indicated, Mr. Lucas suggested the formation of a committee of three to five to organize voluntary labor, so that the work may be commenced immediately the council finished the drainage works.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary reported on the number of prospective members, and submitted 65 names, which was increased to 90 as the members present nominated various prospective bowlers. From this it was calculated that the originally estimated number, 50, was within reasonable reach.

The chairman then pointed out that from the reports submitted almost £100 was required. This was considerably below former estimates, and could be further reduced by utilizing voluntary labor.

Messrs. Ibbotson and Skelton expressed the opinion that the cost of seed and manure could be cut down by half, while Mr. Pratt indicated that there was no provision for implements, which would cost £100.

The chairman said the estimates for the green, pavilion and fencing amounted to £985. It may not be advisable to strike out in a lavish way for a start. They could save a good sum by voluntary labor. If they established the green first, the pavilion would follow when required. (Applause.)

Mr. Milner volunteered to dig the drains.

Ladies' Croquet Lawn.

Several members raised the question of a croquet lawn for the ladies. Mr. Devenish: It is essential to secure the co-operation of the ladies and to accommodate them we must have an eight-rink green. It would be better for the ladies to be independent after a while and have a separate lawn, but for a start they could be accommodated on the green.

Finance.

Mr. Pratt: The important factor for the present is finance. How are we to raise the money? Finance is the crux of the whole venture.

The Chairman: The council is willing to help all they can.

Mr. Milner: We want to know the conditions on which we can get the ground. We can't do much until we get the report of the deputation to the council.

Mr. Devenish: At the last meeting the estimate of £1600, with interest, sinking fund and upkeep, presented too big a problem, but now, with a conservative estimate of £1000, there is a good prospect of carrying on, and I move that the club endeavor to raise £1000 to provide an eight-rink green and buildings, and that a scheme be formulated to raise the required sum.

In seconding, Mr. Long said that if they lost the opportunity now it would take them a long time to get going again. Mr. Lucas' estimate was conservative, but if it cost less so much the better.

The motion was carried.

The Secretary: Prospective members are really waiting for a definite scheme, and if they see us determined to go on, and we can place a concrete scheme before them, they will come in behind us.

Mr. Long: If a committee drew up a scheme and all prospective members were canvassed and circulated to attend a general meeting, the response would be satisfactory, as interested persons are waiting for developments.

After further discussion Messrs. Long, Skelton and Dwight, with the secretary and treasurer, were appointed a finance committee to present recommendations to the next meeting.

Several members suggested debentures. To this Mr. Devenish replied that the price should be small, to encourage members to take some; then, next year they could take more, when they got their second wind. (Laughter.)

It was agreed that the finance committee should draw up a scheme for the next meeting, and that the deputation should wait on the council on September 5; also that the reports be dealt with at a meeting of the club on Monday, September 9.

Council's Drainage Scheme.

Mr. Cock pointed out that the council were prepared to undertake a drainage scheme at the park, costing about £700. Tenders were called for this work, returnable on September 5, and the council would want to know what the club intended to do. The council wanted to see them go on with the green, and would help the club all they could.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance, and said that although the meeting was not largely attended there was a more optimistic tone than at previous meetings. The scheme was now within their reach, and by canvass and publicity sufficient support should be forthcoming to enable them to make a start on the green. He urged them to roll up in force on September 9. (Applause.)

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Ringwood,
26th August, 1929.

Dear Sir,

As the results of the efforts already made to establish a Bowling Club in Ringwood, it is confidently felt that success is not assumed.

The selected site has been subjected to several tests and the results are quite satisfactory.

The sub-committee appointed to draw up a scheme of finance have a most encouraging report to present. If you are anxious to see this forward move in your suburb now is the time to offer your support. You are invited to attend the Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall on MONDAY NIGHT, 9th SEPTEMBER, at 8 p.m., when it is expected that arrangements will be made for finalising the scheme.

This meeting is necessarily a very important one and a full attendance of all interested is requested.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. COCK,

Hon. Secretary.

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Borough Of Ringwood
 Town Hall Ringwood
 7/9/1929

W.W.Cock Esq.,
 Hon. Sec., Ringwood Bowling Club.,
 Ringwood.

Dear Sir,

Relative to the proposed establishment of a Bowling Green at Ringwood and a request submitted to my Council that, in the event of a Club being formed, permission should be granted to the Club to have full control of the ground and its assets should the site in Bamford Park be used for a Bowling Green and Croquet Lawns, I am directed to inform you that this permission has been granted on terms similar to those extended to The Ringwood Tennis Club.

In granting the above request, my Council feels confident that the regulations governing the Reserves in Ringwood will be observed by members, providing these are compatible with the Rules of the Club. Of course it is quite understood that the Club will have to make regulations which will safeguard the green and its other assets from damage by non members.

Yours faithfully,
 (Signed) A.F.B.Long.
 Town Clerk.

Ringwood Bowling Club.

Ringwood

. 11. 9. 29.

Dear Mr. Baskill

I have to advise you that a General Meeting of financial members of the above Club is called for Tuesday next 17th inst to be held in Town Hall at 8 pm.

Business to consider & adopt Constitution elect office bearers & any other business as provided in the Constitution.

It has been decided that Foundation Members not be paid at £2.3/- anyone paying that amount or more has claimed a membership until 31st February.

I trust you will make yourself financial before that date & be present at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

W. W. Baskill

W. W. Baskill

Ringwood Bowling Club.

Ringwood

18. 9. 29.

The Mayor & Councillors
Borough of Ringwood

Dear Sirs,

Relative to the Town Clerk's letter dated 7th September 1929 notifying that you had granted the Ringwood Bowling Club full control of its activities in Ramford Park I have to advise you that at a meeting called in connection with the above Club and held on 9th inst. the following resolution was carried:-

"That a letter be forwarded to the Council thanking it for granting the request of the deputation and notifying it that this meeting now recommends the acceptance of Ramford Park as a site for bowling green & croquet lawns."

Yours faithfully 7/81
W.W. Coles
Hon. Secy.

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

(CIRCULAR TO ALL MEMBERS.) (February 1930)

Dear Sir,

In order that the members of the above Club may be kept in close touch with its activities, I enclose herewith a short resume showing the present position of the Club and proposed future programme.

We now have 53 foundation members and 20 prospective members (being those who have not yet paid their subscription). In addition to subscriptions, donations to the amount of £29/19/- have also been received, so that the net total of receipts is now £139/3/. Arrangements have been made by personal guarantees of five Ringwood gentlemen to work on a bank overdraft of £500, so that the total working capital of the Club is now £639/3/. Of this the following expenses have been incurred:—Pavilion, £366/9/9; Billiard Table, £24; Levelling, £40; Painting, £6; Pipes, £8; General, £5; total, £449/9/9; leaving a balance of £189/13/3 to cover all expenses for the completion of the Bowling Green. In addition to the above, many of the members have generously contributed labour, chairs, tables and fittings, etc., one member, Cr. Ibbotson, having contributed, free of all cost, 120 cubic yards of ashes, thus saving the Club over £50.

Having gone so far, it is now felt that a special effort should be made by every member of the Club to assist your Committee to obtain, either in money or material, sufficient to ensure the success of the undertaking, and you are cordially invited to assist the Club in whatever manner you can, either by voluntary labour at working bees, of which you will receive notice at a later date, or by donations to the Club funds.

In making this appeal, your Committee feels that the importance of the undertaking cannot be overestimated from the civic standpoint, as the need of a Bowling Club at Ringwood is one of long standing; and now that we have got so far, the co-operation of not only Club members, but also of all those interested in the welfare of the district, will be welcomed, and we trust that each member will do his utmost towards interesting others and themselves in attaining our objective.

Now that the pavilion has been erected and the site levelled, the next work to be done will be screening and replacing top soil, which your Committee is endeavouring to have carried out by voluntary labour. Each member is being asked to be responsible for the sieving and replacing of about 8 cubic yards of soil, and a roster is being drawn up naming the date on which he will be asked to attend. In the event of any member being unable to attend the working bee, arrangements will be made to have his share carried out by paid labour on the assurance that the member concerned will reimburse the cost of same to the Club. Several members have already asked that their share should be carried out in this way.

Members will be notified when their turn is due, and we trust that all will fall into line, as it must be stressed that this undertaking will not only be a benefit to playing members who form only a proportion of actual members, but will be a great benefit to the whole community at Ringwood.

The billiard room is now open, and arrangements made for one of the members to be in charge every evening, and it is hoped that members will take full advantage of this privilege. The official opening will take place as soon as arrangements can be made, and in the meantime your wholehearted support is cordially invited.

Yours faithfully,

WM. COCK, Hon. Secretary.

(Courtesy of Ringwood Historical Archives)

AUGUST 21, 1930.

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

"Mail" —:—:—

The annual meeting of the Ringwood Bowling Club took place in the clubhouse on Thursday evening.

The Mayor (Cr. A. Blood) president, occupied the chair, and there were present: Cr. A. M. Ibbotson, Messrs O. J. Pratt, C. V. Ward, H. Pump, R. G. Wilkins, T. R. G. Williams, W. Skekton, F. Kanworthy, F. R. Lucas, N. Cooper, J. Goodall, Johnstone, H. E. Watson, R. C. Stoney, A. F. B. Long, C. W. Young, E. Collins (treasurer), and W. Cock (secretary).

Reports.

The secretary (Mr W. Cock) reported that at the first meeting held in July, 1929, there was an attendance of 26, with 10 absentees; by November they had 42 members, with £120 in hand, and guarantors had arranged for £500. Mr R. G. Wilkins had prepared plans and had erected their clubhouse without profit. Many working bees had been arranged. A billiard table had been purchased, and helpful donations of furniture had been received. He wished to place on record the assistance given by voluntary labour, especially that of Cr. A. M. Ibbotson, Messrs Pratt and Wilkins and from social teas. The ladies were thanked for supplying afternoon teas, and the friendly invitations from other clubs were appreciated. The club was indebted to Mr Lucas for services rendered in the laying out of the green. An amount of £257 had been raised, and they had 87 foundation members.

The supervisor (Mr F. R. Lucas) reported that while the estimated cost was £550 for the green 120 x 160 feet, it would be completed at a much lower figure. He would advise delaying the planting of the green until the autumn.

Mr N. Cooper, in moving its adoption, said they would all appreciate the manner in which these reports had been presented.

The balance-sheet indicated an encouraging state of affairs. The total debt was £446 3/8, which was very satisfactory in view of the splendid assets held.

The president (Cr. A. Blood) congratulated the secretary, treasurer, committee and the supervisor on the success of their work. It was just remarkable how the area of land had been transformed in such a short period.

Cr. A. M. Ibbotson said they were now seeing what could be accomplished by the labour of members with the help of public-spirited citizens. A bowling green was a great asset to any town. They possessed a splendid clubhouse. He knew of greens which had been established over thirty years and still had a larger debt than theirs. He would like to see their green opened as near free of debt as possible.

Appreciation of the services of Mr T. Grant was recorded, at the instance of Messrs Lucas and Williams.

Mr H. Pump, on behalf of his fellow committeemen, returned thanks for re-election.

In conclusion, the president thanked all for their interest and practical support.

A record of appreciation was placed on the minutes of the untiring efforts of the committee.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted in the retiring officers and committee being re-elected as follows:—President, the Mayor (Cr. Blood); vice-presidents, Cr. A. M. Ibbotson and Mr O. J. Pratt; hon. treas., Mr E. Collins; secretary, Mr W. Cock; assistant secretary, Mr N. Cooper; committee Messrs H. Pump, F. Clota, C. V. Ward, R. G. Wilkins and T. R. G. Williams.

Cr. J. G. Aird and Mr A. J. Dwight were appointed auditors.

Mr F. R. Lucas once again kindly offered his services as honorary supervisor to the club. Mr. Lucas was thanked for his generosity.

Mr Collins moved, Mr Pratt seconded, that the subscription fee for the coming year be £2 2/-. Carried.

Mr Cooper enquired what was the estimated cost of the yearly upkeep of the green. The secretary replied that £268 would be a maximum expenditure.

General Business.

The secretary explained that an amount of £100 would require to be spent in providing a roller, mower, hoses and a shed.

Mr Lucas suggested the planting of golden privet hedge on the Adelaide street frontage with cyprus trees at the back. The matter was referred to the committee.

Mr H. E. Watson enquired as to the prospects of paying off the overdraft.

Mr Collins said that until the capital work was completed they would have no opportunity for doing so.

Mr Cock said if each member paid his subscription immediately the overdraft would be accordingly reduced.

(Courtesy of Ringwood Historical Archives)

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Report for year ending 31st. July, 1930.

Gentlemen,

This being the first annual report of your Club it is only fitting that it should embody a short account of the inauguration of the Club.

The first meeting held for this purpose was a public meeting held in the Town Hall on Thursday, 18th July, 1929, on an invitation circular issued by Messrs. A.F.B. Long and W.W. Cock. There was an attendance of twenty-six, whilst ten others forwarded replies regretting their absence and stating that they were behind the movement. As a result of this meeting, a committee was formed to go into the preliminary matters, such as site, finance and constitution and these were reported on at further public meetings held from time to time.

Bamford Park was selected as the most suitable site and the Council was requested to entrust the Club with control over it. This the Council was pleased to do as it realised the Club's activities would be in the nature of improvements and it felt sure the conduct of members would be in keeping with the Regulations relating to Reserves.

On the question of finance much consideration was required but ultimately the Committee brought forward a scheme whereby £600-0-0 was assured for immediate costs in the erection of a Club-house and the laying of a green. This scheme was accepted as a satisfactory commencement by a public meeting held on September 9th., and Messrs. Ward and Cock were empowered to enrol Foundation members @ £2/2/- per head. On 17th September the first General Meeting of financial members of the Club was called. At this date forty-two members had been enrolled and thirty were in attendance. Officers were duly elected and a constitution adopted. £120/-/- was in hand representing subscriptions and donations and £500/-/- was available by Bank overdraft through the kindness of Messrs. J.B. McAlpin, O.J. Pratt, A.M. Ibbotson, A. Blood, H. Pump and C.V. Ward standing as guarantors on behalf of the Club.

From this date the work of the Club has been carried on by the Committee appointed by you. They have held twelve meetings during the intervening ten months and the attendance of members has been most satisfactory; two members attended every meeting and the lowest attendance of any was seven.

No work could be done on the site for some months as the Council drainage scheme had first to be completed, but as soon as possible your Committee lost no time in going right ahead.

Plans were approved of a suitable Club-house and tenders advertised. Mr. R.G. Wilkins was the successful tenderer and your Committee has been commended and congratulated upon the erection of this fine building. Much credit for this is due to the advice and enthusiasm of Mr. Wilkins, who was public spirited enough to take the contract without profit to himself, his tender representing the cost price of the work and being nearly £100/-/- lower than the next lowest tender. This building was completed by the end of November and members put in good voluntary labour in putting on the first coats of paint.

Your Committee then set about procuring a billiard table and were successful in securing a good second-hand table at a cost of £72/10/-. (Deposit £20 and £1 per ~~month~~ ^{week} terms) Various members now came forward with suitable donations in the way of furnishings, amongst them being ~~the~~ fancy light shades, 18 chairs, 4 card tables, hot water fountain.

The tender of S. Brown was accepted for the first work on the green, that of levelling the subsoil. This was finished in January and since then the various classes of work have gone on and are dealt with in the supervisor's report attached hereto.

The Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the splendid assistance they have received in the way of voluntary labor. We quote one example as an illustration. Early in the winter the question of heating the Club-house had to be faced and the Committee decided a wood fire was the most economical and the best suited, whereupon three members of the Club set to work and had a chimney erected within seven days at a cost to the Club of even less than cost of material, they having procured part of material as donations. I refer to Messrs. Wilkins, Ibbotson and Pratt. Mr. Wilkins was again forward in providing a built in cupboard. Mr. Grant has given an indication that we will not want for a caretaker of the grounds while he is about.

The ladies held a gathering in the pavilion early in the year and out of the proceeds provided the Club with necessary crockery. We tender them our thanks.

A Social Committee was appointed and has been doing good work in arranging Wednesday evening games for members and a monthly social evening for members and friends. These latter have proved very popular and the attendance at each has been ~~good~~. By attending, friends from far and near have shown a desire to assist the Club, and friendly associations with other clubs have also been established through this means. Representatives of your Committee have returned the compliment and have attended functions of kindred Clubs on your behalf. The help of the ladies has been most acceptable in preparing for these gatherings and the decorating and catering have won many expressions of pleasure from patrons. Members could assist to strengthen the Club if they would avail themselves of these opportunities of social recreation.

The Committee wishes to endorse the remarks of the supervisor as to the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Ibbotson. Not only in the directions indicated, but in every possible way he has been of the greatest assistance.

The Club has been most fortunate also in having in an entirely honorary capacity the services of Mr. Lucas as supervisor for the work of laying the green. He has given his time unsparingly and we believe the green will ere long prove the value of the care he has manifested.

The financial statement prepared by the Treasurer shows that £247/-/- was raised in various ways during the year and the number of foundation members totals 77.

The Committee feels that it has justified its stewardship and has received value for every penny spent.

As a result of the year's operations you have a green all prepared for the sowing, a Club-house and furnishings provided and the surroundings changed from its primitive state to one ready to be made into a garden of flowers.

The major portion of the expense involved in providing the necessities for a properly equipped Bowling Club has been met. The supervisor recommends an autumn sewing which would involve no upkeep charges until the opening of the following season. If this be done and members give their support to the incoming committee, the Club could start on its bowling career next year with all necessary apparatus paid for and the only liability that of the Bank Overdraft, truly a happy position to be in.

.....*A. B. [Signature]* President.

.....*W. W. [Signature]* Secretary.

The President & Members,
Ringwood Bowling Club,
R I N G W O O D.

Gentlemen,

As honorary supervisor of works for the above Club, I have much pleasure in submitting the first annual report. It is now nearly twelve months since the above Club came into existence and it may be interesting to outline the work of the Club during this time.

The original estimate dated 15th August, 1929, was made for a green 120' x 140' and amounted to £485/-/-, later it was decided to increase the size of the lawn to 120' x 160' so that the estimated cost of construction of green only without fencing, buildings or surroundings was then £550/-/-. The whole of this work, with the exception of supply of seed and manure and expert finish, has now been carried out at considerably under this amount. In addition to above, the following work, for which no provision was made, has been carried out - Forming of embankments round green and improvements round the outside of green area.

The first work of levelling the ground was carried out under contract by Mr. Sam Brown for the sum of £44/-/- against an estimate of £50/-/-.

Agricultural pipes were then procured and laid down by Mr. Bert Milner, the cost of material only being charged against the Club.

Over 200 cyds. of ashes were procured by Cr. Ibbotson and carted gratis to the green and later spread by volunteer labor. The actual saving by this munificent gift alone amounting to at least £75/-/-.

The next work the laying on of water was carried out by Mr. Sid. Hunt at a cost of £23/-/- which represents very little more than the actual cost of material.

The setting of the plinths which, of course, required expert workmanship was undertaken and carried out gratis by Mr. John Knox.

Working bees were organised over a number of Saturdays and were well attended by Club members and others interested, with the result that all top soil was soon replaced and the green began to take shape. It was then found that the amount of the top soil available from the formation work was not nearly sufficient for our requirements and for a few weeks it appeared that the extra filling of suitable soil was going to be rather costly.

An opportunity was however taken and £30 raised by voluntary subscription, which was later supplemented by £30 from the Government, the money being spent on relief works for the unemployed in the District. By means of this the balance of the soil was procured and spread on the green under the supervision of Cr. Ibbotson and Messrs. Grant & Pratt. With this money we were able to carry out a considerable amount of levelling and regrading of surroundings to the ground and with a further grant from Relief Funds by the Council the balance of the regrading of the surrounding park was made possible and carried out.

One hundred and fifty cyds. of Burwood Soil was procured by special arrangement and carted by Messrs. Brown & Clark for a total cost of £78/12/6d. against the estimate of £100/-/-.

This soil has now been spread and the green ready for sowing.

Mr. Watson has kindly offered to erect the fencing, the material for which is now on hand and the work should be complete at an early date.

In conclusion, I would urge that the planting of the grass be deferred until the Autumn in order that the best results may be obtained.

If the Club is agreeable to this proposition, I would suggest that the ground be immediately planted with green peas and kept worked up and free from weeds until the beginning of March, when the ground should be in good heart for planting.

All expense involved would be more than covered by the crop that could be taken off and I think this delay would ultimately result in the green being ready for use earlier than if planted in the spring.

Your Club should feel highly gratified at the excellent services rendered by your Committee with whom it has been a great pleasure to work and also the many others who have so liberally contributed towards its ultimate success.

I could mention a very long list of members and outsiders who have been most generous in the assistance that has been given and which I am sure has been appreciated by all club members and in this respect I would like particularly to mention the name of Councillor Ibbotson who has not only shown great generosity but also very fine citizenship.

Honorary Supervisor.

(Signed) J. R. Lucas

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Register of Foundation Members

Aird J.G.	Loughnan A.
Aird A.J.A.	Lucas F.R.
Ashton W.	Long A.F.B.
Archbold Joseph	Langley Dr. A.T.
Ashley A.G.	Little F.L.
Broben William	McAlpin J.B.
Blood Arthur	Miles E.T.
Bentley H.J.	Miles A.T.
Beilby A.C.	Moulder W.G.
Bamford P.	Marden G.W.
Brown Sam.	Mulhall C.E.
	Mackinley W.
Collins E.J.	McCaskill J.K.
Cock W.W.	Northwood J.S.
Cooper N.H.	Ostrom A.C.
Clegg P.	Pratt O.J.
Clota F.	Pump H.
Carmichael G.F.	Reddish T.W.
Devenish G.E.	Skelton C.J.
Dwight A.J.	Salter H.L.
Falconer T.S.	Stoney R.
Field V.	Travers R.L.
Grant T.	Ward C.V.
Goodall J.	Watson H.E.
Hunt S.F.	Williams T.R.G.
Jones G.T.	Wilkins R.G.
Johnstone E.A.	Wellington K.
Ibbotson A.M.	Young G.W.
Kenworthy F.	

Associate Member Flower J.

R I N G W O O D B O W L I N G C L U B
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1930.

Receipts		Expenditure	
56 Foundation Members @ £2/2/-	£ 117-12- 0	To Rent Town Hall Meetings	£ 1- 4- 0
1 Associate Member @ £1/1/-	1- 1- 0	Printing & Advertising	4-16- 2
Donations - General	58-11- 9	Sanitary Rates & Installation of Service	1-15- 0
from Members for Relief Work	25- 8- 6	Water Rates to 30/9/30	1- 6- 8
Profit on Ball	22-10- 1	Insurance on Buildings & Furniture	3- 7-10
Refund from Ladies A/c Crockery purchased	1-15- 0	Electric Light	2- 4- 5
Interest received from State Savings Bank	1- 5- 3	Murfutt - Wreath	1- 1- 0
Profit on Card Evenings & Billiards	19- 5- 6	Goods - Chalk & Wafers	4- 9- 0
Bank Overdraft at 31/7/30	£ 484-18- 4	Expenditure on Pavilion	391-19-11
Unpresented Cheque	4- 0- 6	" Green	247- 7- 6
	488-18-10	" Billiard Table & Furniture	69-15- 1
		Interest on Overdraft	10-17- 6
		Cheque Books & Exchange	8- 1- 0
	£ 736- 7-11		£ 736- 7-11
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Liabilities		CAPITAL ACCOUNT		Assets	
Bank Overdraft at 31/7/30	£ 488-18-10	Pavilion		£ 441-19-11	
Amount owing on Billiard Table	24-10- 0	Construction work on Green - Present Value		417- 7- 6	
		Billiard Table & Accessories at cost		72-10- 0	
Surplus Assets	446- 3- 8	Furniture & fittings at cost		27-15- 1	
	£ 959-12- 6			£ 959-12- 6	
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Audited & found correct - A.J. DWIGHT }
J.G. AIRD } Auditors.

12/8/1930.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1931.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee submit for your consideration the Second Annual Report and Financial Statement, being for the year ended 31st. July 1931.

The membership for the year was 47 - 44 full and 3 part time and honorary members - as against 57 last year; 5 of last year's members left the district, 11 others did not become financial during the twelve months but the majority of whom do not intend to sever their connection with the club, whilst on the other hand we obtained 4 new members. We regret that death has taken the toll of one of our number in the person of Constable E.R. Johnstone.

The receipts from subscriptions totaled £95:11:0, whilst £67:14:9 was received from other sources. Most of this was the result of the splendid efforts of the Social Committee which body has done magnificent work on behalf of the club. We would take this opportunity of thanking the individual members, especially the lady members of that committee, for this service, and also give a word of thanks to those members of the club and friends in this and neighbouring districts who have supported them in their various efforts. Each month with the exception of January and February a card evening has been held on the second Monday in the month and the attendance has ranged from thirty upwards. In addition members have been encouraged to meet one night in the week for participating in a game of billiards or card game.

We have to thank one member for a donation of £10:10:0, Mr. Clota for a length of hose; MR. Pump, card table; Mr. Ibbotson, palm; Mrs. Pensom, palm; Mr. Long, plants. Messrs. Ibbotson, Cooper, and Wilkins, carting, a number of unemployed for work done; Messrs. Watson and Grant for erecting fencing, Mr. Grant for supplying flowers and plants and for general care of and attention to grounds, A number of other members have also done good work on the green, whilst Messrs Hargreaves and Walter Smith have shown their interest by agreeing to take charge of one garden plot. The committee in its turn has given assistance in the form of free use of the club house to the Eye & Ear Hospital Auxiliary and to the Returned Soldiers League.

The ball was held on 28th. April and realised £14.

During the year the grounds have been fenced, hedge trees procured and planted, the grounds raised with filling and levelled, garden plots laid and partly planted, the banks made and consolidated, and the green sewn. Although this has been the wettest winter practically in the memory of members the grass has made good progress and the drainage has amply demonstrated its satisfactory nature.

So that no efforts might be wanting in providing members with a good green the committee obtained the services of an independent authority in the person of Mr. C.F. Pyman. At his suggestion a light top dressing is being applied to the green this month, and in his opinion the green should be in first class order for play by the beginning of October. Needless to say this verdict was very gratifying to the committee.

Most of the items of expenditure for the year have been for material and plant required for the green, the exceptions being interest on O/D and the final payments on the billiard table. You will notice the O/D stands at £458. this year as against £488. last year. We were fortunate in procuring a good second hand mower at a cost with adjustments of £5;5;0.

The Committee has held 12 meetings during the year and has given close attention to the affairs of the club. The average attendance has worked out at 68%. Councillor Ibbotson was present at every meeting, whilst Messrs. Pratt, Pump and Cooper only missed one.

Mr. Lucas has again given fine service in the capacity of supervisor of works and later as green director.

During the year we lost the services of Mr. E.J. Collins as Treasurer, but we are pleased to report that his successor, Mr. H.A. Aldag, very early showed his interest in the club and he was appointed as the new treasurer.

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One of the matters considered by the committee was that of providing competition play for members, and negotiations have been proceeding between representatives from Lilydale, Croydon and Ringwood clubs. Conditions have been drawn up for a competition between these three clubs to be submitted to their respective annual meetings for endorsement. This will come up for your consideration during the course of the evening. We trust that members will enthusiastically respond to the efforts of the committee by immediately settling down to practice as soon as the green is available and thereby get together a team worthy to represent Ringwood and bring honour to the club and town.

A. BLOOD - President.

W.W. COCK → Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET Year ending 31st July 1931.

R E C E I P T S.			E X P E N D I T U R E.		
By. 44 Members @ £2.2/-	£ 92. 8. 0.	To Bank Balance 31.7.30	£484.18. 4.		
" 3 Members @ £1.1/-	3. 3. 0.	" Unpresented cheque	4. 0. 6.	£488.18.10	
" Donation	10.10. 0.	" Printing & Advertising		18. 3.	
" Profit on Ball	14. 0. 0.	" Instalments Billiard Table		24.13. 0.	
" " on Card Evening & Billiards.	43. 4. 9.	" Expenditure on Green		47.19. 4.	
" Bank Balance 31/7/31	458.12. 5.	" Interest on Overdraft to 30/6/31		32.17. 6.	
		" Cheque Book		3. 9.	
		" Electric Light		3. 2. 3.	
		" Rates:- Water		1.14. 6.	
		" Sanitary		1.10. 0.	
		" Insurance		3.11.10.	
		" Murfett Wreath		1. 1. 0.	
		" Williams Cyclone Gates		2. 7. 9.	
		" " Hose		1. 5. 8.	
		" " Cash Box		1. 6.	
		" Remington Pty. Ltd., Trees		6. 8. 0.	
		" Croydon Golf Club. Mower		4. 0. 0.	
		" Greenhouse Repairs to Mower		1. 5. 0.	
	<u>£621.18/2</u>			<u>£621.18/ 2</u>	
L I A B I L I T I E S.			A C C O U N T S.		
C A P I T A L			A S S E T S.		
To Bank Overdraft 31/7/31	£458.12. 5.	By Pavilion		£441.19.11.	
" Reynolds Sowing Green	10. 0. 0.	" Construction Green		490. 6.10.	
" Surplus Assets.	604. 9. 4.	" Billiard Table & Accessories		65. 0. 0.	
		" Furniture & Fittings		28. 0. 0.	
		" General Improvements		40. 0. 0.	
		" Plant at cost.		7.15. 0.	
	<u>£1073. 1. 9.</u>			<u>£1073. 1. 9.</u>	

We hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Ringwood Bowling Club for the year ending July 31st 1931 and that the foregoing Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, drawn up so as to represent the true position of the club at that date.

We have received all information and explanations we have required.

A.J. Dwight }
J.G. Aird } Auditors 14/8/31.

50 LIST OF MEMBERS.

YEAR ENDING 31/7/1931.

Aird	J.G.	Long	A.F.B.
Aldag	H.A.	Loughnan	A.
Archbold	J.	Lucas	F.R.
Ashley	E.G.		
Ashton	W.	Mackinlay	W.
Bamford	P.	Miles	A.T.
Beilby	A.C.	Miles	E.T.
	K	Milne	E.A. (Hwy)
Bently	H.J.	Moulder	W.P.
Blood	A.	Mullhall	C.E.
Brown	S.	McCaskill	J.K.
Clota	F.	McAlpin.	J.B.
Cock	W.W.	Pratt	O.J.
Cooper	N.	Pump	H.
		Salter	H.L.
Devenish	G.E.	Skelton	C.
		Smith	L.J.
Falconer	T.S.	Smith	W.
		Travers	A.
Goodall	J.	Ward	C.V.
Grant	T	Watson	H.E.
Hewitt	Dr	Wilkins	R.G.
Hunt	S.F.	Williams	T.R.G.
		Wellington	K.
		Young	G.N.
Ibbotson	I.M.	<u>MEMBERS 1930 who did not rejoin.</u>	

Johnston	E.K.	Aird	A.J.B
Jones	G.T.	Broben W.	Left district.
		Carmichael	" "
		Clegg P	" "
Kenworthy	F.	Collins E.J.	" "
		Dwight A.J.	" "
		Field F.V.	" "
		Flower J	" "
		Langley Dr	" "
		Little L.F	" "
		Marden G	" "
		Northwood J.	" "
		Ostrom A.C.	" "
		Reddish T.W.	" "
		Stoney R	" "
		Wellington K	" "
		Colquhoun	" "

NEW MEMBERS.

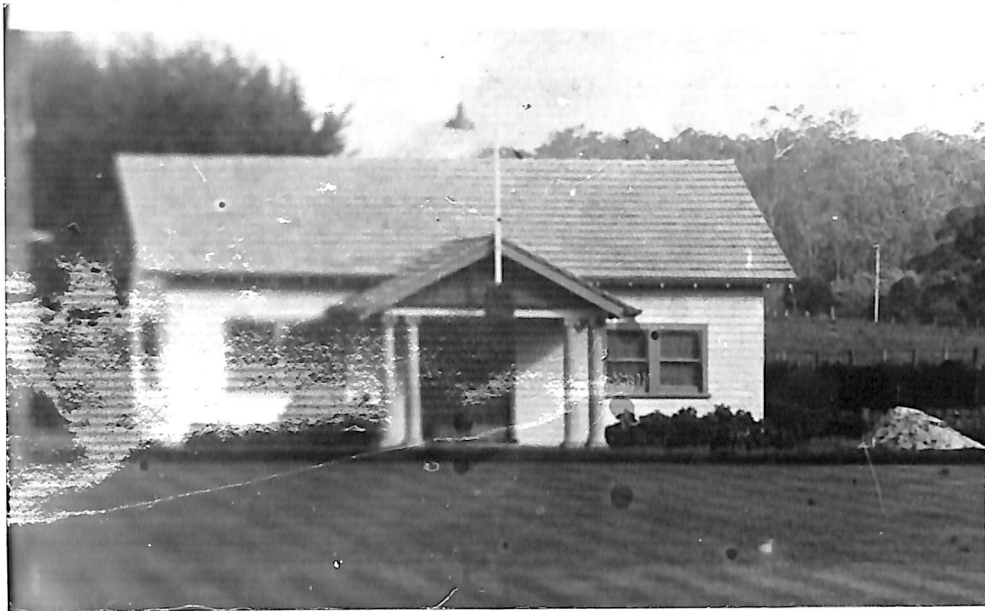
Aldag	H.A.
Hewitt	Dr
Smith	L.J.
Smith	W

Number of Members.

1930.	57
1931	47

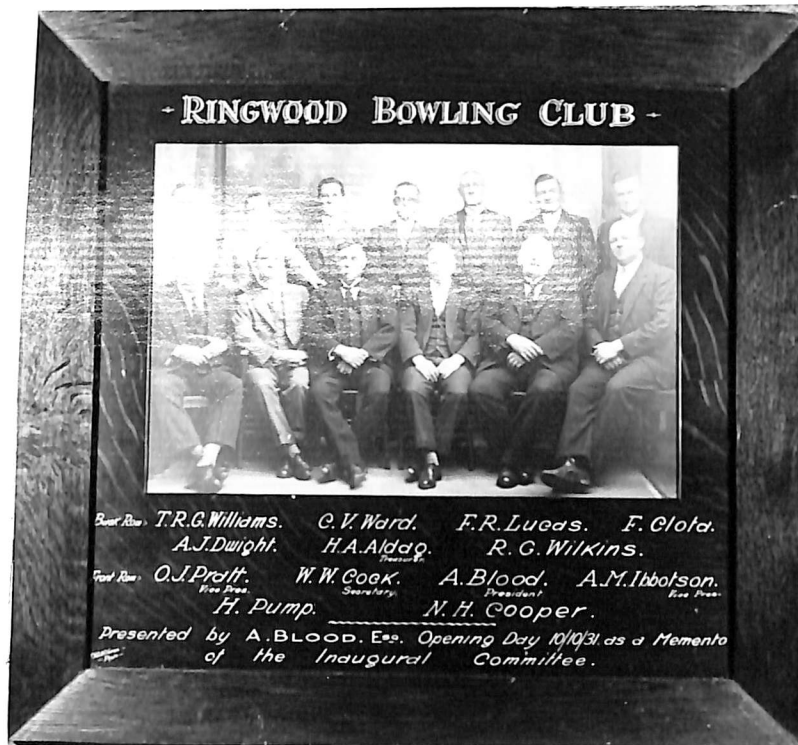
New Members

Not rejoin	16
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Foundation President, Cr. Arthur Blood,
introduces Mr R G Menzies, M.L.A. to
officially open the new Club on 10th October 1931



RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

The President (Cr. A. Blood) and Committee
request the pleasure of the Company of

The Ringwood Bowling Club Committee

at the OFFICIAL OPENING of the New Green.

at Three p.m.

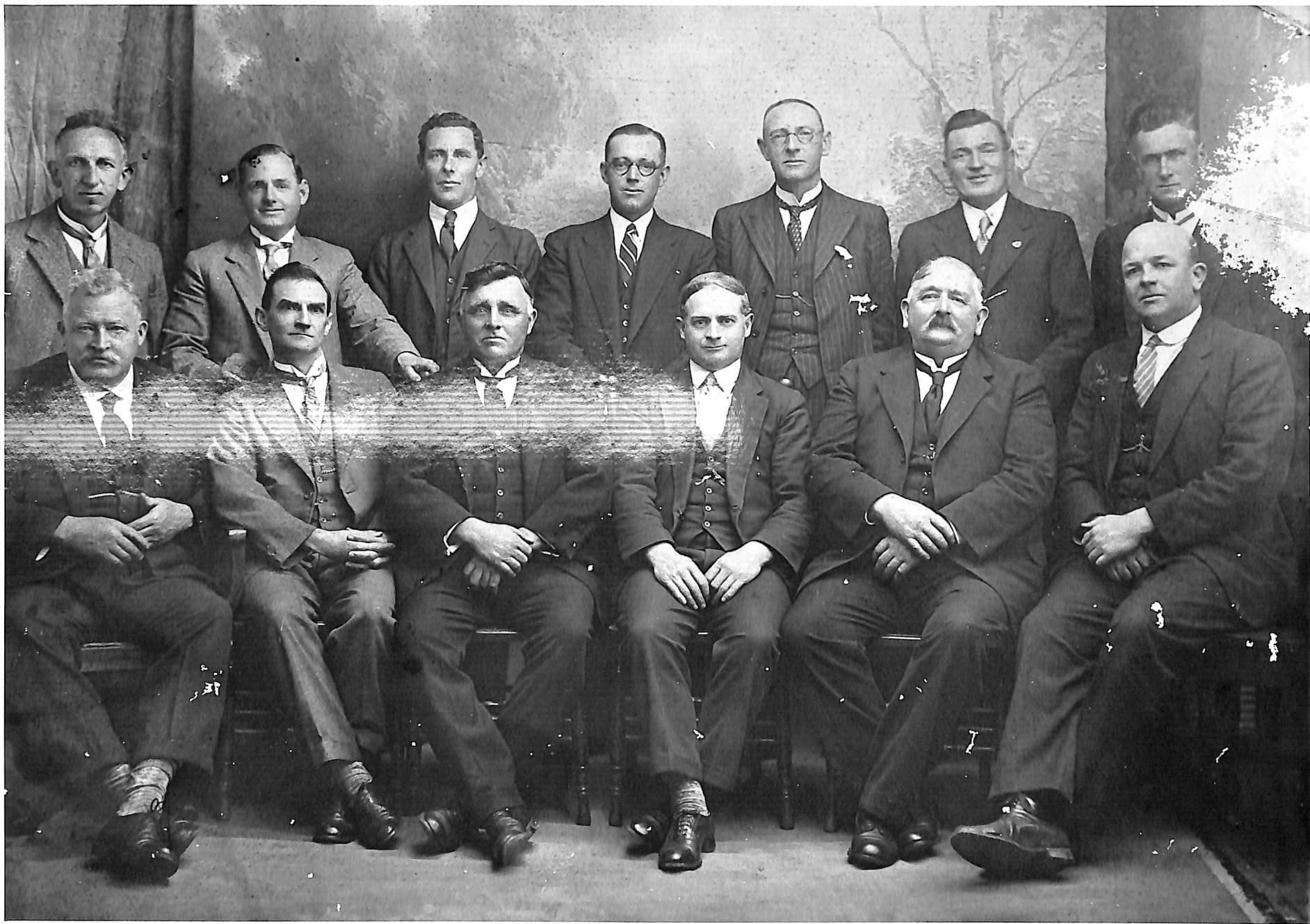
on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1931

by Mr. R. G. Menzies, M.L.A.

R.S.V.P.
2nd October.

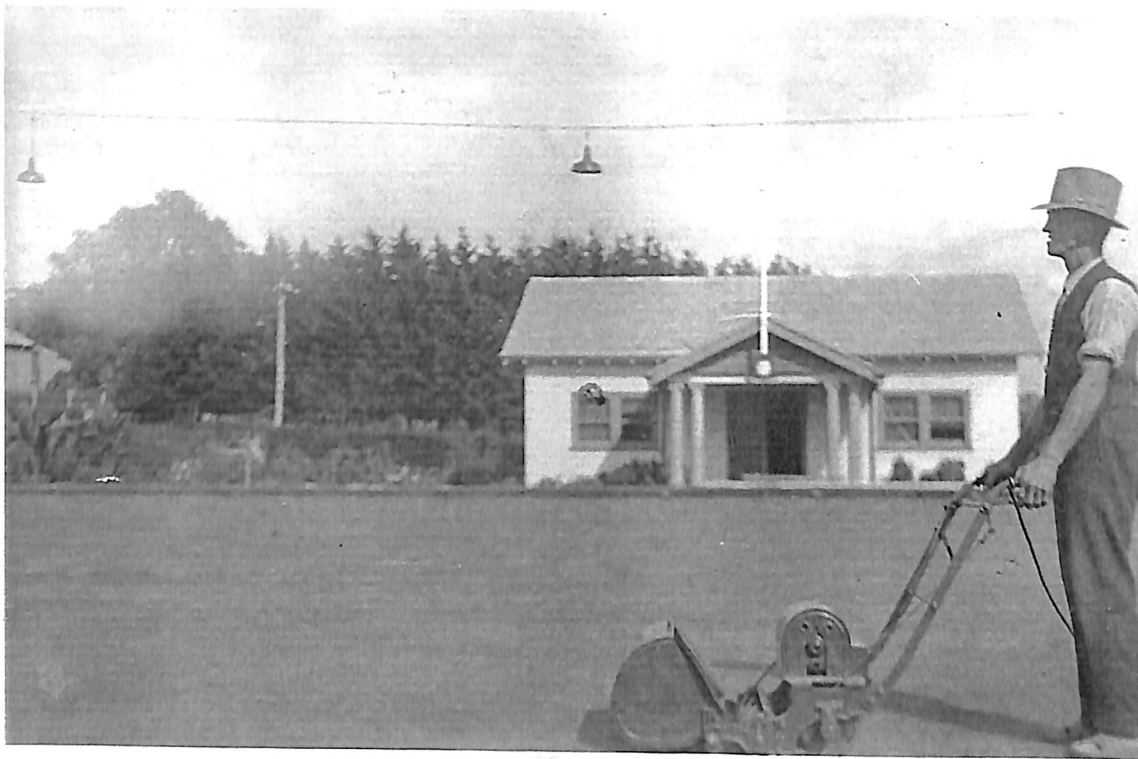
R. G. Menzies
M.L.A.

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S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1 9 3 0 SCommunity use of Club House

- 29/9/30 - Free use of pavilion granted to Eye and Ear Auxiliary for a bridge evening in aid of the hospital.
- 29/1/31. - Ringwood Branch R.S.S.I.L.A. allowed use of the club room for their monthly meetings, subject to the room being in charge of a returned soldier member of the Bowling Club. The usual scale of charges for use of billiard and card tables to apply.
 - Billiards - 6d. for 20 Mins. & 1/- for 40 Mins.
 - Cards - 1/- per person per session.
- 18/2/32 - Younger Set granted use of pavilion one night a month.
- 9/4/31 - Dogs making a playground of the green and causing damage. 'POISON LAID' notices erected but Supervisor loath to do any poisoning if it could be avoided.
- 23/4/31 - Strong spring donated by T R G Williams for small gate in lieu of erecting a cattle guard.
- 13/5/31 - Grant of £12 from Council for improvements to Bamford Park and appreciation of work done to date.
 - Mr Field donated flag pole.
- 24/9/31 - Treasurer purchased piano at a sale for £2. (After spending 12/6d. on tuning in 1933 it was sold in 1935 by auction at Croydon Market - proceeds not known.)
- 18/10/32 - Club colours decided. Navy, Gold and Green.
 (Note the colours interwoven in the material of the blazer pocket showing the R.B.C. monogram. This memorabilia item in the display case was kindly given to the Club by Mrs. Vera Wigley whose father, Herb Watson was President in 1938.)
 - Notice displayed re 'Dumping of Bowls'.
- 1932/33 - The first Club Champion was George Jones, grandfather of current member, Cliff Goodwin.
- 1/8/33 - Request to Council for assistance in labour and soil from Miles Park for new croquet lawn.



