

MEMBERS NEWS

City Bowls Club Newsletter

October 2021



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Comments for the Month of August 2021

FAREWELL TO EBONY GRUAR

Monday the 11th of October will see long term employee Ebony Gruar leave City Bowls Club.

On behalf of the Board and myself I would like to thank Ebony for her loyal, efficient service to City Bowls Club. Eb started at the Club on the 9th of September 2013 – a journey of over 8 years with the one Club is a great achievement, and shows we hope that she enjoyed spending time here, as much as we enjoyed having her here. Eb will be missed by fellow employees, members and management and leaves with a wealth of knowledge in the gaming and hospitality industry. We wish Eb well in the next part of her journey where she will join IGA in Koroit where I am sure she will be a great addition to their team. All the best Eb.

COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Unfortunately not a lot of change for our venue at this stage. The Government were looking at trial areas for fully vaccinated patrons, however, with Warrnambool experiencing cases over the past couple of weeks, I am unsure if this will eventuate. I have expressed an interest in the trial being conducted at City Bowls Club – The trial will be from the 11 – 25th of October, with numbers being increased to 30 inside and 100 outside. Only members and patrons that are fully vaccinated will be allowed to enter the venue.

GAMING ROOM DEVELOPMENT WORKS

The date has been set for the gaming room renovation – Sunday the 14th of August – carpet and bases will be removed and gaming machines will be relocated and stored in the Carmichael Room. The gaming operations will be reopen possibly on the Wednesday – all going well.

RESPECT

The past 19 months has been very stressful and a trying time for everyone, especially staff and members who have not been as fortunate as others to head away to warmer climates. As the saying goes – “please speak or treat others, how you would like to be spoken to or treated”.

COMMUNITY CLUBS VICTORIA AWARDS

I would like to thank the Board for nominating myself and Loretta in the 2019/20 CCV Awards.

It is pleasing to report that we along with the Club have made it through to the finals, with announcements of winners to be made at this stage by virtual awards on Monday the 18th of October – more details to follow.

AWARD CATEGORY FINALISTS

City Memorial Bowls Club – Best Club Renovation

City Memorial Bowls Club – Best Sports Club

City Memorial Bowls Club (Julie Dosser) – Club Manager of the Year

City Memorial Bowls Club (Loretta Williams) – Employee of the Year

Kind Regards

J Dosser

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Chairman's Report - October 2021

I am sure by now everyone is well and truly frustrated by the disruption to our lives this virus has inflicted on us.

We hope in the near future some normality can be restored into our lives and we can resume doing the things we took for granted.

Some of our members were lucky enough to travel north for the winter. I hope you enjoyed your travels and returned refreshed and ready to embrace the approaching bowls season.

The club has taken the opportunity to complete maintenance work while we have been in semi lockdown.

The western half of the roof has been replaced with new iron. All of the air conditioners servicing the gaming room, the members area, the bar and the bistro has been replaced. Plus the refrigeration units servicing the cool room and bar have been replaced. All of this infrastructure was twenty years old and continually causing grief with leaking water and ongoing maintenance costs.

November will see the beginning of the renovations in the gaming room. The new design will allow us to operate all of our gaming machines and comply with the current government regulations. While these works are being completed there may be minor disruptions to our trading but we will keep all members fully informed at the appropriate time.

I am sure most of you know Ebony is leaving our club to take up another chapter in her career. On behalf of the board and myself personally I would like to thank Ebony for her contribution to our organisation over many years and wish her all the best in her future employment.

Chairman of the Board

Ray Cooknell

President's Report - October 2021

I would like to welcome all our bowls members back and wish everyone all the best for the upcoming 2021-22 bowls season. A special welcome to all our new bowls members who have joined the club in the past 12 months.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any bowls related issues, I'm always available for a chat.

