

Hotline 246 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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## Executive Summary

Our new **executive** met for the **first time** last week. They have decided to provide the Hotline with a **summary** of the **key points** from their meeting each month. Great idea!

**Key Points** from meeting on Tuesday **28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

- Our latest monthly **power bill** is **\$707**. This compares to **\$1015** for the same time period last year. Great to see some **benefits** from the installation of the **solar power** panels.
- We've been given **\$4000** from Casino Charitable Trust. This will go towards **security cameras** in the carpark.
- Our membership currently sits at **262 members** (including 47 non-playing members).
- Due to the **current till** being on its last legs, the Executive has given the go-ahead for the purchase of **new software** and **hardware** for the **bar**.
- A **fridge** has been purchased for the **downstairs dining** room; this will be really useful for Club events and corporate bookings.
- Congratulations to **Alan Bryce** on his recent Christchurch City Council **Community Service Award**.

**Non-Executive Positions:** The following have been confirmed:

**Greens Superintendent:** Barry Williams

**Match Committee:** Hamish Wilson, Rod Kearney,  
and Matt Small  
Penny Pat and Lyn Martin

**Selectors:**

Convenor: Mike Small  
Men: Mike Small, Rod Kearney  
Women: Beryl Murphy, Lynne Brown, Carol Dawe and Ang Mitchell

Under 5s: Evan Owens

**Club Captains:** Paul Beecroft (Men)  
Judy Davidson (Women)  
Evan Owens (Under 5s)

**Centre Delegate:** Richard Bruce

**Hiring of Premises:** Alan Bryce

**Bar Manager:** Derry Johnston

**John Phillips**

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## Spotlight on Graham Lowery

This week we find out a bit more about another new life member, **Graham Lowery**.

Graham comes from the **West Coast**. He was born in Greymouth and spent his early childhood in **Blackball** before moving to **Belfast**. (His father died on the Belfast Bowling Green when Graham was about 20.)

Following his secondary schooling at **Papanui High**, Graham started work as a **draughting** cadet at the **MED/Orion Power** authority. He qualified as an **electrician** and then an electrical **equipment designer**.



Graham then spent 10 years **consulting** to the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council, designing **street lighting**, **subdivisions** and **special projects**. After **40 years** he **retired in 1997**.

Graham has always been involved in sport. He played **rugby** in his youth and was a successful **athlete**. He has a very long history as an **indoor bowler** winning numerous championships and playing at **representative level**. He was made a **life member** of **Bishopdale** Indoor Bowling Club after playing for **47 years!**

In **1986** he joined **Burnside** Bowling Club. For **twenty years** he was the **maintenance convenor**. This is a **huge job** that includes (but certainly not limited to) coordinating interior and exterior **upkeep**, electrical **maintenance**, managing **safety** checks and **servicing** fire equipment. The **high standard** of the Burnside pavilion and surrounds made it possible for the club to be selected as the host for the **World Bowls in 2008**.

Graham played a **large part** in the smooth running of the **World Bowls** championships leading to him being awarded the **Fendalton Waimairi** Community Board Community **Service award** in **2008** and the **Bowls NZ Volunteer** of the Year **2009-2010**. Not resting on his laurels, Graham kept contributing and received a **Bowls Canterbury Volunteer** of the Year Merit Award in **2012-2013**.

Astonishingly Graham found time for a number of other **community activities**. These included being the **chair of Isleworth School Board** for many years, helping with rescuing **Grant Armstrong Park** from subdivision, and winning **numerous council garden awards** in Avonhead.

He has been married to **June** for **55 years** and they moved to **Alpine View** Lifestyle Village in **2019**. They have two children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren all in Christchurch. I guess they will keep busy!

Graham wants to **thank June** for her **support and patience**. I'm sure all the members of Burnside do too!

**Thank you both.**

## Can you help out tonight?

Is there someone who could help **Alistair Salt** with a corporate function at the club tonight (Thursday). It's at 5:15 and just for an **hour** or so. Contact Alistair on **027 220 6978**

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## Commonwealth Games Presentation

The **Deane Robertson** story had another chapter written at the Club on Monday. **Nigel Avery**, Chef de Mission for the Commonwealth Games, visited to present Deane with some **Games team clothing** to acknowledge his original **selection** in the team. Nigel also wanted to honour **Deane's sportsmanship** in supporting the player who has replaced him.

**Deane** and **Kevin** were **interviewed** by TV1 and Newshub camera teams for **Monday night's news**. Both gave very **moving tales** of Deane's journey.

Later in the morning they were also interviewed in a zoom meeting by the **NZ Herald**. See [Herald Article](#).

A special and moving day. Thanks to all who supported them.



## Social Event for our Games Participants

From **4:00-6:00pm** this **Saturday 9th July** we will be in the Lounge to enjoy a **Q&A session** with **Tayla Bruce**, **Kevin Smith**, and **Graeme Rees**. **Deane Robertson** has been in the news this week, and he may also be part of the panel.

We hope to hear about the **Road to Birmingham**, some of their experiences and what it's taken to get to this point. Each of these people has an interesting story to tell.

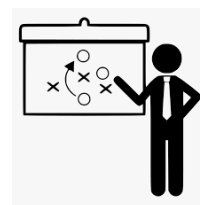
We are so proud of our members' individual achievements, as bowlers, directors, and coaches. Please come along to show your support and wish them well. The **Commonwealth Games team** leaves for **Birmingham** on **17<sup>th</sup> July**.

There will be some light refreshments afterwards.

## Bowls Tactics

### What your skip doesn't want

- **Leads:** Do not play a game of singles against your opposition! Don't just play to the jack as your bowl may end up out of position and not have a meaningful role in the end.
- **Short Bowls:** A bowl shorter than a metre is worse than no good. It just makes the skips job harder to reach the main part of the end. Good skips might give you a wee clap and say good effort, but they are muttering under their breath.
- **Watch Your Bowls:** Always watch your bowl until it comes to rest, no matter how poor it is. You will learn something if only sub consciously. As one skip quipped "if I have to watch this crap so do you."



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## Bar Roster

Here is the roster for the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> July	John Hay	4:00pm to 6.00pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Don Lyall	4.30pm to 6.30pm

## An Afternoon at Indoor Bowls



1. Rollcall
2. Some bowls
3. Some tea
4. Some more bowls
5. Tally up



Photos Richard Mitchell

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## Sponsors of the Week



**Test** your hearing for **free** with the unit currently in the foyer at the Club.

You don't need to tell anyone you are doing this test, but you can reassure yourself that you hear perfectly and everyone around you mumbles!

**Sam and the Team** can attend to any hearing problems.

**Address:** 240 Ilam Road

**Phone:** 3511172

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Enjoy a coffee that is **roasted on site**. Enjoy the selection from the Cabinet or have a Breakfast or Lunch at the

**Black and White**

45 Merrin Street

## Club Hires and Activities

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Dining /Lounge	Rawhiti School
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		10:00-2:00	Lounge	BG Contracting
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-6:00	Lounge	Tayla and Kevin
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	Lounge	Bowls Canterbury AGM
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		6:00-9:00	Lounge	Rotary
		6:00-8:00	Dining Room	St Johns Fendalton
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:30	Lounge	Friendship Club
		1:00-4:00p	Exec Room	Mahjong
		7:30-9:30	Lounge	Underwater Club
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		6:00-8:00	Dining Room	Pioneer of Canty Marching
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-8:00	Dining/Lounge	SRB Law

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