- 24/9/31 - Jack Wilkins, father of Allen Wilkins, was one of the first two part-time greenkeepers appointed in September 1931 to work three days per week. Allen's uncle, Roy Wilkins, built the original club pavilion.
- 23/3/31 - The secondhand mower was purchased from the Croydon Golf Club, and converted to electric power.
- 4/12/33 - Debentures were issued for £1. and £2. to be repayable within 2 years, to raise funds for a new electric mower.
- 4/12/33 (No fringe benefits !)
- Men working on the grounds be not allowed the freedom of the pavilion, but they be supplied with bricks for a fireplace and firewood for boiling the billy outside. (Restriction applied to 'unemployed' men engaged on the basis of the £1. for £1. government scheme.)
- 17/1/38 - Letter to Council regarding straying cattle on roads adjacent to the bowling green. (11/8/42 - New fence needed to keep stray cattle from grounds.)
- 25/10/38 - £2. allocated to purchase a secondhand ice-chest.
- 1939 - Concession introduced for Clergy to pay 2/3rds the full member subscription. (Still applied in 1952)



Cr. Blood introducing the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

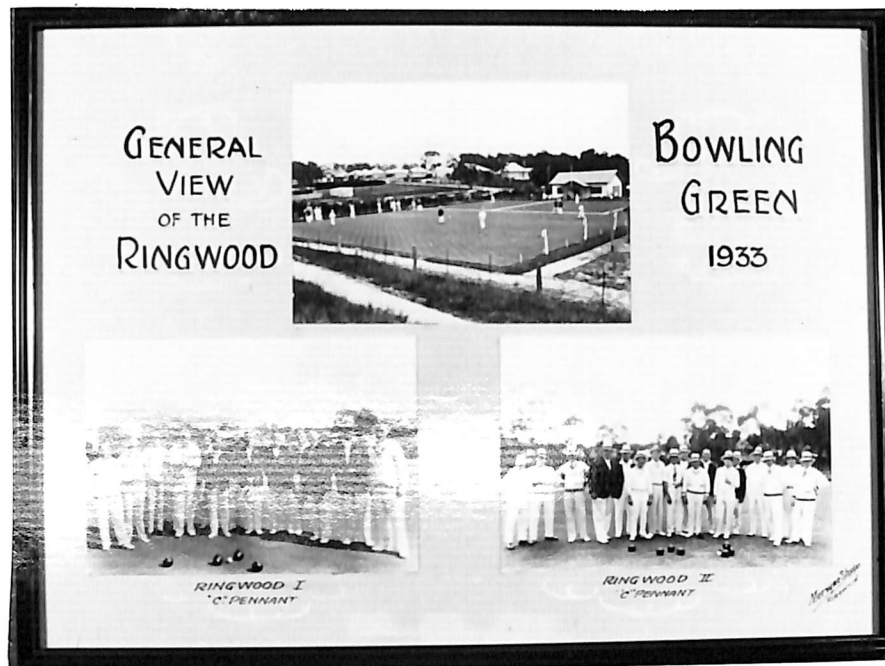
Mail 6/10/32

On Saturday afternoon the official opening of the Ringwood Bowling Club and Croquet greens took place. The president, Cr A. Blood, introduced, in a fitting manner, Hon. R. G. Menzies, whom he invited to declare the greens open. Mr Menzies, in the course of a most appropriate address, in which he traversed the benefits to be derived by an indulgence in healthy pastimes, formally declared the bowling and croquet greens open for 1932-33 play.

Mrs Menzies was invited to send down the first jack, Mrs O. J. Pratt the first bowl, and Mrs A. Blood the initial hoop. These ladies were gracefully presented with posies by Dorothy Nethercote, Joyce Dickson and Rosemary Robinson. Afternoon tea was served, and games were enjoyed. The Mayor, Cr R. W. Dawes, and Mrs Dawes were present.



The Mayor, Cr R. W. Dawes, addressing the First Official Opening of the Club.



RINGWOOD 1.
"C" PENNANT

1933

RINGWOOD 2.
"C" PENNANT

L.-R. (Hawthorn player), J Archbold,
G Young, O Pratt, T Roberts,
M Flower, A Dwight, L Travers,
F Tilson, A Ibbotson, F Hardy,
P Moulder, J Knox, E Nethercote,
F Clota, J Guest & Stevens.



RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB
OPENING DAY
SEASON 1937-38

OPENING DAY
SEASON 1937-1938

CONSTITUTION

NAME OF CLUB

1. The Club shall be called the RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Club are to provide for Bowling and Croquet play and to promote social intercourse between the members.

COLOURS

3. The colours of the Club shall be such as the Committee from time to time may determine.

OFFICERS

4. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary. They shall be elected by ballot at each annual general meeting and shall hold Office until the next annual general meeting when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election.

MANAGEMENT

5. (a) The business of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter called the Committee) consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, and five other Members of the Club, and seven of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The election of members to serve on the Committee shall be by ballot to be held at the annual general meeting. No person shall be nominated to act either as an officer or member of the Committee without his verbal consent if present at the election or his written consent if absent.

(b) Any member of the Committee absents himself from three consecutive meetings without forwarding a satisfactory explanation shall be held to have forfeited his seat.

(c) Any casual vacancy among the officers or members of the committee shall be filled by the Committee, and any member chosen to fill such vacancy shall retire at the next annual general meeting.

(d) The Committee, in addition to the powers herein specifically conferred upon them, shall have control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club servants and all such administrative powers as may be considered necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these rules.

(e) The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Manager who shall be a full bowling member of the Club, such manager shall have charge of and be responsible to the Committee for all the personal property of the Club and shall represent

5 (c) Cont'd.

the Club in all matters pertaining to or proceedings relating to such property.

(f) If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for purposes of the Club such amount of money, either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Committee shall make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favor of such resolution.

(g) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and shall have the custody of all documents belonging to the Club. He shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and records of all competitions of the Club and shall also keep a register of all members of the Club.

(h) The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall make up the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet of the Club to the 31st day of July in each year, which shall be audited, and if directed by the Committee, be printed and circulated amongst the members prior to the annual general meeting, and receive all subscriptions from Members & intending

(i) Two members shall be appointed auditors at the annual (Members) general meeting. They, or one of them, shall audit the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet and shall certify to the same.

MEMBERSHIP

6 (a) Membership and subscriptions shall be as arranged at each annual meeting of the Club.

Full bowling members only shall be allowed to vote at meetings of the Club, except that each Debenture holder shall be entitled to one vote irrespective of whether he be a financial member or not.

(b) Any person wishing to become a member of the Club must be proposed by one financial member of the Club and seconded by another. Nomination papers signed by the proposer and seconder and containing the address of the candidate, must be delivered to the Secretary, who shall post the names of candidates on the notice board of the Club one week prior to the election. New members must be approved by the Committee at their next meeting after the expiration of seven days.

(c) If a newly elected member fails to pay his subscription within thirty days after his election, his election shall be void unless he justifies the delay to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(d) On election of a new member the Secretary shall forward to such member a copy of the Rules of the Club.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS

Any person who shall have rendered special service to the Club may, at any general meeting or special general meeting be elected a Life Member of the Club with full privileges. Honorary Members may be elected by two members of the Committee for a term not to exceed fourteen days at any one time.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

7 The annual subscription of all members shall be due and payable in advance on August 1st in each year. If a member enters after 1st January his subscription for the then remaining portion of the current year shall be pro rata, but in no case shall the fee paid be less than £1.1.0.

Any member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Club, unless a sufficient explanation be given to the Committee. No member shall be eligible to vote on any occasion, or to compete in any match or Club tournament or other competition or be entitled to any privileges of the Club until his subscription is paid.

Any member wishing to resign must give a written notice to the Club's Secretary before the termination of the current year, failing which he will be liable for twelve months subscription.

POWER TO EXPEL

8 The Committee may expel from membership any member wilfully disobeying any of the Rules or By-laws duly made under those Rules, or guilty of any conduct rendering him unfit in the opinion of the Committee to be a member of the Club. Provided that before expelling such member the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and shall hear what he may wish to urge in his defence. Any member expelled in accordance with this rule shall have no claim on the property of the Club.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9 The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter and in addition the President or Secretary shall, whenever there shall be any special business for the Committee, or when requested by two Members of the Committee, convene a special meeting of the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of August, and not later than the 21st of the month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide. The business of the meeting shall be :-

- (a) To receive from the Committee a report and a balance sheet duly audited.
- (b) To elect a President, two Vice Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, five Members to be the Committee under Rule 5, two Auditors, and a

10 Cont'd.) Selection Committee of three.

(c) Any other business in accordance with these Rules.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

11. The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Club at the request of the Committee, or of the President, or of a Vice-President, or upon receiving a written requisition from not less than five members. Such meeting shall be held within 14 days from the time of receiving the request. The Notice of the special general meeting shall clearly set out the business to be submitted, and no other business shall be dealt with.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

12. The Secretary shall give to the members at least 7 days notice in writing of all annual or special general meetings of the Club.

CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS.

13. (a) At all general meetings of the Club and at all Committee Meetings the Chairman shall be the President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or if none of them be present then some member appointed by the meeting.
- (b) At all General Meetings of the Club ten financial members shall form a quorum. If within thirty minutes after the hour appointed for holding the meeting there shall be no quorum present the Chairman shall adjourn the meeting for seven days. If at the adjourned meeting there shall be no quorum the meeting shall lapse.
- (c) No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered, and no new rule shall be made save by a two thirds majority of financial members and debenture holders present, and voting at a general meeting. No proposal to repeal, alter, or add to these Rules shall be considered unless at least five days' notice in writing of such proposal shall have been given to the Secretary, who shall not less than twentyfour hours before the general meeting deliver to each member and debenture holder, personally or by post, a copy of such notice.
- (d) Subject to these Rules the Committee are empowered to make, repeal, and amend such By-laws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Club, or the control of play on the Club's greens, which By-laws, repeals and amendments shall have effect till set aside by the Committee or a general meeting.
- (e) Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and By-laws of the Club.

ADOPTED at a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Town-Hall Ringwood the Seventeenth day of September 1929, and amended up to 31st day of July, 1935.

A. BLOOD - PRESIDENT.

W. W. Cook - SECRETARY.

FORMATION OF RINGWOOD CROQUET CLUB

Readers thus far would have noticed that the offer of land by Mr Philip Bamford in 1926 to the Borough of Ringwood Council for park and recreational purposes, went on to suggest that "it may (if the Council decides to accept my offer) incidentally lead to a solution of the problem of a site for a Bowling Green and Croquet Lawn for Ringwood."

Subsequent to the decision on 18 July 1929 to form the Ringwood Bowling Club, the letter from the Town Clerk dated 7 September 1929 to the Secretary of the Bowling Club refers to the club's request "that permission should be granted to the Club to have full control of the ground and its assets should the site in Bamford Park be used for a Bowling Green and Croquet Lawns, I am directed to inform you that this permission has been granted on terms similar to The Ringwood Tennis Club."

Arrangements were well in hand for the official opening of the Club on 10 October 1931 following a report from the V.B.A. authority "that the green was in excellent condition, very level, and the grass making good headway."

The General Committee requested the President's wife call a meeting of ladies interested in croquet or bowls. The minutes of 24 September 1931 record that about 25 ladies unanimously decided to form a Croquet Club in conjunction with the Ringwood Bowling Club, paying £1/1/- per member per annum for the use of portion of the green. This brought about a harmonious relationship between the two activities with the formation of a combined social committee.

By November 1935 the Bowling Club had agreed to a request from the Croquet Club to lay down a croquet lawn, which subsequently became bowling green No. 2 on the re-establishment of the Croquet Club at Jubilee Park in June 1960.

The 1961 History of the Ringwood Bowling Club acknowledges the part played by Mr Wilbert Cock in the formation of the Club. As he was already an experienced bowler before taking up his position as State Savings Bank Manager at Ringwood,



Oldest patient: Christina Cock should be walking again soon. Picture: WILLIAM LACK

It's hip hooray for Christina, a 'young' 108

HIP surgery was no problem for 108-year-old Christina Cock.

Mrs Cock, who turns 109 on Christmas Day, was admitted to Box Hill Hospital on September 14 after fracturing her hip.

The great-great-grandmother lives in Blackburn with her 79-year-old daughter, Lesley Ricketson, and still weeds the garden, does the *Herald Sun* crossword every day, the ironing and goes out to her favorite Chinese restaurant once a fortnight with son Vivian Cock, 76, from Rosebud.

"I enjoy it. They serve us very nicely," she said.

"I didn't expect to live this long. I was brought up sensibly, father in particular was strict but kind.

"I've never had a drink or smoke but I had healthy food.

"We had a horse and buggy and would go five miles to Portland to shop.

"I became a dressmaker and I did well because people were pleased with my dresses.

"I met a very nice man, Wil Cock, the bank manager, and we married."

They had three children and were married for 72 years until Mr Cock died aged 96.

Nurse Victoria Broadway said staff and patients were amazed when they discovered her age.

"She doesn't look or act it —

By HELEN CARTER,
medical reporter

she's young at heart, which is probably what's kept her alive," she said.

Physiotherapist Vincent Man said emergency surgery installed a titanium hip screw.

"She's the oldest patient I've treated," he said. "She should be back walking in a few weeks."

Her grandson's wife, Jess Ricketson, said: "It's amazing. She's a remarkable lady and very sharp. She can't see to do crosswords but we tell her the clue and letters and she gets it."

Her son said: "My sister takes her out driving and to painting classes. Lesley leads the painting classes and mum makes the tea.

"She's still with it. She's got great spirit. She's had very little sickness."

He said she was remarkable and the family was proud of her.

Mrs Cock may be the oldest person in Australia.

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures to June 1995 show there were 959 females in Australia aged 102 and over, and 238 males.

The oldest Australians were a man and woman who died aged 112 and 113.

it could be expected that his wife Christina would have a supportive interest in the newly formed Club. It was therefore not surprising that Mrs Cock was elected as Secretary when the Ringwood Croquet Club was formed.

The copy printed here of a letter dated 17 October 1931 from Chrissie Cock, Hon. Sec. R.C.C. to (Wilbert Cock) Hon. Sec. R.B.C. would no doubt be one of several communications formalised between husband and wife.

Unfortunately for both Clubs, the State Savings Bank chose to transfer Bert Cock from the district early in 1934.

It is in recognition of the contribution made by both in the formation of the "R.B.C." and the "R.C.C." that the following newspaper articles are included in this portfolio of significant events.

The name "Christina Cock" rang a bell when co-historian Avis Holliday read in the Herald-Sun on 21 September 1996, that the widow of the inaugural Secretary of the Ringwood Bowling Club (and herself, the inaugural Secretary of the Ringwood Croquet Club) was still alive at 108. Contact was made with her daughter, Mrs Lesley Ricketson, and the later newspaper articles tell of her continued longevity beyond 110 years.

Ringwood Croquet Club.
Ringwood
17/10/1931

The Secretary Ringwood Bowling Club,

Ringwood.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th.inst. I have to advise you that our club is quite prepared to abide by the request therein .

We very much appreciate the generous treatment of the Bowling Club , and we will strive to further your interests and work in harmony.

We believe our Constitution as adopted will meet with your approval , and I enclose a copy.

In connection with the payment of £1-4per head of our members , we take this to apply only to full-playing members, and we would like a ruling as to the position of members wishing to join for part only of the Season, and also for Social members.

Yours faithfully,

Chrissie Cock,
Hon Sec. R.C.C.

— **“A swagman wished them long life. Mum reckons that worked ...”** —

Blessed by a stranger

AUSTRALIA'S oldest person counts her blessings often at 110, particularly one from a swagman 84 years ago.

Mrs Christina Cock, who turned 110 on Christmas Day, has lived through more history than the average Australian has studied — two world wars, the Great Depression and the Federation of a nation.

She long remembers the simple wish of the swagman she met on her wedding day in 1913.

When Christina and new husband Wilbert boarded the train at their home town of Gorae, near Portland, the swagman wished them long life and happiness.

“Mum reckons that must have worked,” said daughter Lesley Ricketson, who is in her 80s.

Born in 1887 the fourth child of 11, her rural upbringing on home-grown and home-baked food was another secret to her life, her daughter said.

AT 110,
Christina
Cock may be
Australia's
oldest woman.
**MICHELLE
POUNTNEY**
met her

And sitting around a dinner table with 10 siblings, parents, grandparents and an unmarried uncle — 16 in all — she learned how to make herself heard.

She met Wilbert at a rainy Sunday school picnic when she was about 17 and he offered her shelter under his umbrella.

When Wilbert, a clerk with the State Banking Company, transferred to Melbourne she moved to learn dressmaking and stay with relatives.

“Father wasn't allowed to marry until they had a

certain salary so they were engaged for 3½ years,” Mrs Ricketson said.

The family moved around the state as Mr Cock rose through the ranks of the State Bank. It was at Maldon where one of the stranger events of Mrs Cox's life occurred.

The family lived in an old haunted hotel that the bank had bought.

“Father was out at a

meeting and mother and a friend were there sitting in the upstairs drawing room when they heard the front door close and footsteps coming up stairs and into this room,” she said.

“They called out and no one answered.”

Mr and Mrs Cock were married for 72 years before Wilbert died at 96 in 1986. They had three children — Betty, who

died at 19, Lesley, and son Vivian. Mrs Cock has five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

When Mr Cock retired, they built a house in Blackburn so they would be near their children.

Mrs Ricketson said her mother had loved to paint but discovered a passion for gardening when they built their house.

Mrs Cock is now almost blind and partly deaf but when her daughter reads out the crossword, she can answer half the questions. “But she gets annoyed her memory is not as good as it should be.”

She now lives at the Victorian Deaf Society's Lake Park Nursing Home in Blackburn.

Mrs Ricketson said her mother had always been

healthy, only going to hospital four times — three to have children and once for exploratory surgery that revealed nothing.

Australia's longest-lived person, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, was Caroline Maud Mockridge who died in 1987 at 112 years, 330 days.



Longevity: at 110, Christina Cock is believed to be the oldest person in Australia. Picture: DARRYL GREGORY

CROQUET LAWN OFFICIALLY OPENED

Mail 5/10/36

Further history was made in Ringwood on Saturday afternoon, when, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of the ladies, the new croquet lawn adjacent to the bowling green was officially opened. Weather conditions were perfect, and, combined with the delightful surroundings, made a perfect setting for the unique occasion. The visitors were received by the president, Mrs Travers, who introduced Miss Huntly, past president of the Victorian Croquet Association, to open the lawn. Before doing so, Mrs Travers expressed pleasure at seeing such a large and representative gathering. The opening of the lawn had been made possible by the co-operation of councillors, the helpful assistance of Mr Lucas, members of the Bowling Club and other voluntary workers. The assistance given by members of the Bowling Club had been really wonderful. (Applause.)

Miss Huntly, who was warmly received, said it gave her very great pleasure to open the lawn and to offer congratulations to the ladies of Ringwood for their enterprise. The lawn was a credit to all concerned. The bowlers should feel proud of what had been achieved. She desired to congratulate the club's secretary who had brought credit to the club by her success in winning silver and bronze medals. (Applause.) She wished to congratulate Ringwood on the decision to enter a permanent team, and wished them every success. It gave her great pleasure to declare the lawn open. (Loud applause.)

Following the official opening, the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea in the pavilion. The table decorations were a profusion of poppies and ageratum, gifted and most tastefully arranged by Mrs Matthews. Mrs Tann, Miss Barbury. Members of the committee, who gave helpful service, were Mrs Travers, president, Mrs Baner, hon. secretary, Mesdames Tann, Wilkins, Wedge, Bottomley, Skelton, Dormer and Miss Young.

Representatives were noticed from Auburn Heights, Lilydale, Boronia, East Camberwell, Canterbury, Hawthorn Caulfield Recreation, Essendon, Healesville, also Mr and Mrs Miller, Miss Joy Miller, Mr E. M. Hunt, the Mayoress of Ringwood, Mrs H. F. Pearson, Mesdames Bamford, Miles, Ward, Bartlett, Cargue, Matthews, Lucas, Robert Devenish, Murphy, Phillips, Wale Robinson, Wellington, T. R. G. Williams, Dickinson, Dunn, Hewitt, Paris, T. Blood, Clark, Nethercote, Tann, Dormer, Wilkins, Bottomley, Symons, Flower, Hargreave, Mackinlay, Post, Roberts, Trahar, Skelton, A. Blood, Tann, Knox, Ibbotson, Wedge, Goudge, Flower, Hunt, Mrs Travers (president), Mrs Baner (secretary), the Misses Devenish, Young, Burbury, Gudgeon, Sister Pump.

(CORRECT NAME - "CHRISTINA COCK")

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There's cards from the Queen, John Howard, MPs . . . they're all much the same

Christina celebrates her 112th Christmas

By JACK TAYLOR

CHRISTINA ^{COCK} Koch enjoyed a double celebration yesterday — Christmas Day and her 111th birthday.

Mrs Koch, who cared for herself until a fall three years ago, was surrounded by her son, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson.

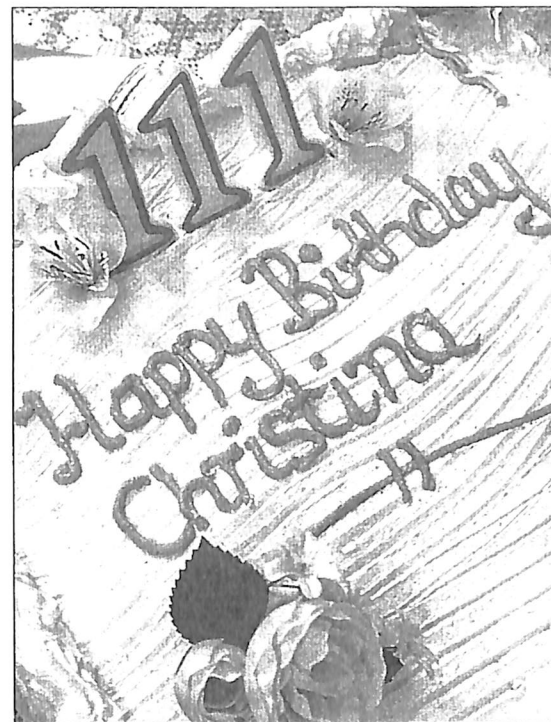
And her letterbox at a Ringwood nursing home overflowed with congratulatory cards from relatives and official well-wishers.

Mrs Koch's daughter, Leslie Ricketson, said her mum was baffled by her longevity.

"She hasn't smoked or drunk — except for the odd social sherry — and she has always been very active," Mrs Ricketson said. "But she has no idea if that's why she has lived this long."

Mrs Ricketson and brother Vivian Koch brought a roast turkey dinner for their mum and all her proud family members.

"She got loads of cards. There's the ones from the Queen, John Howard, two or three MPs and so forth," Mrs Ricketson said, adding wryly: "They're all much the same." But Mrs Ricket-



Takes the cake: 111 years to celebrate.

son said her mother was particularly impressed with a handwritten message from Governor-General William Deane that read:

"Dear Mrs Koch,
My very warm best wishes for Christmas and 1999, W. Deane."

After the meal, Mrs Koch's only great-great-grandchild, Riley Paraha, 4, tried to show her his Christmas present, a walkie-talkie. But Mrs Ricketson said her mother was quite befuddled by the modern device.

"Riley was trying to show her his walkie-talkie and I don't think she understood it at all," she said.

"She was turning it over and wondering what on earth it was."

Mrs Ricketson said her mother had been taken aback at the technological revolution throughout the century.

"She thinks that's absolutely amazing," she said. "But she thinks the morals are very bad, like a lot of old people do now."

Mrs Koch is partly deaf, blind and wheelchair-bound.

But Mrs Ricketson said her mum still had a strong will.

She tended her own home and garden and took regular walks until just three years ago, when she broke her hip.

Mrs Koch was born Christina Clay, in Gorae, western Victoria.

She married bank manager Wilbert Koch in 1913 and through his work they moved from town to town across Victoria every five years.

Mr Koch died in 1986, aged 96.



Birthday girl: Mrs Koch at her party. Pictures: ANDREW BATSCHE

'Nicest' Christmas present turns 112

By Chelsea Arnold

ON Christmas Day in 1887, Charles Clay and his wife Ellen became the proud parents of a baby girl at their farm in Gorae, just outside Portland.

This Saturday, Mrs Christina Cock (nee Clay) will celebrate her 112th birthday.

Believed to be the oldest living woman in Australia, Mrs Cock, who lives at the Lake Park Nursing Home in Blackburn, will celebrate her milestone among friends and family on Christmas Day.

The fifth of 11 children born into the Clay family, home life was tough for her with many mouths to be fed, so she learned to fend for herself and became responsible for many daily chores.

At the age of 25 she married Mr Wilbert Cock and the couple set out to build a family of their own.

Mr Cock became a bank manager and over the years the couple lived at State Savings Bank branches in Yea, Heidelberg, Croydon, Ringwood, Blackburn.

The couple lived through the Boer War, the two world wars and the Great Depression, in the 1930s when mass unemployment was experienced world-wide.

A mother to Lesley, 82, Vivian, 79, and Betty, who passed away at the age of 19, Mrs Cock now has five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Her husband passed away at the age of 96, after 71 years of



Special person: Christina Cock, left, is someone "special" says her daughter Lesley Ricketson.

Picture: Robert Carew

marriage.

Mrs Cock lived by herself in Blackburn North until she was hospitalised for a hip replacement operation four years ago.

Her daughter Mrs Lesley Ricketson is a constant visitor.

"I realise she's a bit special," Mrs Ricketson said.

"Not everyone lives to be 112.

"Mother would always say to her mother that she was sorry for ruining her Christmas.

"But she would always tell her she was the nicest Christmas present she ever received.

"She was named Christina because she was born on Christ-

mas Day."

She said her mother was a "homebody" who always wanted to be kept busy.

"She was a homebody," Mrs Ricketson said.

"It was hard to get her away from the house. Looking back she was a very good mother — quite

strict though.

"She was very artistic, and always kept busy."

And the secret to longevity could be a healthy lifestyle.

"She never drank alcohol or smoked, and she only ate in moderation," Mrs Ricketson said.

S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1940 S

- 1/5/40 - The Secretary was authorised to purchase a new lawn mower up to approximately £3. The discarded mower to be sold for 5/-.
- 15/8/40 - The Constitution was altered in reference to 'Selectors' from requiring a selection committee of three to having a sole selector. (Comment was made in the 1961 History that Sid Hunt was the only member to serve as a sole selector, a position he carried through with a minimum of criticism. Sid always had a ready answer for any complaint, the member concerned always leaving (Sid) wondering why he had ever made such an appeal.)
- 1/11/41 - Dissension in the Club.
Records show that early management was not immune from problems, with dissensions, resignations and reprimands requiring tactful handling. These involved instances of objectionable criticism of the Match Committee's performances, and critical comments on the preparation and state of the greens. It reached the stage where a Special General Meeting was called, at which the Mayor, who had been invited to attend, pleaded for harmony in the Club. The office-bearers were voted out of office, and with the exception of the Secretary, all were re-elected.
- 11/8/42 - Secretary to arrange new insurance policy to cover fire and war damage.
- Treasurer reported Income - highest, Overdraft - lowest since the formation of the Club.
- 20/5/43 - Easter tournament showed a credit of £3/12/8.
- /2/44 - Letter from the Minister for the Army thanking the club for making camouflage nets.
- 6/6/44 - Secretary authorised to purchase a piano at a cost of £65. (Sold in 1952 for £85.)

- 9/8/44 - Recommendation from Committee to A.G.M. that a team be entered in "A" Grade.
- 24/8/44 - The Bowls Secretary asked that the Match Committee be permitted to appoint the Skippers, which would make the position of the Selectors more satisfactory.
- First Life Members appointed:
- A IBBOTSON
 - R LUCAS
- 19/09/44 - Permission to be given to Match Committee to appoint Team Managers.
- 17/10/44 - The club to assist the Red Cross in entertaining sick soldiers.
- A spoon competition to be introduced each Saturday in the "A" and "B" Grades. - Spoons to rink with highest margin.
- 5/1/45 - Letter from Rationing Board granting a TEA ration.
- 22/8/45 - Record Balance Sheet in Club's history. Gross income increased £18 over previous year, and a credit surplus of £42.
- 13/8/47 - FRED JAMES appointed a Life Member. (Resigned)
- 7/10/47 - First reference to R.V.B.A. in minutes.
- 10/8/48 = Annual Subscriptions
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| | | <u>Plus Roller Levy</u> |
| - Full Members | - £5/5/- | £1/1/- |
| - Ministers of Religion | - £4/4/- | do. |
| - Associate | - £2/2/- | do. |
| - Joining Fee | - £1/1/- | |
- 10/8/49 - Telephone service applied for.
- 9/8/49 - J R ARCHBOLD and H E WATSON made Life Members.



30 MAY 1945

GENTLEMEN.

AS YOUR SECRETARY I TRUST THAT YOU WILL APPRECIATE THIS PAPER, PLACING BEFORE YOU INDIVIDUALLY THE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST, THUS ENABLING EACH MEMBER TO READ AND STUDY SAME AT HIS LEISURE. I FEEL SURE THAT YOU WOULD PREFER THIS BEFORE OUR USUAL METHOD OF READING IT TO YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THIS IS NOT INTENDED FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT, BUT IT WILL CONTAIN EXTRACTS FROM IT. WE COULD VERY WELL TERM THIS YEAR THE 'VICTORY AND PROGRESS YEAR' FOR WE NOW HAVE VICTORY IN EUROPE AND WE HOPE FOR THE SAME IN THE EAST BEFORE LONG, AND BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT TIME THE WORLD HAS PASSED THROUGH.

THE FOUR YEARS I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TO BE YOUR SECRETARY HAVE BEEN FOUR YEARS OF VERY HARD AND STRENUOUS WORK. FOR THIS CLUB TO MAKE THE PROGRESS IT HAS, AND COME THROUGH IN SUCH AN IMPROVED POSITION SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. THIS, I FEEL, IS NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATED, AND OFTEN NOT RECOGNISED BY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS BECAUSE OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THE FACTS. FOUR YEARS AGO THIS CLUB WAS IN ANYTHING BUT A HAPPY POSITION BOTH HARMONIOUSLY AND FINANCIALLY, THEN ON TOP OF THIS POSITION THE WAR WAS GOING BADLY FOR US AND NONE KNEW WHAT WAS BEFORE US OR WHAT ANY OF US WOULD BE CALLED ON FOR. THAT YEAR GENTLEMEN, WAS A MOST TRYING YEAR FOR ANY ADMINISTRATION, AND GREAT THANKS ARE DUE TO THOSE GENTLEMEN WHO WERE BIG ENOUGH TO SEE THE DANGERS AND TAKE STEPS TO PLACE THE CLUB ON A FIRM AND SOLID FOUNDATION. THE FIRST MATTER WAS TO DEAL WITH THE LACK OF HARMONY AND ENDEAVOUR TO GET CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE MEMBERS, NEXT WAS TO PUT THE FINANCE IN ORDER, AND THESE WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY THOSE IN OFFICE THAT YEAR. FOLLOWING ON, THERE WERE CHANGES IN OFFICE BUT THE ADMINISTRATION GOT INTO ITS STRIDE AND SET OUT ON A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMME, AND FORTUNATELY THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS CONTINUED IN OFFICE, (EXCEPTING FOR MINOR CHANGES) FOR THREE YEARS, AND CAN NOW SEE THE RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS. ONE OF THE FIRST JOBS THAT THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION PUT IN HAND, WAS THE FRAMING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION EMBODYING NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH HAS BEEN A TOWER OF STRENGTH IN THIS CLUB AND HAS PROVED ITSELF A WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT.

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PREVIOUS TO FOUR YEARS AGO THE TOTAL INCOME OF THE CLUB AVERAGED £250, WHEREAS LAST YEAR OUR TOTAL INCOME WAS £548, AND WILL BE ALMOST THE SAME THIS YEAR. IN THIS MATTER ALONE I FEEL SURE EACH MEMBER MUST SEE THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS RESULT. THEN AGAIN TAKE TROPHY EVENTS, THERE WERE VERY FEW OF THESE, BUT LAST YEAR FIFTY-SIX WERE PRESENTED AND THIS YEAR EIGHTY WILL BE PRESENTED ... THESE EVENTS ENTAIL A TERRIFIC AMOUNT OF WORK BOTH IN ORGANIZING AND RUNNING. THIS IS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION WHEREBY THE WHOLE OF THE BOWLING ACTIVITIES ARE ARRANGED AND CARRIED OUT BY A MATCH COMMITTEE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SPARE DAYS BUT WHAT SOME ORGANIZED PLAY HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR ALL WHO WISHED TO TAKE PART. THERE IS ROOM FOR MUCH IMPROVEMENT IN THESE EVENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW IN HAND FOR A NEW SYSTEM WHEREBY THE NAME OF EVERY MEMBER WHO INTENDS TO TAKE PART WILL BE KNOWN BY THE MATCH COMMITTEE BEFORE THE TIME OF PLAY. THIS WILL ALLOW ALL EVENTS TO START ON THE ARRANGED TIME.

A FURTHER PROGRESSIVE STEP WAS TAKEN WHEN YOU ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER THE "A" GRADE COMPETITIONS. HAD THE CLUB RETAINED THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE MEMBERS, WHICH ANY SPORTING BODY WOULD COUNT ON, THE RESULT OF THIS MAY HAVE BEEN BETTER, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY OWING TO PETTY SELFISHNESS THIS SUPPORT WAS WITHDRAWN AND, ALTHOUGH WE WERE NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, WE WERE NOT BY ANY MEANS DISGRACED.

THIS IS WHERE AN EXPLANATION CAN BE MADE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE MATCH COMMITTEE, WHO I CAN ASSURE THE MEMBERS HAVE DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB UNDER THE MOST TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND, WHO HAVE BEEN BIG ENOUGH TO STAND BY THEIR CONVICTIONS, BECAUSE THEY FELT THEY WERE RIGHT AND JUST, AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE INTIMIDATED BY A DISGRUNTLED FEW. AFTER PLAYING FOUR GAMES IN THE "A" GRADE THE MATCH COMMITTEE SAW THE NECESSITY OF HAVING TO MAKE CHANGES AND THEY DECIDED TO TRY OUT SOME NEW MEN AND CHANGE OTHERS TO NEW POSITIONS, WHICH THEY WERE ENTITLED TO DO, AND FOR WHICH JOB THEY HAD BEEN ELECTED. THESE CHANGES DID NOT MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF SOME, AND THEN DISCONTENT COMMENCED, AND CERTAIN PLAYERS WITHDREW THEIR SUPPORT. THIS IS VERY UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE IF ANY ACTION DOES NOT MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF ANYONE THERE IS ALWAYS A CONSTITUTIONAL WAY OF BRINGING YOUR VIEWS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND HAVING THE CASE INVESTIGATED, BUT TO SAY AND MAKE YOURSELF BELIEVE THAT IT IS A PERSONAL INJUSTICE IS DEFINITELY WRONG. THE MATCH COMMITTEE HAS HAD A VERY GRUELLING TIME, PRINCIPALLY ON ACCOUNT OF THIS SELFISH DISCONTENT. THEY HAVE HAD TO MAKE CONTINUAL CHANGES IN THE COMPETITION TEAM WHEN THEY HAVE HAD

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NO OTHER CHOICE. I CAN PERSONALLY ASSURE ALL MEMBERS THAT WHATEVER ^{3.} DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, PREJUDICE OR PERSONALITIES HAVE NEVER COME INTO ANY CASE. THE ONE SOLE ADDITION HAS BEEN TO PLACE A PLAYER IN A POSITION WHERE IT WAS CONSIDERED HE WOULD BEST FIT. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, THE FIRST MATCH PLAYED AFTER THE CHANGE WAS LOST BY 12 AND ONE RINK CONTRIBUTED 15 TOWARDS THAT. THEN THE NEXT TIME WE MET THE SAME CLUB, WE WON, AND IT IS FELT SURE THAT THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY LAST YEAR'S PLAY, IS GOING TO BE GOOD FOR ALL THOSE THAT TOOK PART AND FAR BETTER RESULTS ARE LOOKED FOR NEXT SEASON.

ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE STEP WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO EVERY MEMBER IS THE DECISION BY YOUR COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE A PERMANENT GREEN KEEPER. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT, UNTIL OUR INCOME WAS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THIS EXPENSE, TEMPORARY LABOUR WAS ALL THAT COULD BE MANAGED. I WISH TO SAY HERE THAT GREAT APPRECIATION IS DUE TO MR. WATSON FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE OVER MANY YEARS, AND ALSO TO THOSE FEW MEMBERS WHO ANSWERED THE COMMITTEE'S APPEAL THIS LAST SEASON FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE WORK OF THE GREEN. THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE GREEN, SOME WARRANTED AND MANY UNWARRANTED, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN NEGLECTED BY YOUR COMMITTEE. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR UTMOST TO OVERCOME THE HANDICAP, AND NOW THAT A PERMANENT MAN HAS BEEN SECURED IT IS ASKED OF ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE SEND THEIR SUGGESTIONS OR CRITICISMS TO THEIR COMMITTEE WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE JUST AND FAIR CONSIDERATION. BUT DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE GREEN-KEEPER. IN YOUR OWN WORK YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TWENTY OR MORE MAKING SUGGESTIONS TO YOU ON HOW TO DO YOUR WORK, NEITHER WILL ANY GREEN-KEEPER. THE TREATMENT OF THE GREEN IN FUTURE WILL BE DONE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ONE OF MELBOURNE'S BEST GREENKEEPERS. THIS IS THE RESULT OF LONG AND CAREFUL INVESTIGATION BY YOUR COMMITTEE WHO WISH TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A GREEN SECOND TO NONE, OR AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OVER WHICH THEY HAVE NO CONTROL.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT FROM THESE FACTS EACH MEMBER WILL GLEAN SOME IDEA OF THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK, TIME AND THOUGHT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN BY A FEW FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL, AND THIS HAS BEEN GIVEN, IN FACE OF OPPOSITION AND SELFISH DISCONTENT, WITH THE FIRM IDEA OF MAKING THIS A MUCH IMPROVED AND PROGRESSIVE CLUB. YOUR PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN OF HIS BEST FOR THREE VERY HARD YEARS; HARD BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS OVER WHICH HE HAS HAD NO CONTROL. WE ALL KNOW THAT NONE OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THOSE THINGS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DONE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, BUT HIS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIS YEARS THE SUCCESS THEY HAVE BEEN. MY PERSONAL ADVICE TO THE MEMBERS, IS, AT A

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LATER DATE, WHEN NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS ARE CALLED, TO RETURN TO OFFICE THAT ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL, FOR QUITE A LOT MORE PROGRESSIVE WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AND THIS CONTINUITY OF PROGRESS CANNOT BE 'KEPT GOING' WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION. NEW MEN LACK THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE OLD, AND HAVE TO MARK TIME UNTIL THEY FIND WHERE THEY ARE. OF COURSE EVERY MEMBER HAS A FREE RIGHT TO NOMINATE WHOEVER HE THINKS BEST, BUT I WOULD ADVISE YOU ALL TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEFORE YOU DO SO, BECAUSE ONE OR TWO CAN CAUSE QUITE A LOT OF DELAY IN CARRYING OUT ANY PRE-ARRANGED PLAN.

BEFORE CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EACH OF YOU THAT THE DESTINY OF THIS CLUB AND ITS PROGRESS ARE LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF ITS MEMBERS, FOR TO MAINTAIN A GREENKEEPER ALL THE YEAR ROUND MEANS £260 IN WAGES ALONE, THEREFORE, YOU ARE ASKED TO SUPPORT YOUR OWN CLUB AND NOT GET OTHER MEMBERS TO GO AWAY AND SUPPORT OUTSIDE EVENTS. PROGRAMMES WILL BE ARRANGED TO MAKE ALL PLAY AS INTERESTING AS YOU WILL GET ANYWHERE, AND THE MORE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS RECEIVE THE MORE AND LARGER THEY WILL GROW.

IN CONCLUSION I ASK EACH AND EVERY MEMBER TO SINK HIS PETTY DIFFERENCES AND LET US JOIN IN TO ASSIST IN MAKING THIS AN IDEAL CLUB OF PLEASURE AND HAPPINESS.

A. J. ROBERTS
HON. SECRETARY.

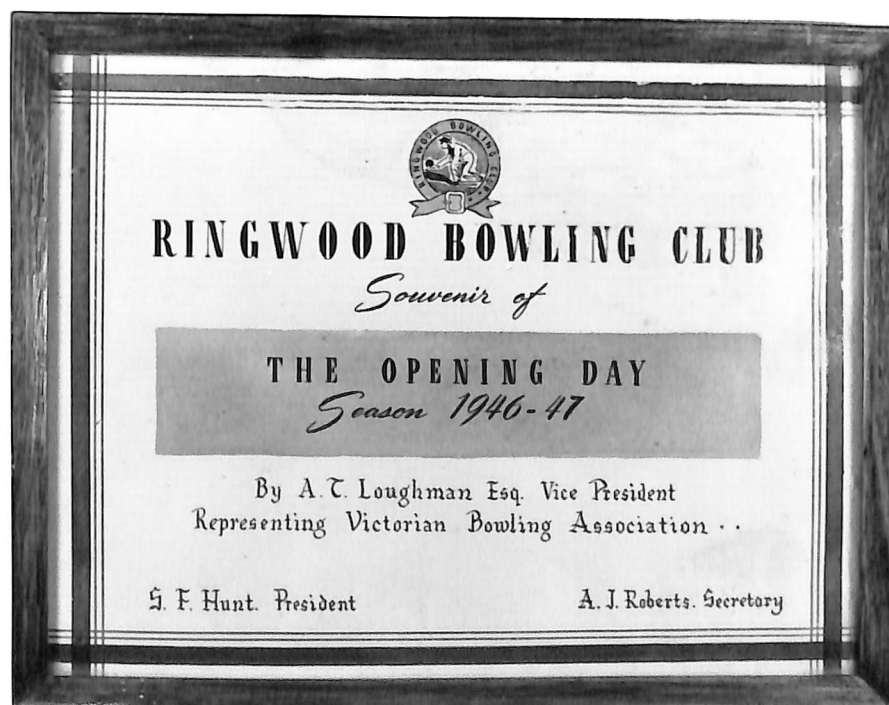
CIVIC BOWLING MATCH
Ringwood Council v Bowling Club, April 29 1947



Front Row (L. to R.): J Archbold, M Flowers, R Anderson, A Long (Town Clerk), J K McKaskill (Mayor), S Hunt (Pres.), E Tann (Sec.), A Ibbotson, C Merry (Building Inspector).
2nd Row: C Wedge, G Wood, G Devenish, J Proudley, R Wilkins, B Hubbard, C Ward, H Watson, E Purser, J Bray (Engineer).
Back Row: T Williams, F Caterer, A Burgess, R Ramsay, T Roberts, E McKibbin, G Hood, T Hall, H Martin, J Smith, J Knox, Rev. Leewin, F Moore, - Evans, J Grenville (Dep. Town Clerk), G Young, E Moran.



(L. to R.) J. Archbold, J. Roberts, B. Tann, W. Bamford, C. Palmer, J. Tancoe, G. Young, S. Hunt, H. Dowsing, T. Roberts, G. Cox.



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THE OPENING OF RINGWOOD AND CROYDON GREENS

Auspicious Start of Bowling Green

Under glorious weather conditions the Bowling Greens at Ringwood and Croydon were officially opened, and bowls is on once again. The opening ceremonies at each green attracted large attendances.

The Ringwood Green was officially opened by Mr. G. P. Thick, a representative of the V.B.A. and past president of the Footscray Bowling Club.

At Croydon the new Shire President, Cr. K. McLaughlin, did the honors.