If you have any issues regarding pennant selection please contact the selection Chairpersons

Midweek Pennant - Beryl Duncan

Weekend Pennant - Brian McGennan

President

Garry Davey



In the Ditch

With Gary Smart

Monthly Interview with Bill Timms

NAME: William Henry Timms

BORN: 14/01/1939 Murtoa

MUM/DAD: Charlie and Daphne (nee Rentsch)
Mum lived to 103 and Dad lived to 67

FAMILY AND SIBLINGS:

Wife – Josie (nee Tucker) married 24/07/1965 (Murtoa Anglican Church)

Children – Tracey (Mrs. David Gaw, Hawkesdale)

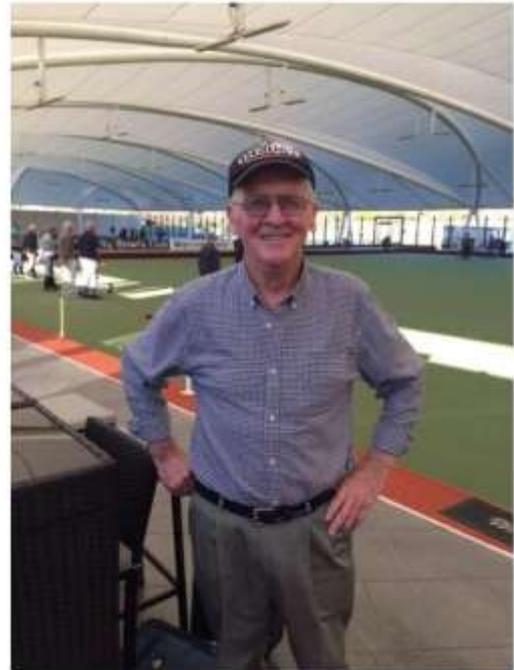
Andrew (Warrnambool)

Angella (Mrs. Adrian Labrooy, East Bentleigh)

Peter (Warrnambool)

Siblings – Ivy (Mrs. Bruce Cameron, Warrnambool)

Patricia (Mrs. Bruce Simons)



SCHOOL:

Primary – Murtoa State School

Secondary – Murtoa High School 2 years, completed aged 13

NICKNAME:

Wilbur, Wilburforce or Timmsy

WORK: I left school at aged 13 to work at a local garage. The main job was greasing and changing the oil in cars. I became an automotive lubrication specialist. After 2 years, I went to Melbourne to work at the Newport Railway Workshops. Here I learnt a trade as a leather worker. During this time, I volunteered to National Service training and spent 3 months at Puckapunyal Army Base. I met some good blokes and enjoyed my army training. It was hard at times, but we had a lot of fun. I joined the boxing squad and found this to be a good lurk. We used to get better food and when training, we got out of the duties such as latrine and kitchen duties. Both of these jobs were a pain in the butt. In 1959, I returned to Murtoa to work at the local hardware store doing counterwork, yard work and deliveries. In 1969, I joined AMP as a Life Rep and remained in that role until 1977, when I accepted a position as General Area Manager in Warrnambool. As well, in 1969, I took up a position as a Stipendiary Steward with the Northwestern District Racing Association. This area covered such tracks as Murtoa, Horsham, Warracknabeal, Nhill, Edenhope and Kaniva. I enjoyed this role and at times I would go to Melbourne to work with the stewards down there.

I had the pleasure of working with Jim Ahearn who was the Chairman, Jack Purtell, Tom McGinley and John Shrek. I was lucky enough to work at 2 Melbourne Cups, Piping Lane and Gala Supreme and on another occasion, I worked Cox Plate Day when Gunsynd won, these were great days and I got paid to be there.

In 1974, I was appointed Stewart in Charge of the Horsham Greyhound Club and remained in that position until I moved to Warrnambool in 1977. After a while, I worked at the Warrnambool Dogs as a track and kennel attendant and later a Steward. I did this for 5-6 years. In 1979, I joined Ian Heard & Associates as Manager of their General Insurance portfolio. I retired at age 67/68 and mostly enjoyed my life since.

Gary: You lost Josie in recent times?

Bill: Yes, sadly Josie passed away in 2017 following a long illness. That was the worse part of my life as we had to watch her suffer and deteriorate. The frustrating part was that the top medical people could not do anything more for her.

Gary: Bill, sports would have been a great part of your life?

Bill: Yes, in 1968 I coached Jung to a Premiership in the Horsham & District League. I played in 3 other football Premierships, one with the Newport Workshop Team in the Metro Mid-Week League. We played against the Ambo's, Police, Fire Brigade and other transport and Emergency Services. I was 18 at the time, the Grand Final was played at the Whitten Oval in Footscray. When I finished playing with Murtoa Seniors, I was lucky enough to play in 2 Wimmera League Reserve Premierships. I also played cricket, table tennis and basketball Premierships. About 1964, I won the Best Player Award for Murtoa Seniors and a couple of years later, was runner up in the Club Best and Fairest. After retiring from the Seniors, I won a Reserve Grade Best and Fairest.

