



THE

# PARKERS

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Newsletter of the Albert Park Bowls Club Inc

## *What the Board discussed at its latest meeting*

- **Treasury & Finance** – no cash will be given out from till as facility doesn't allow these transactions.
- **Sesquicentennial Preparations**
- **Opening of the Green** – After formalities bowls games, Spider & Gold Coin type / Driving competition.
- **Clubhouse Renovations** – Simon is still in discussions with CoPP and is pushing for work to start in the 2nd quarter of 2024.

- **Functions -**
- Friday 1st Dec. 2.00 - 6pm
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Opening of the Green 5.00-6.30pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.-4.00pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.00-5.00pm
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 12-4pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-9pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00-8.00pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 12.00-4.00pm
- Rob Fairweather – 16th March 2024

### APBC HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES

#### MARGARET Gardiner CUTHBERTSON



Born in Bacchus Marsh in 1864, Margaret was instrumental in starting up the South Melbourne Bowling Club for women.

In 1899, the family was living at 35 St Vincent Place, opposite the South Melbourne Bowling Club, which at this stage was for men only.

Ladies bowling was still only relatively new. The first ladies' bowls club in the world had been formed the previous year at Rainsford Bowls Club in Glenferrie, Melbourne.

The president of the South Melbourne Bowling Club, Cr James Cockbill, was a friend of Margaret's brother, Robert Melville Cuthbertson. Margaret and her sister, Ada, asked if they could join in a social day. It wasn't much later that the ladies section of the club was formed (the South Melbourne Ladies' Bowling Club, or 'SMLBC').

Margaret was the first Secretary and held that position for seventeen years, from 1900–1917. She was also one of the foundation members of the VLBA, the oldest women's bowling association in the world. It was formed in October 1907, 22 years earlier than the next oldest, the NSW Bowls Association.

Margaret was a consummate bowler: Ladies' Champion of the club 5 times (1907, 1908, 1909, 1916 and 1919) and Ladies Bowling Champion of Victoria in 1906, played on the South Melbourne green that year. She also won the club Ladies' Pairs championship that year, partnering with Mrs Paterson. In 1919, she won the VLBA Champion of Champions competition for the third time.

Margaret died after a long illness on 17 November 1944.

- Next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

## Welcome new members

Geoff Bentley  
Natalie Kohut  
Jody Pickles  
Helen Kent





Great company,  
great food - a  
delightful Cup Day  
enjoyed by  
everyone



Annual competition against Royal Melbourne for the shield of honour. The shield returns to Royal Melbourne who had a very convincing against us.



### APBC uniform requirements.

Bowlers are required to be attired in accordance with the BV Rules for Attire when playing in a metropolitan pennant competition with registered shirts/tops, and lower body wear (colour/image and dark green/bottle green/ white pants, shorts and skirts).

Hat bands are available at the club. Hoodies are now in stock

### Sandbelt Men's Pairs 2nd and 3rd rounds were hosted on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov





# Events Reminders

## 2023 CALENDAR

DECEMBER		
Sunday	1	Function 2-6pm
Saturday	2	Pennant
Monday	4	Emerald Hill Cup
Monday	4	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	5	Pennant
Tuesday	5	Gold Coin 9.45am
		Opening of the Green
Wednesday	6	5-6.30pm
Thursday	7	Function 12-4pm
Thursday	7	Training 4-6pm
Friday	8	Function 1-5pm
Saturday	9	Pennant
Monday	11	Function 12-4pm
Monday	11	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	12	Pennant
Tuesday	12	Gold Coin 9.45am
		Junior/Local Legends
Wednesday	13	4-5.30pm
Wednesday	13	Function 5-9pm
Thursday	14	Training 4-6pm
		Christmas Party 6-30-
Saturday	16	7pm start
Monday	18	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	19	Pennant
Tuesday	19	Gold Coin 9.45am
		Twilight League
Wednesday	20	5.45pm
		Junior/Local Legends
Wednesday	20	4-5.30pm
Thursday	21	Training 4-6pm
Friday	22	Function 12-4pm
Saturday	23	Pennant

**Pennant -** Tuesday 10.15 roll up for 10.30 start  
Saturday 12.45 roll up for 1pm start

**Gold Coin games** Tuesdays 9:45am (when 2 teams  
are playing - no rinks available)  
Saturdays 12:45pm

**Training** Mondays 4-6pm  
Thursday 4-6pm

**Junior/Local** Wednesday 4-5.30pm

### Legends

*Christmas party on 16th  
December commencing  
after pennant game  
6.30 - 7pm start*

*\$20.00 per person  
Sign up sheet on  
noticeboard*

*Working bee on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
to put up decorations  
from 11am*



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**Nutrition for Healthy Ageing Event.** Wednesday 6 December, 2pm – 4pm. The Alba 114 Albert Road, South Melbourne. RSVP by 1 December at [hello@thealba.com.au](mailto:hello@thealba.com.au)

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