RINGWOOD GREEN

The new president, Mr. W. Bamford and Mrs. Bamford, received the many guests. The Council was well represented in Cr. W. Wademan (deputising for the Mayor), Cr. H. E. Parker, Cr. B. Hubbard and Cr. F. Corr.

OFFICIAL OPENING

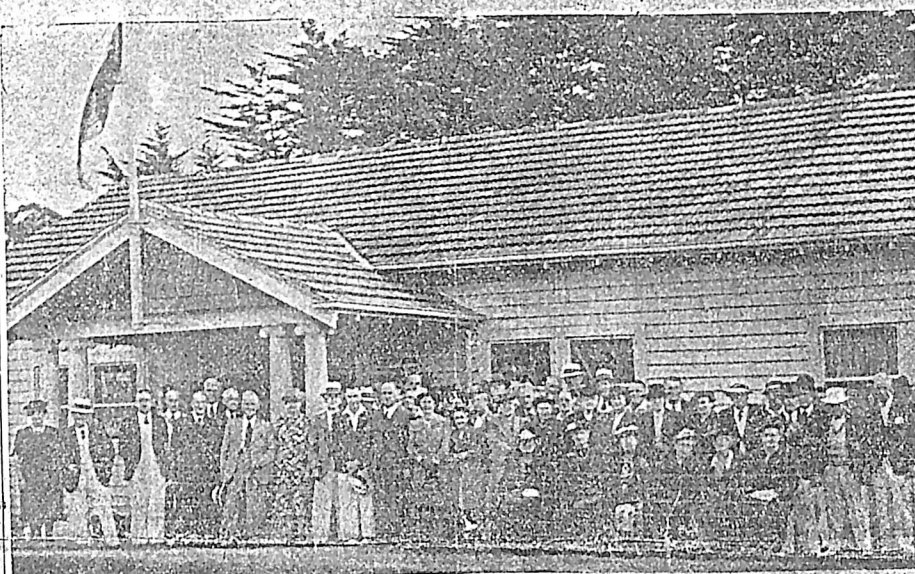
The president, Mr. W. Bamford, extended a welcome to all members and visitors, and said that the bright sunshine made an auspicious opening day for the 18th year of the Ringwood Bowling Club. It is encouraging, said the president, to see such a large attendance, for the Ringwood Bowling Club plays an important part in the social and sporting activities of the Borough. In fact, I believe, it is one of the most progressive sporting bodies in the district. It is my desire to see the Club keep on advancing. The Club

owes a great deal to the voluntary workers, a small band of loyal enthusiasts who have helped to prepare the green during the winter months, and great praise is due to Mr. Gordon Young and his able assistant, Mr. Leo Graham, and their willing band of workers.

We are honored, continued the president, in having with us a great friend of mine, Mr. G. P. Thick, to officially open the Green. Mr. Thick is an outstanding man in the bowling world. He is a past president of the Footscray Bowling Club and has done a great deal to foster the game of bowls, and I have great pleasure in introducing Mr. Thick to you.

NEWS FOR THE WIFE

I am glad, said Mr. Thick, that my wife and daughter are present today. After listening to Mr. Bamford's flattering comments, they will now realise the good qualities that I



GROUP AT RINGWOOD BOWLING PAVILION

possess. (Laughter.) I am delighted to be present at the opening of your Green and I congratulate my old friend, Mr. W. Bamford, on being appointed as president. I wish him a happy year of office, and the Club a successful season.

It is a real letter-day for you, and the glorious sunshine is a happy augury for a bright season.

We need to remember the chaps who founded the greens. We take it all for granted, but we owe a lot to the men who in the past, by their efficient service, formed our greens.

I understand that the land on which your green is now formed was donated in the first place to the Council for a bowling green by the president's father. It has certainly been transformed into a beautiful spot, and tribute must be paid to the foresight and work of the men in the past who formed the green.

I trust, said the speaker, that the Club will prosper. Success in competition play is not everything. You have to remember that it is the game that counts. I am happy to renew friendships and have great pleasure in declaring the Green open for Season 1948-49.

Mrs. Thick threw the first kitty, and Mrs. Bamford bowled the first bowl, and so bowls was on again for the year. Rinks were arranged and in a short time a series of games were in full swing.

A feature of the function was the presence of the Ringwood Citizens' Brass Band. Their selections during the afternoon considerably enlivened the proceedings.

OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

At 4 p.m. an adjournment was made to the pavilion where the president and his wife entertained the visitors and members to afternoon tea. The tables were attractively arranged and decorated by Mrs. Bam-

ford and said that any sport in which a man makes friends is good.

Mr. J. Roberts, in proposing the toast of the visitors, said they were pleased to see the Council so well represented in four councillors. They were also pleased to welcome Mr. Bert Cock, a foundation member of the Club and the Club's first secretary. The Club owes a great deal to the good work put in in the early years by Mr. Cock. Mr. Roberts also paid a tribute to the work of the ladies.

Cr. W. Wademan, who was deputising for the Mayor, Cr. H. F. Pearson, was commendably brief in his response and in consequence his speech was greatly appreciated.

The Council was aware of the value of the Bowling Club to the district and would be prepared to co-operate with the Club in fostering sport and goodwill in the community.

Responding on behalf of the visitors, Mr. Cock said it was interesting to return to the Club in which he had played a part in founding. He was surprised to see how the Club had progressed since the early years.

The president paid a high tribute to the work of the ladies, who by their willing assistance had contributed to the success of the day.

PLAY AT CROYDON TO BE SOCIAL EVENT

It is expected that the Oscar Wilde play "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be well patronised.

Excellent production, and run in aid of funds for the R.S.L. Appeal, the Oscar Wilde wit will sparkle as fresh and keen as ever.

The play is a happy choice and the brilliance of this comedy will strongly appeal to the Croydon audience.

Shirley King is the producer, and the Drama Group of the Council of Adult Education has provided the players.



S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1 9 5 0 S

- 13/5/50 - Members must have the uniform blazer. Next season full bowling dress must be worn for all official play.
- Existing croquet green to be extended 12 ft. on north end to allow conversion to a 5 rinks bowling green.
- 20/11/50 - Rose bowl purchased for Championship trophy. To be held by the winner for 12 months.
- 28/7/51 - T ROBERTS and G YOUNG made Life Members.
- 12/12/51 - More resignations from the Match committee. Insulting remarks made to two members of the committee. Apologies received and resignations withdrawn.
- 'Licence' Agreement between Ringwood Borough Council and the Ringwood Bowling Club.
- 15/7/52 - The Secretary read the contents of a lease which had been drawn up by the Ringwood Borough Council. This was the result of many interviews between himself and the Town Clerk whereby the Bowling Club was to have legal occupancy of the land. It was agreed that the lease be accepted and be signed by the President and Secretary.
- Financial problems.
- 20/8/52 - The financial position would not permit the repayment obligations of half the committee members £300 debentures, as the club would be in debt. A suggestion that a social committee be formed composed of both ladies and members brought objections that it would be the beginning of a MIXED CLUB!.
- Crisis Meeting.
- 7/4/53 - The minutes of this A.G.M. record it as a 'Crisis Meeting' with complaints, criticisms and lack of support to the officers and committee. The President suggested that new blood was necessary for next season's elections. For any officer to be re-elected year after year was in his opinion an empty honour.
- 29/7/53 - A J ROBERTS awarded Life Membership. (Secretary 12 years)

- 22/9/54 - Reported that 5 wives of Ringwood members had joined the Croydon Bowling Club. (The wheels moved slowly at Ringwood, taking until 24 March, 1959 for the Inaugural Meeting of the Ladies Section.)
- 1/8/55 - H WALDUCK awarded Life Membership.
- 3/11/55 - Application lodged for a Liquor Licence.
- Without a doubt, the most contentious question in the history of the club would be the efforts and frustrations involved in complying with the wishes of the majority of members, and meeting the requirements of the Liquor Control Commission in obtaining a Liquor Licence in the various categories over a lengthy period.
- Un-official Meeting.
- 2/4/58 - The President reported that he understood a meeting had been held by certain recalcitrant (Paul Keating language) members of the Club, unconstitutionally and in a secretive manner for the purpose of undermining the committee and officers of the Club, and therefore undermining the Club itself. Mr Bamford - Committeeman and delegate, and Mr Catron, Secretary, had attended. Both refused to report on the meeting, and resigned from their respective offices.
- 28/7/58 - Such was the dissension within the Club that the committee arranged for Mr P D Phillips, Q.C., Vice-President of the R.V.B.A., to attend and act as Chairman at a Special General Meeting on 28 July, 1958. At the meeting, also attended by Mr G P Thick, President of the R.V.B.A., Club President, Mr A J Roberts informed the 72 members present that in view of the unfortunate happenings in the Club, it had been considered advisable to invite Mr Phillips, Q.C. to act as chairman of the meeting.
- Compilation of a comprehensive record of the events appertaining to granting of a Liquor Licence would make an interesting appendix to this history.

- 1957-60 - Wal Sheldon, father-in-law of Glen Hubbard, was given special mention in the 1961 history for his services as greenkeeper from 1957-60 under green directors Ralph Corbett and Claude Paris. As well as his greenkeeping expertise, his workmanship was evident in the rock wall he constructed at the west end of No. 1 green. Being in charge of the sale of cigarettes, Wal was entrusted to take the stock home each night because of the number of break-ins. At the time of writing Wal had reached the good age of 95.
- 26/2/58 - The first mention of Indoor Bowls was that a set of Indoor Bowls was purchased from money made by the Social Committee. (In July '59 efforts were made to improve the playing surface of the floor which culminated in the purchase of a full length of coir matting.) -(Right up to to the demolition of the clubhouse it could be said that the floor had its "ups" and "downs".)
- 3/11/58 - Ian Embling was appointed as Treasurer on the resignation of Mr Shaw. (The entries on the "Treasurer" honour board and in the anniversary brochures show Ian Embling being Treasurer from 1957. - Minutes of committee meeting 16/9/57 include "New member - Ian Embling".)
- 17/9/58 - Agreed that tentative arrangements proceed regarding the formation of a Ladies' Bowling Club.
- 6/10/58 - Publicity in local press seeking prospective members.
- 11/12/58 - Special General Meeting votes 31 to 4 in favour of forming a Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club.
- 24/3/59 - 22 ladies attended Inaugural Meeting of Ladies' Section.
- A separate Volume has been compiled recording the formation and history of the Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club. This will facilitate the preparation of material for celebrations of special events in the life of the Ladies' Section.

However, as the material is equally relevant to the comprehensive history of the Club, it is also included in this portfolio.

- 9/3/59 - Heatherdale Cup to be a Perpetual Trophy for the Men's 'B' Grade Championship. (The cup was donated by Heatherdale members of the Club. - W May, T Milne, H McDonald and A Butterworth. Initially the cup was played for by No. 3 side and the Roamers in 1953 - Minutes 9/2/53)
- 15/7/59 - Accounts passed for payment included £2/15/- to P.M.G. for a Wireless Licence. (A mantel radio had been presented to the Club by Frank Mills, Radio and Electrician of Ringwood East.)
- 2/11/59 - Another piano purchased. Cost £150.
(Sold
- 1959-60 - Minute Book No.4 recording the deliberations of the General Committee meetings and Special and Annual General Meetings between 5 January, 1959 and 8 February, 1960 is an historian's treasure. Mr A L Stewart, the Assistant Secretary during this period, performed the duties of Minute Secretary recording the business transacted in such detail and clarity, often covering from 5 to 7 foolscap typed pages, with a summary of each discussion followed by the resolution in uppercase type.
- Researching these records one almost felt being present at each meeting.
- Although the debate was tense at times, - even on one occasion the recorder used the description "acrimonious" - it was the custom for the Minutes to conclude with the phrase "The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman."
- Regrettably, a decision on a course of action to be taken relating to the Liquor Licence question was unacceptable to Mr Stewart and his supporter, Mr C W Wademan, to the extent that both resigned forthwith from all official positions, resulting in the loss to the Club of the services of two competent committee members.

THIS AGREEMENT made the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and fifty two Between THE MAYOR COUNCILLORS AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD (hereinafter called "the Corporation") of the one part and JOHN TANCOR of 2 Bond Street Ringwood and ALBERT JOHN ROBERTS of Campbell Street Ringwood the President and Secretary respectively of the Ringwood Bowling Club for and on behalf of the said Ringwood Bowling Club (hereinafter called "the Club" which expression shall where the context so admits include the person or persons in which for the time being the positions of the President and Secretary thereof shall be vested) of the other part WITNESSETH as follows:-

1. THE Corporation hereby licences and authorises the club in common with such other person or persons as the Corporation shall permit at all times hereafter for whatsoever purposes to during the continuance of this Agreement enter upon the land being Bamford Park Ringwood (hereinafter called "the said land") and to use same as a Bowling Green for the members of the Ringwood Bowling Club and Croquet Club or for any other purpose approved by the Corporation.
2. THE club shall during the continuance of this Agreement have the right for its workmen, servants

and agents to enter upon the said land with all proper tools for the maintenance and care of the said Howling Green and shall at all times keep such Green and any buildings now erected or to be erected thereon clean and maintain same in good and proper condition to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

3. THE Club shall have the right during or at the termination of this Agreement to remove from the said land any buildings already erected by it thereon or any such buildings as may with the Consent of the Corporation be hereafter erected thereon such removal however to be in such a manner as shall not in anywise injure the said land or any other buildings thereon and the Club shall put the same in like plight and condition as the same was in before the erection of the building so removed.
4. THE Club shall not commit waste on the said land and shall not without the consent in writing of the Corporation remove or carry away from the said land any earth stone sand clay or gravel.
5. THE Club shall be responsible to the Corporation for any damage done to the said land by any person or persons entering upon same in pursuance of this

Licence.

6. IN the event of the Club not performing and observing the conditions and agreements herein contained and on the part of the Club to be performed observed and kept then the Corporation shall have the right at any time in these circumstances to cancel this agreement and revoke the Licence hereby granted by notice in writing to that effect addressed to either the President or Secretary of the Club.
7. THE Club shall so long as the Licence hereby granted be not determined in manner herein contained pay to the Corporation the sum of One pound one shilling per annum, such amount to be paid to the Corporation on the *First* day of *July* in each year.

I N W I T N E S S whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

THE CORPORATE SEAL of THE MAYOR
COUNCILLORS AND BURGESSSES OF THE
BOROUGH OF KINGWOOD is hereunto
affixed in the presence of

G. F. Hargrave Mayor
W. J. Hargrave Councillor
Alfred Kelly Town Clerk

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED in
Victoria by the said JOHN TANCOCK
in the presence of

John Tancock

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED in
Victoria by the said ALBERT
JOHN ROBERTS in the presence of

Albert John Roberts

John Tancock

Albert John Roberts

MAIL. THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1952.

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

MR. ALAN DALE ELECTED PRES.

THE 22nd Annual Meeting of the Ringwood Bowling Club held in the pavilion on Tuesday, July 29, attracted a representative attendance of 60 members. Features of the meeting were the secretary's comprehensive report of a successful year and despite rising costs, etc., a satisfactory financial statement.

The new president, Mr. Alan Dale, is a popular member and a great bowler. He will get plenty of support from all at the green.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I regret, said Mr. Roberts, to report the deaths during the year of 3 fine members: Geo. Jones, Gordon Young and Herbie Watson. Each rendered great service to the club and are greatly missed.

The membership is steadily growing. We lost 10 members last year but gained 18 and the membership is now 82 full members, 6 life members, 6 social members.

The visit of the R.V.B.A. was a memorable occasion and the visitors expressed appreciation of the arrangements.

The season finished up slightly in debt. With increased costs we will have to budget for an income of £1000 per year to be able to balance. The croquet club has done an excellent job and last year contributed £100.

The smoke social arranged with the idea of bringing members together in a nice social atmosphere did not attract a full attendance.

The president's day, due to wet weather and apathy only attracted an attendance of 20. In working in the interests of the club the officials would be greatly encouraged by a greater support from members.

A tribute must be paid to your officers for their generosity. They provided the smoke night at their own expense then the cost of entertaining the R.V.B.A. officials and also they provided all the trophies for both the Easter and Autumn tournaments.

The committee this year has worked harmoniously and are deserving of our sincere appreciation.

Then apart from this trophies were provided by the president, vice presidents, secretary, treasurer and Messrs Paris, Gillespie and Barton. The club is fortunate in having the support of such gen-

plant £250, green lights £50, furniture, piano etc £318, mats, jacks etc £30. — Total £1048.

Liabilities — New mower £127/17/2, dr. bal 30/6/52 £35/6/1, unrepresented cheques £21/15/5, assets over liabilities £863/1/4.—Total £1048.

BOWLING REPORT

The bowling report indicated that the season was not successful from a bowling point of view as none of the teams attained top form. This lack of success was attributed to lack of practice by members. The tournaments turned out a record for the club and were well patronised.

The club competitions left much to be desired in the manner they were delayed by members.

Alan Dale's rink returned the best figures with 7 wins out of 10 games with 49 up

The results are not encouraging and steps must be taken if we wish to get anywhere in pennant.

The reports were adopted and the officials commended on their comprehensive reports.

ELECTION of OFFICE-BEARERS

President, Mr. A. Dale; vice presidents:—Mr. R. Harvey, Mr. H. Walduck; sec., Mr. A. J. Roberts; treas., Mr. C. A. Roberts; match committee: Mr. S. F. Hunt, Mr. J. Archbold, Mr. H. Walduck; green director, Mr. C. Paris; general committee: Messrs D. Barton, W. Bamford, W. Gillespie, S. F. Hunt, C. Palmer.

Mr. Jack Tancoe, past president for 3 years, was sincerely thanked for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties.

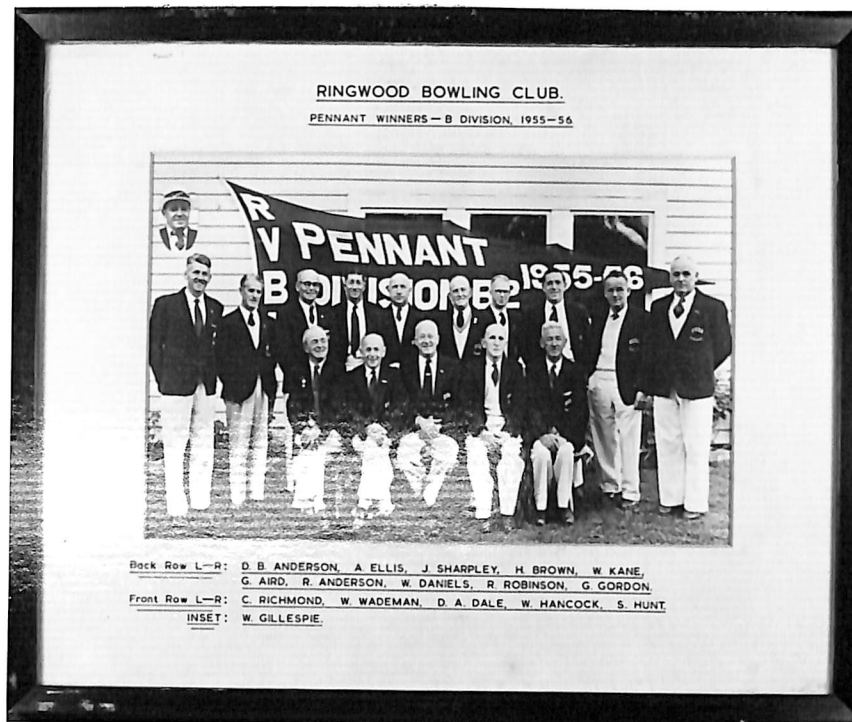
Good sportsmen, Mr. H. Walduck and Mr. R. Harvey, the new vice-presidents, will



WARD SERIES No. 7

BOWLING GREEN, RINGWOOD.

Note the extension to the clubhouse to provide a sun-room overlooking the No. 2 green. Gil Aird (father of Ken) and Doug Anderson gave their services free for the erection of this fine addition.



THE CLUB HAS ITS OWN OFF-STREET PARKING

Note the chimney that was erected by members within one week of the General Committee deciding on 14 July 1930 that a wood fire would be the best and cheapest service to heat the pavilion for the benefit of members and visitors, and friends attending the social evenings of the Club.

THE MAIL 20 JUNE 1957

Bowling Club Presentation Night

THE Annual Ringwood Bowling Club's Presentation Night attracted a packed house at the Pavilion on Thursday, June 13. During the evening an entertaining programme was presented.

Among the visitors welcomed by the President, Mr. A. J. Roberts, were Mr. Bert Holbrook, R.V.B.A. President, Mr. Dixon, R.V.B.A. Sec., and representatives from Croydon, Lilydale, Blackburn, Box Hill, Surrey Hills, Doncaster, Sth. Camberwell.

Mr. Dixon, Sec. R.V.B.A., in 1952 was on his back with polio.; he made a wonderful recovery and is now doing a great administrative job in the bowling world.

A feature of the evening was the appearance of Ted Nelson—that prince of entertainers. Amazingly versatile, he amused and entranced his audience with his items.

The Musical Trio — Mrs. Walters, Mr. Pask and Miss

Selling—delighted the gathering with their harmony. The magician — Mr. Hutchinson — certainly put the bank manager on the spot. It was a really good turn.

PRESENTATIONS

The President (Mr. A. J. Roberts) presented the following trophies:—

Club Champion: Mr. C. Richmond; runner-up, R. Barnes. "B" Grade Champion: Mr. A. Lattimore; runner-up, Mr. D. Leigh. President's Trophy, 100 up: Mr. H. Lowry. Children's Charity: H. Lowry, W. Wademan, A. Stuart, R. Barnes. President's Day: J. Sharpley, N. Chrisp, H. McKenzie. Vice-President's Day: A. Lattimore, G. Lane, J. Wheeler, C. Godfrey.

Life Members' Badges were presented to Mr. J. Archbold and Mr. E. T. Roberts by the President.

A Life Member's Badge was presented to the President (Mr. A. J. Roberts) by Mr. Bert Holbrook (R.V.B.A. Pres.).

Mrs. Greene (President of the Croquet Club) was surprised when the President presented a casserole on a silver-plated frame as a token of appreciation by the Bowling Club for valuable services rendered during the year.

Mr. Roberts also thanked the members of the Croquet Club for their co-operation throughout the Season.

A presentation was made to Mrs. A. Roberts by the Secretary (Mr. A. Dale) on behalf of the Club in appreciation of her help during the season.

Supper concluded a most enjoyable evening.



These three were presented with Life Membership at the Annual Presentation night.
L. to R.: Mr. J. Roberts, President, Mr. Joe Archbold, Mr. E. T. Roberts

—Photo, J. Gallagher. WU 2568

(Apparently Life Member's Badges had not been presented at the time the honour was bestowed. (J Archbold - 1949, E T Roberts - 1951, and A J Roberts - 1953.)

R I N G W O O D B O W L I N G C L U BLADIES SECTION

When the Ringwood Croquet Club decided to move from the Ringwood Bowling Club to Jubilee Park, a Special General Meeting of the Ringwood Bowling Club (R.B.C.) was held on the 17th September 1958, regarding the formation of a Ladies Section of the above club.

The members spoke "For and Against" the formation. Mr Alan Dale then moved "The Committee of the R.B.C. be instructed to proceed with tentative arrangements re forming of a Ladies Section, with the idea of establishing possible membership."

The names of thirteen ladies interested were received. It was decided an announcement would be made in the local paper, advising R.B.C. would like names of ladies interested in playing lawn bowls.

In January 1959, Mr Ian Embling moved "That three rinks be made available to prospective lady members - up to 4 pm - without charge".

At a Committee meeting on the 9th March 1959, the President of the R.B.C., Mr Don Leigh, said "He thought the time was now ready for the setting in motion of the Ladies Section.

On the 24th March 1959, twenty-two ladies attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club (R.B.C.). The Men's President, Mr Don Leigh, chaired the meeting, assisted by the Secretary of R.B.C., Mr Arthur Catron.

Provisional Office-bearers were to be - President, Secretary-Treasurer and three Committee ladies. They were to carry on until the Annual Meeting. Applications for membership were limited to 30 members.

The ladies were to be coached by Mr Sid Hunt, and were to be guests of the R.B.C. with no fees payable until the first Annual Meeting.

HON. GENERAL SECRETARY
A. R. CATRON
TELEPHONE: WU 8281
4 BYRON STREET, RINGWOOD



CLUB PAVILION
WU 6767

Ringwood Mar 11th 1959

Dear Madam,

You are requested to attend the inaugural meeting of the Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club, to be held at the Club House on Tuesday 24th March 1959 at 3/30pm.

*The business of the meeting will be to elect the following provisional office bearers for the remainder of this season
President Secretary Treasurer, Committee three*

*Yours faithfully
Arthur Catron
Hon Secy*

Minutes - Ladies SectionRingwood Bowling Club.

On the 24th March 1959 at 3/30pm the inaugural Meeting of the Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club.

Present:-

Ms Dorothy Adams; Ms R. V. Hally, Ms K. Lird,
 Ms M. Richmond, Ms D. J. Jones, Ms M. C. Healey
 Ms L. Pasimer, Ms D. Lunn, Ms M. Russell
 Ms M. Thompson, Ms D. Warren, Ms B. R. Bower
 Ms E. Riggan, ~~Ms M. Thompson~~, Ms O. M. Davidson
 Ms M. Hutchbery, Ms M. M. Coleman, Ms H. R. Habbe
 Ms L. M. Moore, Ms J. M. Robertson, Ms D. Tagg
 Ms K. C. Gordon, Ms B. Kempson

Apologies:-

Ms M. M. Rogers, Ms J. H. Menzie, Ms W. Watson
 Ms H. Lowry, Ms Sunbar.

Ms Kempson Moved + Ms Richmond Moved
 that the apologies for non-attendance be
 accepted - Carried.

President Don Leigh in opening the meeting
 said that it was necessary for himself
 and the Club Secretary (A. R. Lation) to
 be present at this the first meeting of the
 Ladies Section; He welcomed all those
 present, appreciated the interest they
 had shown to date & wished the Ladies
 Section every success for the future.

Membership:-

Application forms for membership
 having been received the Secretary read
 out that portion of the Constitution Rules
 of the Ringwood Bowling Club relating
 to the admittance of lady members to
 the Club.

Office Bearers:-

After discussion it was decided on the

Motion of Mrs ~~W~~ on, seconded Mrs Jones, that until the first Annual Meeting to be held in July, provisional officers consisting of President, Secretary Treasurer, and a committee of three be elected.

Office of } President (Don Leigh) then called for
President } nominations for the position of Lady President
Mrs Bird was nominated by Mrs Gordon.

No further nominations were received -
Mrs Bird was declared President.

Mrs Bird after thanking the meeting for
for the honour bestowed requested Mr Leigh
to continue to conduct the meeting.

Office of } For the position of Secretary - Treasurer
Secy. Treas } Mrs Richmond nominated Mrs Jones & Mrs
Robertson was nominated by Mrs Bird.

A ballot resulted in the election of
Mrs Robertson.

Committee } Mrs Russell, Mrs Gable, & Mrs Stealey were
of three } nominated & duly elected.

Note of Thanks. The business of the meeting having
been concluded Mrs Russell moved a
Vote of Thanks to the General Committee
for making the use of the Green available
to the ladies free of charge for this season,
thus giving them a chance to become
proficient at the game.

Mrs Bird seconded the motion and also
moved a vote of Thanks to Mr S. Hunt for
the valuable assistance he had given
in the matter of coaching the new players.
Mrs Russell seconded & both motions
were carried with acclamation.

Meeting closed 4.40pm.

Certified Correct.

President M. Bird

Date. 14-4-59

RINGWOOD
BOWLING CLUB

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

LADIES SECTION

MARCH 24TH 1959

PRESIDENT. W. AIRD.

SEC-TREAS. J. ROBERTSON.

COMMITTEE. M. RUSSELL.

G. GABBE. M. HEALEY.

D. ADAMS. S. LOWRY.

E. BIGGIN. D. LUNN.

B. BOWER. I. MOORE.

L. CASSIMER. R. DALBY.

M. COLEMAN. M. RICHMOND.

O. DAVIDSON. M. STUCHBURY.

E. GORDON. M. THOMPSON.

D. JONES. D. VAGG.

B. KEMPTON. D. WARREN.

H. B. Brown Sr.

Rengwood

24-4-1959

Secretary.

Ladies Section.

Rengwood Bowling Club.

Dear Madam,

The enclosed cheque will
reimburse you for the affiliation fee
you have already had to pay.

A copy of the enclosed circular
has been sent to each member of our
club, also to those ladies of your section,
whose names you supplied.

If you wish more sent please advise.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Patton

Hon. Secy.

Rengwood Bowling Club.

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL EVENING & PRESENTATION NIGHT:

FRIDAY, 1st MAY 1959.

Invitations have been issued for this event which should prove to be one of the highlights of the season.

If you have not already done so please get your acceptances in at once.

BUFFET TEA & EVENING :

SATURDAY, 9th MAY 1959.

This function is the first social event to be sponsored by our newly formed Ladies Section.

With the co-operation of both men and lady members we feel sure this can be made a very successful get-together for all of us.

Ladies are asked to kindly bring a small plate of eats. Men are asked for a contribution of 5/- to help provide very necessary funds for the Ladies Section.

Remember the date :- SATURDAY, 9TH MAY at 6-30 p.m.
in the Club Rooms.

MAKE THIS FIRST A MUST.

MYFANWY AIRD, President, Ladies Section.

DON LEIGH, President, Ringwood Bowling Club

RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUBLADIES SECTION

The following matters concerning the general control and running of the Ladies Section were agreed upon at Joint Meeting held in the Club Rooms on Monday 11th. May 1959.

PRESENT: representing General Committee

Messrs. R. Barnes, D.A.Dale, S.E.Dickens and D.B.Leigh.

representing Ladies Section

Mesdames M. Aird, G. Gabbe, R. Healey, J. Robertson and L.M.Russell.

CHAIRMAN Club President, Mr. D.B.Leigh

- DECISIONS
- re
- GENERAL
- CONTROL
1. That Ladies subscriptions, tea or supper moneys and receipts from social functions and the like, arranged by the Ladies, be paid to Ladies Section Treasurer.
 2. That, in the interests of the Club to which we all belong, the Ladies Section pay to the Club Treasurer as much as possible each year, in a lump sum, or sums, on date, or dates to be arranged.
 3. That all payments proposed to be paid by the Ladies Section in excess of £5/-/- be first approved by the General Committee, and that Ladies Section do not retain a greater amount than £25/-/- on hand at close of year, without the approval of the General Committee.

- DECISIONS
- re
- 1959/60
- Season
1. Croquet Club to have sole use of their present green until they vacate, whereupon the use by the Ladies Bowling Section of that green and the main green to be reviewed.
 2. In the meantime Ladies Section to have the use of the main green under the following general arrangements:-
 - (a) Tuesdays 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. 4 Rinks
 - (b) Wednesdays- full green from 1 P.M. when mid - week games are played away. On occasions, Ladies to play with our men in mid-week games when they have games arranged against mixed clubs.
 - (c) Thursday afternoons
1 P.M. - 4 P.M. 3 rinks
 - (d) Thursday evenings- mixed rinks under Electric Light in accordance with program to be arranged.
 3. Croquet Club to be requested to provide afternoon tea and suppers as formerly, until they vacate, whereupon Ladies Bowling Section to undertake this responsibility.
 4. Agreed that a recommendation be made to Annual Meeting that Ladies enrolment be limited to thirty five (35) until Croquet Club vacate premises, and the subscriptions be £4/4/- for 1959/60 season.

*Prop Mrs Healey } That above letter be adopted.
Secd " Jones } approved. Leanne*

9/7/59.

Janette M. Robertson

Hon Sec

Ringwood

4. Byron St.
 Ringwood
 20. 5. 59.

Dear Mr Robertson.

The following persons have
 been accepted as Members of the
 Ladies Bowling Club.

Committee Meeting 4th May 59.

Mrs Williamson.

- B. M. Burgess
- K. Adams
- B. B. Leigh
- E. Watson
- E. M. Rogers
- A. Corbett
- M. McDonald.

Also the maximum enrolment was
 increased to 35 members

Yours &c

Arthur Bation

Hon. Secy.

Ringwood Bowling Club.23. 7. 59Ladies SectionAnnual Report. 1959

On Jan 20th 1959. the Ringwood Bowling Club. invited Ladies, interested in playing the game of Bowls, to be their guest for the remaining playing part of the season, this invitation was enjoyed by approx 22 Ladies.

On March the 24th 1959. the inaugural meeting of the Ringwood Bowling Club. (Ladies Section) was held 22 members were present. Provisional officers consisting of President Secretary Treasurer, and three committee members were elected. During the initial stages, we were given much learning and encouragement by our coach Mr Hunt, who with time & patience taught us how to hold and deliver a Bowl, this was greatly appreciated by all the Ladies.

We were ambitious however, in spite of our many mistakes, and on April 30th 1959. we held our first Gala Day. Thirty teams (Home & Visitors) went on the green, this was most gratifying. Our next big event was the High Tea on the 9th May which too proved a great success.

Since Bowling finished we have held a crazy whist afternoons fortnightly, which have been most popular.

At the end of the financial year, we have the sum of £25.2.2. in the Bank, after handing over to the Ringwood Bowling Clubs Secretary Mr Bathon a cheque for the amount of £30.0.0.

When the 1959-60 Bowling season opens some of our Ladies will play permanent, others will play in Home Games.

In concluding, to our President, Committee and members for their support and co-operation, I wish to say Thank You and to wish each a happy & successful Bowling Season. Signed Jeanette M Robertson
Hon Sec-Treasurer R. B. L.

Ringwood Bowling Club.

Ladies Section

First Annual meeting held in the Club Room.

From 3 p.m. 23.7.59.

Madam President Mrs M Aird in the Chair: -

Present were Mesdames: - Robertson, Lowry, Davidson, Jones, Healey, Corbett, Biggin, Bower, Lybbe, Lunn, Parker, Williamson, Humpson, Warren, Thompson, Vagg, Allsop, Russell, Hally, Gordon, Westmore, Burgess, Adams, Stuckbury.

Apologies were received from Mesdames: - Watson, Henry, Leassumier, Lockman.

Madam President read the notice concerning the meeting.

The minutes of the Inaugural meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Secretary read the Annual Report for the year ended 22.7.59. moved by Mrs Humpson sec^d Mrs Adams that Annual Report as read be adopted, carried. The Secretary-Treasurer read the Financial Statement for the year, the Secretary-Treasurer also presented the Balance sheet showing the position at 22nd July 1959. The Auditor certified to the correctness of Statement and Balance sheet. moved by Mrs Bower sec^d Mrs Lunn. "That the financial statements for the year ended 22 July 1959, and the Balance sheet be approved and adopted". - carried unanimously. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: -

President Mrs M. Aird (unopposed)

Vice Presidents Mesdames. Russell Gordon

Treasurer Mrs P. Lowry. unopposed

Secretary Mrs Jeanette M Robertson (unopposed)

Match Secretary Mrs W. Jones (unopposed)

Match Committee Mesdames: - Healey, Williamson

General Committee Mesdames: - Healey, Lybbe, Biggin, Lockman, Warren

Press correspondent Mrs M Stuckbury

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Madam President thanked the Opie Beane Committee and members for their help, advice and co-operation during her term as President over the past months. Mrs. Gordon in replying moved that a vote of thanks of the meeting be accorded to the President for the able and impartial manner in which she conducted the business - carried with acclamation. Mrs. Warren with Mrs. Vagg on behalf of the members presented the President and Secretary with a delightful Plastic Box of Orchids & Violets. A General Committee meeting to be held Sept 3. Madam President declared the meeting closed. Afternoon Tea was then served.

Signed.

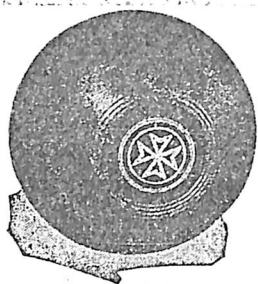
Jeanette M. Robertson

Hon. Secretary

R. B. L. Ladies Section

23. 7. 59 Signed.

President. M. and.



Ringwood Ladies' Bowling Club

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Mrs. J. M. Robertson
12 Lois Street, Ringwood East
WU 6637
1st Oct. 1959.

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A. R. CATRON
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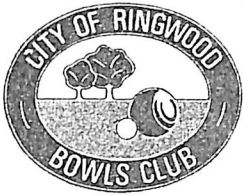
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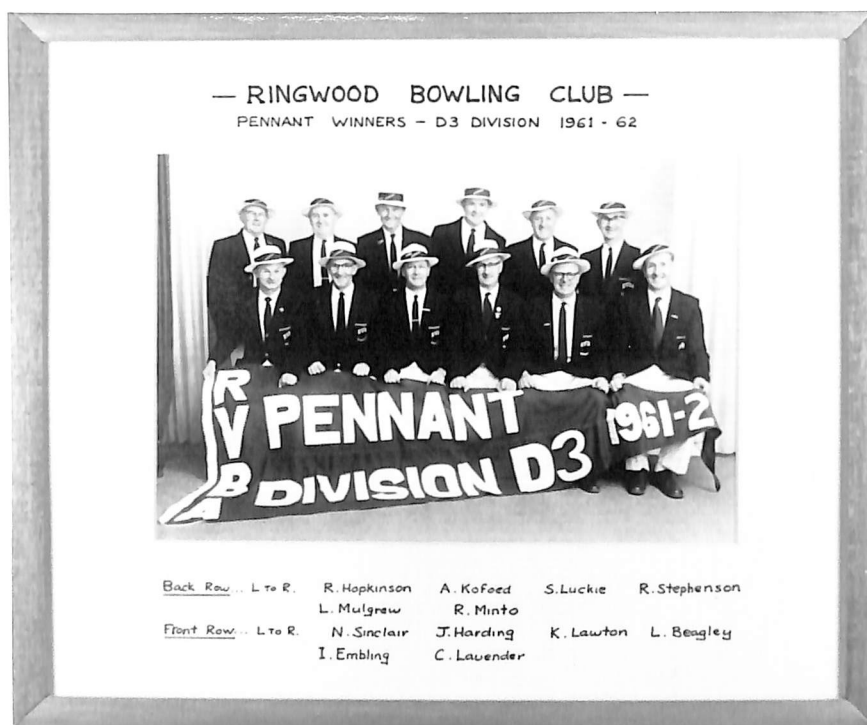
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(No records have been located of meetings of the General Committee or Annual/Special General Meetings between 15 July 1960 and 1971. Snippets have been gleaned from almost all of the Annual Reports over that period.)

- 4/1/60 - Sale confirmed of property at 29 Wilana Street, which was purchased in 1952 as a residence for the greenkeeper. (Purchased - £1,250. Sold - \$2,400.)
- 15/7/60 - CLAUDE PARIS awarded Life Membership.
 - Charles F Lavender admitted as member.
 (Charles has the distinction of being the longest playing member at Ringwood. Ian Embling, who joined in 1957, a Life Member of Ringwood, has not resided in Ringwood for several years, but continues his interest in Club activities.)
- 23/6/61 - WILFRED BAMFORD and JACK KNOX were awarded Life Memberships.



- 1961-62 - Of the five Pennant Sides entered, No. 4 Side (Division 3) secured the third Pennant Flag for the Club in six years. (Co-incidentally, Ian Embling and Charles Lavender are the only players of that Side who are current members.)

- 1961-62 - INTER-CLUB SOCIAL VISITS: Six home and away Inter-Club Social Matches were arranged with Yea, Alexandra and Berwick. As these matches were played during the Pennant season, they did much to relieve the tensions inclined to build up during that season.
- AUTUMN TOURNAMENT: The tournament accommodating 160 players extended over four Saturdays.
"By pairing Ringwood against outside fours on the first day the draw was virtually "seeded", as against the "open" draw of last year. Both methods have now been tried and both have advantages." ?
- CLUB BADGE: A Club Badge, based on a design submitted by Roy Anderson, was accepted as suitable for both Sections of the Club.
- 1962-63 - (No Annual Report available)



- 1962-63 - Ringwood No. 1 Side which won Ringwood Ladies' first Pennant Flag in 1962-63. (Nora Jordan is the only current member who played in that Premiership Side.)

1963-64 - MEMBERSHIP: As at 31 May 1964:-

Full Members	118	
Social Members	7	
Life Members	3	
Lady Members	<u>60</u>	Total - 188

- In January '64 two sections of hedges surrounding the Club property were destroyed by fire. The Ringwood Council promptly assisted in the removal of the burnt sections and offered replacement shrubs from the Council nursery.

1964-65 - Production of Club Fixture Books brought complimentary remarks from neighbouring Clubs, with many deciding to do likewise in the coming season.

- In the annual Inter-Club Social matches against Yea and Berwick, Ringwood won the Cup and the Shield at the "home" games but lost when playing both Clubs on their own greens. (Home green advantage !)

(The trophies are on view in the display case.)

1965-66 - NEW PAVILION PLANS: (Back in 1963/64 a Fund had been established as a first step towards a new Pavilion for the Club.)

In view of the unforeseen expenditure incurred with the reconstruction of the greens, planning for a new building had to be deferred. However, arrangements were made to have the sewerage connected to the clubhouse. (The necessity to use iron pipes due to the "filled" nature of the soil proved to be an expensive exercise.)

1966-67 Both greens were replaced and repairs made to the green lighting.

1967-68 - Stage 1 of the extensions to the clubhouse was completed providing accommodation on the season Opening Day for 180 people for afternoon tea at one sitting.

- In the absence of the minutes of the A.G.M. it is assumed that Mr D A DALE was awarded Life Membership at that meeting.

- A novel method of selection of teams was introduced for the local Men's Electric Light competition. Co-Managers selected 10 skippers, with the skippers in turn selecting their teams from the remaining 30 players using a ballot system for the order of choice.

1968-69 - Unfortunately the facilities of the 1967 building extensions were enjoyed for a limited time, due to a major clubhouse fire. This necessitated the advancement of Stage 2 of the building time-table to have a re-built modern clubhouse completed in readiness for the 1968/69 bowling season. The following excerpt from the General Secretary's Annual Report reads:

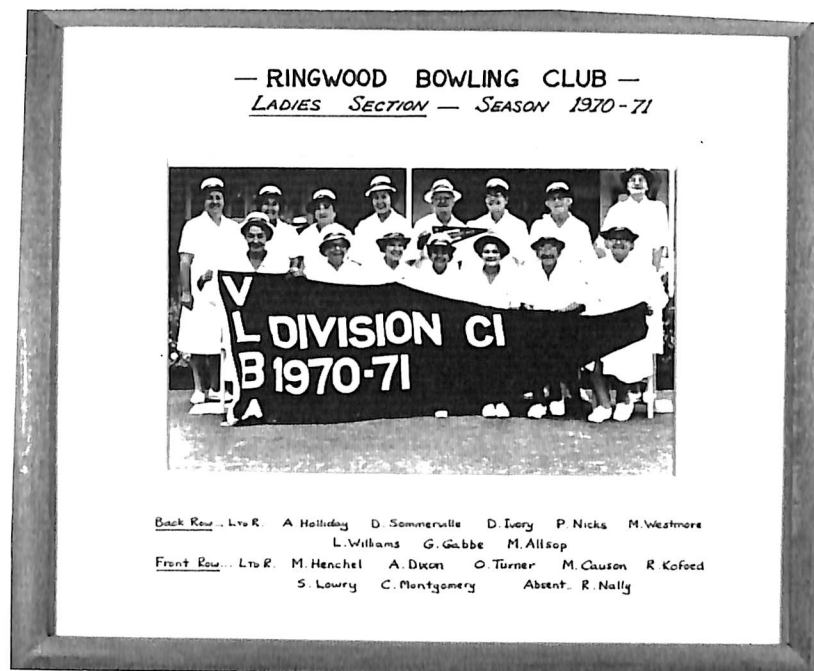
" CLUBHOUSE - We now enjoy the benefits of a modern building. The dealings with the Ringwood Council, the Insurance Company (after the fire) and the builder, all so capably handled by President Alan Williams, resulted in the building and furnishings being acquired on terms very much in our favour. Alan proved to be the right man in the right place at the right time.



FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB
AND THE LADIES SECTION, TO THEIR PRESIDENT
— MR. A.A. WILLIAMS —
IN APPRECIATION OF HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE 7-9-68.

S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1 9 7 0 s

- 1970-79 - Events of the 1970 decade are generally covered in the 1979 Jubilee Year souvenir booklet.
- 1970-71 - Total membership had increased to 215, including 47 husband and wife combinations.
- The big news for the 1970-71 ladies No. 2 side was winning the C 1 Division Pennant Flag. (Current members who played in the side are Avis Holliday and Phyl Nicks.)



- Appreciation Day to the Ladies was introduced and became an annual event.
- Also commenced that year was the Men's Club Pairs competition, the winners being George Gordon and Harry Munro, with runners-up - Charles Lavender and Keith Lawton.
- 1971-72 - (Minutes of meetings or the Annual Report for this year have not been located.)

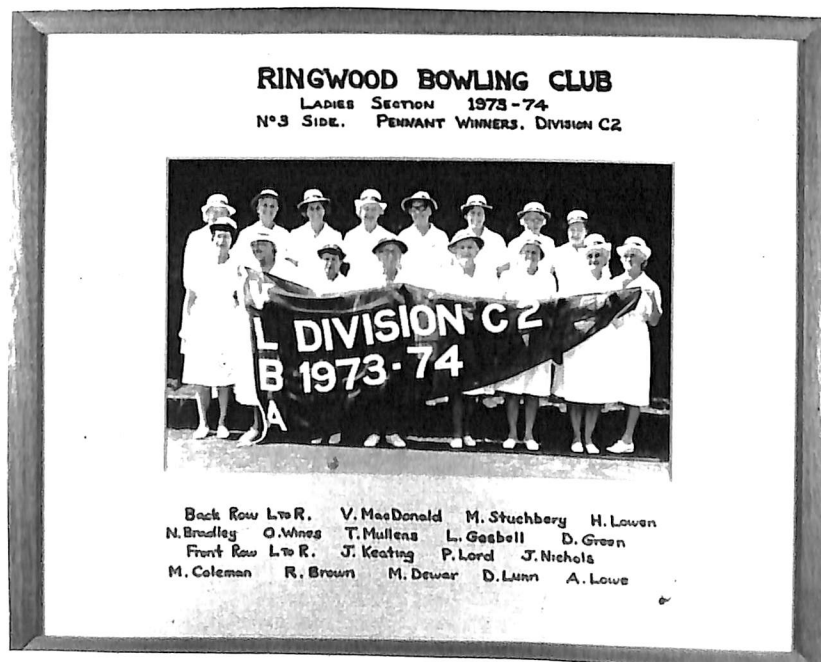
15/6/72 - "Constitution amended to read - The name of the Club
A.G.M. is The City of Ringwood Bowls Club."

- Subscriptions:

Men Full	\$31.
Men Social	\$21.
Ladies Full	\$12.
Ladies Social	\$10.
Joining Fee:	
- Men & Ladies	\$20.

- Consumer's Liquor Licence: Agreed that the Club apply for a Consumer's Licence - provided that no liquor was sold on the premises.
- Investigation into re-location of Club: Resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of acquiring suitable positions for re-locating the Club. The proponents of this proposal believed that in the not too distant future the present position could be disturbed. Possible locations - Mullum Road Reserve or adjoining the golf course in Canterbury Road.

1973-74 - The Ladies No. 3 side was successful in winning the Division C 2 Premiership Flag. (The lone current member who was in the winning side is Hazel Lowen.)





Above L - R Gordon Chapman, Win Chapman, Ian Embling, Elizabeth Baker granddaughter of Bob and Hilda Emmerson, and Hilda Emmerson.

1971/72



Above - Opening Day



President Bob Emmerson 1970/71 and 1971/72



L - R Joyce Embling, Bern Papworth, Hilda Emmerson, Elizabeth Baker granddaughter of Bob and Hilda Emmerson, President Bess Bower, Doris Green, Hon. J W Manson MLA, and Flo Craigie.

1971/72

L - R Gordon Chapman, Win Chapman, Ian Embling, Hon. J W Manson MLA, Hilda Emmerson, President Bob Emmerson, President Bess Bower, Doris Green and Flo Craigie.

1971/72



1972/73 Ian Embling, President Eileen Mason & Hilda Emmerson.



5/6/75 - Maximum Memberships: Men - 150, Ladies - 90

- Toilet Facilities: The limit on Lady Members was due to the inadequate toilet facilities, which also resulted in the loss of prospective male members. As it was forecast that the Club would be at the site for at least 5-7 years, it was agreed that the General Committee should proceed with extensions as soon as possible at an estimated cost of \$6,000. (The situation was rectified by the 1976 A.G.M. when the Ladies Section limit was increased to 115.

1/9/75 - MYRTLE RUSSELL elected as a Life Member.

2/6/77 - MONTY CRAIGIE elected as a Life Member.

Mar.78 - BETTY KEMPSON elected as a Life Member.

14/2/79 - The possibility of re-locating to Mullum Road Reserve was abandoned due to the estimated cost of over \$200,000.

- A decision was made to proceed with Stage 1. of the development of the Miles Avenue site, at an estimated cost of \$27,000.00 covering drainage, re-construction of greens and installation of a Sprinkler System. The project to be financed by a \$10.00 Levy on Members and Associate Members by 31 March, 1979, and recommended that Subscriptions and Joining Fees be increased by \$10.00 at the next Annual General Meeting. The Committee was authorised to raise \$27,000.00 by Bank overdraft.

8/4/79 - Subsequent alternative arrangements were made by the
Spl.G.M. General Committee being empowered to borrow \$20,000 on a bridging basis from the National Bank, Ringwood, to be repaid by a grant of \$10,000 and an interest-free loan of \$10,000 from the City of Ringwood from its 1979/80 allocations.

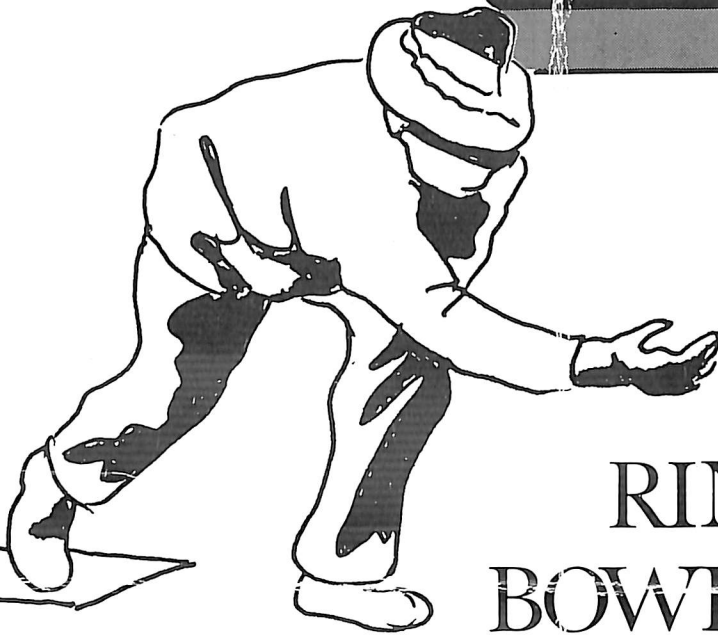
7/6/79 - Bert Lavis was thanked for making the UMPIRE'S BOX.



Gathering for the Jubilee Year opening of the new greens on Saturday, 1st September, 1979.
(Judging by the lack of bowling attire it was a non-bowling day.)



Vice-President Harry Munro, President Allan Clayton, Lady Mayoress Mrs Pat Corr, Mayor Cr. Pat Gotlib, City Engineer Mr Alan Robertson, and General Secretary Ian Embling.

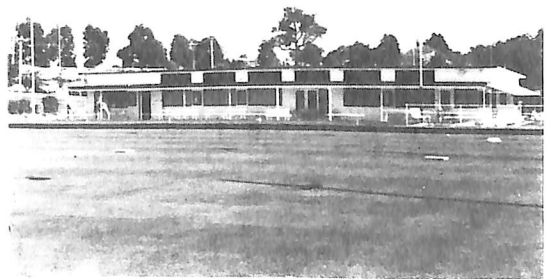
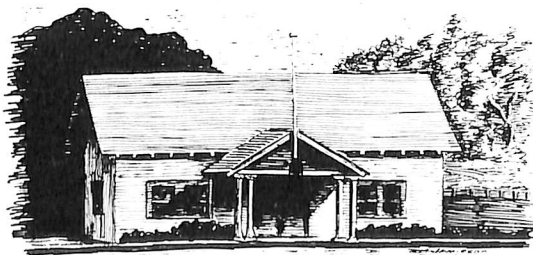


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BOWLS CLUB

*Jubilee Year
Celebrations*

1929

1979





Dear Friends,

It is indeed an honour to be writing the foreword to a short history of the City of Ringwood Bowls Club.

Many talented and dedicated people have formed the backbone of this Club.

Established in 1929 to serve a real need in a young community and now fifty years later a monument to those who have gone before.

In this booklet we have attempted to set down what has been achieved without reference to the personalities who achieved it. There have been so many wonderful Members, Associates and friends who have contributed greatly to the history of the Club. Who could name them all without leaving out others equally worthy of mention. Instead let us all give thanks to what has been achieved and dedicate ourselves to continue on in the tradition laid down over the past fifty years.

In this Jubilee Year of 1979, we believe much has been achieved in this great tradition, and as President, I am proud to have been associated with so many dedicated people in the transformation of our greens, surrounds and facilities into an asset any Club would be proud of. I believe the City of Ringwood Bowls Club to be on the threshold of being a truly great Club.

Let us make it so!

Yours in Fellowship,

ALLAN N. CLAYTON,
President.



The Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, K.C., Attorney-General, performing the First Official Opening
of the Club.

1932

CITY of RINGWOOD

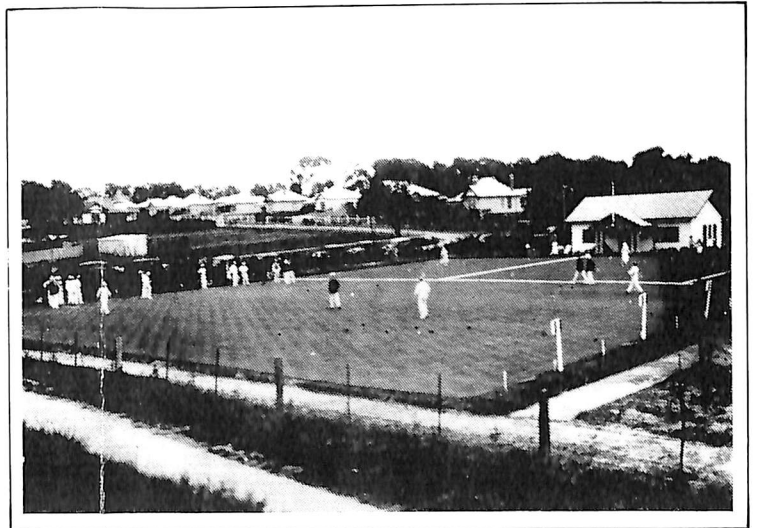
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The City of Ringwood Bowls Club owes its foundation to the enthusiasm of Bert Cock, a State Bank Manager, who was the prime mover in having the Borough Council call — in June, 1929 — a meeting in the Town Hall for the purpose of establishing a Bowls Club.

The present site was offered to the Council by Phillip Bamford and was accepted as suitable. Practical help was given by the Council by way of straightening the creek course, and by the installation of a barrel drain to remove storm water from Warrandyte Road.



THE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE WAS:

President:	Cr. Arthur Blood
Vice-Presidents:	O. J. Pratt — A. M. Ibbótsen.
Secretary:	W. Cock
Asst. Secretary:	N. H. Cooper
Treasurer:	E. J. Collins
General Committee:	T. R. Lucas, H. Pump, F. Clota, C. V. Ward, R. G. Wilkins, T. R. G. Williams. A. J. Dwight, J. G. Aird.

This Committee directed the building of the greens through working-bees, using barrows and shovels, and supplemented by Sam Brown's Senior Horse and Scoop. The work-force was further strengthened by unemployed labour financed by Government relief funds on a pound for pound basis.

The Club-house was erected by Roy Wilkins at no profit to himself. All material was supplied by P. Bamford Pty. Ltd. at cost.

The Club's first Annual Report for the season ending 31st July, 1930, states: "... a green ready for sowing, a Club-house with billiard table ... and a balance sheet showing a surplus of assets over liabilities of £446/3/8d., all achieved in a space of ten months".



Cr. Blood introducing the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies

1932 OFFICIAL OPENING

Members began playing bowls in 1930/31 by invitation of the existing neighbouring clubs of Croydon, Lilydale and Blackburn. A meeting to form a local association was convened at Croydon in June, 1931. For some reason this proposed association of Lilydale, Croydon, Ringwood, Blackburn, Box Hill, Surrey Hills and Upwey-Tecoma, did not develop. However, at a later meeting, Lilydale, Croydon and Ringwood arranged a competition. This competition, which first began in November, 1931, was continued during 1932/33.

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SHERRIES AND SAVOURIES

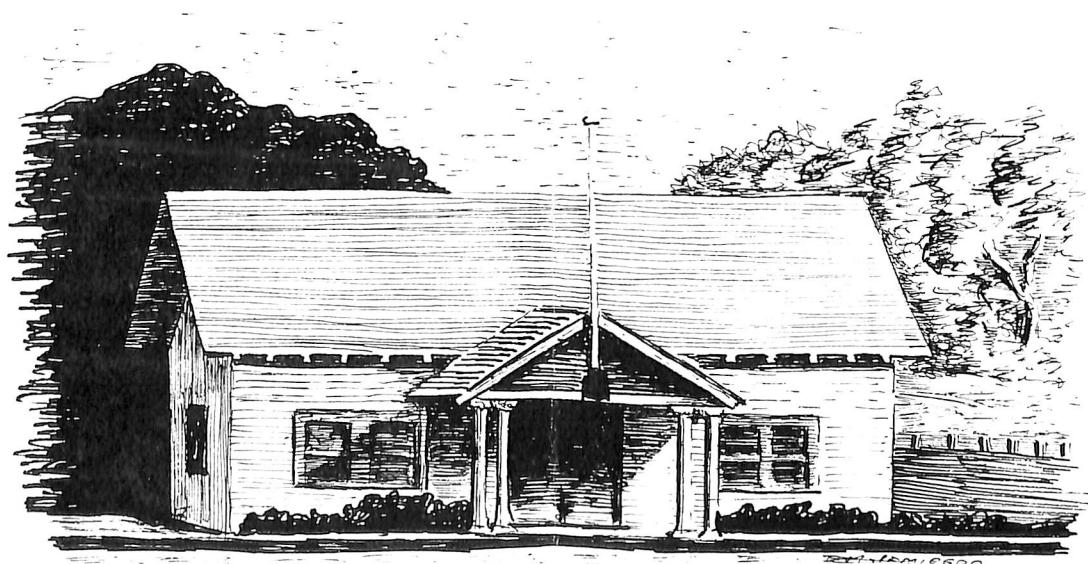
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THICK VEGETABLE

Entree CURRIED PRAWNS
SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN

Main Course: STEAK DIANNE AND MUSHROOM SAUCE
ROAST DUCKLING AND ORANGE SAUCE

Sweets: CASSATA ICE CREAM
FRUIT SALAD AND CREAM

DINNER MINTS
TEA OR COFFEE



PENNANT WINNERS — B. DIVISION 1955-56



Back Row L - R: D. B. ANDERSON, A. ELLIS, J. SHARPLEY, H. BROWN, W. KANE,
G. AIRD, R. ANDERSON, W. DANIELS, R. ROBINSON, G. GORDON.

Front Row L - R: C. RICHMOND, W. WADEMAN, D. A. DALE, W. HANCOCK, S. HUNT,
Inset: W. GILLESPIE.



PENNANT WINNERS — D.3 DIVISION 1961-62

Back Row L - R: R. HOPKINSON, A. KOFOED, S. LUCKIE, R. STEPHENSON,
L. MULGREW, R. MINTO.

Front Row L - R: N. SINCLAIR, J. HARDING, K. LAWTON, L. BEAGLEY, I. EMBLING,
C. LAVENDER.

PENNANT WINNERS — B. DIVISION 1958-59

C. PARIS, W. APPLEBY, P. RHODES, H. LOWRY, R. CORBETT, A. CATRON,
R. ROBINSON, D. LEIGH, W. HANCOCK, W. WADEMAN,
A. STEWART, W. BAMFORD, W. ROBERTS, G. MOORE, H. JONES, T. THOMPSON.

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Champion
1931	Cr. A. Blood	W. W. Cock	H. A. Aldag	G. T. Jones
1932	A. M. Ibbotson	W. W. Cock	H. A. Aldag	F. T. Baner
1933	F. Hardy	C. Skelton	W. Anderson	F. T. Baner
1934	F. Clota	C. Skelton	N. Dickinson	T. Huggan
1935	F. Clota	C. Skelton	N. Dickinson	S. Hunt
1936	F. Clota	C. Skelton	N. Dickinson	E. Nethercote
1937	H. F. Watson	C. Skelton	N. Dickinson	E. Nethercote
1938	A. M. Ibbotson	C. Skelton	W. Brice	S. Hunt
1939	A. M. Ibbotson	C. Skelton	W. Brice	F. T. Baner
1940	R. Wilkins	A. J. Roberts	W. Cooke	W. Barrington
1941	A. J. Tann	A. J. Roberts	W. Cooke	F. Kenworthy
1942	A. J. Tann	A. J. Roberts	J. Archibold	F. Kenworthy
1943	A. J. Tann	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	F. Kenworthy
1944	A. J. Tann	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	J. Gillespie
1945	A. J. Tann	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	S. F. Hunt
1946	S. F. Hunt	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	J. Gillespie
1947	S. F. Hunt	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	J. Gillespie
1948	W. Bamford	A. J. Roberts	E. T. Roberts	W. Bamford
1949	J. Tancoe	A. J. Roberts	A. Golder	S. F. Hunt
1950	J. Tancoe	A. J. Roberts	C. Roberts	J. W. Gillespie
1951	J. Tancoe	A. J. Roberts	C. Roberts	J. W. Gillespie
1952	A. Dale	A. J. Roberts	C. Roberts	C. Richmond
1953	A. Dale	A. J. Roberts	W. Harrison	J. W. Gillespie
1954	C. A. Roberts	A. J. Roberts	W. Harrison	C. Richmond
1955	C. A. Roberts	A. J. Roberts	J. Sergeant	C. Richmond
1956	A. J. Roberts	D. A. Dale	I. Embling	J. W. Gillespie
1957	A. J. Roberts	A. R. Catron	I. Embling	E. G. Morris
1958	D. B. Leigh	A. R. Catron	I. Embling	E. G. Morris
1959	D. B. Leigh	A. R. Catron	I. Embling	H. Jones
1960	S. E. Dickens	A. R. Catron	I. Embling	H. Jones
1961	S. E. Dickens	N. W. Parker	I. Embling	T. R. Barnes
1962	L. F. Beagley	N. W. Parker	I. Embling	E. G. Morris
1963	L. F. Beagley	N. W. Parker	I. Embling	E. G. Morris
1964	L. F. Beagley	N. W. Parker	I. Embling	J. Dewar
1965	L. F. Beagley	A. O. Stanfield	I. Embling	T. R. Barnes
1966	A. A. Williams	J. B. Smith	I. Embling	E. G. Morris
1967	A. A. Williams	J. B. Smith	I. Embling	J. Dewar
1968	A. A. Williams	J. B. Smith	I. Embling	T. R. Barnes
1969	A. A. Williams	J. B. Smith	I. Embling	T. R. Barnes
1970	R. Emmerson	J. B. Smith	I. Embling	B. Papworth
1971	R. Emmerson	A. G. Chapman	I. Embling	L. W. Hinchcliffe
1972	C. M. Craigie	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	L. W. Hinchcliffe
1973	C. M. Craigie	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	L. W. Hinchcliffe
1974	H. J. McLean	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	C. F. Lavender
1975	H. J. McLean	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	R. J. Hollow
1976	T. Bronner	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	L. W. Hinchcliffe
1977	T. Bronner	A. G. Chapman	A. Kofoed	I. Embling
1978	A. Clayton	I. Embling	A. Kofoed	J. Lindsay
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ASHLEY, A. G.	GRANT, T.	MULHALL, C. E.
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BENTLY, H. J.	JONES, G. T.	PRATT, O. J.
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BROBEN, W.	KENWORTHY, F.	SALTER, H. L.
BROWN, S. Sen.	LANGLEY, Dr. A. T.	SKELTON, C.
CARMICHAEL, G. F.	LITTLE, F. L.	STONE, R.
COCK, W. W.	LONG, A. F. B.	TRAVERS, R. L.
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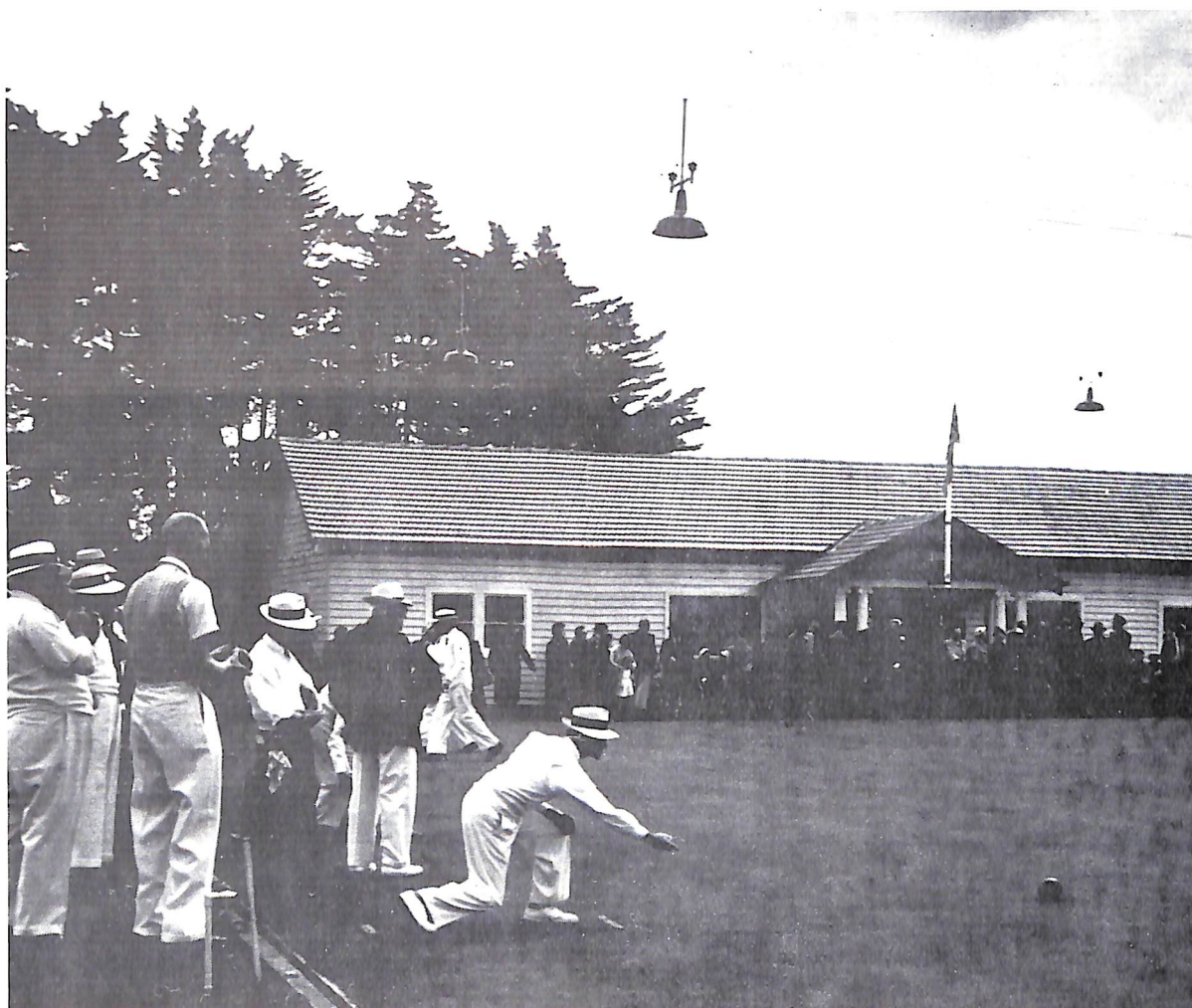


**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE CLUB THROUGH THE 1930's ARE WORTHY OF NOTE:**

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- The formation of the Croquet Section — 1931.
The first official opening of the Green by R. G. Menzies —
10th October, 1931.
- The first use of electric light for the Green — 1933. Full lighting was
effected — 1934.
- Application to the V.B.A. for affiliation and pennant play for
season 1933/34 was made.
- The Croquet Section had separate greens by 1934/35.
- Jack Knox presented the Club with its first Honour Board in 1935 and
repeated the gesture twenty-six years later.
These developmental years saw Club amenities improved by
extensions to the original building.



Then came the Second World War, during which the energies of members were directed towards Red Cross and other patriotic activities such as the making of camouflage nets in the Club-rooms.



OPENING DAY 1954

Between 1950 and 1960 further steps forward were made. The Autumn Tournament was established. A pennant was won in 1955/56. Buildings were further extended.

The most important event of the fifties was the move of the Croquet Section, which re-established itself as a separate club at Jubilee Park. This made way for the formation of the Ladies' Section in 1959/60.

Bowling-wise the Club reached its first peak when, after winning a pennant in 1961/62, it had a team in the top pennant division during the following season.

The Club-house was remodelled after a fire in 1968 and sewerage connections were made.

Pennants have eluded Ringwood, but the ladies were successful in minor grades in 1970/71 and 1973/74. Men's "B" Grade were section winners in 1977/78 and runners-up for the pennant. In the forthcoming season the Ladies' Section will be playing in the top division of pennant.

The greens were replanted in 1972, but the Eastland car park caused a flooding problem during that year — a problem which has recurred several times on the occasions of heavy downpours.

Toward the end of the current decade, the Committee had to decide whether to advise the members to transfer to a proposed new site on Mullum Reserve, or to remain on Bamford Reserve where, for some years, the greens had been difficult to maintain. Because of the high cost of the former, the Club, following the advice of its special sub-committee, decided to remain at Bamford Reserve, but to remodel the greens completely to give alternate playing directions — to raise the standard of the greens by improving drainage and by the installation of an automatic watering service — and to improve the surrounds. This work has been completed. A brick building to house machinery, stores, sand, etc., has been constructed. Fences, shelters have been erected — lawns, gardens and shrubs have been sown. With the exception of the greens construction and the watering system, the improvements have been made through the efforts of individual members, giving freely of their time and skills in planning, building, plumbing, painting, gardening and labouring. Working bees were very well attended.

• 1929 — 1979 •
LIFE MEMBERS

A. IBBOTSON
R. LUCAS
H. E. WATSON
J. ARCHBOLD
E. T. ROBERTS
G. YOUNG

A. J. ROBERTS
H. E. WALDRICK
C. C. PARIS
W. BAMFORD
J. KNOX
A. DALE
C. CRAIGIE

LADY LIFE MEMBERS

M. RUSSELL

B. KEMPSON

**RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB
FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

Ladies' Section – March 24th, 1959

President: W. AIRD

Secretary-Treasurer: J. ROBERTSON

Committee: M. RUSSELL, G. GABBE, M. HEALEY

D. ADAMS
E. BIGGIN
B. BOWER
L. CASSIMOR
M. COLEMAN
O. DAVIDSON
E. GORDON
D. JONES
B. KEMPSON

S. LOWRY
D. LUNN
I. MOORE
R. NALLY
M. RICHMOND
M. STUCHBERY
M. THOMPSON
D. VAGG
D. WARREN



LADIES COMMITTEE

1978/79

President: M. MUNRO

Immediate Past President: L. COOKE

Vice-Presidents: M. STUCHBERY, E. KNEEN

Secretary: D. GREEN

Treasurer: P. MORTON

Assistant Secretary: R. STANFIELD

Bowls Secretary: M. CAWSON

General Committee: H. LOWEN, W. WARNER, P. NICKS, G. HEAD, E. GORDON



The Ringwood City Council has maintained its early interest in the Club. It has installed a flood wall along the Miles Avenue frontage to prevent a recurrence of the flooding which, on several occasions, has caused serious damage to our greens. Advice and assistance has been readily available from Council staff whenever requested.

In this Jubilee Year more has been achieved physically than in any previous decade of the Club's history with the possible exception of its first ten years. Members can be proud of these achievements of 1979 and can be assured that Club spirit engendered by this fine communal effort will be reflected on the greens during ensuing pennant seasons.

The Committee which accepted the responsibility of recommending these changes in 1979 was:—

President:

A. CLAYTON

Vice-Presidents:

H. MUNRO, J. SOMMERVILLE

Secretary:

I. EMBLING

Assistant Secretary:

O. JONES

Treasurer:

A. KOFOED

Greens Director and Immediate Past President:

T. BRONNER

Social Secretary:

N. JERMYN

General Committee:

L. HINCHCLIFFE, R. MASON,

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S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1 9 8 0 s

The concise coverage of events of the 1980s presented in the 60th Anniversary brochure under "60 years - a brief reflection" and "Bowling Achievements of Note - 1979-1989" makes further reference to those events in this summary superfluous.

However, there are some matters which warrant special recognition, such as the generous sponsorship and personal support by Jim Mulcahy of Mulcahy Mazda Ringwood Motors throughout the 1980s, and beyond. Commencing in 1979 with the inaugural Ringwood Classic, club fixture books record the following Mulcahy Mazda sponsored events:

- Monthly - Mulcahy Mazda Smorgasbords
- Annual - Mulcahy Mazda Ringwood Classic
 - Mulcahy Mazda Elec. Light Mixed Tournament
 - Mulcahy Mazda Elec. Light Men's Tournament
 - Mulcahy Mazda Men's Open Autumn Tournament

At a Club Dinner in 1988, Life Member and Tournament Manager Allan Clayton, who initiated the Classic when he was President in 1979, presented Jim Mulcahy with a Club blazer to celebrate the occasion of his ten years generous sponsorship amounting to \$24,070.

Typical of the numerous trophies and financial contributions for specific purposes, was the provision of two buses to transport 90 club members to the Women's World Bowls at Reservoir in 1984, as well as twenty-five complimentary entrance tickets from Mazda Australia.

Reverting to selecting "Snippets" in chronological sequence, we note the following:

- 11/3/80 - IAN EMBLING - elected a Life Member.
- 29/11/81 - Reciprocal visits between Ringwood and Inverloch. Before moving to Ringwood Allan and Joyce Clayton were members of Inverloch Bowling Club in 1961/62/63, where both were Foundation members. It was not surprising that with their friendships with Inverloch bowlers, mutual arrangements were made for social visits during the 1980s, at least up to 1985.

1981- Darren Vincent was engaged as Apprentice Greenkeeper in 1981, under the over-sight of Greens Director, John Sommerville, who fulfilled these important duties until he relinquished the position in 1987. In 1982 Darren achieved the honour of being judged "Apprentice of the Year", and our club has indeed been fortunate in retaining his services both as an employee and later as contract Greenkeeper.



Rex Bailey (Skip) and Gordon Chapman
Club Pairs Champions - 1981-82

3/5/82 - ALEC KOFOED awarded Life Membership.

1/12/82 - Men's membership reached the stage where it was necessary to have two fills for Saturday Bankers, 12 Noon and 3 pm, to accommodate the number of players.

23/2/83 - An indication of the harmonious relationship between the Club and Councillors, Officers and Staff of the City of Ringwood, was the annual evening bowls game, usually held in February. The earliest record of these games is in correspondence advising that thirtytwo could be attending on 23 February, 1983, including seven Councillors. The letter refers to accepting the invitation "in line with past practice". No record can be found of these nights beyond 1987. (Refer to 'Civic Bowling Match' on Page 72)

1982-83 - Due to the severe drought, members were rostered for hand watering of the greens between 8am and 10am.

9/3/83 - The Club introduced the tradition of acknowledging members "Golden Weddings" at Club Dinners.

2/11/83 - BINGO !

David MacCubbin advocated that positive steps be taken to commence Bingo games to boost Club funds. It was agreed that application be made for a Bingo Licence as soon as possible.

A permit was approved in February 1984, and the first game was on 20 February '84, with Roy Hampson Chairman, Sid Warner - Game Supervisor, and Doug Corrigan the Finance Supervisor.

\$5,000 was the annual revenue budget from Bingo in planning finance for the proposed extensions to the Clubhouse.

Dick Mason took over as Bingo Chairman in 1986, when Roy Hampson was elected President, Men's Section.

The Annual Financial Statements to 1989-90 reveal receipts totalling \$47,638 from Bingo, reaching a peak of \$11,008 in the year 1987-88.

14/3/84 - Members approved plans and financing arrangements for Clubhouse extensions. (The plans were modified to be within the scope of the Club's ability to service the proposed loans repayments. On 31/10/84 it was agreed to proceed forthwith with Ken Aird - Project Committee Chairman, and Bill McRae - Finance Committee Chairman.)

17/5/84 - The Constitution and Rules of the Club were amended to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1981. The Club title became "The City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc."

29/5/84 - Formation of the Ringwood Lawn Bowlers Co-operative Ltd: Details of the formation and functioning of the Co-operative has been contributed by Bill McRae, Secretary/Treasurer and Director throughout the ten years of the Co-operative.

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In 1983 it was decided to extend and improve the Bowls club-house. The plans finally decided upon involved a total outlay of around \$180,000.

A levy on members, a small debenture issue, and a grant and a loan from City of Ringwood Council, left \$70,000 still to be found.

It was resolved to apply to the Club's bankers, the National Australia Bank Ltd, for a loan of this amount, repayable over 12 years; security to be a Guarantee by the State Treasurer. To obtain this guarantee we had to set up a co operative complying with statutory requirements. This required a lot of preliminary investigation in which Rod Taylor was the main worker and source of documentation and advice on procedures.

At a historic meeting on 29 May 1984 attended by 34 Club members, chaired by Ian McRae with Rod Taylor as secretary, the reasons for forming the co operative, and how it would operate, were outlined. All 34 members present applied for membership, and the initial Board of Directors was appointed ,viz: Avis Holliday, Doris Green, Ian McRae, Rod Taylor and Bill McRae, the latter also as Secretary Treasurer.

By 14/1/85 the society had the required membership of 120; each having 1500 \$1 shares paid to 10¢; the remaining 90¢ per share of uncalled capital providing the collateral to support the loan Guarantee; in return for which the Bowls Club gave its written undertaking to meet the loan repayments and charges.

The interest rate at time of loan approval was 13.5% requiring monthly repayments of \$984, but over the next few years the rate climbed rapidly to a peak of 19.75% which required a corresponding escalation in the Bowls Club's monthly payments. However, when interest rates subsided to more acceptable levels the Club continued to make the higher repayments, as a result of which the loan, which was fully drawn in September, 1985, was fully cleared in August, 1993; and the society was wound up formally in October, 1993.

Over the period of its existence, membership of the society was maintained at 120, notwithstanding losses by death, resignations

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and transfers. For each loss a new member was recruited; by the time the society was wound up there were 48 members who were not among the original 120. The composition of the Board changed over the years, but Avis Holliday served as a director and Bill McRae as the secretary/treasurer and director throughout the ten years.

The society was indebted to Mr. Russ Devenish FCA, who, although not a member of the Bowls Club, carried out the annual audit in an honorary capacity for the whole period of the co operative's existence.

The formation of the co-operative was not only a very effective way of securing the Club's loan requirements; but it produced a much higher degree of interest in the Bowls Club's finances amongst all those who had "lent their names" as security for the loan.

S N I P P E T S F R O M T H E 1 9 8 0 s C o n t ' d .

- 20/5/84 - Mr Alan Carter retires as Club Auditor:
Mr Alan Carter's decision not to offer for re-appointment as Honorary Auditor, brought to a close twenty-seven years of serving in this capacity. For the information of more recent members, Alan Carter was the proprietor of C E Carter and Son, Real Estate Agents business, currently being conducted by his son, Richard.
- 21/9/85 - Following advice from the S.E.C. that the green lighting had been condemned, expenditure up to \$5,000 was authorised for re-wiring and installation of Super Mercury Vapour globes.
- 2/10/85 - Appreciation of the excellent work done by Ken Aird as Project Manager of the extensions to the Clubhouse, was recorded.

- 6/11/85 - An offer by the Probus Club of Ringwood, which had met monthly at the Bowls Club since its inception in 1983, to provide the Men's "B" Grade annual trophy, was accepted. On 15/5/86 the minutes record the presentation by Probus of Shields for the following events:
- Probus V "The Rest"
 - Men's "B" Grade
 - Men's President Handicap
 - Ladies "B" Grade
 - Ladies President Handicap
- (Probus later added provision of the Ladies "B" Grade trophy.)
- 2/4/86 - Nostalgic Donation: As promised when his South Bendigo Four won the 1986 Ringwood Classic, Harry Munro forwarded the Club a cheque for \$100. out of the winnings, together with his appreciative comments on the Clubhouse, etc..
- 7/4/86 - Rex Bailey, Chairman of the Social Committee, was given permission to conduct regular card afternoons on Tuesdays (off season) from 1 pm to 4 pm.
- 30/8/86 - Vandalism: Taps turned on, lights smashed, meterbox broken, clocks stolen, rubbish spread about, and seats scattered over greens. Estimated damage - \$2,000.
- 8/10/86 - Revised Management Structure: Amendments to the Constitution and Rules were adopted to conform with the Equal Opportunity Act, as required by the Liquor Control Commission to enable the Club's Restricted Permit to be renewed. The Equal Opportunity Act required that Men and Women have equal rights in the Club's rules. This necessitated establishing a separate Men's Section as existed in the Ladies Section, to conduct Pennant, Club competitions and other games under the appropriate RVBA or VLBA rules.

10/3/87 - Under the revised structure the currently elected Presidents of the Mens and Ladies Sections became the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the re-named Committee of Management, in rotation each twelve months.

The Chairman for the 1987/88 year was determined to be the President of the Men's Section, and the Deputy Chairman, the President of the Ladies' Section, resulting in Roy Hampson being Chairman for 1987/88, and Fran Robinson became the first Lady Chairman of the Committee of Management in 1988/89.

1987 - DORIS GREEN was elected a Life Member.
 1987 - ALLAN CLAYTON was elected a Life Member.
 1988 - AVIS HOLLIDAY was elected a Life Member.

24/5/88 - The date of the Inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Men's Section.

30/4/89 - A Lucky Escape! The Treasurer's Report to the 1988/89 Annual General Meeting showed an investment Of \$22,450 with the Federation Building Society.

Several members queried the use of Federation Building Society as the repository of Club funds on short-term deposit. The Treasurer said that although Federation is a small and little known building society, he had checked their status and felt confident they were quite secure. They paid interest rates about 1% above other financial institutions. One member's comment that it would be better to obtain a little less interest but more security received some vocal support.

The queries proved to be fortuitous as shortly afterwards the Pyramid Building Society, of which Federation Building Society was a subsidiary, collapsed, with catastrophic losses to its contributors.

Fortunately, the Club's investment was withdrawn and more securely invested.

LADIES SECTION
THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
1 9 5 9 - 1 9 8 4

The history of The First Twenty-five Years of the Ladies Section was written by the late Myrtle Russell, who was a foundation member of the Ladies Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club.

To attempt to re-write the history of this era would be presumptuous of us, as this booklet should take its rightful place in the history of the Ladies Section.

The original Minute Book has been found, but there is no reference to the date of affiliation with the V.L.B.A.. However, we surmise it was soon after the inaugural meeting on the 24th March 1959, as a letter dated 24th April 1959 from the R.B.C. Men's Secretary to the Ladies' Secretary has been found, which had originally enclosed a cheque to re-imburse the Ladies Section for the affiliation they had already paid to the V.L.B.A..

Membership has increased over the years from a start of 30 members, being the maximum allowed. There was a waiting list at times of ladies wishing to join the club. The following Table shows the quotas allowed from 1959 onwards:-

1959	- 30 then 35 members.
1961-65	- 50 members - Plus 10 for relatives of R.B.C. members.
1966	- 70 members.
1967-70	- 75 members.
1971-75	- 80 Full members - Plus 10 Social members.
1976-79	- 115 members.
1980-84	- 125 members.

We look back to 1959 when the Ladies Section started, their Fees were £4-4-0 for the season, by 1969 annual Fees were \$12.00, in 1982 the Joining Fee was \$75.00 and annual Fees \$40.00

LADIES SECTION
THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

1 9 5 9 - 1 9 8 4

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The ladies have enjoyed pennant competition from the 1959-60 season, when one side was entered in the V.L.B.A., followed by two sides being entered in 1961-62.

The ladies won a Pennant Flag in 1962-63 in Division 4. There was success again in 1970-71 when the C 1 side finished on top of their Section and went on to win a Pennant Flag, and in 1973-74 the C 2 side won another Pennant Flag. Small flags have been won for finishing on top of the Section in 1970-71, 1973-74, 1978-79 and 1983-84. These small flags adorn the wall of our Clubhouse.

At the Annual Meeting in 1974 the Constitution was altered to allow for Lady Life Members. Myrtle Russell was made the first Lady Life Member and presented with her badge in September 1975. Betty Kempson was granted the second Life Membership in March 1978. Both of these ladies were foundation members and had given outstanding service to the Club.

The ladies celebrated their Silver Anniversary in 1984.

City of Ringwood Bowls Club
Ladies' Section



SILVER ANNIVERSARY

1959 – 1984

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

W. Aird	S. Lowry
D. Adams	D. Lunn
E. Biggin	I. Moore
B. Bower	R. Nally
L. Cassimer	M. Richmond
M. Coleman	J. Robertson
O. Davidson	M. Russell
G. Gabbe	M. Stuchberry
E. Gordon	M. Thompson
M. Healey	D. Vagg
D. Jones	D. Warren
B. Kempson	

TREASURERS

1959-61	S. Lowry
1962-67	E. Jamieson
1968	F. Robinson
1969-77	F. Craigie
1977-80	M. Morton
1981-84	E. Kneen

LIFE MEMBERS

M. Russell
B. Kempson

PRESIDENTS

1958-59	W. Aird
1960-61	M. Russell
1962-63	V. Sparrow
1964-65	A. Parker
1966	E. Gordon
1967	M. Russell
1968-69	L. Williams
1970-71	B. Bower
1972-74	E. Mason
1975-76	L. Cooke
1977-78	M. Munro
1979-80	M. Stuchberry
1981-82	A. Holliday
1983-84	R. Stanfield

SECRETARIES

1958-62	J. Robertson
1963-66	M. Russell
1967	R. Stanfield
1968-69	A. Holliday
1970-	D. Green

CLUB CHAMPIONS

1959	E. Gordon
1960	M. Healey
1961	M. Russell
1962	D. Jones
1963	B. Kempson
1964	B. Kempson
1965	M. Henschel
1966	E. Gordon
1967	B. Kempson
1968	M. Russell
1969	F. Craigie
1970	B. Kempson
1971	J. Crozier
1972	J. Crozier
1973	L. Cooke
1974	J. Clayton
1975	A. Holliday
1976	J. Crozier
1977	J. Clayton
1978	A. Holliday
1979	A. Holliday
1980	J. Clayton
1981	J. Clayton
1982	C. Hansen
1983	V. Murray

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB (LADIES' SECTION)
(originally Ringwood Bowling Club)

THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

1959 - 1984

Compiled by Myrtle Russell

When the Croquet Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club decided to establish itself as a separate club at Jubilee Park, the Ringwood Bowling Club offered to any interested ladies the opportunity to form a Ladies' Bowling Section of the Club. On March 24th, 1959, twenty-two ladies attended the inaugural meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Ringwood Bowling Club in the Clubhouse. President Don Leigh, assisted by Secretary Arthur Catron, chaired the meeting. All application forms were signed, each lady being proposed by Don Leigh and seconded by Arthur Catron. Provisional officers elected were:- President, Wen Aird; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeanette Robertson; and a Committee of three - Myrtle Russell, Glad Gabbe, and Marj Healey. These ladies were to hold office until the July Annual General Meeting, and Mr. Syd Hunt agreed to coach the ladies. They were to be guest members of the Ringwood Bowling Club, and had free use of the allotted rinks at stated times on the main green.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of President Wen, the first Gala Day was held on April 30th, resulting in raising £57. Twenty-four years later, Gala Day raised \$2,881.00. A High Tea on May 9th, together with Crazy Whist afternoons and Indoor Bowls, kept the money rolling in until the first Annual Meeting on July 9th. The following officers were

elected: President, Wen Aird; Vice-Presidents, M. Russell and E. Gordon; Secretary, J. Robertson; Treasurer, S. Lowry; Bowls Secretary, D. Jones; General Committee - M. Healey, G. Gabbe, E. Biggin, M. Coleman, D. Warren; Match Committee - M. Healey, E. Williamson.