Gary: OK Bill, let's move on to your bowls achievements

Bill: Yes, I was lucky enough to win the New Bowler's Singles in 1998/9. Then the next year, the B-Grade singles in the year 2000. The name is on the Honour Board for the Men's Triples, and twice the Men's Fours. Also, the Mixed Pairs with the late Alice O'Bray. I've enjoyed success at the President's Handicap on 3 occasions and had success at other District Clubs, such as 5-time winners of the Terang Australia Day Fours, a success at Port Fairy Good Friday Fours.

Gary: Bill, you've enjoyed going to Barham in recent years and had some success?

Bill: Yes, we won the Northern Rivers Fours at Barham with Skeeta, Hally and Fly.

Gary: And mate, you recently had another successful tournament at Warrnambool Timor Street?

Bill: Yes, we were runner up in the Warrnambool Winter Tournament with Skeeta, Matey and Kevin Chiller.

Gary: Can you describe your best moment in bowls?

Bill: Yes, winning the Association Division Two Grand Final in 2019 in the White Team when we were huge underdogs.



Gary: Billy, I think it's fair to say you're a fairly popular fella around the Club. Would you like to share some of your likes and dislikes?

Bill: Yes, some of my likes are Lorraine and all my family and friends. People who greet you with a smile and say hello. Beer and red wine. Watching my grandsons play football. Having a bet. And finally, the Bowls Club, playing bowls and all the loyal staff at the Club.

Gary: We're nearly at the end Billy, can we cover a few of your dislikes?

Bill: It's not a big list, soccer, cricket, negative and rude people. People who winge about trivial things and knock our Club.....and we have some. Losing and letting my team mates down.

Gary: What about travel Billy?

Bill: We didn't get to travel much in my early life as funds didn't allow for that sort of luxury. When we could travel, we had a couple of nice trips to the Gold Coast. I've done a couple of cruises and can't wait to cruise again. It's a very good, relaxing holiday. If I had a bucket list, Las Vegas would be on it and I hope to go to Darwin sometime.

Gary: Thanks for the interview and our talk together Billy. You were super prepared. It's always great to see you at the Club. You are one of our most active members and I'm sure members will enjoy and reading and sharing some of your life story.



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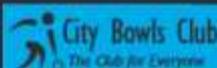
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AROUND THE GREENS

