

**Hotline 295 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
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## Farewell

### Len Seear

Len died on the evening of Tuesday **6<sup>th</sup> June**, with his wife **Pat** and **family** beside him.

Len joined Burnside Bowling Club **42 years ago** and became a much loved member. Len was the **Convenor of the Works Committee** in the busy times when the club pavilion and kitchen were being remodelled and was a **regular helper** with Working Bees and on the green.



Len played in several **winning teams** and was a **senior coach** for many years. He also regularly participated in the **Walking Group's** adventures.

Len is remembered by members as a '**Real Gentleman**'. His funeral was held last Wednesday.

### Robin Howman

Prior to **joining Burnside** back in the **1980s** Robin Howman had a very successful tenure with his **father, Neil**, at the **Fendalton Club** where he won many club titles, singles, pairs, triples and rinks. His mother **Yvonne** was a long time member of Burnside.

Following his tenure at Burnside, where he won **two singles titles** and other championships, he joined the **Canterbury Club** where he had similar success.

Robin **represented Canterbury** in the men's team for many years, and was one of the **best two bowls** players in the province with immaculate weight control.

Robin had been back at Burnside for **6 to 7 years**.

A simple **service** will be held for Robin at the club **2:30 pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**.

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## Spotlight on Brenda Turner

**Brenda is one of the constant workers** in the club. Always **on hand** at events and tournaments, she was also **Secretary for 9 years, President for 2 years**, and currently is the **Catering Coordinator**. Here is a bit about her life in her own words.

**Born in Ranfurly**, my early years were on the **family farm at Poolburn**, then **Clinton Primary School**, followed by boarding at **Columba College** in Dunedin. I completed my training as a **General and Maternity Nurse** at Dunedin Public Hospital and later worked on the maternity ward at **Dunstan Hospital** for a year and did a shorter stint at **Kew Hospital** in a medical ward.

After **marrying Ollie**, we raised **3 sons**, and operated a **transport business in Geraldine**, and in **Arrowtown**. Next, we bought the **Royal Mail Hotel at Lumsden**. We dealt with accommodation, food, the bar and all the challenges that went with that for over **four years**.



Our next move was to **Dunedin** for Ollie to do his **MBA at Otago**, while I worked in a Rest Home at weekends. Once the MBA was completed, we moved to **Levels in South Canterbury** where I landed a job as a **Case Manager at ACC in Timaru**. After more than 3 years at ACC, I changed jobs to become the first **Strengthening Families Coordinator** in South Canterbury. This was another **3-4 year project** for me and overall, a positive experience.

Ollie changed jobs again and we **moved to Christchurch** around **18 years ago**. I've always enjoyed learning, picking up new skills and along the way I have done courses such as **Gerontology**, and been a **volunteer** for the **St John Ambulance** in Lumsden; a **Counsellor** for a Children's 'Seasons' (Grief) programme, worked in **Adult Literacy** and at the **Citizens Advice Bureau** to name a few.

Finally, **13 years ago**, I **joined Burnside** Bowling Club to learn to play bowls. But I got to do much more than that!! I was **surprised** when I found how much I **enjoyed playing** bowls: that **personal challenge** to do the best you can, being **part of the team**, and **making friends** along the way. It has been great. All my previous training and work experience came in useful. Almost as soon as I arrived, I became the BBC **Secretary** (9 years), then **President** (2 years) and to help out I'm **Kitchen and Catering Convenor** until the end of June this year. I will happily **support anyone** who is interested in **taking over** the Kitchen and Catering Convenor role.

Going forward, it is time for me to spend **more time with Ollie**, (he recently retired from work), **visit our family** who live far away, tick off some of the **experiences and travel which are** on my 'to-do bucket list'. I'm hoping that is possible now I will be spending less time being responsible for big jobs at Burnside. I plan to **continue playing bowls** also!

For me, it has been a **wonderful experience** being **so involved**, and I **encourage members** to take the opportunity to use their previous experience to help run 'our' Club. I can assure you that you are **likely to gain much** by doing so.

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## Executive Summary

**Key points** from the **12<sup>th</sup> June** Executive meeting. This was an **extra** meeting primarily to **prepare** for the **AGM** and to **discuss financials**.

Thank you to **Pub Charity** for providing **funding** for the **painting of the exterior** (excluding the roof). A **contractor** has been **confirmed** and the work will **commence before the start** of the season.

A representative from **Resene** will shortly be providing a **free consultation** about colours (likely to be neutral). **Thank you** very much to **Peter Quinn** for his work getting this funding.



## Cyclone Gabrielle Charity Tournament

The Executive has **approved** and supports a **proposal** from **Barry Bunting** to hold a one-day **fours charity tournament** on Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> October** 2023.

The tournament will be an **open invitational event** which we hope will be supported by a team from **each** of the **48 Canterbury clubs** we invite.

Due to our association with the area (through Jamey Ferris, our greenkeeper), the **beneficiaries** of this tournament will be the **six bowling clubs** that make up the **Bowls Gisborne – East Coast Centre**. These six clubs - Poverty Bay, Gisborne, Tolaga Bay, Kahutia, Te Karaka and Wairoa - all **suffered significant damage** and/or loss of equipment in the **recent Cyclone Gabrielle** storm.

**Besides using our facilities** for the tournament, it is the club's intention for **50%** of the revenue from the **bar takings** to be **donated** to the charity (this allows the cost of the product to be covered).

The **driving forces** behind this special tournament are **Barry Bunting** and **Ross Bell**. If they approach you for **assistance** with the tournament, know this is for a **great cause** and **please support them**. More details to come.

## 2023 Living House Burnside U26 Singles

This year's U26 tournament will be held from Friday **6<sup>th</sup> October** to Sunday **8<sup>th</sup> October**. Planning is well underway. **Entries** are currently **being called for** and the **last day** to get entries in is **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. A mixed field of **32 players** will be **selected** after that date.

**Cook Islands Bowls** has confirmed they will be entering **one female** and **one male bowler** and, in an event first, **Bowls Australia** has also confirmed they will be entering **one female** and **one male**. The U26 Committee is pleased that we will be able to **offer our NZ entrants** more **international competition** at this age group level.

Please contact Tournament Organiser **Kerrie Bruce** 027 828 8777, with **any queries** about the event.

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## Bowls Canterbury AGM

The Bowls Canterbury AGM is being held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. Here are links to the [Agenda](#), [Budget](#), and to [some notes](#).

## Bar Roster

Friday	16 Jun	Jan Harmon
Saturday	17 Jun	Pierre Alexandre
Monday	19 Jun	John Hay

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## Club Hires and Activities

Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am		Men's Walking Group
		10:00 am	Match Room	Cards Group
		8:00 am		Customs Dog Training
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Dining room	Hohepa Trust 10 Players
		6:00 pm	Lounge	Members' Draw
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Lounge	Rotary of Avonhead
		6:00 pm	Dining Room	St John of Fendalton
		10:00 am	Lounge	ChCh Kit Kat Rotary
		1:30 pm	Lounge	Roydvale Probus Club
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Executive Room	Mahjong

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