The ladies were informed by the Men's Committee that lady membership was limited to thirty-five. The Croquet ladies would have the use of No. 2 Green, and were agreeable to catering for the men's afternoon teas and suppers until they moved to Jubilee Park. The fees were fixed at £4.4.0 for the coming season.

At a Special General Meeting held on October 8th, lady members approved the proposed Constitution and Rules of the Ringwood Bowling Club Ladies' Section (the men's Committee having already approved these). Now they had their own Constitution thanks to the hard work put into its formation by Ev and George Gordon. When the Ringwood Bowling Club's Constitution was being revised a few years later, "Rules for the Running of the Ladies' Section" were incorporated within the Ringwood Bowling Club Constitution.

When the Croquet ladies transferred to Jubilee Park, duties were rostered for the men's afternoon teas and suppers, most ladies being given seven duties. As the money came in, tea-pots, hot water jugs, crockery, tablecloths and teatowels were bought. The ladies had to ask the men for permission to spend more than £5 at any one time! For big days the ladies brought their own best silver, crystal and tablecloths from home. Enthusiasm remained high.

In that first season one pennant side was entered, and Club competitions were run for members. Visits were arranged to other clubs Gala and Guest Days, gaining experience that way. In July 1961 the limit of membership was increased to sixty, and two pennant sides were entered.

December 6th, 1961, proved a sad day, as four of the ladies were injured in a car accident on their way to Pennant at Clifton Park Club. All were hospitalised, three returning home after a short while, but Marj Healey was immobilised for quite a time. She recovered completely, and now lives at Forster, N.S.W., where she recently won the Club Championship. By 1963 it was a well-organised club. Administration was running smoothly, the pennant teams were doing well, finance was flourishing, and there was a waiting list of ladies wishing to become members. To round off the 1962-63 season there was great excitement when the No. 1 side won Ringwood's first Pennant Flag. Six of those ladies still play Pennant for the Club.

In June 1963 Secretary Jeanette Robertson left to live in Canberra, her parting gift to the Club being a silver rose bowl to be given as the Club Champion Perpetual Trophy, and is now known as the "Jeanette Robertson Trophy". By the end of this season there will be twenty names inscribed on its base. Her five years of excellent service gave the Club a very good start, her work being carried on in turn by Myrtle Russell, Rita Stanfield, Avis Holliday and Doris Green, the latter being in her fourteenth year as Secretary.

In June 1968, the Club building suffered a disastrous fire. Club President, the late Alan Williams, was certainly "the right man in the right place at the right time". He saw to the insurance claim and was able to contact Council and builders, enabling him to get the best possible building and equipment with the insurance cheque.

The new enlarged Clubhouse, with its well-equipped kitchen, enabled the ladies, later on, to cater successfully for a variety of open bowling days, including Invitation Fours, whilst smorgasbord lunches were provided for regular sponsored competitions. All these ventures brought increasing financial profits.

The Social Committee ladies, working in conjunction with the man's Social Committee, held evening functions such as club dinners and monthly dances.

At the end of the 1970-71 season, the third side, C1, won another Pennant for the Club, followed three years later by yet another one, this time the fourth side, C2, being the flag winners.

In season 1975-76, the Club elected Myrtle Russell as its first Life Member, and two years later Betty Kempson was given the same honour. Both were foundation members who had given much service to the Club.

In 1977-78, the top side, while not winning a Pennant, came first in their section and were promoted to A1.

Over the past years many members have passed on, leaving behind a fine example of unselfish service to the Club. It is not possible to list them all, but one who gave outstanding service to the Club was a Past President, the late Eileen Mason, who tackled the catering for big numbers with a greater variety of food.

Such enthusiasm as this has run like a silver thread throughout the Section's history over the past twenty-five years. It is hoped that the one hundred and twenty-three present members maintain this enthusiasm, and follow the example of a continuing fine Club Spirit to inspire members of the future to do likewise.

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LADIES SECTION

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The ladies membership continued to grow and by 1985 when the new Clubhouse was opened with added facilities, the ladies quota for membership was 130.

In 1985 Doris Green was made a Life Member having been Secretary of the Ladies Section for many years, then in 1989 Avis Holliday was made a Life Member, having joined the club in 1966 and had given service as Secretary, President, Committee and Committee of Management. Rita Stanfield joined the club in 1965 and was made a Life Member in 1993 after many years of service as Secretary, President, Committee and Bowls Secretary.

The ladies had success again in pennant competition when in 1984-85 the C 1 side finished on top of their Section and won a small flag, then in 1988-89 the E 1 side (No. 6 side) won a small flag. In 1990-91 the B 2 side also finished on top of their Section to win another small flag.

In 1985 Channel "10" donated a Silver Tray for a Perpetual Trophy for the Ladies Club Championship, then in 1988 the Probus Club of Ringwood donated Perpetual Trophies for the "E" Grade competition and the "100-up" competition.

The following ladies have long-term membership:-

Edna Biggin	Joined	1959 (Foundation Member)
Norah Jordan	"	1961
Joan Crozier	"	1962
Phil Nicks	"	1964
Rita Stanfield	"	1965
Avis Holliday	"	1966
Beryl McLean	"	1966
Joyce Clayton	"	1967

City of Ringwood Bowls Club
1986



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CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB
MENS SECTION 1989 - 90
SECTION WINNERS DIVISION 2



Back Row L to R. H. Sanderson A. Clayton J. Lindsey R. Hollow
I. Spencer D. Corrigan K. Bird D. Stevens G. Allanby H. Filliponi
G. Gartside C. Lavender R. Smyth M. Brown.
Front Row L to R. G. Ellis K. Aird L. Pieper A. Bartling (President)
W. Mc Rae L. Hinchcliffe R. Rees

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB
LADIES SECTION 1988 - 89
Nº 6 SIDE SECTION WINNERS DIVISION E SECT 3



Back Row (L to R) K. CARLTON M. WILLIAMS
B. CLEATOR S. NORTON
Front Row (L to R) I. BRYAN K. VICKERS-WILLIS
I. FRANCIS N. BROADWAY

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB
MENS SECTION 1989 - 90
Nº 6 SIDE. SECTION WINNERS. DIVISION 12



Back Row L to R. J. Shandley M. Milne B. Anderson
B. Clark R. Bailey F. Beattie D. Thengrove A. Murtagh
Front Row L to R. R. Hodgson B. Robinson S. Hall
E. Matthews B. Quinn

A FLOOD-PRONE SITE.

It was not surprising that the Bowls Club site would be flood-prone due to the initial re-alignment of the Mullum Creek, and the extent to which the site had been land-filled, as revealed in later test drillings for building foundations and sewerage connections.

In more recent years, the re-construction of Warrandyte Road over the Mullum Creek created a triple viaduct which directed the flow towards the No. 2 green area. This was evident after even minor flooding, when the south bank directly opposite the viaducts was progressively eroded away.

The development in the early 1970's of the Eastland car-park sloping towards Miles Avenue created a run-off of surface water in heavy rain beyond the capacity of the street drainage system.

Even the construction of a brick retaining wall along the Miles Avenue fence line could not prevent the volume of water on the No. 1 green and surrounding the clubhouse, as was the case in the major flood on 10th April, 1989, when four inches of rain fell in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. (- or should that read 100 mm.)

The following colour prints have been taken off the video shots taken by Jack Shandley.



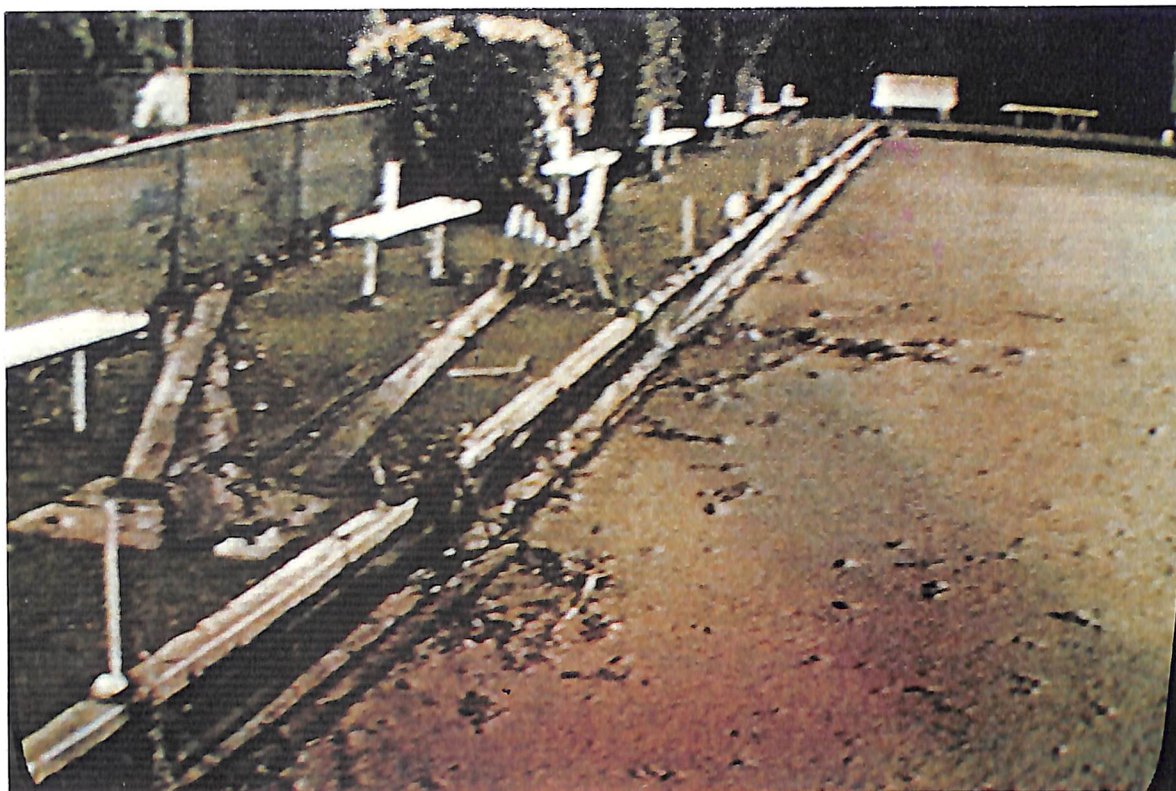
Taken from No. 1 green showing the force the water came through the back gate entrance. Note the water pouring through the paling openings and the height of the water along the back fence.



The water was receding when this shot was taken from the bar-b-e-que near the greenkeeper's shed. It shows the height of the water in relation to the top of the Mullum Creek viaduct.



A shot of No. 1 green taken when the flood had dropped by a foot or so.



This is how the west side of No. 2 green looked next morning. Everything was covered with yellow mud and rubbish. The ditches were full of mud. The iron frame timber seat and fence plinths had floated across the green in the mitre high swift-flowing water.



Debris on No. 1 green.

RVBA President's Jubilee year visit



THE City of Ringwood Bowls Club Jubilee Year, was highlighted on January 18, with a visit by an official RVBA party. The group was led by RVBA President Bob Poulton, with Vice-President Sam Murphy, Treasurer Cliff Martin and 13 councillors.

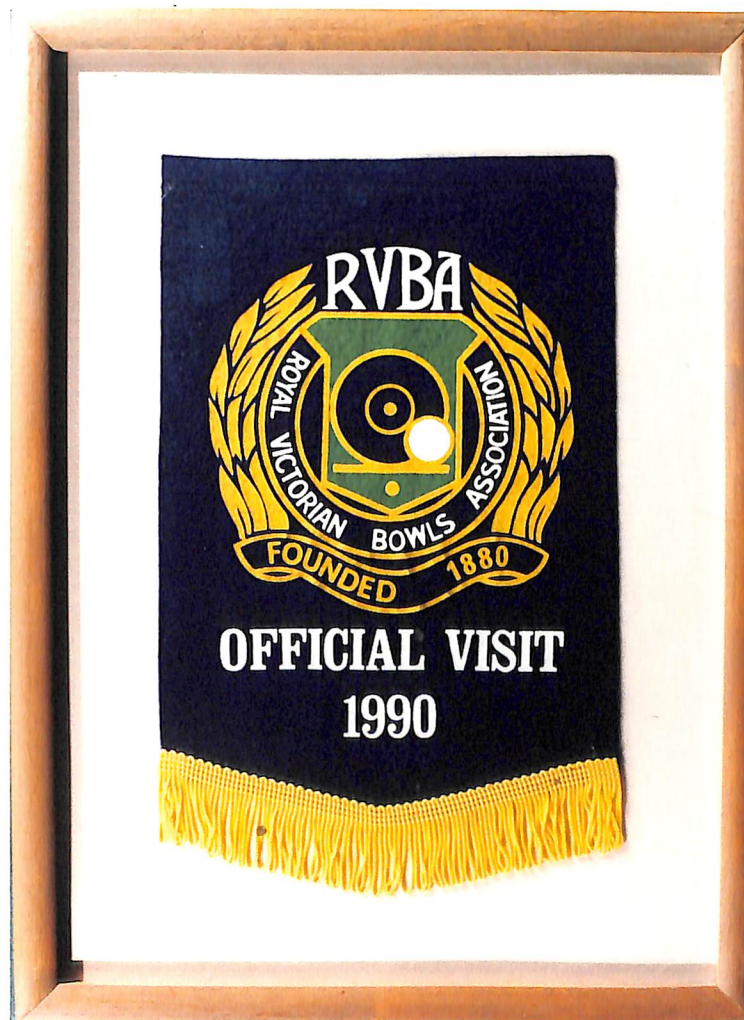
The weather was warm, and so was the welcome, given by President Arnold Bartling. During afternoon tea President Bob Poulton presented President Arnold with a commemorative pennant.

Councillor Doug Merrie presented the ladies with souvenir spoons and President Alison with an RVBA compact.

Special mention must be given to Merv Pottenger and his garden helpers, as the beautiful gardens around the greens, were the centre of attraction and brought forth a lot of praise from our visitors.

The floral design spelling our CRBC 60 years set the seal on an excellent years work. It also helped to make a great success of this official visit.

Pictured are members of the RVBA party together with City of Ringwood bowlers.



City of Ringwood Bowling Club notes

By "Herbie"

ON FRIDAY night, September 15, a jubilee dinner was held to honour the 60th year of the foundation of the club.

The club was opened in 1929 by the Hon R.G. Menzies who was, at that time, Victorian Attorney General, and 270 members and guests.

Guest of honour for the night was the Hon Kay Setches, MP for Ringwood.

Other guests were the Right Hon Mayor of Ringwood, Cr Lillian Rosewarne and her husband; Mr Sam Murphy, vice-president of the RVBA and his wife Kath; and Mr Jim Mulcahy, of Mulcahy Motors of Ringwood, who is the chief sponsor of the club and its only honorary member.

These guests were welcomed by chairman, Arnold Bartling, his wife Mabel, and general secretary Rod Taylor and his wife, madam-president, Alison.

Grace for the dinner was said by Charles Lavender.

The Royal Toast was proposed by Rod Taylor, in his capacity as MC for the evening and souvenir booklets were distributed to all present.

The booklets were donated by Jim Mulcahy as another sign of his extremely generous sponsorship.

Chairman president, Arnold, welcomed each invited guest in his opening speech and toasts were drunk to the RVBA and the VLBA.

Sam Murphy, responded on behalf of the associations in his own inimitable style.

He then presented President Arnold with an RVBA Merit Badge for his efforts and work for the club.

It was with obvious pride that Rod Taylor then called on his wife, Madam President, Alison, to respond for the VLBA and to propose the health of Ringwood City Council, and the other sponsors and friends of the club.

A very warm and generous response for the council was given by Mayor Lillian Rosewarne, in which she praised the club for the part it plays in the community.

Responding for the club sponsors, Jim Mulcahy, outlined his very close association with the club, and friendship with its many members.

He then asked past-president, Alan Clayton, to accept, on the club's behalf, a plaque to commemorate this wonderful occasion.

A very lovely meal was enjoyed by all, at the conclusion of which, to the music of organist Rick Gallely, the dance floor was invaded by couples

who obviously wanted to let their hair down.

I would like to congratulate Rod Taylor on the excellent job he did as MC.

Well done Rod.

Ladies Bowls

Report

THE ladies played their second pennant trial game on Tuesday, September 12.

The greens were turning well but the wind was a bit tricky.

At 2pm play finished on all rinks and all players made their way into the club house.

The ladies committee, under the guidance of President Alison Taylor, had arranged a mannequin parade of the latest male and female bowls attire.

All the models were soundly applauded for their efforts, even if their 'walk' down the room was not quite as elegant as professional models.

Male models were Alan Clayton, Phil Robinson, Ian McRae, Herb Sanderson and Wal Fabian.

It was a good day and a good laugh was carried out in the true spirit of a good bowling club.

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC.

1929



1989

**60th ANNIVERSARY
SOUVENIR**

60th Anniversary Dinner

Grace

Loyal Toast

Club Chairman and President, Men's Section
Arnold Bartling to welcome guests and propose
the health of RVBA and VLBA.

RVBA Vice-President Sam Murphy to respond on
behalf of guests and propose the health of the
Club.

Deputy Club Chairman and President, Ladies'
Section Alison Taylor to propose the health of
Ringwood Council and other sponsors and
friends of the Club.

Mayor of Ringwood to respond.

Mr Jim Mulcahy to respond on behalf of sponsors.

Thanks to Ringwood Historical Society
for providing a number of photographs
used in this brochure.

Members of the Club greatly appreciate the
generous gesture of Honorary Member Jim Mulcahy
in funding the production of this brochure

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC.

1929-1989

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

President	Cr. A. Blood
Vice-Presidents	O.J. Pratt, A.M. Ibbotson
Secretary	W. Cock
Assistant Secretary	N.H. Cooper
Treasurer	E.J. Collins
General Committee	T. Lucas, H. Pump, F. Clota, C.V. Ward, R.G. Wilkins, T.R. Williams, A. Dwight, G.J. Aird

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 1989-90

Chairman	Arnold Bartling
Deputy Chairman	Alison Taylor
General Secretary	Rod Taylor
Treasurer	Jim Niven
Committee	Avis Holliday, Allan Clayton, Ian McRae, Bill McRae.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS 1930

A. J. Aird, J. G. Aird, J.R. Archbold, A.G. Ashley,
W. Ashton, P. Bamford, A.C. Beilby, H.J. Bently,
A. Blood, W. Broben, S. Brown, G. Carmichael,
W. Cock, P. Clegg, F. Clota, E.J. Collins,
N.H. Cooper, Dr. W.L. Colquhoun, G. Devenish,
A.J. Dwight, T. Falconer, V. Field, T. Grant,
J. Goodall, S.F. Hunt, E. Johnstone, G. Jones,
A.M. Ibbotson, F. Kenworthy, Dr.A.T. Langley,
F. Little, A.F. Long, A. Loughnan, F.R. Lucas,
J.B. McAlpin, J.K. McCaskill, W. MacKinlay,
G. Marden, A.T. Miles, E.T. Miles, P. Moulder,
C. Mulhall, J. Northwood, A.C. Ostrom,
H. Pump, O.J. Pratt, T. Reddish, H. Salter,
C. Skelton, R. Stoney, R. Travers, C.V. Ward,
H. Watson, K. Wellington, R.G. Wilkins,
T.R. Williams, G.W. Young.
Associate member: M. Flower

MEN'S SECTION COMMITTEE 1989-90

President	Arnold Bartling
Vice-President	Herb Sanderson
Immed. Past President	Ian McRae
Secretary	Colin Douglas
Treasurer	Jim Niven
Bowls Secretary	Lou Toscano
Committee	Sam Bright, Cliff Purchase, Merv Pottenger, Ken Aird
Match Committee	Ian McRae (chariman), Les Hinchcliffe, Bert Heath, Ken Aird

LIFE MEMBERS 1929-1989

MEN

A.M. Ibbotson	C.C. Paris
F.R. Lucas	W. Bamford
H.E. Watson	J. Knox
J.R. Archbold	A. Dale
E.T. Roberts	C. Craigie
G. Young	I.A. Embling
A.J. Roberts	A.M. Kofoed
H.E. Walduck	A.N. Clayton

LADIES

M. Russell

B. Kempson

D. Green

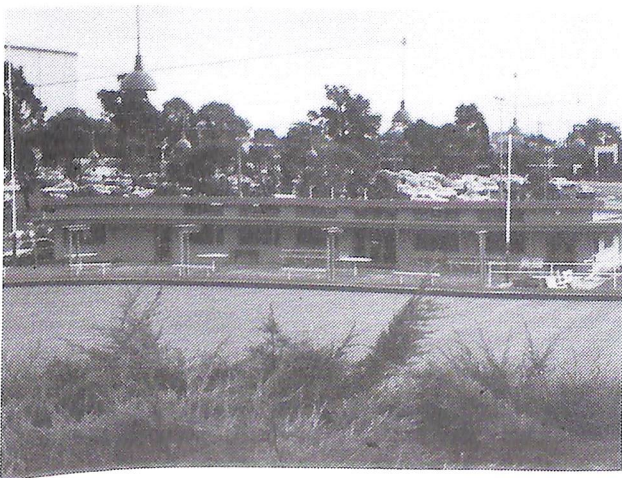
A. Holliday

LADIES' SECTION COMMITTEE 1989-90

President	Alison Taylor
Vice-President	Vera Purchase
Immed. Past President	Fran Robinson
Secretary	Connie Archbold
Treasurer	Nancy Larter
Bowls Secretary	Jean Crocker
Committee	Mabel Bartling, Shirley Burchall, May Roast, Shirley Pearce
Match Committee	Dawn MacCubbin (Chairman), Doris Green, Nan Stokes, Bobbie Sanderson

Some Highlights of the Past Sixty Years

- 1929 Formation meeting of the Club convened by the Ringwood Borough Council.
- 1931 Croquet Section formed ^{9th October} — Green and club-house officially opened by Hon R. G. (later Sir Robert) Menzies. *M.L.A. OK 10th OCTOBER 1931*
- 1933 Club affiliated with VBA and joined in pennant play for 1933/34 season.
- 1934 Electric lights installed on green. Separate green functioning for Croquet Season.
- 1938 Extensions to club-house, including kitchen. Pennant teams increased to three.
- 1943 Revised constitution adopted.
- 1945 New member Don Leigh joined the Club.
- 1950 Autumn Tournament introduced.
- 1954 New member Roy Anderson joined the Club.
- 1955/6 First pennant won — by B Division side.
- 1958/9 B Division side again pennant winners.
- 1959 Ladies Section formed.
- 1961/2 D3 Division side won pennant.
- 1968 Original club-house destroyed by fire.
- 1979/80 Club's 50th Year.
Greens rebuilt.
Club's major tournament.
Mulcahy Mazda Ringwood Classic inaugurated.
- 1985 Club-house extensions carried out during winter recess.
Club became an incorporated association.
Ringwood Lawn Bowlers Co-operative Ltd formed.
Restricted club permit obtained.
Video coaching equipment obtained with the assistance of Jim Mulcahy.
- 1988/9 30th Anniversary of Ladies Section.
Ten years of Mulcahy Mazda sponsorship.
Club flag presented by John Sommerville and others.
- 1989 April 10th — graphic pictures of the big flood captured on videotape by Jack Shandley.
- 1989/90 Club's 60th anniversary season. *8/89*



DON LEIGH
1958-59



TOM BRONNER
1976-77



ALLAN CLAYTON
1978-79



MARGARET MUNRO
1977-78



MADGE STUCHBERY
1979-80

Foreword

by Arnold Bartling, Chairman
and President Men's Section.



Dear members and friends of the Club,

We have reached another landmark in the history of our Club, and looking back on the past decade since our 50th celebration and reconstruction of the greens, I think we can all be well-satisfied in our achievements since then.

Most significant perhaps has been the integration of the two Sections and increased opportunities for mixed play and social times together. Our premises are in use almost every day of the year, not just in the lawn bowls season.

Since the Club's inception, members' voluntary work has been our life-blood, and I particularly pay tribute to the efforts of each and every member, over the past sixty years, contributing in whatever way they have been able, in bringing the Club to its 60th successful year.

I wish you all a most enjoyable and successful season.

PRESIDENTS, MEN'S SECTION 1979 — 1989



HARRY MUNRO
1980-81



JOHN SOMMERVILLE
1982-83



IAN McRAE
1984-85



ROY HAMPSON
1986-87



ARNOLD RYDER
1988

PRESIDENTS LADIES' SECTION 1979 — 1989



AVIS HOLIDAY
1981-82



RITA STANFIELD
1983-84



DOROTHY
SOMMERVILLE 1985-86



FRAN ROBINSON
1987-88



ALISON TAYLOR
1989



Foundation President Arthur Blood introduces Hon R. G. Menzies, then Victorian Attorney-General to officially open the new club.

60 Years — a brief reflection

The City of Ringwood Bowls Club owes its foundation to the enthusiasm of Bert Cock, a State Bank Manager, who was the prime mover in having the Ringwood Borough Council call a meeting in June, 1929, for the purpose of establishing a bowls club.

The present site was offered to the Council specifically for the purpose by local businessman Phillip Bamford. The gift was accepted by Council who gave practical help by straightening the course of Mullum Mullum Creek and installing a barrel drain to take away storm water from Warrandyte Road.

This committee directed the building of the green through working bees, using barrows and shovels supplemented by Sam Brown Snr's horse and scoop. The workforce was strengthened by labour financed by depression-time government relief funds, on a pound-for-pound basis.

The first club-house was erected by Roy Wilkins at no profit to himself and all materials were supplied by P. Bamford Pty. Ltd. at cost. The Club's first Annual Report for season ending 31st July, 1930 states: "... a green ready for sowing, a club-house with billiard table ... and a balance sheet showing a surplus of assests over liabilities of £446/3/8, all achieved in a space of ten months."

Members began playing bowls in the summer of 1930 at neighbouring clubs. Croydon, Lilydale and Blackburn all provided an introduction to the game for new Ringwood players. In June 1931, a meeting was held at Croydon to try to form a district association, with Lilydale, Croydon, Blackburn, Box Hill, Surrey Hills, Upwey/Tecoma and Ringwood. This did not go ahead but at a later meeting Lilydale, Croydon and Ringwood arranged a competition which began in November 1931 and continued during 1932/33.

The Croquet Section of the Club was formed in 1931. That year the green was officially opened by Mr. R. G. Menzies (later Sir Robert) who was then Victorian Attorney-General.

The green was fully lit for electric light games in 1934 and the Club became affiliated with the Victorian Bowling Association and began pennant play in 1933/34.

During the Second World War members energies were directed towards patriotic activities such as making camouflage nets.

A pennant was won in 1955/56. About this time the Autumn Tournament was established. Buildings were further extended. The most important event of the fifties was the formation of the Ladies' Section in 1959/60, made possible by the move to Jubilee Park by the Croquet Section, which established itself as a separate club.

In the sixties, the top side won a pennant in 1961/62 and was promoted to the top division during the following season.

In 1968, the club-house was rebuilt after a fire and sewerage connection was made at the same time.

Pennants have eluded Ringwood most years but the ladies were successful in minor grades in 1970/71 and 1973/74. The men's B Grade side were section winners in 1977/78 and runners-up for the pennant.

The greens were replanted in 1972 but heavy rain caused a flooding problem from Eastland car park — a problem which has recurred a number of times since.

In the late '70's the Club was given an opportunity by Ringwood Council to transfer to a new site at Mullum Reserve. The greens had become very difficult to maintain after forty years use (the Club did not have a full-time green-keeper in those days) and the Committee had to decide whether to recommend relocating or to remain at Bamford Reserve and remodel the greens.

Because of the high cost of relocating at its own expense, the Club decided on the latter course, and two greens able to give play in both directions, with



An Opening Day before the old club-house burned down. - 1954/55 SEASON.

improved drainage and automatic sprinklers, were built. A brick storage shed, brick shelters and various improvements to the surrounds were also completed. A feature of this big renovation program was that other than the greens reconstruction, all the work was done voluntarily by members.

Ringwood Council installed a flood wall on the Miles Avenue frontage at this time, to reduce the problem of flooding caused by run-off in heavy storms, from Eastland car park.

These improvements made the Club's 50th Jubilee Year in 1979 cause for great celebration and the Club spirit engendered by the efforts has remained during the past decade. About this time, the name of the Club was changed from Ringwood Bowling Club to its present form.

It was envisaged that, after rebuilding the greens, the next task would be to renovate and enlarge the club-house, to help accommodate the increase in membership which had taken place. Plans for alterations were duly made and Ringwood Council promised to help with a third-third-third funding arrangement. To provide major finance through a bank loan, Ringwood Lawn Bowlers' Co-operative was formed in 1984 as a means of giving security for the loan. At a total cost of \$146,500, the work was carried out during the winter of 1985.

In 1984 the Club became an incorporated association. In 1985, equipped with new bar and cool-room, a Restricted Club Permit was obtained. It has been a source of great satisfaction since then to the Committees and members to see the growth in social activity and involvement, especially after games, when the club-house is filled by members for presentation of the day's trophies and extending hospitality to visiting players.

A major development in the 1980's which has been of considerable benefit to Men's Pennant and to most

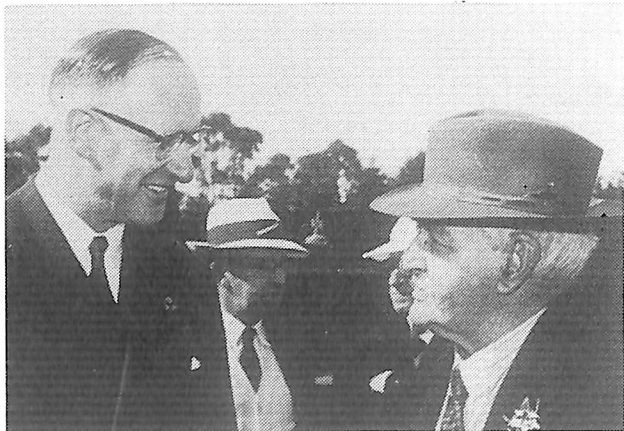
of our Club tournaments is the growth of sponsorship. Our own Classic, Moomba Invitation Fours and Night Tournaments are notable examples of events where trophy values have been boosted by sponsorship. We have benefitted particularly from the support of Mulcahy Mazda as a sponsor and benefactor of the Club. This was recognised in 1986 when Jim Mulcahy became the Club's first Honorary Member.

Another popular development made possible by the club-house extensions has been indoor bowls during winter months. Well over 100 members have participated during winter 1989, including three teams playing pennant with reasonable success. Mention must also be made of the funds raised by Bingo on Monday afternoons. Proceeds from the bar, from Bingo and the generally high level of member participation at the Club have enabled the Committee to comfortably meet all financial commitments.

In the social area, the efforts of the Social Committees that have functioned over the past fifteen years or so have been of enormous benefit to the Club. The Club Dinners held every season have become an indispensable part of Club life and are only possible because of the hard work of the Committee members.

This year several improvements have been made to Club facilities to maintain a high standard of service to members. An evaporative cooling system has been installed, the concrete apron on the north side of the club-house has been extended (a donation from Bill McIntosh) and the tournament office has been extended (financed by a gift from Glen Iris Valley Recreation Club now disbanded).

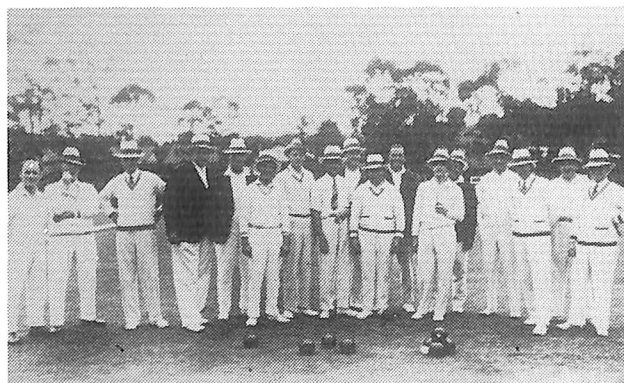
Looking to the future, the Club is proud of its place and role in the local community and will continue to favorably represent Ringwood to all visitors to the Club and to provide high-class bowls facilities to its 300 members.



Local MP Gilbert Chandler with foundation member Joe Archbold on Opening Day in 1958. In background, Phillip Bamford who gave the land on which the Club is situated. For many years, Mr Chandler provided the flowers for the club-house on Opening Day from his nursery at Boronia.



The side which won the D3 pennant in 1961-62 included Ian Embling and Charles Lavender.



The Club's first pennant team in "C" Division in 1933.



Present members Madge Stuchbery, Hazel Lowen, Olive Wines, Mavis Dewar and Doris Green played in this 1973-74 pennant team.

Greetings

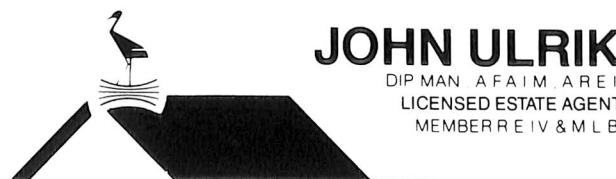
From John & Pat Ulrik



Greetings to Members of the City of Ringwood Bowls Club on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of your Club.

Over the years Patricia and I have enjoyed your company and we thank members who entrusted us with handling their Real Estate matters.

"Your property is important to us"



114 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
879 3233, 729 5353 (A.H.)



The official party at Opening Day in 1959 — President Don Leigh, Mrs Leigh, Mrs Manson, Mr J.W. Manson MP (local member), Lady President Min Aird and Gil Aird.

JUBILEE YEAR 1979

For the benefit of present and future members of the Club, it is interesting to note a few details of the substantial renovations and innovations carried out at the Club in its Jubilee year.

At that time the playing surfaces consisted of the top green of 11 rinks, extending from the hedge on the east to the existing gardens on the west. At the north side of the club-house, a 6 rink green was bounded to the east by large cypress trees and an old galvanised iron machinery shed and workshop.

These trees and the old shed were removed and two greens of 8 rinks each constructed. Second-hand bricks were obtained free of cost from the demolition of the old Bank of New South Wales branch on Maroondah Highway. These were dumped in the rear car park where they were cleaned and sorted by voluntary workers from the Men's Section.

Harold Head, a member at that time, took on the major work of constructing the new machinery shed, workshop, store rooms etc, with the help of many volunteers.

These excellent facilities, plus the shelters facing the top green and the retaining wall bordering the garden in the flagpole area, were all completed by Harold Head with major assistance from John Dewar, Jack Cropley, Bert Lavis, Ed Newnham and many others.

A new garden setting was completed by Bert Lavis for the new lawn area in front of the clubhouse and 16 new scoreboards were made at minimal cost to the Club by Harry Munro who also obtained much of the material for the seating donated by many members of that time.

In appreciation of the work carried out by many members at that time, the shelters were named in honour of Harold Head, Jack Cropley and Edgar Newnham and the garden setting in honour of Bert Lavis. A minute of appreciation was also completed and hangs in the clubhouse in appreciation of the many other members who were instrumental in completing these major works at great savings to the Club.

Bowling Achievements of Note 1979-1989

MEN'S GROUP FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP

City of Ringwood fours have won this prestigious event no less than three times —

1973 H. Munro (skip) R. Hollow, T. Bronner, J. Lindsay

1978 A. Holliday (skip) R. Hollow, I. Embling, K. Aird

1986 D MacCubbin (skip) C. Lavender, W. McRae, K. Bird

David MacCubbin's four brought further honour to the Club by winning through to the final of the Metropolitan Fours Championship, being ultimately defeated in the final by Div. 1 skip Ian Richards and his team from the strong Melbourne club.



David MacCubbin's rink were runners-up in the 1986 Metropolitan Fours Championship. From left: David MacCubbin, Charles Lavender, Bill McRae, Kevin Bird.

MULCAHY MAZDA RINGWOOD CLASSIC

The Classic commenced in 1980 as our top tournament event on the initiative of our principal sponsor Jim Mulcahy and it has been great to see our own players successful on two occasions, against strong competition.

1980 L. Hinchcliffe (skip) N. West, A. Stanfield, D. Hardy

1988 A. Clayton (skip) K. Aird, K. Bird, M. Brown

MIXED GROUP PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

City of Ringwood teams have given a good account of themselves on numerous occasions in this popular annual event. David and Dawn MacCubbin were winners and runners-up and Avis and Alan Holliday reached the final four on two occasions.

CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

The growing popularity of mixed bowls in the Club was exemplified in season 1988/89 with the inauguration of the Mixed Pairs Championship. First winners of the new title were Lindsay and Lynda Paul from Kevin Bird and Marj Snow. We look forward to this event becoming a popular and permanent fixture in our Club program.

CLUB FRIDAY TRIPLES

Although no mention is made of individuals in these events it is worthy of note that Friday games were commenced in 1981 on a limited basis. They quickly achieved great popular success and since 1986 have been played each Friday from October through to April, with two mixed games and two mens games each month.

Great camaraderie has resulted, with visiting teams coming from many clubs and our own members have benefited considerably from this additional competition.

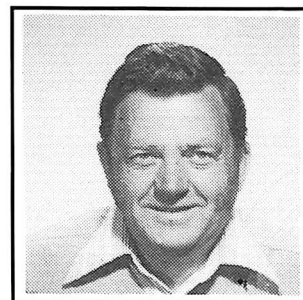
OUR CLUB CHAMPIONS



Joyce Clayton

Joyce won the Club Championship title for 1988/89 from Bobbie Sanderson in a very tight game before a large gathering of members who were enthralled with the high standard of play.

Joyce has now won the title on eight occasions and has been a successful and popular skip in the top side for many years.



Les Hinchcliffe

Les first won the title in 1971 and now has six Championships under his belt. He is hot on the trail of J. W. Gillespie who holds the Club record of seven Championships, the last of which was won in 1957.

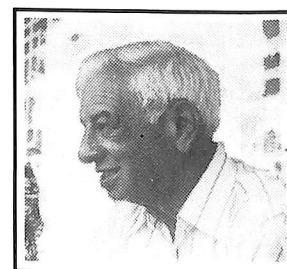
Les has been a top bowler at City of Ringwood for many years and skips in our top side.

Arch Mahlook

Runner up, Veterans' Singles Championship, Metropolitan area.

Our active Senior Coach has been a very well-known identity around the suburbs for many years and brought honour to our Club in 1982 when he was runner-up to Harvey Wastell of Beaumaris in the Veterans' final.

This was a great effort in this prestige event as Wastell had been a Division 1 skip at Beaumaris for many years and also had a most impressive record in championship bowls.