WDBD Pennant and Championship Events 2021 – 2022

Option Draft 5

		Weekend	Midweek
		Pennant	Pennant
November			
2021			
Tuesday. 2	Melbourne Cup Day	November	November
Saturday. 6	Weekend Pennant starts.	6 Round 3	
Tuesday – 9	Midweek Pennant starts		9 Round 4
Sunday . 14	Men's and Women's Triples Day 1 Women at Mortlake Men at W' bool	13 Round 4	
Sunday . 21	Men's and Women's Triples Day 2 Women at Mortlake Men at W' bool		16 Round 5
Monday. 15	Over 60 Pairs Day 1, Women at Terang Men at Port Fairy	20 Round 1	
Monday. 22	Over 60 Pairs Day 2, Women at Terang Men at Port Fairy		23 Round 1
Sunday. 28	Men's and Women's Pairs Day 1 Women at Koroit Men at City Memorial		
		27 Round 5	
December			30 Round 6
Sunday. 5	Men's and Women's Pairs Day 2 Women at Koroit Men at City Memorial		
Sunday. 12	Men's and Women's Singles Day 1 Men at Port Fairy Women at Lawn T.	December	December
Sunday. 19	Men's and Women's Singles Day 2 Men at Port Fairy Women at Lawn T.		
Monday. 13	Over 60 Singles Day 1, Women at City Memorial Men at Timboon	4 Round 6	7 Round 7
Monday. 20	Over 60 Singles Day 2, Women at City Memorial Men at Timboon	11 Round 7	14 Round 8
		18 Round 8	21 Round 2
January			
2022		January	January
			11 Round 9
Sunday. 2	Men's and Women's Fours Day 1 Women at Lawn T. Men at Terang	15 Round 9	18 Round 10
Sunday. 9	Men's and Women's Fours Day 2 Women at Lawn T. Men at Terang	22 Round 10	25 Round 11
Sunday. 16	Champion of Champion Singles Day 1 at Dennington	29 Round 11	
Sunday. 23	Champion of Champion Singles Day 2 at Dennington		
		February	February
Sunday. 16	<i>Regional Novice Singles Men & Women – Venue TBA</i>		
Sunday. 23	<i>Regional Novice Singles Men & Women – Venue TBA</i>	5 Round 12	1 Round 12
		12 Round 13	8 Round 13
Sunday. 23	<i>Region 60/Over Singles & Pairs @ Camperdown Golf</i>	19 Round 14	15 Round 14
February		26 Round 2	22 Round 3
Sunday. 6	Mixed Pairs Day 1 at Dennington		
Sunday. 13	Mixed Pairs Day 2 at Dennington	March	March
Sunday. 20	Reserve Day C'ship events @ TBA		1 Semi. F
Sunday. 27	<i>Region Singles and Fours @ Warrnambool</i>	5 Semi. F	8 Prelim F
		12 Prelim F	15 Grand F
March		19 Grand F	
Sunday. 6	<i>Region Pairs and Mixed Pairs @ Portland RSL</i>		22 **
Sunday. 13	<i>Region Trial Day – Venue TBA</i>	26 ***	
Sunday. 20	<i>Region Triples and Champions of Champion Final @ Colac</i>		
Sunday. 27	<i>Reserve Day C'ship events @ TBA</i>		
	Labour Day – Monday 7 March		
Thursday. 10	<i>Inter Divisional Day at CBD</i>		
Tuesday. - 15	Midweek Grand Finals to be played at TERANG		
Saturday. 19	Weekend Grand Finals to be played at TERANG		



In the Ditch

With Gary Smart

Monthly Interview with Dianne Gordon

NAME: Dianne Jennifer Gordon

BORN: 18/04/1947 Ballarat

MUM/DAD: Dwayne Vincent Miller and Margaret (nee Porter)

FAMILY AND SIBLINGS:

Husband – Douglas John Gordon (married Church of England, Ballarat)

Children – John and Simon

Siblings – Marlene, Murray (my twin) and Dean

Grandchildren - 2

SCHOOL:

Primary – Urquhart Street Primary

Secondary – Ballarat High

NICKNAME:

No nickname, but I remember kids at school singing "Dianne Miller is a killer, she has the brains of a caterpillar."

WORK:

State Savings Bank of Victoria, Ballarat

George Taylor's Stores, Warrnambool

Bank of Melbourne, Warrnambool

Westpac, Warrnambool

Gary: Di, you said to me you'd like to talk about your Dad?

Di: Yes, he was an American serviceman, stationed at Ballarat during World War II. Dad was born in Montana. He and Mum were married in the Church of England in Ballarat. He resigned from the Army and then worked at Selkirk's Bricks in sales. He also worked in a security service in Ballarat. It was the saddest moment of my life Dad dying so young, I think he was only 53, heart attack, completely unexpected.



Gary: How did you meet your husband Doug?

Di: I met Doug through his cousin, I was friends with her. We would visit the family farm at Willaura. He was a shearer, and I would drive up for the weekend.

Gary: And Di, you were also married at the Church of England in Ballarat?

Di: Yes, after our marriage, we purchased a home in Willaura next to the school. We moved out to the farm when Doug's father died. We swapped houses with Doug's Mum, she took over our house in Willaura.

Gary: Di, if we could move onto your working life?

Di: My first job was with the State Savings Bank in Ballarat prior to being married. I was not a teller, they didn't trust us girls with the money. We sorted the cheques out. We would sort out the cheques and then take them to for example, the National Bank – wherever that cheque had been drawn. After our marriage, we moved to Willaura. Doug worked on his parent's farm. No work for me in Willaura, home duties and helping out on the farm. When I moved to Warrnambool, I worked at George Taylor's Stores and the Bank of Melbourne which later merged with Westpac. I worked at Westpac with Rose Mackley. I can remember going to the Westpac Bank Christmas party, I dressed as Dame Edna with gladdies and Rose as Dolly Parton with balloons in her chest.