OFFICE-BEARERS — MEN'S SECTION

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Champion
1929	C.A.A. Blood	W.W. Cock	E.J. Collins	
1930	C.A.A. Blood	W.W. Cock	E.J. Collins	
1931	C.A.A. Blood	W.W. Cock	H.A. Aldag	
1932	C.A. Blood	W.W. Cock	W. Anderson	G.T. Jones
1933	A.M. Ibbotson	C. Sholton	W. Anderson	F.T. Baner
1934	F. Hardy	C. Sholton	N. Dickinson	F.T. Baner
1935	F. Clota	C. Sholton	N. Dickinson	T. Huggan
1936	F. Clota	C. Sholton	N. Dickinson	S. Hunt
1937	F. Clota	C. Sholton	N. Dickinson	E. Nethercote
1938	H.E. Watson	C. Sholton	N. Dickinson	E. Nethercote
1939	A.M. Ibbotson	C. Sholton	W. Brice	S. Hunt
1940	A.M. Ibbotson	C. Sholton	W. Brice	F.T. Baner
1941	R. Wilkins	A.J. Roberts	W. Cooke	W. Barrington
1942	A.J. Tann	A.J. Roberts	W. Cooke	F. Kenworthy
1943	A.J. Tann	A.J. Roberts	J. Archibald	F. Kenworthy
1944	A.J. Tann	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	F. Kenworthy
1945	A.J. Tann	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	J. Gillespie
1946	S.F. Hunt	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	S.F. Hunt
1947	S.F. Hunt	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	J. Gillespie
1948	W. Bamford	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	J. W.
1949	J. Tancoe	A.J. Roberts	E.T. Roberts	J. W.
1950	J. Tancoe	A.J. Roberts	A. Golder	W. Bamford
1951	J. Tancoe	A.J. Roberts	C. Roberts	S.F. Hunt
1952	A. Dale	A.J. Roberts	C. Roberts	J.W. Gillespie
1953	A. Dale	A.J. Roberts	C. Roberts	J.W. Gillespie
1954	C.A. Roberts	A.J. Roberts	W. Harrison	C. Richmond
1955	C.A. Roberts	A.J. Roberts	W. Harrison	J.W. Gillespie
1956	A.J. Roberts	D.A. Dale	I. Sergeant	C. Richmond
1957	A.J. Roberts	A.R. Catron	I. Embling	C. Richmond
1958	D.B. Leigh	A.R. Catron	I. Embling	J.W. Gillespie
1959	D.B. Leigh	A.R. Catron	I. Embling	E.G. Morris
1960	S.E. Dickens	A.R. Catron	I. Embling	E.G. Morris
1961	S.E. Dickens	N.W. Parker	I. Embling	H. Jones
1962	L.F. Beagley	N.W. Parker	I. Embling	H. Jones
1963	L.F. Beagley	N.W. Parker	I. Embling	T.R. Barnes
1964	L.F. Beagley	N.W. Parker	I. Embling	E.G. Morris
1965	L.F. Beagley	N.W. Parker	I. Embling	E.G. Morris
1966	A.A. Williams	J.B. Smith	I. Embling	T.R. Barnes
1967	A.A. Williams	J.B. Smith	I. Embling	E.G. Morris
1968	A.A. Williams	J.B. Smith	I. Embling	J. Dewar
1969	A.A. Williams	J.B. Smith	I. Embling	T.R. Barnes
1970	R. Emmerson	J.B. Smith	I. Embling	B. Papworth
1971	R. Emmerson	A.G. Chapman	I. Embling	L.W. Hinchcliffe
1972	C.M. Craigie	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	L.W. Hinchcliffe
1973	C.M. Craigie	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	L.W. Hinchcliffe
1974	H.J. McLean	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	C.F. Lavender
1975	H.J. McLean	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	R.J. Hollow
1976	T. Bronner	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	L.W. Hinchcliffe
1977	T. Bronner	A.G. Chapman	A. Koloed	I. Embling
1978	A. Clayton	I. Embling	A. Koloed	J. Lindsay
1979	A. Clayton	I. Embling	A. Koloed	L.W. Hinchcliffe
1980	H.F. Munro	I. Embling	A. Koloed	K.T. Aird
1981	H.F. Munro	I. Embling	A. Koloed	N.C. West
1982	J. Sommerville	I. Embling	C. Jenkins	C.F. Lavender
1983	J. Sommerville	I. Embling	C. Jenkins	R.G. Smyth
1984	I.L. McRae	R.R. Taylor	H. Nicks	W.W. McRae
1985	I.L. McRae	R.R. Taylor	H. Nicks	J. Lindsay
1986	R. Hampson	R.R. Taylor	J. Niven	D. MacCubbin
1987	R. Hampson	S. Jobst	J. Niven	K.A. Bird
1988	A. Ryder	S. Jobst	J. Niven	L. Hinchcliffe
1989	A. Bartling	C. Douglas	J. Niven	

OFFICE-BEARERS — LADIES' SECTION

Year	President	Secretary	Champion
1958	M. Aird	J. Robertson	E. Gordon
1959	M. Aird	J. Robertson	M. Healey
1960	M. Russell	J. Robertson	M. Russell
1961	M. Russell	J. Robertson	D. Jones
1962	V. Sparrow	J. Robertson	B. Kempson
1963	V. Sparrow	M. Russell	B. Kempson
1964	A. Parker	M. Russell	M. Henchel
1965	A. Parker	M. Russell	E. Gordon
1966	E. Gordon	M. Russell	B. Kempson
1967	M. Russell	R. Stanfield	M. Russell
1968	L. Williams	A. Holliday	F. Craigie
1969	L. Williams	A. Holliday	B. Kempson
1970	B. Bower	D. Green	J. Crozier
1971	B. Bower	D. Green	J. Crozier
1972	E. Mason	D. Green	L. Cooke
1973	E. Mason	D. Green	J. Clayton
1974	E. Mason	D. Green	A. Holliday
1975	L. Cooke	D. Green	J. Crozier
1976	L. Cooke	D. Green	J. Clayton
1977	M. Munro	D. Green	A. Holliday
1978	M. Munro	D. Green	J. Clayton
1979	M. Stuchbery	D. Green	C. Hansen
1980	M. Stuchbery	D. Green	V. Murray
1981	A. Holliday	D. Green	J. Clayton
1982	A. Holliday	D. Green	J. Clayton
1983	R. Stanfield	D. Green	A. Holliday
1984	R. Stanfield	D. Green	J. Clayton
1985	D. Sommerville	C. Archbold	J. Clayton
1986	D. Sommerville	C. Archbold	A. Holliday
1987	F. Robinson	C. Archbold	J. Clayton
1988	F. Robinson	C. Archbold	J. Clayton
1989	A. Taylor	C. Archbold	

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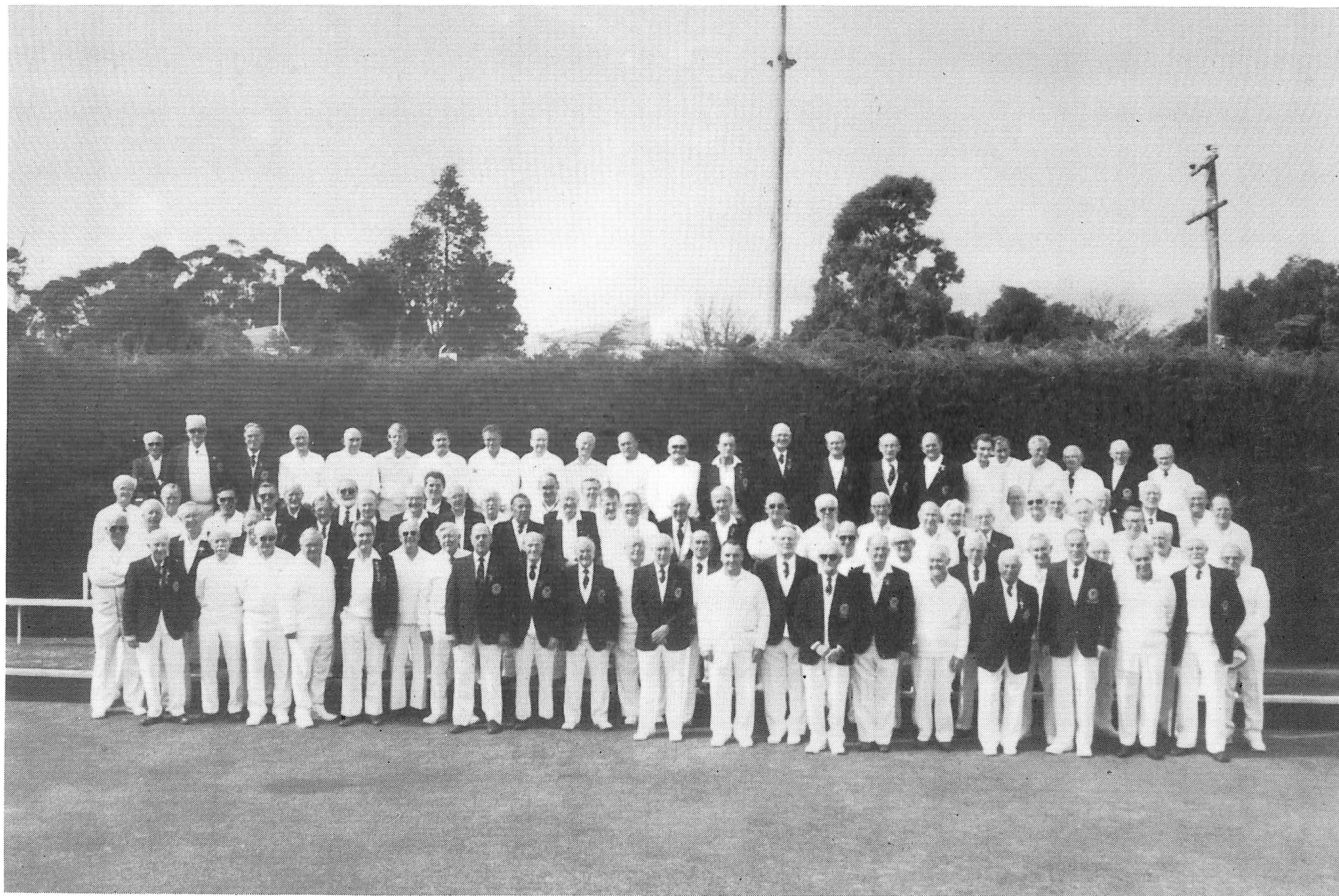
President: W. Aird

Secretary-Treasurer: J. Robertson

Committee: M. Russell, G. Gabbe, M. Healey.

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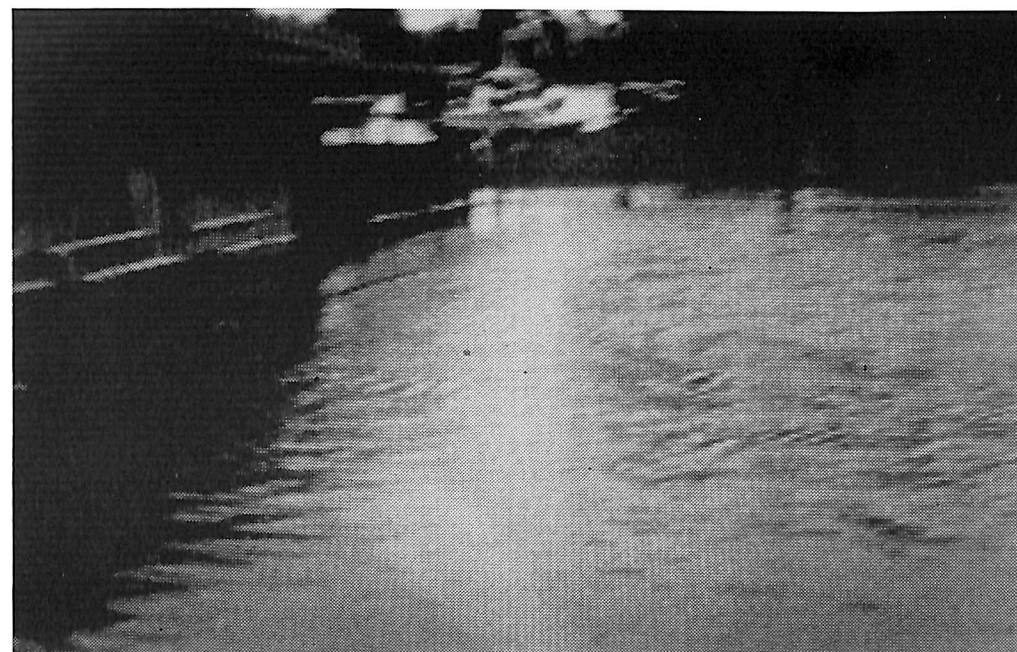




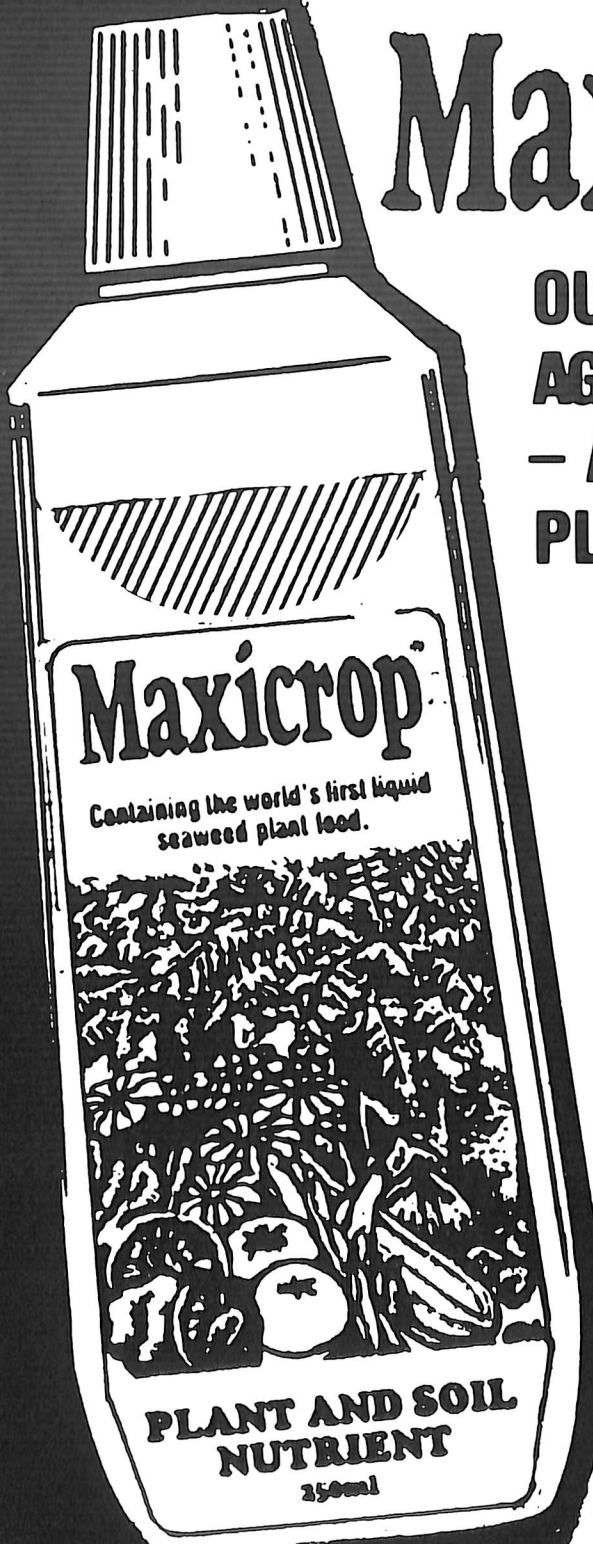
Members assembled prior to the opening day game. Saturday 26 August, 1989.



At their opening day on 29 August, 1989, lady members were kept indoors by inclement weather.



In one of the heaviest rainfalls for many years, four inches of rain fell in 1½ hours on Monday 10th April, 1989. The run-off from Eastland car-park flowed over the retaining wall in Miles Ave and lapped at the club house door. Mullum Creek broke its banks and as shown in this picture, taken half an hour after it had stopped raining, a huge volume of swift-flowing water covered the back green to a depth of a metre.



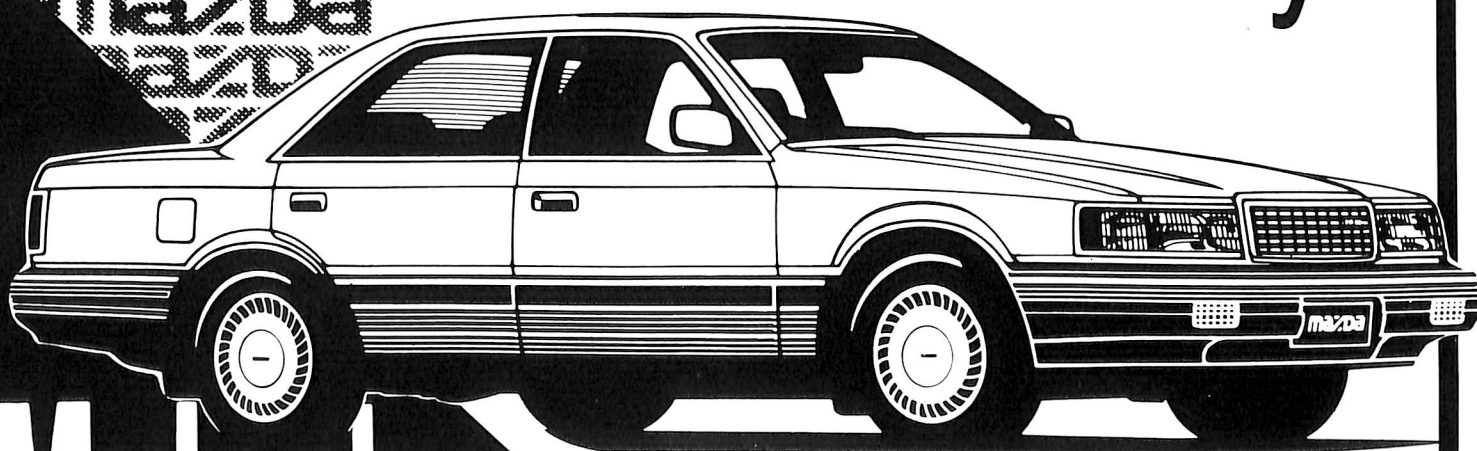
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As the souvenir publications for the 50th and 60th anniversaries each added the office-bearers to the respective year of celebration, the subsequent office holders and Men's and Ladies' Club Champion up to the 1996/97 season are included in this incomplete decade of the history of the Club at Miles Avenue.

OFFICE-BEARERS - COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Gen. Secretary</u>	<u>Gen. Treasurer</u>
1990/91	A M Taylor/ A A Bartling	R R Taylor	J Niven
1991/92	A A Bartling	C I Douglas	G J Allen
1992/93	V F Purchase	C I Douglas	G J Allen
1993/94	S M Bright	M F Pottenger	G J Allen
1994/95	B F O'Grady	N J Thomas	G J Allen
1995/96	P J Ford	T R Lowe	G J Allen

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Executive Officer</u>	<u>Finance Officer</u>	<u>Services Manager</u>
1996/97	R R Taylor	T R Lowe	G J Allen	W C Fabian

MEN'S SECTION

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Champion</u>
1990/91	A A Bartling	C I Douglas	W Colquhoun	F J Lindsay
1991/92	A A Bartling	J Kidd	W Colquhoun	D A Corrigan
1992/93	S M Bright	J Kidd	R R Taylor	L W Hinchcliffe
1993/94	S M Bright	J Kidd	R R Taylor	D A Corrigan
1994/95	P J Ford	J T Dardel	D T Strotten/ C J Purchase	B Annic
1995/96	P J Ford	P J Marshall	G R Williams	L J Pieper
1996/97	M D Boyd	P J Marshall	G R Williams	L W Hinchcliffe

LADIES' SECTION

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Champion</u>
1990/91	A M Taylor/ V F Purchase	S Pearce	N Larter	B Sanderson
1991/92	V F Purchase	S Pearce	N Matheson	E J Clayton
1992/93	V F Purchase	S Pearce	N Matheson	E J Clayton
1993/94	B L O'Grady	B Fabian	N Matheson	A I Holliday
1994/95	B L O'Grady	B Fabian	N Matheson	E J Clayton
1995/96	M E Bartling	B Fabian	N Matheson	B Sanderson
1996/97	M E Bartling	B Fabian	N Matheson	E J Clayton

A SUBMISSION TO THE EASTERN ARTERIAL EXTENSION
AND RINGWOOD BY-PASS REVIEW PANEL
BY MEMBERS OF CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC
January 1990

WE, the undersigned members of City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc, wish to make the following submission for consideration by the Eastern Arterial Extension & Ringwood By-Pass Review Panel.

A brief description of the Club and its membership is attached.

The submission reflects community viewpoints and is essentially subjective in content. We are not offering an analysis of the benefits of any of the eleven options put forward although we do have a preference for Option 8. We are sympathetic to the protection and preservation of native flora and fauna and the retention of plenty of open spaces in the region. In this regard we consider that the eastern suburbs, and the Cities of Ringwood, Nunawading and Doncaster & Templestowe in particular, together with the Board of Works, have performed extremely well for many years.

The councils and the Board have planned and carried out preservation and improvement programs which have provided many areas well maintained by those bodies and well used by the residents. There must be times when a difficult choice has to be made in favour of "development". The present case seems to be one of these.

The main point we wish to make in the submission is the effects on community life caused by the protracted delay and uncertainty of the future of Ringwood as a district centre and the provision of effective traffic control on Maroondah Highway.

We accept that change is inevitable and that we should be prepared to manage our affairs accordingly. What we are reluctant to accept is that because of uncertainty and lack of decisions, there is no firm base on which we can plan for the future.

The detail of our submission is as follows:

- 1 That the ongoing prosperity and success of the Club, in terms of membership numbers, membership quality, financial stability, well-maintained facilities and sporting competitiveness depends to a large measure on an early and satisfactory solution to the Highway traffic problem and the future of the District Centre.

Sporting clubs require a great deal of hard work and dedication from members and elected office-bearers in order to build and maintain an effective teams organisation, with the necessary supporting facilities. Membership numbers need to be maintained, playing standards improved with skilful coaching and money raised to obtain equipment or maintain playing areas. This needs numbers of people able and willing to perform the necessary voluntary duties.

To obtain members best able to meet these criteria, a catchment area for members extending beyond the Ringwood municipality is desirable. Currently approx 78% of members reside in Ringwood and the remaining 22% in adjoining suburbs. Of the 22 elected members on the Club Committee of Management and Section Committees, 9 (41%) live in adjoining suburbs.

Thus it is important that the Club has sufficient attraction and vitality to draw members from a fairly wide area. In the Melbourne metropolitan area there are sufficient clubs for the more ambitious and competitive bowler to join a club where sporting standards and achievements, and club facilities, appeal most to him or her.

It is difficult to depict a "typical" bowler but we would describe a majority of the male bowlers in Victoria as being over 40 years of age, not self-employed (now or pre-retirement), owning their own homes and being in the middle to lower middle income groups in socio-economic terms. Female bowlers would probably be a little older on average, with a moderate percentage of widows among the older players.

At City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc we have expended energy and money in keeping our facilities up to standard and conducting high-standard Club tournaments with excellent entries from members of other clubs. The two greens were re-built in 1978 mostly with voluntary labour, and in 1984 the club-house was renovated and extended at a cost of \$140 000. The Club employs a full-time qualified green-keeper to keep the playing areas at levels suitable for games

up to state championship standard. However major renovations to drainage and fittings on the greens will soon be necessary and furnishings in the club-house which receive heavy wear will need replacing.

Maintaining membership is a more pressing problem. The membership of 295 (165 men, 130 women) is reviewed at annual general meetings and is based on the capacity of the greens and levels of member interest and participation. The composition of membership, by age and occupation especially, has been changing markedly, as has that of Ringwood itself. Of the Club's male membership, approx 73% have retired from full-time employment.

The effect of having an ageing membership is that our sporting competitiveness is declining and fewer members are willing to take on responsibilities as office-bearers. We believe this to be at least partly due to the decline in residential appeal suffered in recent times by sections of the Ringwood municipality through uncertainty over the arterial road/by-pass.

The Club loses in two ways - one, people of age and social groups who could be interested in lawn bowls are not buying homes in Ringwood; and two, bowlers from adjoining suburbs do not want to have to regularly go in and out of the area.

- 2 That a lasting decision, to proceed or not to proceed with a specific option, should be made as quickly as possible, to end the uncertainty that has prevailed for the past thirty years.

The uncertainty which surrounds the arterial/by-pass proposal is its most objectionable factor, as far as the Bowls Club is concerned. Once a decision is made, one way or the other, some strategies can be developed and we can do some relevant planning. The worst result that could come from the Review Panel's report would be a Government decision not to proceed with the By-Pass at present. While this remains a possibility we cannot see any real solution to the present dilemma.

- 3 That residential and business centres all over Victoria which have developed along or around major highways have been given relief from through traffic and that Ringwood and its residents are entitled to a similar facility.

All over Victoria, in both metropolitan and country areas, by-pass roads have been constructed to ease traffic conditions caused by through traffic. Perhaps the most telling comment in relation to Ringwood's situation is the statement on page 12 of the "Issues for Review" paper that outer fringe areas such as Croydon and Healesville are expected to virtually double in population between 1986 and 2001. We cannot see why Ringwood should bear the extra through traffic which will inevitably flow along the Maroondah Highway without some form of moderation or control.

- 4 That Mullum Mullum Creek does not now function adequately as a waterway for surface water drainage along its valley, with run-off volumes steadily increasing as areas upstream from Ringwood Street are developed.

Since the opening of Eastland Shopping Centre in 1967 and subsequent clearing of residential sites to extend parking, the Bowls Club has experienced an increase in the severity of flooding of its premises, at times of "flash" rain downpours, due to run-off from Warrandyte Rd, Adelaide St and the adjacent parking areas. A retaining wall in Miles Avenue was constructed by Ringwood Council in 1978 but this has not prevented water overflowing the wall and covering the top (eastern) green on four or five occasions since. More recently, the Board of Works has carried out improvements to Mullum Mullum Creek east of Warrandyte Rd and Warrandyte Rd itself has been widened and raised and a tunnel for the Creek water placed under the road.

Since this work was completed, there has been only one occasion when very heavy rain has fallen in the area. This was on 10 April 1989 when approx 110mm fell in 1½ hours and both bowling greens were subjected to serious flooding. The top(eastern) green was covered by .3m of water from Eastland and Warrandyte Rd, while the lower green and its surrounds were covered by one metre of water overflowing from Mullum Mullum Creek. This necessitated the Club organising working bees for four days to remove debris and to close the greens prematurely for the winter so that restoration work could be carried out. While this was done with voluntary labour and the Club green-keeper, the early closure did result in the loss of some \$2500 in revenue and is not the kind of thing we would want repeated.

However, while this has been claimed to be a one hundred year flood (and we do not want to debate this point here) the fact remains that the area does

experience exceptionally heavy rain-storms every 3/4 years and with the altered topographic conditions mentioned above, together with the prospect of additional storm-water run-off when the proposed Office Park is developed, the likelihood of further flooding of varying intensities seems to us to be a very real prospect.

This therefore suggests to us that if Mullum Mullum Creek is to function effectively in the future as a storm water drain, which is its primary function at present, it may not be possible to retain the Creek in its natural state. We hope this possibility will be considered by consultants making their reports to the Review Panel.

- 5 That while noise and atmospheric pollution in the vicinity of the Club premises is of concern to us, we accept the efforts of the Government and the RCA in handling these matters.
- 6 That the Ringwood By-Pass should be proceeded with as a matter of urgency, irrespective of a decision on the Eastern Arterial Extension, and of the alternatives and options offered we favour Option 8, the preferred scheme in the November 1987 Environmental Effects Study. Our preference is based on the fact that the recommendation comes from a competent investigative group, is costed at a figure which would not seem prohibitive and would cause least disturbance to existing terrain and residential areas.

10 January 1990

City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc
Miles Avenue, Ringwood
(PO Box 149 Ringwood 3134)

R R Taylor
General Secretary & Public Officer

(125 signatures and addresses of members appended to the submission)



City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.

MILES AVENUE, RINGWOOD, VIC.
P.O. Box 149, Ringwood, 3134 Telephone 870 6767

The Club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

The Club holds a Restricted Club Permit from the Liquor Licensing Commission.

The Club is affiliated with the Royal Victorian Bowls Association and the Victorian Ladies Bowls Association.

The Club was formed in 1929 when an area of land in Warrandyte Rd adjoining Mullum Mullum Creek was given by a local resident to the then Borough of Ringwood, dedicated for the purpose of a bowling green. The site has been occupied since then on a pepper-corn rental.

Opening membership was 58, mostly local business men and orchardists. The Ladies Section was formed in 1959.

Membership today is 300 - 160 men and 130 women. Number of members is basically determined by the capacity of the greens.

The Club is administered by a Committee of Management, the chairman of which is the President of the Mens Section and President of the Ladies Section in rotation. The two sections arrange all bowls activities through elected/appointed officers.

The Club fields six pennant teams in both Mens and Womens metropolitan pennant competitions and conducts a number of tournaments open to all bowlers each season.

12/1/'90 - A spate of hedge fires in the metropolitan area apparently tempted a 'copy cat' arsonist to set fire to our 60 year old cypress hedge along Warrandyte Road. Unfortunately, the fire brigade was too prompt, resulting in a half-burnt hedge which proved to be a costly exercise to demolish and replace. However, as General Secretary, Rod Taylor said in his Annual Report "The fire and removal of the hedge provided us with a great opportunity to plant a more friendly hedge and (develop) a landscape garden over the next twelve months". (A following report, including photographs, shows the transformation of the area.)

A.G.M.

24/4/90

- On the recommendation of the Committee of Management, Fred Cosier was made an Honorary Member for his meritorious service to the Club over many years, in particular his management of the Saturday Bankers games, and his encouragement of new bowlers.
- Jack Shandley was presented with the Club's Merit Award for his part in the efficient and satisfactory operation of the refreshments bar since the clubhouse renovations in 1985.
- Congratulations were due to the members of the Men's No. 1 side on their elevation to Division 1. for the 1990-91 season.

A.G.M.

29/4/91

- In her annual report as Secretary Ladies' Section, Connie Archbold acknowledged the help of the men in the kitchen on pennant days, saying "With only half an hour for lunch we could not manage without the help we get".

The late Jim Niven was the instigator of preparing a roster of men willing to assist the ladies, recognising the service of the ladies to the men on their pennant days. Bruce Watson took over as Convenor of this reciprocal help prior to Jim Niven's untimely death. (This service truly puts into practice the concept of equal opportunity and no discrimination.



SECRETARY of the Ringwood Bowling Club, Rod Taylor, with the hedge destroyed by arsonists on Friday. Picture: JIM STIRL

Hedge fire was arson

A HEDGE valued at several thousand dollars was partially destroyed by fire at the Ringwood Bowling Club in the early hours of last Friday.

Police said arsonists had set fire to the hedge shortly after midnight on Friday, January 12, destroying a 10-metre section.

Although not discounting the possibility that Melbourne's now notorious hedge burner had struck, Ringwood CIB detectives consider it unlikely because of the difference in the attacks.

The fire started when papers were piled underneath the hedge and then lit and police believe they may be dealing with a 'copy cat' hedge burner.

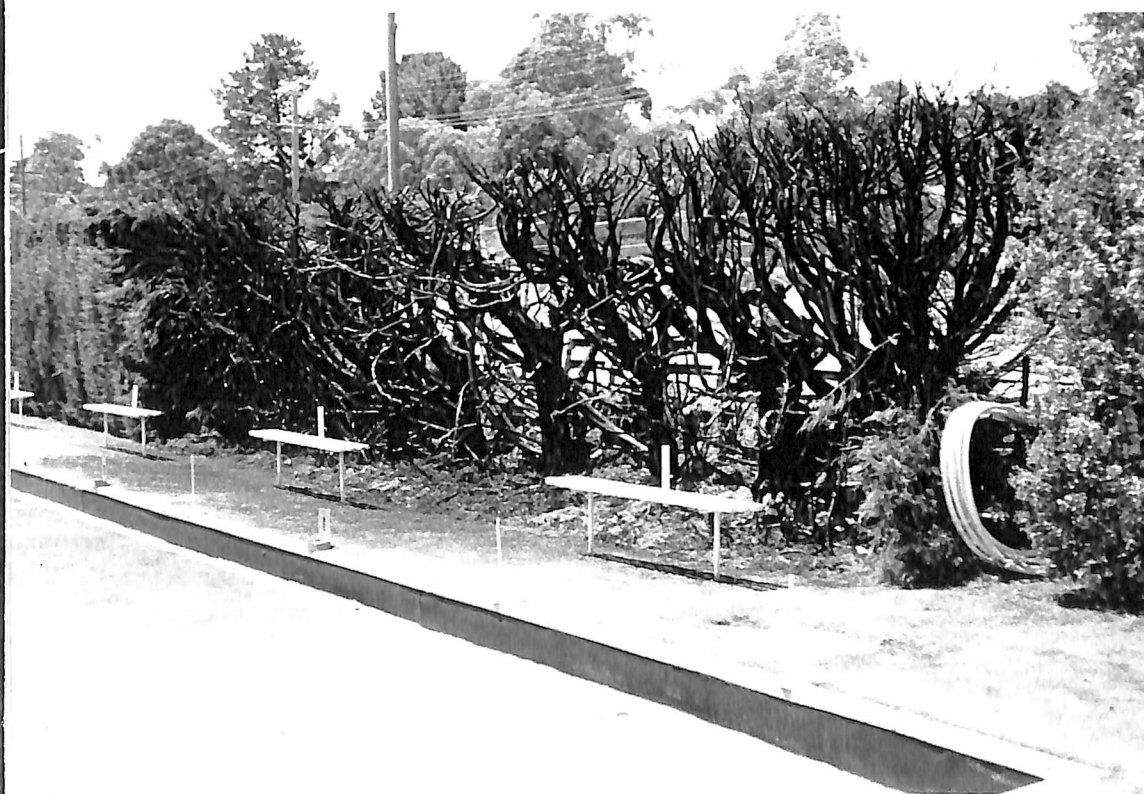
Upset and angry

Ringwood Bowling club secretary Rod Taylor said many members of the club were upset and angry over the senseless act.

"We lost about a third of the hedge," Mr Taylor said.

"It takes about 30 or 40 years to grow one of those cypress hedges and we are probably going to have to cut it all down and build a fence in its place."

"The hedge used to be a great sound barrier from the road and now because of this pointless vandalism it's all gone," he said.



12 January, 1990

RESTORATION/REPLACEMENT OF WARRANDYTE RD HEDGEObjectives

- * To restore security against unwanted access to Club property on Warrandyte Rd frontage
- * To replace the burnt hedge with garden, shrubs or fence so that the appearance of the property is enhanced from the exterior and within.
- * To provide a sound and sight barrier from traffic in Warrandyte Rd
- * To carry out the necessary work at the lowest possible cost and in a manner which is not likely to lead to significant maintenance expense or to further major expense at some time in the future.

The site has been inspected by our insurer's loss assessor and compensation will be considered when we give him an outline of our proposed course of action. Replacement of hose (\$189) and removal of debris (\$450) has already been approved by the assessor.

Options

- 1 Remainder of hedge to stay as is. Replace burnt-out area with low-maintenance garden in foreground, fill and grade/slope embankment back to existing safety fence. Plant photinea hedge at top of embankment.
- 2 As for (1) but with 2m timber fence at top of embankment instead of hedge.
- 3 Remove unburnt hedge remaining, replace with low-maintenance garden approx 1.5m in foreground, fill and grade/slope embankment back to existing safety fence. Plant photinea hedge at top of embankment.

Opinion

Gardens Convenor Merv Pottenger has enlisted the assistance of Ringwood Council's Parks & Gardens Supervisor Peter Rashleigh. He strongly recommends Option 3 above as the only practical action to take and has made a number of helpful suggestions.

Recommendation

- 1 That the remaining hedge be removed by a "controlled burn" at the end of the season. If we obtain a Council permit for this, the MFB will keep a watchful eye on proceedings.
- 2 Following the burn, the debris and stumps will be removed by a contractor. We will need to obtain a quote for this - it is likely to cost around \$2000.

- 3 The elevated roadway in Warrandyte Rd is not parallel to the Club property boundary and it is expected that the Council will provide filling for the space between. This will enable us to have a steeply sloping embankment from road/footpath level down to the bank at the eastern end of the bowling green. At the foot of the embankment, a low-maintenance garden approx 1.5m wide would be planted for the entire length.

At the top of the embankment, plant well-established photinea bushes at approx 1m spacing close to the existing Council fence. These should develop quickly into a hedge approx the height of the fence.

- 4 This would have the overall effect of -
- (i) not leading to any further or recurring expenses.
 - (ii) provide more standing space for players at the eastern end of the green and give space for erection of sun shelters.
 - (iii) minimise maintenance work by greenkeeper and members.
 - (iv) be the most economical solution to the problem
 - (v) offer the best prospects of recovering a substantial part of the costs from the insurer.

Estimate of costs

Removal of debris after fire 12 Jan		\$450
Replacement of large hose		189
Removal of debris after "controlled burn"	est	2000
Removal of 4 concrete posts & pipe fence		members
Extend existing safety fence to Miles Av corner		Council
Filling for embankment		Council
Loam to establish low-maintenance garden		400
Plants and shrubs -		
50 photinea bushes @ \$15 each	\$750	
20 other plants for street line	200	
Shrubs for garden	500	
Lawn seed to re-sow eastern bank	25	
Drip watering system	250	1725
Approx cost of recommended action	\$4125	
Actual expenditure	\$4054.58	
Insurance settlement 4 April '90	\$1146.00	



Autumn 1990 - The transformation is well under way



February 1991 - Improvement begins to show



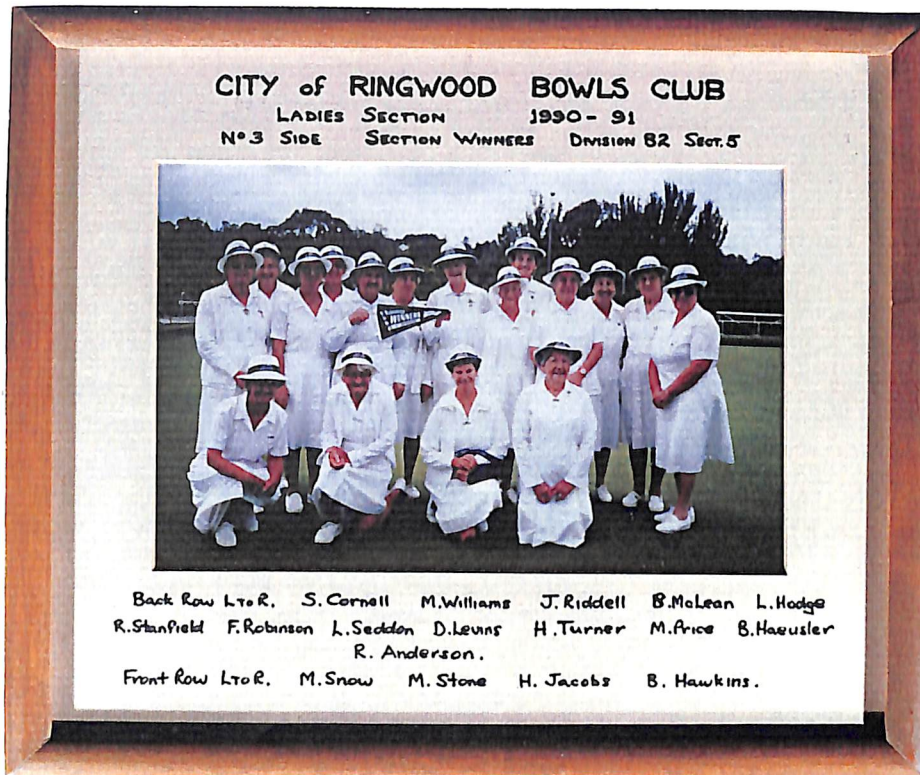
February 1992 - The Red Hot Cat's Tail (*Acalypha - hispida*) which created an attractive background planting resulted from a single self-sown plant appearing in the garden near the No. 2 green. The seeds from this plant provided a plentiful supply of seeds for annual plantings of this vigorous colourful plant.



The dwarf Michaelmas Daisy border planting attracted the bees so close to the green that it had to be replaced with variegated dwarf geranium to avoid concern to players.

A.G.M.

29/4/91 - The highlight of the Ladies' Section was the success of the No. 3 side which topped the ladder in Section 5 of B2 Division.



- Jim Niven, who had served the Club as General-Treasurer from 1985 indicated that his state of health precluded him from serving another term. His service was acknowledged and Greg. Allen was appointed in his stead.

- Ringwood By-pass threat: Although the final choice to route the by-pass through Munro Street alleviated the possibility of the route impinging on the Club's site, an element of uncertainty still existed that Mullum Creek re-alignment could affect access to our car-park area and the greenkeeper's buildings, as well as the proposed Eastland development could impact on the viability of the Club's future on the Miles Avenue site.

C.of M.

4/3/92

- On the recommendation of the Men's Section Committee, the Committee of Management resolved that the Club Merit Award be presented at the next Annual General Meeting to Bryan Jeffries and Frank Draper for their successful efforts in reviving Brian Chalker when he suffered a heart attack on the green.

15/10/92 - The genesis of events leading to the Club's re-location from Miles Avenue, developed from a meeting arranged with Ringwood Council officials Graham Hayden - Corporate Manager and John Trevorah - Manager Engineering Planning, and Colin Douglas - General Secretary accompanied by Merv. Pottenger - Greens Director.

With the imminent commencement of the construction of the by-pass and the re-development of Eastland involving likely restrictions on car parking for members, the Committee of Management had determined that major expenditure on renovation of greens should be deferred until the likely affect of these developments could be assessed.

The agenda included an enquiry regarding the long-term tenure of the Club site, and whether there was any possibility of adjacent land, such as that occupied by the Baby Health Centre, becoming available to extend facilities. This query brought reference to the Mullum Reserve site, which had been rejected in 1979 on account of the Club having to meet costs exceeding \$200,000. The Council officers sought the current view of Club members to re-location, should a proposal eventuate.

18/1/93 - On 18 January '93 Ringwood Council was notified that a plebiscite of members had overwhelmingly authorised the Committee of Management to examine any proposal to re-locate the Club.

A.G.M.

1992/93 - BINGO BOYS! The Chairman's report acknowledged 'The Bingo Boys' under the control of Roy Hampson, put in a tremendous effort with not only revenue raised, but with sandwiches, soup and fruit salad, etc., that many of the bingo players enjoy. Fred Cosier 'King of the Sandwich Makers' was affectionately known as 'Mr Grace' with his cheery 'You've all done very well'.

- Having diligently served five years as Men's Section Almoner from 1988, Arthur Sheffield was unable to accept re-appointment. Arthur felt that 'Welfare Officer' was more appropriate for this task, and this change was made in 1989.

A.G.M.

1992-93

- Charles Lavender, who succeeded John Sommerville as Greens Director in 1988, was unable to accept re-appointment for season 1992/93. His dedicated five years service was acknowledged.

In his Greens Director's report, Merv. Pottenger says "What an initiation for a Greens Director! During the months of September, October and November 455mm. rainfall was recorded, resulting in the closure of the greens on 34 days. Certainly not ideal circumstances to win the popularity vote."

- LIFE MEMBERSHIP: RITA STANFIELD was presented with her Life Membership Badge by Club Chairman, Vera Purchase, in recognition of her contribution to the Club between 1967 and 1993.

18/8/93

- CO-OP. LOAN REPAYMENT: On the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Committee of Management decided to repay the balance of \$18,000 on the 12 year Co-operative loan. This clearance of the loan within 9 years saved approximately \$1,260 in interest.

Of the principal and interest payments on the \$70,000 loan, Bingo contributed \$69,000, their efforts being crucial to the project's success. However, due recognition must also be recorded of the substantial funds raised by the Ladies' Section through their Gala Days, Club dinners, and other catering proceeds, as well as the profits from the Refreshments Committee.

With the Clubhouse fully paid for and the Club debt-free, rather than 'close up shop' the team of Bingo workers decided to continue their fund-raising efforts by providing the Bingo outing for their regular supporters.

C. of M.

18/8/93

CESSATION OF MULCAHY MAZDA MOTORS SPONSORSHIP: The reality of the difficult financial period traders were experiencing was brought home to the Club with the news Mulcahy Mazda Motors had ceased trading and in consequence Ringwood Bowls Club had lost its major sponsor.

A letter to Mr Jim Mulcahy expressing regret and acknowledging the outstanding financial support and his personal friendship over fifteen years was an inadequate

Cont'd attempt at saying 'Thank you'. Jim Mulcahy will continue to be a valued Honorary Member of the Club.

Mazda Australia agreed to continue sponsorship of the Ringwood Classic and the Mazda Smorgasbords for the 1993/94 season to the value of \$1,200, which was greatly appreciated.

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keeping members informed

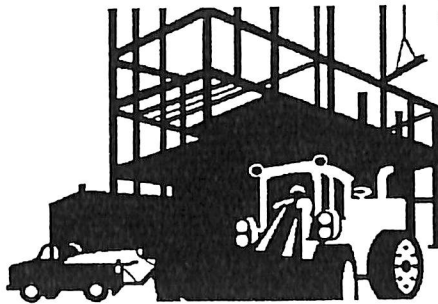
A Monthly Newsletter of the City of Ringwood Bowls Club

A statement from our Club Chairman and General Secretary

EASTLAND EXTENSIONS AND THE CLUB — THE LATEST

Recent local press publicity on Coles-Myer's application to have Eastland re-zoned to permit the building of a 12 theatre complex, and a recent surge in rumours involving the acquisition of our site, warranted an enquiry as to whether the re-zoning application included the land occupied by our club.

On 10 February an assurance was given by a Council officer that the re-zoning application only involved the area occupied by Eastland, and that if and when the re-zoning be granted, and a subsequent proposal involving the Bowling Club site were to be received by Council, the Bowling Club would be approached for discussions on the proposal.



On 15 February the Committee of Management became aware that misinformation was being given to the public by Coles-Myer in advising groups being shown over the new buildings on Mondays, that the Bowling Club site had been acquired by Coles-Myer.

On 16 February an urgent meeting was sought with Mr John Paech, Chief Executive Officer,

Ringwood Council, who agreed to meet Chairman Sam Bright and General Secretary Merv Pottenger later that day. Prior to our meeting Mr Paech had already directed Coles-Myer to cease making false statements relating to the Bowling Club site.

In the light of the current information made available at that meeting, the Committee of management will assess the situation and take the necessary action to prepare for whatever may eventuate.

Members will be informed of any developments.

Sam Bright, Club Chairman
Merv Pottenger, General Secretary

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHAIRMAN, S. BRIGHT, GENERAL SECRETARY M POTTENGER AND RINGWOOD COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR J PAECH AT 3 PM ON 16 FEBRUARY, 1994

At the direction of the Committee of Management meeting on 15 February, the General Secretary approached Mr Paech's Secretary at 9.30 am on 16 February outlining the reason for seeking a meeting with Mr Paech, which eventuated in a meeting at 3 pm that day.

At the outset Mr Paech informed us that he had already contacted Coles-Myer and told them to cease making the incorrect statements claiming to have already acquired the Bowling Club site, and that the Bowling Club was anxious to obtain a larger club house to accommodate Poker machines.

We re-stated our Club's preference to remain on the present site under the terms of occupancy which have applied from when the land was gifted to Ringwood Council, and referred to our advice to Council (18/1/93) that Club members had authorised the Committee of Management to examine the possibility of a future re-location of the Club.

Mr Paech stated that Council had been unable to locate details of an agreement between the Council and the Bowling Club, although they would continue to honour the spirit of the generally accepted agreement, and Council would appreciate receiving any evidence the Bowls Club could provide on the history of the site.

Following reference to the statements made by Coles-Myer which instigated our request for the meeting, Mr Paech said that Council is of the opinion that it is inevitable that Coles-Myer will eventually seek to purchase the Bowling Club site to meet their parking requirements should their re-zoning application be successful.

We emphasised that should such a proposal eventuate for our consideration, a considerable lead-time would be essential to construct all the facilities associated with a complete Bowling Club complex to be prepared to RVBA/VLBA standard before we could vacate our present site.

Mr Paech intimated that Coles-Myer has assured tenants of Eastland that "no holes would be dug" (no new works commenced) for 12 months from the opening in November 1994. However, Coles-Myer could well commence negotiations with Council for the acquisition of the Bowling Club site during that period.

Mr Paech then asked for an indication of the overall area that would be needed to re-locate the Club, and we estimated an area of the approximate dimensions of Heathmont Club, providing for three greens. This would be subject to the area which would be stipulated for car parking in the necessary Planning Permit application. He then advised us to urgently prepare a submission to Council giving the estimated area and likely overall costs involved in a re-location of our facilities, to assist Council in any preliminary discussions which might eventuate once the re-zoning application is resolved.

We examined the location of the limited number of Reserves and School sites which may come into consideration, and we agreed that portion of the Norwood State School site could be the most conveniently situated and most suitable. The possible sites south of the highway would be too close to Heathmont or Heatherdale clubs.

Proposed RE-ESTABLISHMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Purpose:

To prepare a plan/information for negotiations by the Committee of Management with City of Ringwood Council which may lead to the transfer of Club facilities to a new site.

Assignment:

1 Prepare an inventory of all fixed and free-standing improvements made by the Club at the Miles Avenue site and put an approximate cost on replacing these at a new site or transferring free-standing items.

2 Develop a negotiating position for the Club designed to obtain the maximum benefits to the Club from any move.

1 Acknowledge Council's acceptance of the Club's tenancy of the Miles Avenue site.

ii Take the view that the land is not simply a commercial asset but a valuable community resource developed by a non-profit club over a period of 65 years, currently providing sport and social recreation to the Club's 280 members, as well as a regular meeting place for local organisations, and virtually impossible to retain all existing attributes if moving to another site.

3 Council's support for a "building for the future" philosophy should be sought so that should a move eventuate, they would take a positive view on any increases beyond present sizes, for example a third green and associated details such as a larger club-house and parking area.

SPECIAL
C.of M.
24/2/94

- Meeting called to receive a report of the meeting with Mr J Paech, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Ringwood on 16 February '94 and determine appropriate action. (The Norwood Primary School site was currently offered for sale by tender closing 30 March '94.)

A sub-committee, to be known as the 'Re-Establishment Advisory Committee' was formed, with terms of reference as outlined in the proposal, submitted at the request of the General Secretary, by Rod Taylor. The sub-committee to consist of:

Rod Taylor	- Convenor
Neil Thomas	- Recorder
Ken Aird	
Glen Hubbard	
Paul Morris	
Merv Pottenger	

with power to co-opt.

- 28/2/94 - The Re-establishment Advisory Committee promptly met on 28 February, the first of numerous meetings with Committee of Management officers, Ringwood Council officials and special committees set up by Council. When necessary, progressive reports and developments requiring decision by Club members were presented on behalf of the Committee of Management.

Of necessity, most of the negotiations with Council officials were conducted by the Re-establishment Committee Convenor, Rod Taylor, and his deputy Glen Hubbard, who became Convenor in the latter stages, and in the early negotiations included Paul Morris.

A comprehensive record of deliberations of the Re-establishment Committee, and relevant decisions of the Committee of Management and Special General Meetings, supplemented by pertinent extracts from the local press, has been prepared as an appendix.

Progressive major decisions and developments will be interspersed in the 'SNIPPETS FROM 1990 - 1996/97'.

A.G.M.
2/5/94

- Cliff Purchase was presented with the Club Merit Award Badge for his past services to the Club, more particularly his work as the Club 'Handyman' for twelve years.

2/5/94 - The appearance of a "SOLD" sign on the Norwood Primary School "For Sale" board prompted an enquiry to the City of Ringwood Council, which brought the response that "Council was still negotiating". However, prior to the Annual General Meeting, verbal confirmation was received that Council had purchased the site, which it proposed to sub-divide for 14 Unit sites and provide sufficient space to re-locate the Ringwood Bowling Club.

3/5/94 - Local newspapers publicised Council's purchase and the proposed development of the site.

The MAIL - 3 May 1994

Council buys school site

RINGWOOD Council has bought the former Norwood Primary School site for \$1.1 million.

The site will be used for the relocation of the Ringwood Bowling Club, a small residential development and a community park.

Ringwood Mayor Margaret Cheevers said: "Council, in deciding to bid for the site, saw the opportunity of selling two parcels of land within the immediate area to consolidate the local park/playground to the new location."

The establishment of the community park, on an area of nearly 4000 square metres at the rear of the former school site, was conditional on consolidation of local parks to the site, Cr Cheevers said.

The purchase cost would be borne initially from

council reserves but would be offset by the sale of the existing two smaller local park areas and the residential component.

In the longer term, council would recover the balance of the price from the sale of the existing bowling club site between Eastland and the bypass path.

This land could be sold for between \$3 million and \$4 million, according to a confidential report.

Council decided to bid for the site during meetings closed to the public.

Before the public announcement of the sale, Cr Nick Kirmos hit out at the secrecy of the council's plans.

He said spending such a large sum of money should have been done in the open with some sort of community consultation.

Cr Cheevers said the council would advise the community of its plans in the next few days.

- A copy of the "Letter to Residents" distributed to those adjacent to the property is included.

9/5/94 - Official notification to the Bowling Club by Council's Chief Executive Officer was acknowledged in the letter from Beryl O'Grady, Chairman - Committee of Management,

- Council's successful bid set in motion exciting prospects for an acceptable outcome in re-establishing the City of Ringwood Bowling Club by an eventual "conditional" agreement being achieved to the sale of the Bowling Club site.



Our Reference: 30/10/07 SC/MBR

3 May 1994

Letter to Residents

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Victoria 3134

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Dear Resident

NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

I am pleased to be able to advise that the Council has purchased the Norwood Primary School site. In bidding for the site, the Council had two major objectives in mind.

Firstly, in the next few years the existing Ringwood Bowling Club site between Eastland and the Bypass reservation is likely to be required for commercial purposes. On this basis, a relocation will be necessary. The only option available, prior to the purchase of Norwood, was to use existing open space owned by the Council. It was clearly desirable to achieve the transfer while maintaining the level of open space in the municipality.

Secondly, Council was aware of the importance the local community placed on the heavily treed area in the North West corner of the site. Council considered that this area would provide significantly greater community benefit than the existing playground in Cross Street. The fact that it is able to be effectively fenced on all sides, has mature trees and is considerably larger (4000 sq metres compared to 3,000 sq. metres), influenced the decision to purchase the site.

Funding for the purchase will come from three sources. Initially, it has been accommodated within the Council's budget, but it is expected that almost all of the purchase will be recouped from other sources. The cost of the new community park will be offset by the sale of the existing Cross Street playground. In addition, Council owns a vacant block in Mersey Street near the school site and this will also be sold to assist the purchase.

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Resident
3 May 1994

The land on which the Bowling Club is currently located is owned by the Council. Proceeds from its sale will be used to contribute to the cost of that part of the Norwood Site which will be occupied by the Club.

After the Bowling Club and the community park have been accommodated on the site, an area will be available for residential development. The attached plan indicates a possible subdivision which will provide some further return to the Council.

The decision to purchase the site recognised these sources of income and reflected the Council's balance between achieving community goals and its own financial capacity.

It is hoped that plans for the residential subdivision and the community park can be developed during the next 2-3 months and that the Cross Street and Mersey Street areas can be sold as soon as the community park is available. The transfer of the Bowling Club is subject to sale of the existing site and will depend on market forces.

Council is confident that the purchase and use of the area will ensure that the high quality of residential amenity which exists in the area will be maintained.

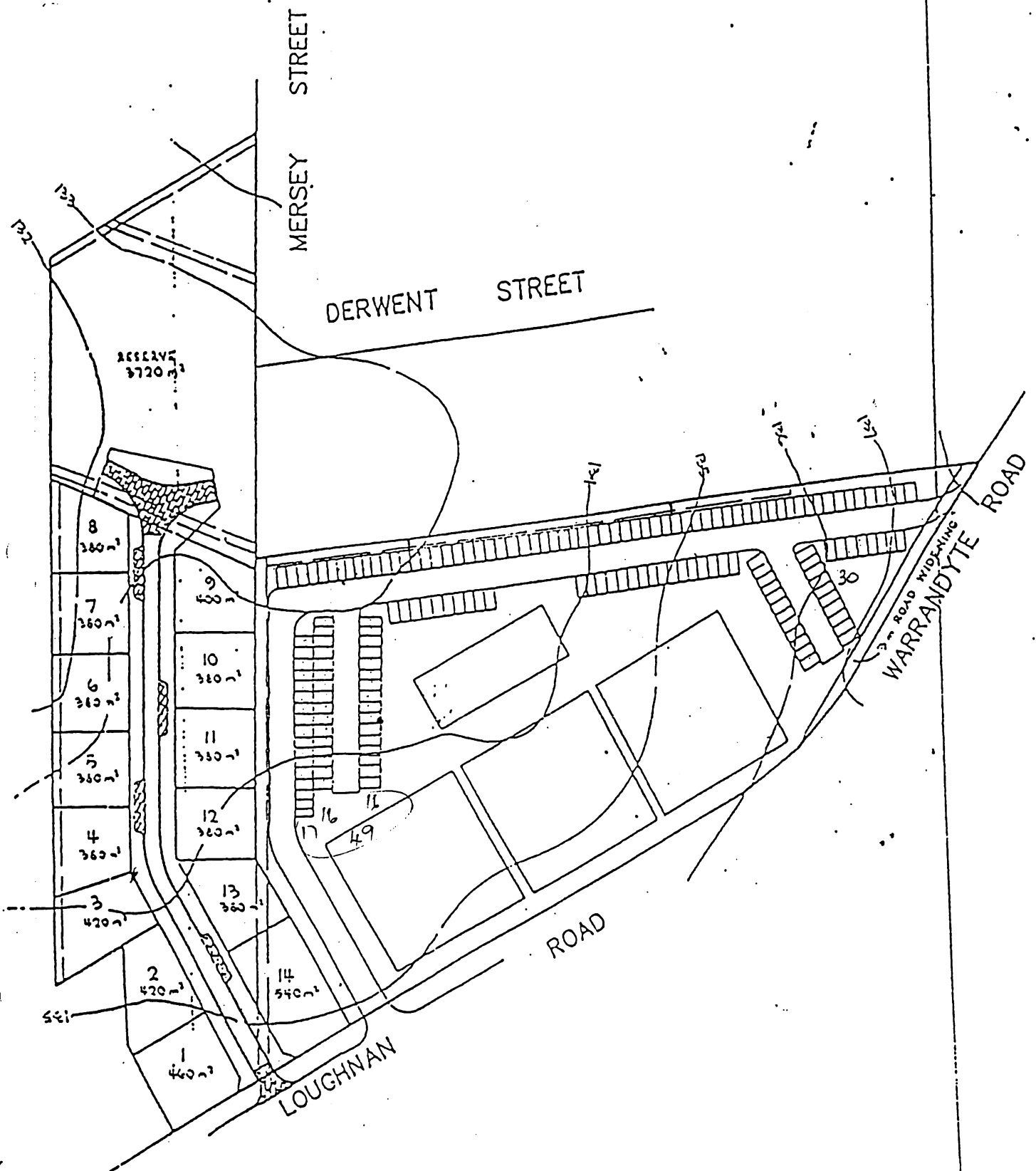
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'R' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

SCOTT CHAPMAN
Corporate Manager

Attachment



NOTATIONS:

THE PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND OTHER RELEVANT STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

PRELIMINARY LAYOUT
NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE
NORTH RINGWOOD

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MUNICIPALITY:
CITY OF RINGWOOD

LOCATION:
LOUGHNAN / WARRANDYTE ROADS
NORTH RINGWOOD

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City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.

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9 May 1994

Mr J Paech
Chief Executive Officer
City of Ringwood
PO Box 156
Ringwood 3134

Dear Mr Paech,

Thank you for your recent phone advice to our General Secretary, Neil Thomas, that Council has been successful in purchasing the former Norwood Primary School site.

In Mr Thomas's absence on holiday, I am writing to ask when you may be able to clarify the situation concerning Council's further intentions concerning this club.

In particular, we are interested in the statement in Council's letter to residents in the area that it is hoped to develop plans for the residential subdivision and community park during the next 2 - 3 months.

Irrespective of the time-table for developing the bowls greens, we would hope to be able to comment on the plans for the whole site inasmuch as they might affect the bowls greens area, before such plans are finalised.

We would also like to reiterate our previous advice that the building and consolidation of the bowls greens will require a two years period before the greens would be ready for play and this should be taken into account in planning. There are international standards set for the dimensions and detail of lawn bowls greens.

We look forward to learning more of your plans in detail in due course so that our members' agreement may be sought to any Council proposals.

Yours sincerely

Chairman - Committee of Management

CITY OF RINGWOOD BOWLS CLUB INC.RELOCATION OF CLUB FACILITIES
- PRESENTATION TO CITY OF RINGWOOD

24 MAY 1994

HISTORICAL

- The City of Ringwood Bowls Club was established on the Miles Avenue site, the land having been gifted to the community in the late 1920's for use as a bowls club. The club has expanded over the years and today has approximately 280 members. Our male membership has been closed due to capacity problems.
- The current club site was redesigned and set up in the 1960's with 2 greens and a new clubhouse.

CURRENT SITUATION

- The club is now being asked to relocate due to the changed environment, planning considerations and for economic value of property. Any relocated club facilities will need to be on the basis of 1990's community values and expectation.
- Relocation will require re-establishment of the Club on the new site as a total entity. It will need the total support of our membership and hence we need to satisfy them that both the timing and the offer of facilities are appropriate.
- We have indicated our requirements to your Council Officers as under:
 1. The Norwood Primary School site would be excellent for the purpose.
 2. We will require :
 - (a) Sufficient land for 3 greens running north/south
 - (b) 3 quality greens
 - (c) Suitable clubroom and other facilities
 - (d) Adequate parking.
 3. Ball-park costings previously provided to Council at short notice are estimated to be :
 - (a) Greens, surroundings and associated items - (watering and lighting systems) \$475,000
 - (b) New clubrooms \$750,000 - \$850,000 - based on approx. 700M²
 - (c) Ancillary items sheds etc. \$100,000
 - (d) Carparking, main drainage, earthworks and other site costs - although unknown to us, they should be known to Council Officers

CLUB CONCERNS

Our concerns are that

1. The membership and committee are uneasy with limited information coming to them, often second-hand via the community - sometimes by innuendo and rumour.
2. There will ^{need to} be sufficient lead-time for both the Clubrooms and Greens to be established and allow a changeover to the new location without any interference to competition or our social program.
3. A satisfactory offer should come from Council in near future even if made on the basis of "an in principle offer to meet our request containing sufficient detail to satisfy the membership - but conditional upon sale of the Miles Avenue site".
4. Any decision to move has the approval of our membership.

SUMMARY

Without agreement on the foregoing matters it is not practical to discuss time lines however if Council can give satisfactory direction on these matters, we believe the Club can work with Council to minimise time schedule.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- * To plan the relocation of the City of Ringwood Bowls Club Inc. to the former Norwood Primary School Site at Loughnans Road, Ringwood.
- * To satisfy the needs of the current membership and future direction/
growth of the club.
- * To address all the issues involved in the relocation.
- * Specific matters requiring evaluation.
 - size of grounds
 - type, number, size and lighting of greens
 - size and design of club house, gardens, BBQ picnic area,
carparking, greenkeepers shed and security fencing
 - disabled facilities
 - liquor licensing category
 - provision for poker machines
 - financial aspect present and future
 - produce a financial budget for final preferred club option
 - review of management structure
- * To put forward an action plan after consideration of timing, costs and dislocation.
- * To address the legalities of future tenure/lease of land and ownership of improvements.
- * To determine the role of the club and Ringwood Council in the construction phase. To engage a consultant if necessary.
- * To develop a critical path for the best possible outcome.
- * Appoint an historian to co-ordinate club history/memorabilia to date. Important to record and preserve.

2/8/94 - By letter dated 2 August '94, to the Chairman Re-establishment Committee, the City Manager, Ringwood Council, Mr J Paech, re-affirmed the resolution of Council dated 20/6/'94 "That should Council determine to sell the Ringwood Bowling Club site that Council pledge that Ringwood Bowling Club has the use of its current site until an alternate site is available to the Club".

Spl.G.M. - 150 members attending this Special General Meeting
9/11/94 unanimously agreed "That the Committee of Management's recommendation that the City of Ringwood Council's proposal be accepted to:

- (a) Re-locate the Club to the nominated site in Loughnan Road,
- (b) Proceed with construction of 3 greens and Club-house of approximately 700 sq. m. plus verandah, together with ancillary facilities including car park, equipments shed, outside toilets, outside store, lighting for 2 greens and car park, fencing - to a maximum cost of \$1.8 million.
- (c) Agree the draft "Heads of Agreement" as a preliminary to completion of a formal Licence Agreement.

It was further agreed by an overwhelming majority that:

The Committee of Management's recommendations that the surface of the three greens at the Loughnan Road site be comprised of two turf and one artificial."

The meeting expressed appreciation of the work undertaken by the Re-location Committee.

19/11/94 - Tenders called for Provision of Architectural Design
The Age Services for Construction of new Clubrooms for Ringwood Bowls Club.

10/12/94 - Tenders called for Design of Car Parking, Greens and
The Age associated works for the Ringwood Bowls Club.

20/12/94 - Club officials authorised to sign "Shell" form of
C.of M. Occupancy Licence Agreement.

C.of M. - Architectural sketch plans showing proposed set out
11/1/95 of the new Clubhouse displayed.

- The death was recorded of Don Leigh, Past President 1958 - 59, who had been a Club member for 49 years.

Ringwood POST - 21 January '95

Ringwood MAIL - 18 January '95

School site move

A DECISION over the future of the Norwood Primary School site and the Ringwood Bowling Club is expected to be made by the end of the month.

The City of Maroondah is considering a town planning application for the construction of a bowling club and four-lot subdivision on the site.

The application was advertised on December 7 to adjoining property owners and a notice was placed in the local newspaper on December 21. The exhibition period is now over.

The council has received no objections to either the development or the subdivision.

Plans include 152 car parking spaces, three bowling greens, two buildings, one for use as club rooms and the other as external toilets and store, and opened landscaped areas.

It is anticipated that the two applications will be considered by the council at the end of the month.

A council spokesman said negotiations were continuing between the City of Maroondah and Coles Myer executives for the purchase of the Ringwood Bowling Club site.

The site has been earmarked by Hoyts

for a massive 10-cinema complex, but the site would have to be rezoned because cinemas are banned in the Eastland area under the Ringwood planning scheme.

The scheme only allows cinemas to be built in the entertainment precinct around the Jooce nightclub.

Hoyts announced in May it was negotiating with Coles Myer to build a cinema complex in Ringwood. It was an "underscreened" area and the shopping centre was the ideal location, a Hoyts spokesman said at the time.

The council spokesman said the future of the bowling club site would not be decided without extensive community consultation.

"Nothing will be signed before there has been an extensive community consultation process," he said.

"It won't be a case of council going off and just approving it.

"There will be an extensive exhibition period available for the public."

Plans could be on exhibition by next month.

Bowling Club sale proposal

A MAROONDAH Council spokesperson has confirmed the previous Ringwood Council intended selling Ringwood Bowling Club to Coles Myer Ltd.

The spokesman said the previous council had been "in agreement" with a detailed proposal put to it by Coles Myer to purchase the bowling club site behind Eastland shopping centre for a 10 cinema theatre complex.

The Coles Myer proposal which Ringwood Council agreed with is understood to include an undisclosed sale price and the schedule and conditions of payment.

Before going out of office in December Ringwood Council wrote to the Office of Local Government seeking approval for a public consultation process over the proposed land deal, the spokesman said.

Ringwood Council had intended releasing the land deal proposal for public comment and appointing its own independent panel to review the proposal, the spokesman said.

However, Maroondah Council has not yet heard back from the Office of Local Government on the proposed public consultation process. It is believed Maroondah Council officers and local government officers are to meet soon to discuss the proposal.

The Post understands any agreement between the former Ringwood Council and Coles Myer over the bowling club sale is not binding on the new Maroondah Council and that Maroondah's commissioners plan to review the proposal in great detail.

As reported in last week's Post, Maroondah Council is currently considering a planning application to allow the Ringwood Bowling Club to relocate to the former Norwood Primary School site.

Plans include three greens, club rooms and amenities area and room for 152 cars. Tenders for the construction of the new bowling club have already been advertised.

Negotiations over the sale of the bowling club site behind Eastland began in the middle of last year.

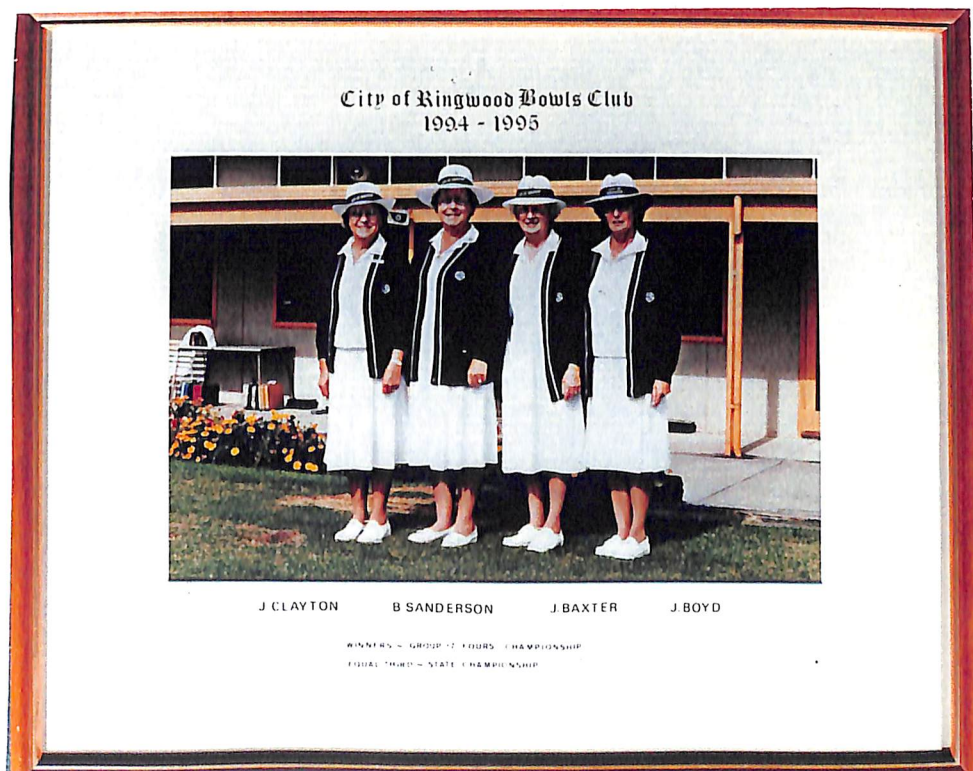
Note the reference in the 'Post' extract to the City of Ringwood Council being replaced by the new Maroondah City Council administered by Commissioners in December '94, resulting from the amalgamation of the Cities of Ringwood and Croydon, and minor peripheral boundary adjustments.

- 15/2/95 - InterClub visit to Heathcote: Since the first visit
C.of M. to Heathcote in February 1993, alternating social visits
have become very popular events. Fifty bowlers and 44
non-players made the trip to Heathcote on 12 February '95.
Ringwood bowlers were impressed with the playing surface
of Heathcote Club's synthetic green which had been
installed in 1993.
- Season - A unique event was the effort by Paul Morris to
1994/95 establish a Marathon Bowling Record with proceeds going
to the Royal Children's Hospital. Paul clocked up over
50 hours of continuous bowling, allowing for minimal health
breaks. Members volunteered as opponents - day and night.
- In his first year of bowling, Boris Anic won both the
'A' and 'B' Grade Championships. A great achievement!.
 - Max Johnson also had a good year being runner-up to
Boris Anic in both the 'A' and 'B' Grade Championships,
winner of the President's Handicap, and was skipper of
the Men's Fours Championship with Cliff Purchase, Glenn
Williams and Arnold Bartling. (The Men's Fours team went
on to win the 1995/96 Championship.)
- A.G.M. - LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:
1/5/95
- ROD TAYLOR - In awarding Rod Taylor Life Membership,
the Club recognised his exemplary service over many years
in all aspects of Club management..
 - IAN McRAE - Life Membership was bestowed upon Ian
McRae in appreciation of his long and involved service to
the Club in all aspects of Club affairs.
 - BINGO Convenor: Sam Bright takes over from Roy Hampson
as Bingo Convenor. Roy Hampson had been Convenor since
being appointed to establish Bingo in 1984, apart from
the years when he was President, Men's Section, when
Dick Mason was appointed Convenor. Roy Hampson can
deservedly be satisfied with a job 'well done' by the
Bingo Boys under his guidance.



SEASON - VLBA STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Inaugural Group 17
 1994/95 Fours Winners: Congratulations were in order to Ringwood's team comprised of Joyce Clayton (Skip), Bobbie Sanderson, Jean Baxter and June Boyd, for their success in winning the Inaugural Group 17 Fours in the VLBA 1994/95 State Title Championships.

The team went on to a very creditable performance in finishing Equal Third in the State Finals.



Ringwood POST - 26 July 1995

GOVT PROBES LAND DEAL

THE proposed multi-million dollar sale of the Ringwood Bowling Club site to retail giant Coles Myer, is currently being investigated by the State Government.

Local Government Minister, Roger Hallam, confirmed the Office of Local Government investigation this week.

However, he declined to comment on what the inquiry into the proposed deal - negotiated between the former Ringwood Council and Coles Myer - had revealed so far, claiming it would be "unwise" to divulge details until the investigation was complete.

"Suffice to say, the Government has instituted, as part of the package of reforms to councils, a series of measures to increase the financial accountability of council," Mr Hallam said.

The proposed sale of the bowling club site, behind Eastland Shopping Centre, has attracted its share of controversy since Coles Myer began negotiations in mid-1994.

The former Ringwood Council was consumed by rumours of "secret deals" and "manipulation of the facts" in the lead up to the proposed sale.

It is believed the former Ringwood Council was prepared to sell the bowling club site for around \$9-11 million, with Coles Myer planning to construct a ten cinema theatre complex on the site.

On the understanding the

sale would proceed, the former council purchased the Norwood Primary School site for about \$1.1 million last year, in order to relocate the bowling club, clearing the way for an unencumbered sale.

But in January, with the Coles Myer deal close to completion, Maroondah Council commissioners put a last-minute freeze on the project.

Council then submitted its own internal report on the complex contractual negotiations to the Auditor General.

To further complicate the issue, council recently granted a permit to Palace Entertainment Group to construct an eight cinema complex on the car park adjacent to Ringwood Market. Such a development would have clear implications for Coles Myer cinema plans.

The retailing giant unsuccessfully appealed the approval to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Pending the Auditor-General's final report, Maroondah Council chief executive, Mike Marasco, could not confirm whether the sale of the bowling club site would proceed, conceding that "anything was possible".

"It would not be responsible of council to rubber stamp any major decision without knowing every nitty gritty detail," Mr Marasco said.

Land deal investigated

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"The commissioners wanted to make sure that the proper structures were in place with the Ringwood Trust (set up last year to handle profits from the deal and itself the subject of legal controversy) and that the required council resolutions and motions were put through council. I don't expect them (Local Government Office) to find any major shortcomings in their investigations," he said.

"Council needs to now consider the sale of the bowling club, not only in terms of the financial benefits to the local community, but also the social and community issues and how the sale would impact on the surrounding Ringwood Central business precinct," he explained.

"In a nutshell, the commissioners have to now make a decision whether or not to proceed

with the next step and that would be the public consultation process."

A petition calling for an independent review into the Ringwood Plaza development, its link with the Ringwood Trust and the sale of the bowling club, was presented to Maroondah Council by Democratically Elected Councillors of Croydon and Ringwood (DECCAR) in March.

Petition signatory and former Ringwood councillor Sylvia Phillips, who served on council during sale negotiations, said she was not surprised the investigation into the "whole mess" was underway.

"Councillors had to continually fight to get information about the deals being negotiated with Coles Myer," Ms Phillips claimed.

The final report of the investigation is expected to reach Maroondah Council within a fortnight.

Third try for Eastland cinemas

COLES Myer is attempting for the third time to have the Ringwood Planning Scheme changed to allow an amusement and cinema complex to be built as part of Eastland shopping complex.

Maroondah Council this week agreed to place a proposed planning scheme amendment, to allow stage four of the proposed development of Eastland, on public exhibition.

Initiated by the retail giant, the amendment would allow retail floorspace to be increased by up to 20 per cent and would also lift current planning restrictions on the establishment of amusement parlours and cinemas within the regional retail focus zone which covers Eastland.

Coles Myer has tried on two previous occasions to have the restrictions on amusement parlours and cinemas lifted.

The second attempt last year was referred to an independent panel which recommended against removing the restrictions.

Coles Myer has plans for a 10 cinema complex and is currently negotiating with council over the possible purchase of the Ringwood Bowling club site, behind Eastland, which falls into the regional retail focus zone.

As previously reported in the Post (July 26), the proposed multi-million sale of the bowling club site is currently being investigated by State Government.

Council chief executive officer

Mike Marasco last week indicated that should the proposed amendment not be approved, Coles Myer would still be interested in buying the bowling club site.

"Council has an obligation to exhibit the amendment but it does not mean that council has to agree to the amendment in the long run. If the amendment does not go through, it might impact on some of the conditions of sale, but not necessarily the sale itself," Mr Marasco said.

At the direction of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal council recently issued a permit to Palace Entertainment for an eight cinema complex at Ringwood Market, a decision that may ultimately impact on Coles Myer's plans.

MAIL - 15 August 1995

Bowling club site talks are back on

MAROONDAH City Council and Coles Myer are expected to resume negotiations over the sale of the Ringwood bowling site this week after a six-month delay.

Talks between the retail giant and the council were put on hold in January after the council's request for a due diligence report including details of the former Ringwood Council's negotiations with Coles Myer over the Eastland development and Ringwood Plaza project (Mail, August 8).

But with the council considering the report behind closed doors at last night's council meeting, negotiations are expected to resume this week.

Strategic development corporate manager Scott Chapman said the council would like to see the matter resolved as soon as possible.

The negotiations surround the possible sale of the Ringwood Bowling Club to Coles Myer. The site has been earmarked by Hoyts for a massive 10-cinema complex.

The Ringwood Bowling Club is expected to be moved to the former Norwood Primary School site at Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood, once its present site is sold.

Ringwood Bowling Club member Glen Hubbit said the club hoped a solution could be reached as soon as possible.

The resumption of negotiations comes a week after the council decided to exhibit a Coles Myer proposal to amend the Maroondah City Council planning scheme to allow completion of the next stage of the Eastland development.

The decision follows an Administrative Appeals Tribunal ruling in favor of Multiplex Cinemas Pty Ltd to build eight cinemas at the Ringwood Market.

If the Coles Myer proposal is approved it would pave the way for cinemas to be built in the Ringwood District Centre regional retail focus zone as well.

The AGE - Tenders invited for Construction of New Bowling Greens
16/9/95 Clubrooms and Associated Civil Works for Ringwood Bowls Club Inc., closing 17 October 1995.

Scheduled start of construction - January 1996, and
completion - August 1996.

C.of M. - Decision that the artificial green be BALASM GRASSE
3/1/96 PROMASTER PLUS synthetic green.

Spl G.M. - Poker Machines: Following the presentation of the
19/2/96 report on the feasibility study into the installation of poker machines in the new premises, it was resolved "That the Ringwood Bowls Club install five (5) Tattersalls gaming machines at the Loughnan Road location, when available, as a service to members".
(Carried 65/57)

(13/3/96 - Tattersalls advise unable to commit at this stage for the proposal of five machines. They would however, be interested in talking about a proposal that might encapsulate a restricted gaming room with thirty machines and more competitive trading hours.)

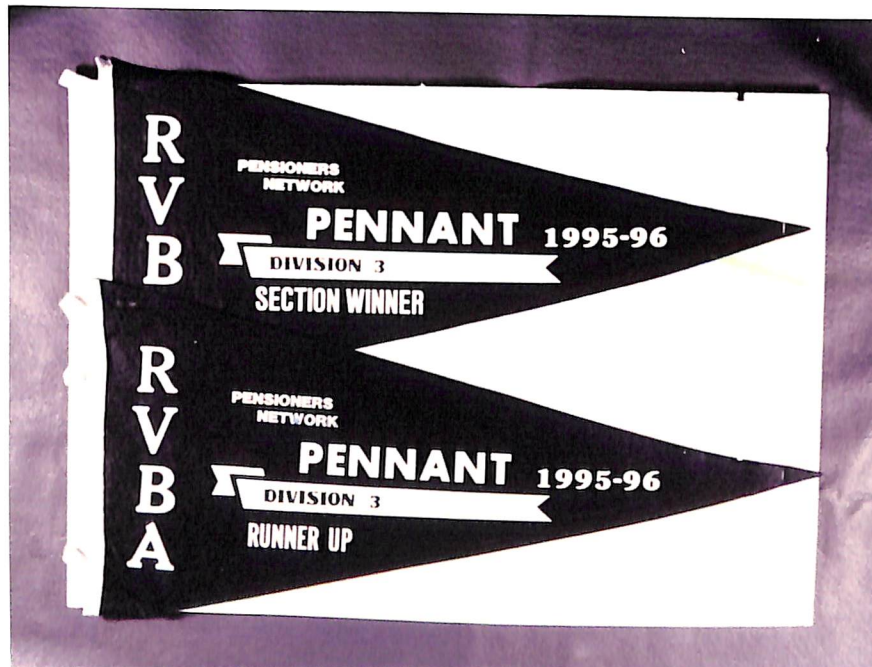
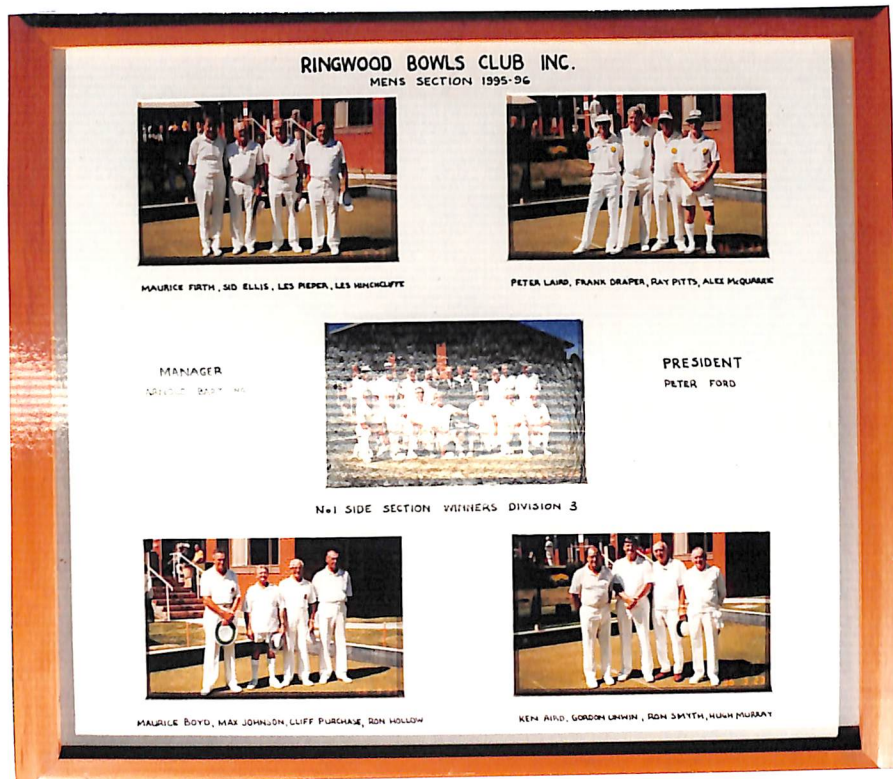
- At the 19/2/96 Special General Meeting it was agreed that a new Management Structure proposed by the Committee of Management, to meet the complexities of operating the Club at the new complex, be introduced on a twelve months trial basis.

- In anticipation of endorsement, on trial, of the new Management Structure, nominations were called at the annual elections for the revised office-bearers on the Board of Management.

The elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman for 1996/97 were Rod Taylor and Ian McRae, and Wal Fabian was elected to the position of Club Services Manager.

Consequent upon Rod Taylor becoming Chairman of the Board of Management, Glen Hubbard was appointed Convenor of the Re-establishment Committee (frequently referred to as the Relocation Committee).

- Spl G.M.
19/2/96 - Club Name: With the amalgamation of the City of Ringwood and the City of Croydon into the City of Maroondah in December 1994, it was decided to re-name our Club as 'Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.'.
- C.of M.
4/3/96 - Full Liquor Licence: An application was submitted for the granting of a Full Liquor Licence at the new Club premises, in lieu of the Restricted Club Licence as in operation at Miles Avenue.
- C.of M.
10/4/96 - Progress on the Loughnan Road complex was reported as disappointing, mainly due to inclement weather.
- Spl G.M.
23/9/96 - Debenture Issue: Approval granted for Debenture Issue for voluntary subscription by members to raise \$50,000 to complete the relocation to Loughnan Road..
- The maximum amount the Council would allocate for our relocation had increased to \$1.912 M. with the agreed C.P.I. adjustment (excluding land).
- With the total expenditure having blown-out beyond the \$1.912M, the Board of Management authorised the Relocation Committee to continue and complete negotiations with Council whereby Prime Cost and contracted items be amended and withdrawn to enable the contract price to be maintained within the \$1.912M.
- Glen Hubbard envisaged that specific items could be installed, and in some cases manufactured by members at reduced cost. The involvement of members at working bees was approved.
- Season
1995/96 - Men's No. 1 and No. 3 sides were elevated to Division 2 and 5 respectively for season 1996/97. Having won their Section, No. 1 side went on to win their quarter-final and semi-final, and lost the final by only one shot.
- A.G.M.
6/5/96 - Merit Awards: Club Merit Award badges were presented to:
- KEN AIRD
FRAN ROBINSON
BERYL McLEAN
ROY HAMPSON
ALAN HOLLIDAY
SID WARNER
DICK MASON (Absent)



B.of M.
8/5/96

- Club Historians: Avis Holliday and Merv Pottenger were approached to accept appointment as joint Club Historians.

MAROONDAH MAIL 24 September 1996

New club home is almost ready

by JEFF JONES

EXCITEMENT is percolating through the Ringwood Bowls Club this week as its new \$1.8-million home finally nears completion.

The board chairman, Rod Taylor, recently gave the *Mail* a preview of the new facility on the corner of Warrandyte and Loughlan roads, Ringwood.

Mr Taylor said the new club would have three greens — two turf and one synthetic — one more than at the present venue in Miles Ave.

The 67-year-old Ringwood Bowling Club is now located in Miles Ave, Ringwood.

The property, adjacent to Eastland, has been sold to Coles-Myer and is expected to be handed over when the club moves out later this year.

Mr Taylor said the club hoped to move to the new premises during its mid-season break next December/January.

He said the extra green and larger clubhouse would mean more space, more modern facilities and maybe even more members for the club.

"We currently have 300 members and with the new clubhouse being 50 per cent bigger, hopefully we will have a 50 per cent increase in members too," he said.

Mr Taylor said the club's existing liquor licence would be transferred to the new premises but the possibility of poker machines being introduced into the new club was "too early to discuss right now".

He said the clubhouse had a terrific design, cleverly reflecting the curve of the biased bowl on the green, making it almost fish-shaped in appearance.

The well-lit clubhouse features views across the greens, barbecue area and soon-to-be landscaped grounds.

It will have comfortable seating for 200 dinner guests, a spacious dance floor (which can also be used for indoor bowls) and a large kitchen and servery.

There is also a bar, tournament office, meeting room, secretary's office and plenty of room for the club's many trophies in the impressive display cases.

Maroondah Council corporate manager business Scott Chapman last week confirmed the project should be completed mid-October, weather permitting.

B.of M.
30/10/96

- Honour Boards: Decided that current honour boards be photographically reproduced and that these be mounted in the new premises. If necessary, a professional photographer be employed.

B.of M.
21/11/96

- Management Structure: Title of Board of Management Office-bearers be amended in that the General Secretary be known as Executive Officer, and the General Treasurer have the title Finance Officer. Also, that an appointment be made of a Computer Manager.

B.of M.
19/12/96

- Decision to purchase Computer from PCLC Computers at cost of \$1,919, including sales tax, and the recommended programmes at \$900.

Ringwood bowlers enjoy last season on present site

- Move to North Ringwood

THE opening of the greens for season 1996/97 at the Ringwood Bowls Club was the last one before Ringwood transfers to its modern new facility in North Ringwood.

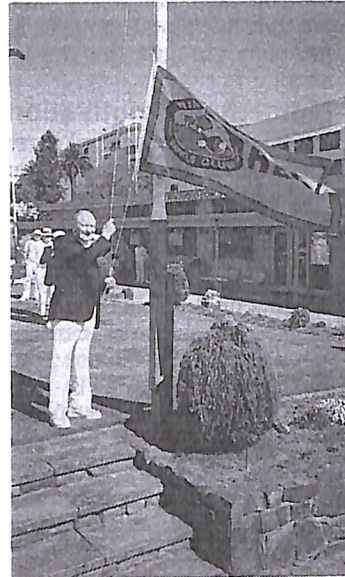
The first jack and bowl were rolled by Les Hinchcliffe and Les Pieper, being runner-up and club champion respectively for the 1995/96 season.

A group photograph of all members present was taken for the archives.

A highlight of the afternoon was the raising of the new Ringwood flag, (formally City of Ringwood) by immediate past President Peter Ford.

The photograph shows the encroaching Eastland Shopping Centre in the back-

ground and the old club will make way for a cinema complex and car parking during 1997.



Pictured: Immediate Past President Peter Ford raising the flag.

BOWLS IN VICTORIA

JANUARY 1997



OPENING DAY 1996/97 SEASON MEN'S SECTION



OPENING DAY 1996/97 SEASON - LADIES SECTION



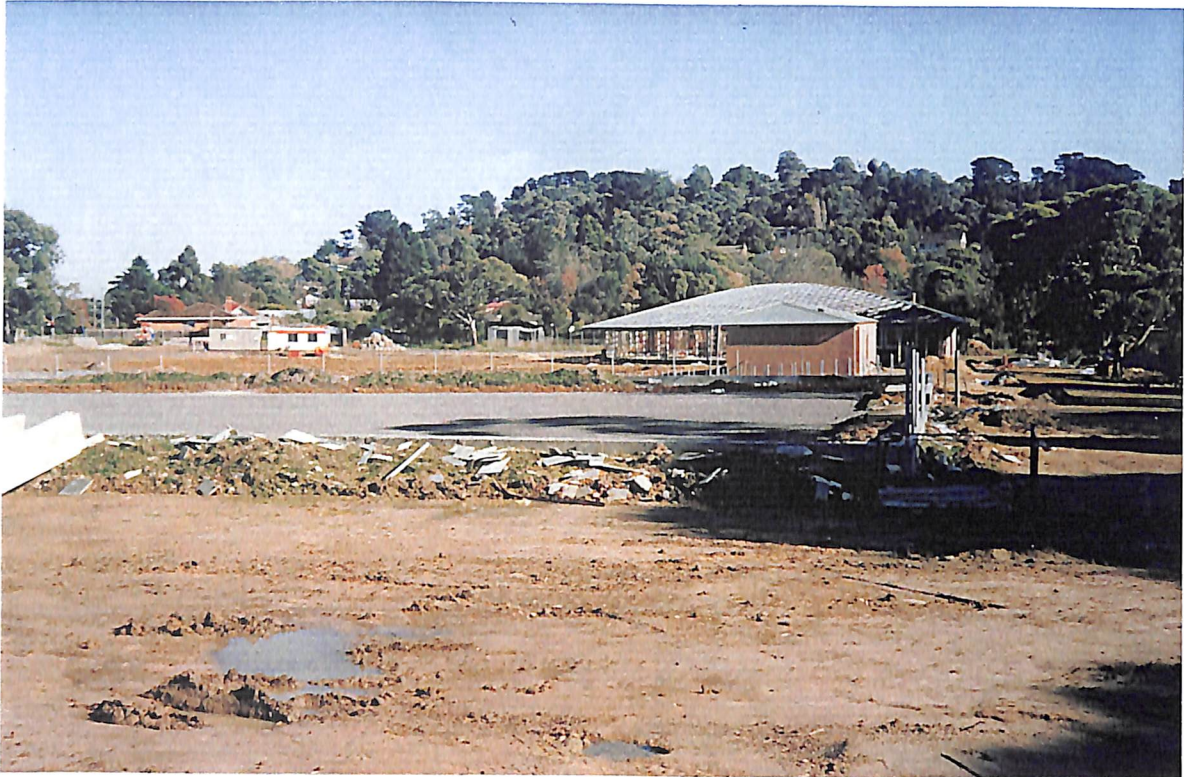
The last Ladies Pennant game at Miles Avenue.