Gary: Before you married, I believe you travelled to New Zealand?

Di: Yes, it was a working holiday. I left the State Savings Bank and went with a girlfriend. I worked on the North Island at the ANZ Bank in Auckland. And then at Canterbury Savings Bank on the South Island. My friend Irene returned to Ballarat and I said, "I'm not going back until I see the South Island." It was when I returned to Ballarat after the holiday that I met Doug.

Gary: Di, sport has formed a large part of your life?

Di: Yes, tennis, basketball, hockey, netball, golf and bowls. From an early age, I was always involved in sport. I tried out for the State team in hockey, but kept falling down as the playing surface was too neat and not as rough as the school hockey field.

Gary: You were greatly involved in many sports in Willaura?

Di: Yes, I taught swimming to the school kids in Willaura, was a member of the Golf Club and became a Life Member. I met Barb Bibby at Willaura through playing tennis. She would organise Country Week Tennis in Ballarat. When I came to Warrnambool, Barbara introduced me to City and bowls.

Gary: Di, I'm sure you've had many successes at sport over your journey?

Di: In 1983, I joined the Warrnambool Golf Club and became great friends with Gwen Taylor. I caddied for Gwen in the A Grade Ladies Championship, which she won. I won the B Grade Ladies Championship at Warrnambool.

Gary: You are a regular participant at City?

Di: Yes, I love Tuesday and Saturday bowls. I did play pennant and was runner up in the B Grade Ladies Singles.

Gary: You were a volunteer at the Sydney Olympics Di?

Di: Yes, I escorted the athletes from their accommodation to the various venues and then their return. I enjoyed the whole experience very much.

Gary: Di, continuing with your golfing exploits, I believe you visited the Mildura Golf Week Tournament?
Di: Yes, for 21 consecutive years with Gwen Taylor. We were made Life Members of the Tournament.

Gary: Di, tell us about the Hole in One Competition at Lady Bay?
Di: I made the final of that competition over several years.

Gary: What are some of your likes and dislikes?
Di: A glass of wine, I love my bowls, good company and honesty. I love the Bowls Club, there is nothing like it. Julie and the staff, hard to find the words, all good, lovely people. I don't like rudeness and bad manners or lack of manners.

Gary: You have some close friends?
Di: Yes, Rose Mackley and Gwen Taylor make regular contact, as does my twin Murray, who contacts me to make sure I'm ok.

Gary: Gwen told me you love animals?
Di: Yes, I think with Gwen, we've travelled to nearly every zoo in Australia. The Australia Zoo, Dubbo, Melbourne, Halls Gap – I just love animals.

Gary: And one other little thing Di, I've been told that you were the winner of the naming of The Lighthouse Theatre?
Di: Yes, the name of the Lighthouse Theatre was my suggestion in the competition 2011.

Gary: Di, I believe you went on a cruise with Gwen?
Di: Yes, we went on a cruise together to Noumea. It was a county and western theme. Just the two of us.

Gary: Did you behave yourself Di?
Di: All I'll say is that neither of us were married, I'll put it that way.

Gary: Thanks for the interview Di. It's been great speaking to you about your history. You are a much loved and respected member of this Club and I'm sure we all hope we'll continue to see you around the Club for many more years.

NOTE: Special thanks to Rose Mackley and Gwen Taylor.



Take Away Alcohol

Members of City Bowls Club are able to purchase alcohol from the Club to take away.

Ask our friendly staff today.

GUESS WHO ?

These C.M.B.C Members are



Only 1 clue: They are a married couple

Answer: Next Months Newsletter



In the Ditch

With Gary Smart

Monthly Interview with Maureen O'Brien

NAME: Maureen Yvonne O'Brien (nee Halley)

BORN: 05/10/1949 Williamstown

MUM/DAD: Richard and Helen Halley (nee Dix)

FAMILY AND SIBLINGS:

Husband - Ronald

Children – Shane and Michelle

Brother - Kevin

SCHOOL:

St. Mary's Primary – Williamstown

Mt. St. Joseph's Secondary College - Altona

NICKNAME: Maurs



WORK: RMIT, Pivot, State Savings Bank Victoria, Cleaning Business Owner and lastly Bunnings

Gary: When did you meet Ron?

Maureen: *I met Ron at Opus Dance Hall in South Yarra. He asked me for a dance (that's how it started). He said "I'll take you home". I thought "you don't trust boys taking you home in a car – it was ute." I said "as long as you take me home with my girlfriend who is with me." And he did. He lived in Hawthorn. He must have been keen – it's a long way from Williamstown. The ute was lowered, the roads were pretty rough. His hands would be black after fixing the exhaust after hitting pot holes. The second night I went out with Ron, I remember him dropping me home – Mum was waiting at the front door. It was about 11pm, I said to Mum "What are you still doing up" and she said "Oh just making scones."*

Gary: Maureen would you like to detail some of your working life?

Maureen: *I left school at 16 years of age and my first job was at RMIT – general office duties for 4 years. I then worked as Secretary to the Works Manager at Pivot. I was the only female, 200 male employees. I was employed at Pivot for 15 years. The Manager was a father figure. When we were not busy, I did arts and crafts with the Manager's wife. Every Thursday we would buy lunch for the Industrial Chemist and the Agronomist. We would journey around Footscray and Yarraville and other suburbs purchasing lunch items. Then it was time to change employment and I worked part time with State Savings Bank of Victoria. Dad was not well at the time, I was helping out looking after him, hence the part time work.*

Gary: Have you always been involved in sport Maureen?

Maureen: *Yes, when I was a teenage, my friends and I won the table tennis for the district. As well, I've had many hobbies including dog obedience, gardening, bowls, arts and craft, leadlight, tapestry, patchwork and crocheting. The dog obedience hobby led to our Papillon dog named Rocky gaining the highest obedience title in Australia at the time, Companion Dog Excellence. He was also in a movie on the ABC, a series called "Kelly". It was 18 months in the making. We would take him to various locations in Melbourne and Geelong. We made good money.*

Gary: When did you move to Warrnambool?

Maureen: *We lived in Altona until 2005, then we moved to Mailors Flat. We finally moved into Warrnambool in 2016.*

Gary: You were employed at Bunnings Warrnambool?

Maureen: *Yes, Ron was employed first, I wasn't employed at that time even though I applied. The policy was no husband and wife could work together at the one store. That policy was later changed and I commenced employment at Bunnings.*

Gary: When did you join City?

Maureen: *It was about 10 years ago and Ron a couple of years later. I thought "I'll give this bowls a bit of a try". I had a roll up and thought "this is ok." Lexie McMurrick saw me practising one day and grabbed me by the arm and took me down to the bowls room and said "You're playing well enough, it's time you put your name down for events." My first club game was the 100 up against Mary Graham. I lost by one shot. I had no idea what I was doing but Mary put me at ease.*

Gary: And you've had a bit of success at City?

Maureen: *Yes, have participated in Pennant finals and then represented the Club and Association at Barham and Moama. On a personal level, I have won the B Grade singles and Club 4s.*

Gary: And what do you like most about the Club Maurs?

Maureen: *You can come here anytime, there's always someone here. Caring, friendly people, great staff.*

Gary: You and Ron, what's your biggest travel thrill?

Maureen: *The biggest thrill was going to San Francisco with Ron and my son for 2 weeks in August 2019.*

Gary: Thanks for the interview. I've enjoyed our talk very much. It's always great to see you and Ron at the Club. You're always good for a talk, and a laugh, a joke. You're both valued members, thanks for the interview Maurs.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

Official Practice

Every Monday @ 1pm

Coach's will be in attendance



In the Ditch

With Gary Smart

Monthly Interview with Bruce Collie

NAME:

Bruce Collie

BORN:

08/06/1944 Warrnambool

MUM/DAD: John and Doris Collie (nee Burleigh)

FAMILY AND SIBLINGS:

Wife – Rosslyn, married at Timboon on 10/01/1970

Children – Bronwyn (Nullawarre), Tamara (Moama) and David (Medford, Oregon)

Siblings – sister Lorraine

SCHOOL:

Timboon Consolidated

Warrnambool Tech College

Scotch College, Melbourne Years 11 and 12



WORK: My entire working life revolved around farming, I did various farming jobs including working around shearing sheds, working at Cosein Factory in Timboon, contract work with farm machinery. All of these farm jobs were only a means of getting some funds to continue my farming ambition. Over my working life I doubled the size of my parent's original farm.