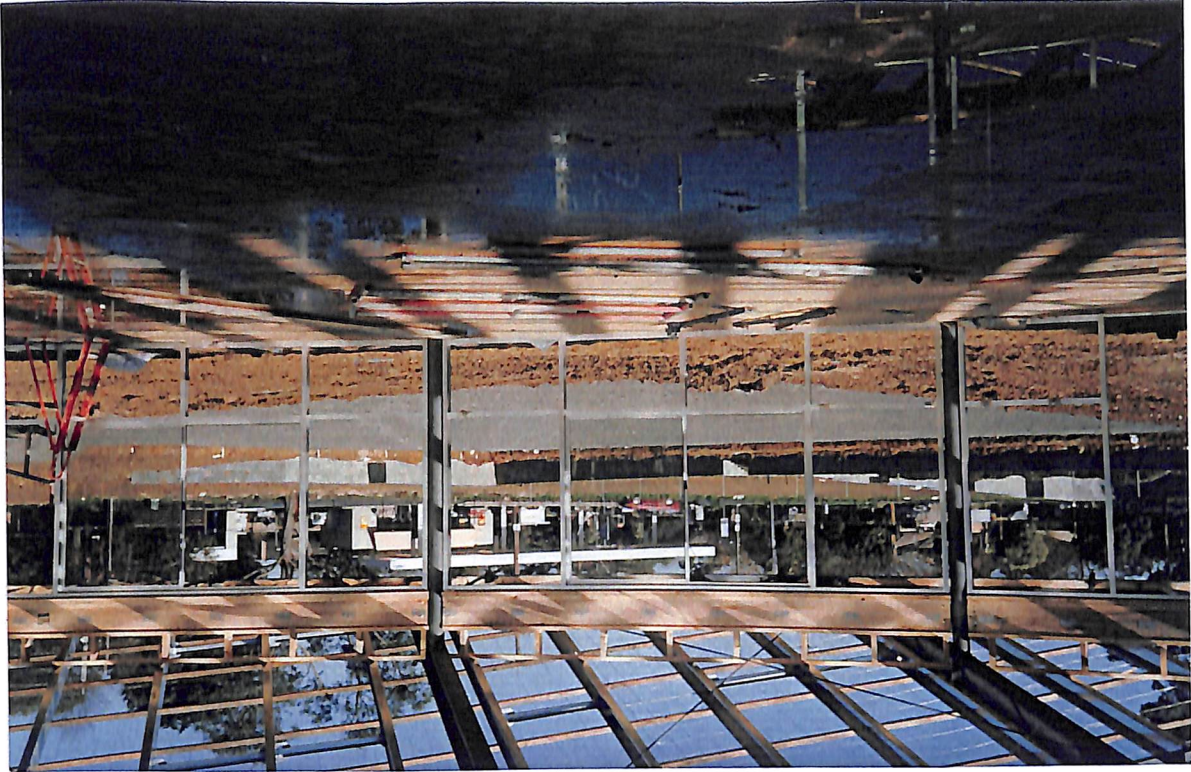
The last Men's Friday Triples at Miles Avenue.

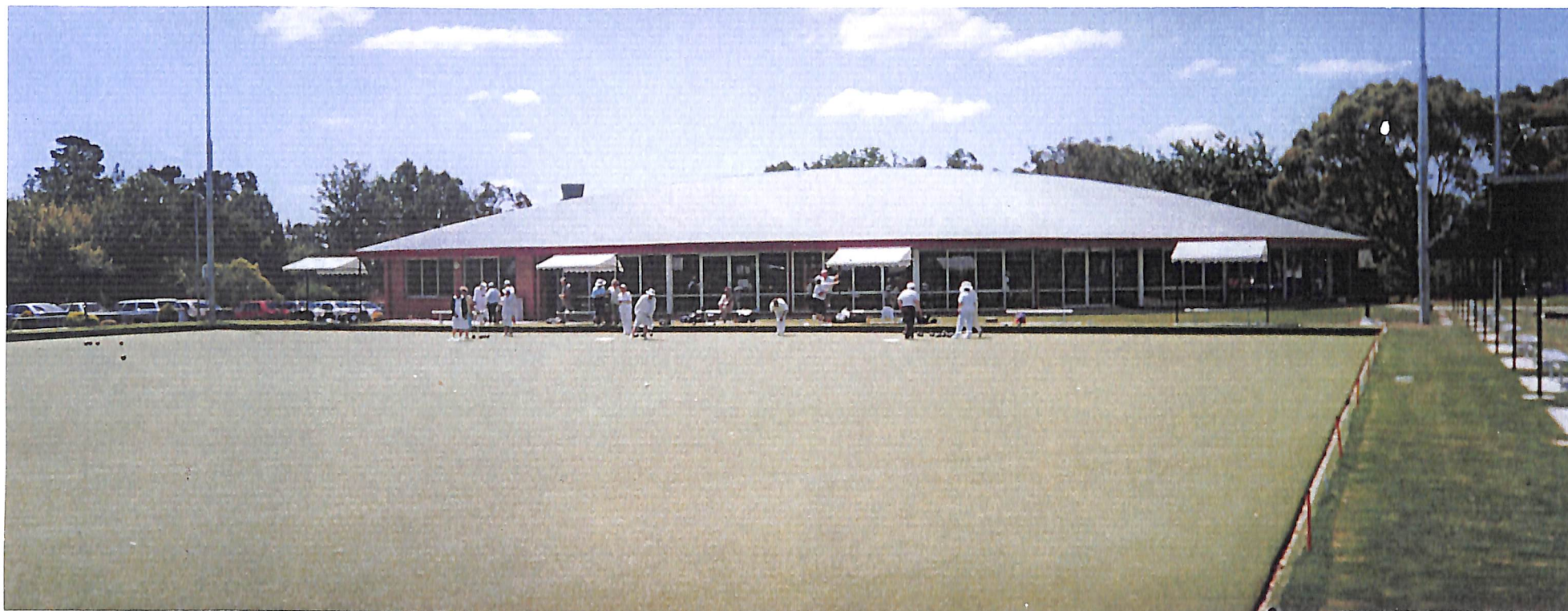












The Synthetic Green at Loughnan Road is ready for a 'Try Out'

The 'END' and the 'BEGINNING'

B.of M.
30/12/96

- A B.E.Q. to be held on Saturday 11 January 1997 to celebrate the last bowling day at Miles Avenue (Bamford Park).
- Maroondah City Council advises that the PRACTICAL COMPLETION date will be Monday 13 January 1997.

B.of M.
13/1/97

- Decided move to new premises will now be on 23/24 January, the PRACTICAL COMPLETION date having been delayed to the week commencing 27 January 1997.
- The first meeting of the Board of Management at the new Clubhouse to be at 10.00 am on Monday 27 January 1997

The PAST is HISTORY
The FUTURE is a MYSTERY
And this MOMENT is a GIFT
That is why this MOMENT
Is called the PRESENT

- Author Unknown



The Demolition Squad moves in.

I N C O N C L U S I O N

This History of the Ringwood Bowling Club at Miles Avenue (Bamford Park), up to the Club's relocation at Loughnan Road, concludes with a copy of the 1996/97 Annual Report.

Readers might turn back the pages to the First and Second Annual Reports and make comparisons with the vastly different circumstances in which the Club was established.

One important fact which enabled Club officials to negotiate the very satisfactory outcome in accepting relocation to Loughnan Road, was the purpose of the gift of land to the Borough of Ringwood Council by the late Philip Bamford in 1926.

Over the years the Club has enjoyed a close relationship with Ringwood Council, and in these latter months, in co-operation with the City of Maroondah.

One wonders what the future prospects could have been had the former Norwood Primary School site not become available; then had the City of Ringwood Council not been successful with its bid to buy the site; and finally, had the sale of the Miles Avenue property not eventuated.

The Ringwood Bowls Club has indeed been fortunate and the future of the Club should unlikely be a 'MYSTERY'.

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Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 1996-97

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OFFICE BEARERS 1996/97

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

<i>Chairman</i>	Rod Taylor
<i>Deputy Chairman</i>	Ian McRae
<i>Executive Officer</i>	Tom Lowe
<i>Finance Officer</i>	Greg Allen
<i>Committee</i>	Maurice Boyd Mabel Bartling Beryl O'Grady Wal Fabian Peter Ford
<i>Greens Director</i>	Jim Bennett
<i>Assistant Greens Director</i>	Ken Aird

MENS SECTION

Maurice Boyd	<i>President</i>
Greg Allen	<i>Vice President</i>
Peter Ford	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
Peter Marshall	<i>Secretary</i>
Glenn Williams	<i>Treasurer</i>
Bill Basile Les Pieper Doug Scotchmoor	<i>Committee</i>
Paul Smiles	<i>Bowls Secretary</i>
Rob Rees (chair) Sam Bright Doug Scotchmoor Peter Laird	<i>Selection Committee</i>

LADIES SECTION

Mabel Bartling
Peg Matthews
Beryl O'Grady
Beryl Fabian
Nell Mathieson
June Boyd Dorothy Douglas Lesley Pieper
Beryl O'Grady
June Watson (chair) Margaret Price Molly Williams Roma Anderson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been our year to remember. The growing anticipation as we watched the complex developing – slowly – was nothing compared with the fantastic spectacle of almost 200 bowlers on the new greens and around the clubhouse on a number of occasions.

The various opening functions were well attended, well-presented and much enjoyed by those present. It involved a lot of work – many members involved with the regular duties had an extra load and had to become familiar with the new facilities. We thank them all most sincerely. Some acknowledgments are made elsewhere in this Report.

I am especially grateful to all members of the Board of Management. Apart from very frequent meetings, there have been many time-consuming tasks. In particular, Presidents Mabel and Maurice, Services Manager Wal Fabian and Executive Officer Tom Lowe have been working 7 days most weeks.

Relocation liaison and planning has been difficult and protracted but convenor Glen Hubbard has continued to hang in there and we are all grateful for his untiring efforts. A great personal effort has come too from Don Jolley who has done an amazing job lining up new sponsors and organising many valuable donations to support our raffles and spinning wheels. Thank you Don and Rosemary too for your valuable back-up.

Now we can concentrate our whole attention on the future, to utilising our facilities to the maximum, to introducing even more members to the game and to meeting the bowling and social expectations of our growing membership.

We already have a 7 days Winter Program open for entries and a new social program is steadily developing. We are learning that there is a lot more work and planning needed to operate a larger Club. It will take the next twelve months to fully understand the demands and opportunities the new complex will provide.

Certainly we will be watching our financial position and Greg Allen has already commented on this in the Newsletter and his financial report. We are reminded by the powers-that-be that lawn bowls, along with other sports and community activities, has so far avoided the "user pays" principle now so commonly applied to consumer services. Many clubs have long enjoyed the benefits of low cost tenure on community land so that site rental is not a significant cost factor for them but does represent an expense to the community, via the local council.

By today's economic standards this is true in our own case. In addition, members' subscriptions and green fees account for only half the cost of operating the Club. The other 50% has to be subsidised by various fund-raising efforts, sponsorships, bar profit and raffles. It is hoped that further membership increases will help to give a better balance in our income.

It is hoped that the question of the Licence Agreement with the Maroondah City Council will be clarified shortly. Recent changes in local government policy are behind the negotiations now in progress.

Our changing circumstances are necessitating a number of changes in Club Rules and after a number of recent "patch-up" amendments it is planned to complete a full review of the Rules in the coming year.

"Well done" to all Club pennant sides and to all Club Championship winners, during a difficult season. The excellent progress of the new turf greens and the quality of the artificial green give every hope for a great season next summer.

Good bowling to all members.

Rod Taylor

AN APPRECIATION

On behalf of all members of the Club, the Board of Management wishes to place on record an appreciation of the efforts of a large number of members who worked so hard in preparing for the relocation of the Club, making the transfer and finally handling the settling-in process at the new complex.

Proceedings began early in 1994 under Chairman Beryl O'Grady and General Secretary Merv Pottenger and continued under Chairman Peter Ford and Secretary Neil Thomas. The Committee of Management in years 1993/4, 1994/5, 1995/6 and the Board of Management in 1996/7 all spent an enormous amount of time in establishing and monitoring negotiations with Council.

The Relocation Committee, with Glen Hubbard, Paul Morris, Rod Taylor, Ken Aird, Merv Pottenger and in the earlier stages Beryl O'Grady and Peter Ford, had countless meetings with councillors, commissioners and staff. The process was complicated by the amalgamation of City of Ringwood into City of Maroondah and the resulting changes in Council policies and staff but the eventual outcome has been a splendid new facility.

In particular, the Board wishes to cite the magnificent contribution by Glen Hubbard who accepted the demanding role of representing the Club to Council engineering staff during the planning and construction stages. And since the Club took occupancy Glen has managed the construction of shelters and other works.

For the development of the greens and surrounds, thanks go to Greens Director Jim Bennett and assistant Ken Aird and Greenkeeper Darren Vincent and his staff. We are going to be proud of our new greens as we were of those at Miles Avenue.

One of the most demanding of all jobs has been the gardens where Don McArdle and Dick Wright and many helpers have tended the new plants and shrubs through a long, dry summer.

To the ladies, thanks are due for establishing the new kitchen, attending to decorations in the hall and planning for the larger number of players in recent tournaments needing lunch and teas.

Executive Officer Tom Lowe has had a massive work-load with almost weekly Board meetings to minute, the bar to manage in its early stages and many other routine and establishing duties.

And behind many of these activities has been the planning and leadership of Presidents Maurice Boyd, Mabel Bartling and Services Manager Wal Fabian and their committees.

Thanks go to Don Jolley and Sid Warner for the many signs and notices they have prepared for effective communication to members.

A particularly important task has been that of historians Merv Pottenger and Avis Holliday who have spent many hours searching through files and records to compile a portfolio on the Club's history. And the gallery of photographs of old honour boards has also resulted from their hard work. Thank you Merv and Avis.

The services of maintenance officer Maurice Heald have been constantly in demand and very much appreciated.

The unnamed heroes of all these efforts are of course the many members, male and female, who responded generously to calls for working bees or the exhortations of section leaders for help in unexpected emergencies. Their reward will be an enthusiastic pro-active club to which members can belong with pride.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year has been one of many and varied highlights and the ultimate happening in moving into our new Clubhouse and surrounds.

It appeared in the later part of 1996 that our move would be thwarted when it was thought that both the Clubhouse and the greens would not be completed in time for the second half of the pennant season but as we now know this was proven to be false.

Although we are still having ongoing problems with Council over our licence agreement there is no doubt we expect to have some finalisation in the coming months and, as always, we will be endeavouring to secure the best for all at the Club, and for future bowlers also.

Our new management structure which has now been in place for 12 months has been one of great success and, as was mentioned in last year's report, will take us to and beyond the year 2000.

Summary

Your Board of Management has this year and will do so in the future make decisions on behalf of members for the members.

The cost of running a club such as we have now will impact much more and all members are encouraged to take on a task within the Club (be it ever so small) to help those tireless workers who have been involved for a long time and help lessen our ongoing costs. Remember – this is your Club!

In conclusion, this opportunity is taken to say a sincere thanks to those who worked on the bar with me (ladies and men) in the latter part of the season, and to all those who have given me support over the past 12 months. To you, a sincere thanks.

Lastly, I am indebted to Peter Marshall for his support in collating this report. Thanks Peter.

May the coming year be one of establishing the Ringwood Bowls Club as one where it is pleasure to come to bowl and enjoy the atmosphere

Tom Lowe



PRESIDENT'S REPORT — MENS SECTION

As the 1996-97 season comes to a close, I would like to reflect on the exciting and historic year our Club has experienced. This however will no doubt be covered in our Chairman's report and reports from other sections. I will concentrate on the Men's Section which despite some early setbacks finished on a high note.

Firstly, thank you to my Committee who each in their way contributed to the smooth running of the section. Peter Marshall has done a wonderful job in his role as Secretary and his computer expertise has been seen in many areas of our Club. Vice President Greg Allen and immediate past President Peter Ford have both been very supportive. Treasurer Glenn Williams has handled this exacting role very conscientiously. Les Pieper, Bill Basile and Doug Scotchmoor have each been very willing to take on numerous tasks arising from our Mens Committee meetings.

Our Selection Committee had a year of turmoil. As a result of an unpleasant incident early in the year, the Chairman Arnold Bartling resigned from the Committee. Arnold took on a difficult role back in the 1995-96 season, the year our No. 1 side achieved success and was promoted to Division 2, and I thank him sincerely for the time and effort put into the job over those months. Additionally, because of his illness, Cliff Purchase asked to be relieved of the position of Bowls Secretary and Paul Smiles was appointed as his replacement. Rob Rees was appointed to replace Arnold and to Rob, Doug Scotchmoor, Sam Bright, Peter Laird and Paul Smiles, thank you all for a difficult job well done. Our objective for the year was to consolidate our position as a Division 2 Club and to endeavour to achieve promotion in other sections. The first objective was achieved after a nail-biting finish in which 6 out of the 10 teams in the section faced relegation with one match to play. A win against North Balwyn (12 points to 2) saw Ringwood go from second bottom to 6th position. All other teams held their positions except our 4th side which will be relegated. Season 1997-98 will see us with teams in Divisions 2, 4, 6, 7 and two in 8, plus any additional teams we may enter.

To our Wednesday Manager, Colin Douglas, thank you for looking after this important weekly event, and to Doug Scotchmoor for his continued work in the management of our Friday triples events.

One of the more successful areas this year has been our major tournaments programme and this is due to the excellent work done by Alan Clayton and Les Pieper. Alan and Les have many contacts throughout the bowling fraternity and have been able to build entries in these events as a foundation for the future, when it will be imperative we fill all three greens for these events. The two bowl triples aggregate competition has had another successful year with entries for next season already exceeding the 28 teams for the season past. Thanks to Les Pieper and Wal Fabian for their assistance on these days.

This year was our Club's first year in night pennant for some years, and thanks to Greg Allen for managing this event. Hopefully we can increase participation next season.

Arnold Bartling has had a difficult job managing the monthly smorgasbord Sundays, and will certainly be looking for more team entries in 1997-98. Thank you Arnold for your perseverance during the year.

I wish to record my thanks to our Ladies Section, ably led by President Mabel Bartling, for their co-operation and willingness to support the Mens Section whenever required. The effort put in by our Ladies on pennant days, smorgasbords, tournaments, afternoon teas, etc. is most appreciated.

To Greens Director Jim Bennett and Ken Aird and more recently Clive Lang – thank you for presenting greens of the highest standard, and to Darren Vincent and his staff for the excellent work in maintaining the greens through their early development period and through all the hot weather we had through January and February. A Club is finally judged by the quality of its greens and thanks to all these people for giving our Club such a great start.

Some unsung heroes are the team led by Ian Abell who prepare our premises during the pennant season. To Ian and his team of helpers thank you once again.

Although I said I would restrict my report to bowling matters only, there are some people I feel I must acknowledge for the work done over the time of our transfer. Firstly to Glen Hubbard who has worked tirelessly over a long period to achieve our new venue and who recently has supervised the work of putting the finishing touches to many areas. To Don McArdle and his garden group for their great work in the development of our gardens which in 12 months time will no doubt be something of which we can all be proud. As President I was extremely pleased with the response by members to the working bees during the Christmas/New Year period, and I believe this effort went a long way to cementing relationships within the Club. I believe we can justly boast that Ringwood is "the friendly Club."

Congratulations to all our Club Champions for the 1996-97 season!

Les Hinchcliffe
 Bill Aanensen
 Bosko Anic & Maurie Firth
 Frank Draper, Gordon Unwin,
 Ken Aird, Jim Hunt
 Max Johnson
 Ron Marshall
 Tom Lowe

Singles Champion (now 8 times)
 "B" Grade Champion
 Pairs Champions (also won Legacy Pairs
 Fours Championship

 President's Handicap
 Novice Champion
 Mixed Pairs

One achievement which must be acknowledged is Les Hinchcliffe and Les Pieper's great result in winning the Metropolitan Veteran Pairs Competition. Congratulations to you both.

We still have not solved the problem of matches not being played on time, and we will again endeavour to address this problem in the next season.

The year has seen the sad loss of five of our members, all of whom have contributed greatly to our Club over recent years. We remember Jack Dalziel, Cliff Purchase, Herb Sanderson, David Tren-gove and Clyde Ratten.

Welcome to all new members (too numerous to name) who have joined during the last 12 months and we hope you enjoy your new Club.

Thank you to all members for your support during my first year of office and a special thank you to my wife June for her support and understanding over what has been a demanding year.

Maurice Boyd



PRESIDENT'S REPORT — LADIES SECTION

My term as your President is coming to an end. Thank you for the honour – it's been a very busy time. I'm pleased I served one season at Miles Avenue before moving to our new venue, which has attracted, and will attract, a lot more visitors and I'm sure our greens will be in demand by the VLBA and RVBA for major events, as our State President Margaret Walker indicated. It's the ideal setting – so here's hoping for the future.

Thanks to the Ladies Committee for all your hard work and support during this season. To the Match Committee their many hours of time in getting our teams ready for pennant. I'm sure with all our up and coming new members, who are showing a lot of potential, we will be stronger and, hopefully, bring a flag home in the next few years.

Welcome to all new members – there are many and still applying.

Our dinners and smorgasbords have been successful. Thank you to all ladies who have worked at these functions. Our Gala Day, I think, was our best ever, raising over \$2,000 – well done ladies.

Our tournament managers Beryl O'Grady and Shirley Pearce worked hard in getting extra rinks this season. I'm sure, with our growing numbers, we can fill three greens in the near future.

Thank you to Marion Kellett for keeping our Clubhouse looking beautiful with flower arrangements. To Darren Vincent and Jim Bennett for having our greens in good condition, it's a delight to play on them.

Congratulations to all winners of Club Championships.

Finally, I wish you all. Good health and good bowling.

Mabel Bartling

MANAGER'S REPORT — CLUB SERVICES SECTION

The transfer from Miles Avenue to Loughnan Road went without a hitch thanks to Leslie (Stirling Moss) Pieper our truck driver and the help we received from our members – ladies and men. It was great to see the members that came when we I asked for labour to do re-location work. What you see at your new Club is all your work and it must give you pleasure to see the results – both ladies and men – far too many to mention in this short report, but I give each and everyone my heartfelt thanks.

A lot of time of the Services Section has been taken up with purchase of furniture and fittings to blend in with the Clubhouse tonings, finding out how to operate the various new facilities of the Club, such as air conditioning and the very sophisticated security system –which all takes time, but we are getting there.

Our bar facilities with full licence is now functioning well. We now can sell package beer, sherry, cask wines at very competitive prices. So support your Club and give us a go when you next decide to purchase beer and wine for home.

To our garden gang led by Don McArdle, their efforts are now starting to show through and there is no doubt that come next season the surrounds will look a million dollars.

Bingo continues in our new premises and Sam Bright and all the Bingo people are to be congratulated. It is one tough area of competition and there is no doubt they will continue to be another source of income for the Club.

Security of our new premises is now being headed up by Bill Basile and with the team that he has now gathered, this area is in good hands.

Last, but not least, thanks to all my helpers – firstly, for putting up with me and, secondly, for doing such a great job. Next year will be even better.

Wal Fabian



BOWLS SECRETARY'S REPORT - LADIES SECTION

The pennant results this season were disappointing. The final results were A2 – 7th, B2 Section 4 – 4th, B2 Section 5 – 9th and B3 – 9th. B2 Section 5 will be relegated but we hope to fill four teams again next season.

Thanks to the ladies who were responsible for running the competitions. Congratulations to all winners and runners up.

Thanks to Shirley Pearce and helpers for their running of the two invitation days very successfully. Also thanks to Jim Bennett, Darren and staff in keeping the greens in such good condition.

My thanks to the Selection Committee for their work in a very and hard and trying situation and I wish all incoming members good luck in their term of office.

Beryl O'Grady

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Our Club has successfully transferred operations from Miles Avenue and during the past season has expended over \$50,417 purchasing new furniture and equipment. These items range from tables and chairs in the main hall to gardening machinery and equipment.

The Board has also budgeted for further commitments totalling over \$30,000 with these items to be purchased during season 1997/98.

During the year the Board also decided to raise \$50,000 in additional funds by way of a debenture issue. These funds are to be utilised for the above capital items with remainder to be held in reserve to meet any possible call by Council for overrun items.

Because of our transfer and due to the inordinate amount of expenditure incurred funds previously held in reserve by the Club have been exhausted. This situation urgently needs addressing as it is good practice to systematically depreciate Club assets by putting aside a similar sum of money. This action provides the necessary funds to replace items when they wear out or break down.

Another point which we must all keep in mind is our new modern and enlarged facilities are going to be much more expensive to maintain. Common sense tells us that a Clubhouse of the size which we now enjoy will be more expensive to heat, cool, light and clean. Larger surrounds and bowling greens will be more expensive to maintain. Insurance and rates will also increase.

The challenge is now before us. The Board has developed financial plans for the forthcoming season. To be responsible it is essential that annual subscriptions and green fees be increased. The Board is also aware of the need to increase membership (we now have three greens to fill) and has addressed this issue by formulating a membership committee and updating the class of membership available.

During the past season the usual stalwarts have continued to organise club events, collect green fees, staff the bar, run the Bingo and club raffles. Again on behalf of the Club I thank these dedicated members as without your input the Club would have great difficulty in meeting financial obligations.

In reviewing the Club's financial activities perhaps the time has arrived when we need to reassess our fund raising activities by considering the return against the effort expended.

Hopefully the new full bar licence will assist the Club increase receipts and our 1997/98 financial plan reflects a marked increase in profit from this source. I have little doubt there will be some dissatisfaction on the new bar pricing arrangements, however as stated earlier in this report for the Club to meet our addi-

tional financial obligations we need a higher percentage return from bar purchases. Hence the full licence and sales of ale by the glass.

Bingo is another area we need to review. Returns from this area have reduced quite dramatically and we assume this being the result of the introduction of gaming machines and increased opposition from other bingo operators. Unless our return increases, consideration could have to be given to utilising the bingo manpower on other fund raising projects which may provide a higher return.

Two of our better fund raisers have been club dinners and raffles. Our financial results would have looked sick without them. Our sponsorship committee has been very successful in their efforts in gaining new sponsorship and we anticipate our Club will maintain a similar result in 1997/98 season.

In order to meet our commitments and ensure our cashflow is sufficient to meet our expenses during the winter months I would ask each and every member to ensure their annual subscription is paid by 30 June 1997. Members who have not paid or made arrangements to pay by the 30th June will be ineligible to use club greens until subscriptions are paid. Please assist your Club by paying your fees to either of the Section Treasurers.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to our hardworking Section Treasurers, Glenn Williams and Nell Mathieson. Their diligence and accuracy has made my task much easier.

Greg Allen

Application of Funds Statement

Bank Account	(\$21,192)
Investment	\$ 71,954
Hat Bands & Trophies	\$ 1,319
Bar Stock	\$ 520
Asset Items Purchased	\$ 50,417
Petty Cash	\$ 124
Bingo Account	\$ 105
	\$103,247

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS PERIOD 1/4/96 – 31/3/97

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	1995/6	1996/7		1995/6	1996/7
MEMBERSHIP			GREENKEEPER	28019	28982
Men	19314	23599	GREEN EXPENSES	4422	4892
Ladies	11816	12916	INSURANCE	3322	4860
JOINING FEES	675	1925	POWER/HEATING	4284	6073
GREEN FEES	19785	22169	RATES (COUNCIL/ WATER)	3331	2332
SPONSORSHIP	3700	11010	REPAIRS	4960	3660
BINGO RECEIPTS	8953	3353	CLEANING	4874	6603
BAR RECEIPTS	24885	36342	PHONE/POSTAGE	2745	3188
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	6255	16683	BULK BAR PURCHASES		
RAFFLES/TEAS	7762	8065	PENNANT TRAVEL	5825	3865
SPECIAL EFFORTS	2716	2242	CATERING	7815	9060
GALA DAY	2048	1704	BADGES/HAT BANDS	538	1597
LITTLE TATTS	650	2140	RVBA	3198	3307
INDOOR BOWLS	883	969	VLBA	1600	1703
LOCKER HIRE	409	655	RELOCATION EXPENSES		447
BADGES/HAT BANDS	283	1116	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	150	1010
PENNANT TRAVEL	3240	3060	TOURNAMENTS	3272	3544
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	1089	1426	BAR PURCHASES	18107	25109
TOURNAMENTS	3336	5990	BINGO EXPENSES	979	910
BAR RECEIPTS (BULK)			SOCIAL EXPENSES	3000	7255
SUNDRIES	6293	29093	SUNDRIES	904	16606
CLUB DEBENTURE		50000	BAR STOCK	1054	990
BAR STOCK	990	1510	HAT BANDS	509	262
HAT BANDS	262	1581			
TOTAL INCOME	<u>125344</u>	<u>237548</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	111608	136255
+ ACCRUED INTEREST		1954	EXCESS INCOME	13736	103247
TOTAL INCOME		<u>239502</u>		<u>125344</u>	<u>239502</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 1997

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank account	\$ 4,206	
Accrued interest	\$ 1954	
Investment	\$70,000	
Petty Cash	\$ 1659	
Bingo account	\$ 178	
		\$ 77997

Sundry Assets

Bar stock	\$ 1510	
Hat bands & trophies	\$ 1581	
		\$ 3091

Fixed Assets

Furniture, fittings and equipment	\$123,549	
		\$123,549
Total Assets		\$204,637

LIABILITIES

Member's debentures	\$50,000
Total Liabilities	\$50,000

Accumulated Assets as at 31 March 1997	\$154,637
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Auditor's Certificate:

We have examined the Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Ringwood Bowls Club Inc. for the period ended 31st March 1997 and are satisfied they reliably represent the financial activities of the Club for the year.

Fixed Assets represented in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities have been accepted as valued by the Board of Management.

S.P. Jobst C.P.A.
Honorary Auditors

D. Sleight M.I.E.E.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total Receipts for year	\$ 164,457
Adjustment	229
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Sub total	\$ 164,228
Less Total Payments	<u>\$ 185,420</u>
Deficit for year	\$ 21,192

MAJOR ITEMS IMPACTING ON RESULT

Item	1995/96	1996/97	Variance	Reason
Membership	31,130	36,515	+ 5,385	Self explanatory
Green fees	19,785	22,169	+ 2,384	Green fees collected May 1996
Sponsors	3,700	11,010	+ 7,310	Sponsorship Committee formed 1996
Bingo	8,953	2,443	-(6,510)	Downturn in attendances
Bar	6,778	11,233	+ 4,455	Increased pricing, longer trading hours
Social	3,255	9,431	+ 6,176	Additional dinners etc.
Insurance	3,322	4,860	+ 1,538	New premises
Power/Heating	4,284	6,073	+ 1,789	Electricity presently \$20 per day
Cleaning	4,874	9,060	+ 1,729	New contractor @ \$200 pw
Catering	7,815	9,060	+ 1,245	Increased activity
Sundries include:	Donations \$1,625, Licence \$782, Petty Cash \$4,410, Trophies \$2,356, Social trips \$3,585, Year Book costs \$1,240			
	Sale Assets \$5,360, Interest \$2,058, Transfer Term Deposit \$20,000			
Asset items purchased	1,454	50,417	+ 48,963	New items purchased due to transfer to Loughnan Rd

CLUB COMPETITION WINNERS 1996-97

	MEN	LADIES
<i>Club Champion</i>	Les Hinchcliffe	Joyce Clayton
<i>Runner-up</i>	Ray Pitts	June Boyd
<i>B Grade</i>	Bill Aanensen	Marion Kellett
<i>Runner-up</i>	Ted Matthews	Betty White
<i>Novice</i>	Ron Marshall	Rena Daly
<i>Runner up</i>	Des Gill	Hazel Marshall
<i>Pairs</i>	Bosko Anic & Maurie Firth	Joyce Clayton & Dawn McCubbin
<i>Runners-up</i>	Les Hinchcliffe & Ken Aird	June Watson & Robyn Jansen
<i>Mixed Pairs</i>	Tom Lowe & Nell Mathieson	
<i>Runners-up</i>	Ron & Hazel Marshall	
<i>President's Handicap</i>	Max Johnson	June Boyd
<i>Runners-up</i>	Quintin Dalrymple	Joyce Clayton
<i>Fours</i>	Frank Draper (s) Gordon Unwin Ken Aird Jim Hunt	
<i>Runners-up</i>	Doug Jansz (s) Pat McGurgan Vern Murtagh Warren Bannen	
<i>Legacy Pairs</i>	Bosko Anic & Maurie Firth	



Ringwood Bowls Club Inc.

Mens Section - Opening Day 28/8/1999



ROW 7: Glen Bona, Graeme White, John Grant, Ron Marshall, George Knight, Wayne Reynolds, Frank Hargreaves, Mervyn Southcombe, Theo Martin, Des Gill, Rob Foulkes, Ron Hollow, Leo Dineen, Bill Colquhoun.
 ROW 6: Maarten Van Der Zwan, Colin Walton, Frank Killackey, Warren Witton, Freeman Bolderston, James Kane, Allan Keen, Leon Best, Stuart Jobst, Laurie Saint, Ray Oughtibridge, Kevin Bird, Peter Laird, Kevin Cosier, Ron Capper.
 ROW 5: Albert Jansen, Alex Heggen, Arthur Hagland, Scott Elliott, John Currie, Bruce Stephens, David Millar, Leslie Neal, Jack Patten, Ian Abell, Aubrey De Zilwa, Rex Couch, Fred Round, Les Hinchcliffe, Bill McRae.
 ROW 4: Ted Matthews, Paul Smiles, Noel Huggins, Brian Wise, Paul Elliott, Wal Fabian, Doug Hartrick, Jeff Chamberlain, Neville Fuller, Gary Ray, Andrew Barton, Les Pieper, Neville Stingel, Frank Drake, Kevin Cheney, Harry Daly, Allan Holliday.
 ROW 3: Merv Milne, Adi Kautz, Max McGill, Bill Aanensen, Len Wright, Harold Neilson, Doug Scotchmoor, Colin England, Kevin Wells, Keith Marsh, Ray Stevens, Murdoch Neilson, Hugh Murray, Les Pfeiffer, Sam Bright, James Corrigan.
 ROW 2: Sid Edsell, Max Johnson, Brian Chalker, Alan Barton, Doug Jansz, Fred Walker, Bill McCormack, Charles Lavender, Merv Pottenger, Harald Heimann, George Papadimitriou, George Munn, John Williams, Frank Forrest, Maurice Heald.
 FRONT: Glen Hubbard, Don Jolley (O.A.M.), Don Marquis, Maurice Boyd (Immediate P.P.), Bill Basile, Michael Gordon, Glenn Williams (Treasurer), John Murphy (Secretary), Greg Allen (President), Brian Jeffries (Senior Vice President), Tom Lowe, Rod Taylor, Ian McRae, Arnold Bartling, Allan Clayton.



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LADIES SECTION - OPENING DAY 31/8/1999



ROW 6: Dorothy McKenzie, Margaret Round, Valerie Walton, Doris Levins, Marilyn Meadows, Joy Coombes, Janice Corrigan, Norma McRae, Bev Gordon, Lyn Wise, June Boyd, Shirley Burchall.
 ROW 5: Ida Marsh, Doris Maidment, Robin Jansen, Lyn Crane, Molly Williams, Alma Matthews, Marjorie Snow, Edna Biggin, Phyllis Youren, May Brown, Bep Van Der Zwan, May Simpson, Lillian Patten.
 ROW 4: Eileen Aanensen, Mabel Bartling, Joyce Clayton, Pat MacGregor, Mavis McLean, Dorothy Sandow, Teresa Jeffries, Betty Mead, Maureen Ferry, Joan Corrigan, June Riddle, Marion Cross, Iris Cassidy.
 ROW 3: Crystal Forrest, Rosemary Jolley, Marie Breed, Sylvia Cornell, Lucy Hartrick, Bettye Wilson, Beverley Clarkson, Mary Currie, Betty Wilkins, Mary Murphy, Maureen Basile, Lynda Paul, Shirley Long, Beryl White.
 ROW 2: Betty Edsell, Lesley Pieper, Eileen Barnard, Joy Banks, Laura Hodge, Grace Mulvaney, Heather Coldwell, Brenda Williams, Roma Anderson, Joyce Bensch, Helen Scotchmoor, May Morris, Anne Harlow.
 FRONT: Avis Holliday, Rita Stanfield, Vera Purchase, Beryl O'Grady, Peg Matthews (Immediate P.P.), Beryl Fabian (Secretary), Shirley Pearce (President), Valerie Marsh (Senior Vice President), Nell Matheson (Treasurer), Faye Couch (Junior Vice President), Pat Cheney, Val Capper, Hazel Marshall.

Milestone for bowls club

by JANET BLAIR

THE 350 members of the Ringwood Bowls Club will celebrate a milestone this weekend with the club's 70th anniversary.

Two events are planned to mark the occasion. On Friday night, members and past members will attend a dinner dance at the Karralyka Centre at Ringwood.

Diners will be greeted by Maroondah Mayor Maureen Naylor and entertained by the Police Band.

On Sunday, members and past members can enjoy a fun day at the bowl's club in Loughnan Rd. Prizes will be awarded and a luncheon provided.

Promoter of the celebrations Valerie Marsh said the club had enjoyed a long and distinguished history.

The club owes its conception to a former timber merchant,



Bowling along: Brian Jeffries in action at Ringwood.

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Philip Bamford, who in 1929 donated land in Miles Ave to the then Ringwood Council for a lawn bowls and croquet green.

Prospective members helped build and fund the first green and local businesses chipped in with donations of light fittings and furnishings. Within 10 months

the green was ready for sowing and by 1931 the club was opened.

A women's section was established in 1959 and about the same time the croquet players moved to Jubilee Park.

In more recent times, the club moved to spacious rooms in Loughnan Rd. Midway through

1994 Eastland purchased the Miles Ave site for extensions and Ringwood Council provided a new site for the club on the former Norwood Primary School site. The move took place in January 1997.

Mrs Marsh said the club had thrived since the development of the \$3 million facilities to become one of the biggest bowls clubs in Victoria.

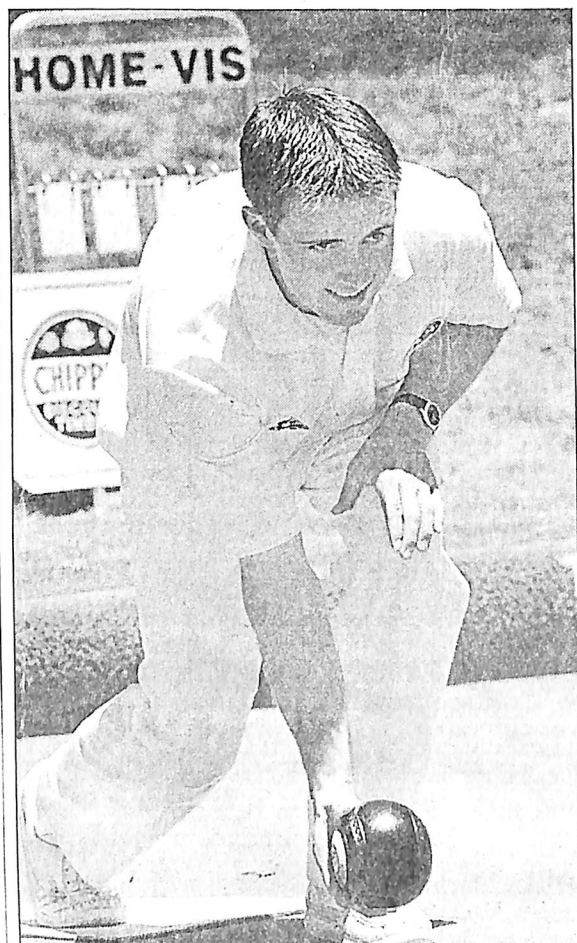
"With a magnificent club house, two grass greens, the club has 350 members, fields 12 pennant teams and in two years nine sides have been promoted," she said.

"There are night games and weekend and social games for members who still work and the club welcomes all new members."

For more information on the celebrations contact Bill Annensen on 9802 6743 or John Currie on 9876 2415.

NEWS

Green sleeves up for milestone



Going strong: one of the club's youngest members, Andrew Barton, shows his skill.

Pictures: Liz Georges

IT all began 70 years ago, when a far-sighted and generous timber merchant decided to share some of his wealth with the local community.

The Ringwood Bowling Club, with 57 founding members, was born thanks to a donation of land on Miles Avenue from Ringwood businessman Mr Philip Bamford.

Mr Bamford owned and operated his timber company where Ringwood Officeworks stands today.

In 1931 the club was declared open by Sir Robert Menzies. The ladies' bowls section was established in 1959.

"Although the croquet club has long gone, the bowls club is enjoying greater popularity than ever.

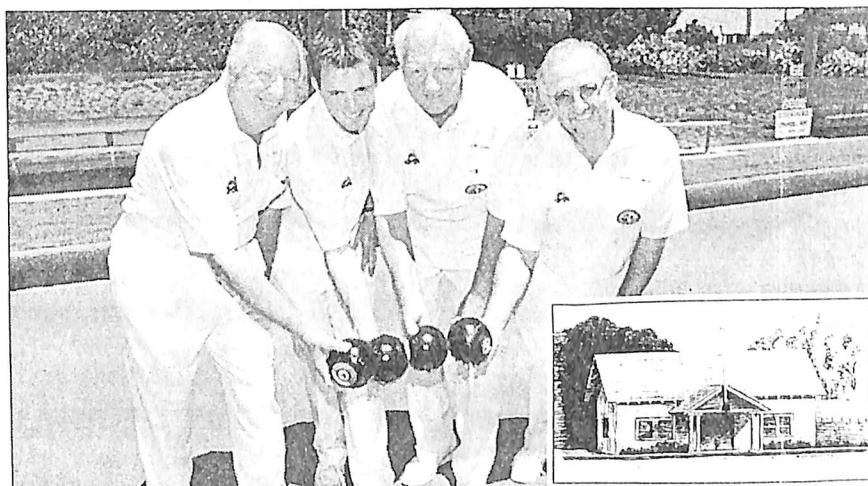
In 1994 the club had to move as Eastland shopping centre was about to expand.

The former Ringwood council purchased the old Norwood Primary School

site on Loughnan's Road, Ringwood.

Today, the club is preparing for its 70th birthday, with celebrations to be held over two days starting on Friday with a dinner at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood.

This will be followed by a day-long affair on Sunday at the clubhouse, with social bowls competitions, a historical presentation and the prize presentation to cap it off.



Team spirit: Neville Fuller, Andrew Barton, Tom Lowe and Michael Gordon prepare for the club's 70th birthday bash. Inset: the original Ringwood Bowling Club on Miles Avenue.