Gary: You helped on the original family farm?

Bruce: Yes, I'd come home from school and straight into farm duties. Dad's farm was part of the Bailey settlement, appropriated to Dad in 1930. It was all bush, not cleared. He applied to the State Government and was allocated the 350 acres. It was the depression years and things were pretty tough. When I came home from Scotch College, there was still 90 acres to be cleared.

Gary: And Bruce your hard work contributed to the expansion of the farm?

Bruce: Yes, when I was 18 years of age, a 150 acre bush block came up next door. I went to the State Bank of Victoria at Timboon, walked in the door, I can remember I was account number 39. The old man went guarantor and I got the loan.

Gary: Where did you meet Ros Bruce?

Bruce: *I met Ros at Cobden at a PFA ball in 1967. I saw her talking to a bloke in uniform and thought "Oh well, I've missed out." I was very disappointed. Mini skirts were right in vogue at the time and she looked great. Next day I saw Ros at the Nirranda footy. We talked and she told me that the fellow in uniform was her cousin. The rest is history - "I moved right in."*

Gary: Bruce, you would have played various sports at Timboon?

Bruce: *Yes, I won Premierships playing tennis and table tennis. Also played basketball and a little football, but had to give football away because of family commitments before I was married.*

Gary: Your old Falcon is a bit of a hobby Bruce?

Bruce: *Yes, it's a 1963 Ford Falcon I purchased. It was on the side of the road at Dean's Marsh. I purchased it in 2009 and have totally restored it.*

Gary: You and Ros have travelled fairly extensively?

Bruce: *Yeah, Ros and I have travelled to New Zealand, Vietnam and the USA, as well as extensively around Australia (favourite place in Australia, the Kimberly's). David my son married an American and we have been to the USA on 8 occasions. We purchased Around the World plane tickets, and went to England, Ireland or Scotland and then to America. 2 years later, Europe, then the USA. Then another year a European River Cruise, and then another year Russia, and finally South Africa. On each of these trips, we would be away for 2 months, always finishing in America with our son. These overseas trips would be every 2nd year, the other year would be our Aussie trip.*

Gary: You have played bowls within the region for a long time?

Bruce: *Yes, I started playing in 1985 in Timboon. And won pennant Premierships in Divisions 3, 2 (twice) and Division 1 in 1991. I moved to City in 2005 when I retired from the farm in 2004. I had one more season with Timboon in the 2004/05 season before commencing pennant with City in 2005/06. I was introduced to bowls at Timboon through the Apex Club and won the Timboon Fours 4 times and was runner up in the Singles. At City I have been in 3 Division 1 Premierships and have won the City Memorial Triples and Fours. One of my biggest thrills was winning the Hamilton Classic Pairs in 2020 with Brian Scott.*

Gary: You have been a member of many committees and community groups Bruce?

Bruce: *I have always been community minded. Yes, I received a Life Membership of the Apex Club, a member of the Timboon School Council for several years, the Timboon Hospital Board for many years and other local organisations such as the Fire Brigade and Hall Committee.*

Gary: And that committee participation extended when you joined City?

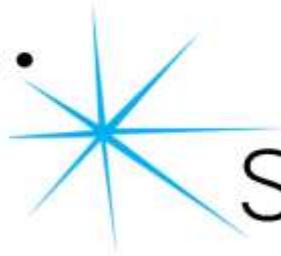
Bruce: *Yes, I was a Board Member for 5 years and Chair for 2 years. It was a time where big decisions were made including leasing the kitchen and ownership of gaming machines. We saw the Club rise from a precarious position to establishing a foundation and achieving what we have today. I was President of the bowls section after serving on the Board for another 3 years and on the Match Committee for another 2 years.*

Gary: What do you like about the Club Bruce?

Bruce: *The social aspect particularly since the construction of the Dome. The Alfresco area is great for Ros. There is always someone to talk to. The members are so friendly.*

Gary: Thanks Bruce, you have been an important addition to the City Bowls Club. The Club is in your debt for your contribution on and off the green over the years. Best wishes to you and Ros.

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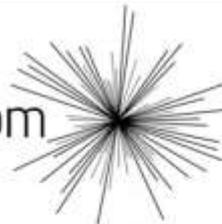
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