



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHEN

From the President

Hi fellow picklers.

Well what an amazing year 2023 has been. In this final newsletter for 2023 I want to wrap up our first year, to advise of the playing options over the Christmas break, plus provide some information on an opportunity to assist with recycling and raising a bit of money for the club and to let you know about how you can access the new Clifton Springs outdoor courts.

As the year comes to an end, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays and we hope that you bring in the new year with plenty of cheer and Picklball.

CLIFTON SPRINGS OUTDOOR COURTS

A lot of you may not be aware but on the 19 Nov 22 we formed the Drysdale Clifton Springs Pickleball Club. There were 11 of us and today we have around 170 full members and another 30 odd secondary members. We are the second largest club in Victoria affiliated with Pickleball Victoria/Australia.

As a result of our rapid growth we knew that we needed to find other playing options as we were struggling to meet the demand. So we set about finding another venue to play, particularly weekdays. We identified that there was an unused bowling rink at the Clifton Spring Bowls Club and approached them.

It has taken a bit of effort to negotiate a way forward with the Bowls Club and to get the surface right but we have done it and I would really like to thank those members in our club who have worked really hard to achieve a great result. We have set up a unique arrangement for the Drysdale, Clifton Springs area by having two totally different sports playing at the same time on the same type of surface and I think our club will go from strength to strength having this option available to us.

On the 19 Nov 23 we played our first games on the outdoor courts and that coincided with the celebration of our First birthday and I know a lot of you attended.

On Monday the 11 December we also had an opening ceremony for the courts. Alison Marchant our Local State Member of Parliament officially opened the courts. We also had CoGG Councillor Elise Wilkinson attend as well as some of our sponsors (Bendigo Bank, Neville Richards Real Estate and Quattrofy) there to support us. It was a good day.

We really hope that you enjoy this outdoor venue with the 8 courts. It is quite different playing outdoors so come down and give it a go over the Christmas break and summer in general. You can see on Spond when each of the scheduled sessions are on and you can hire a court if you want to as well. (See below for more info)

CLIFTON SPRINGS OUTDOOR COURTS (Continued)



CHRISTMAS BREAK

Drysdale Hall

Our last day of play at the hall will be Wed 20th Dec and we will start back again on Sat 6th Jan.

Clifton Springs Courts (Bowls Club)

We will run sessions on 23, 27 and 28 Dec and the 4th Jan. Plus we may add more so keep a look out.

As always please see Spond for the times for the organised sessions.

If you would like hire a court for a bit of social pickleball with friends and family then please see the attached link for the procedures on how you go about that. Essentially to hire a court is \$10 per hour per court. Due to the number of courts and

times etc we are unable to offer the booking options on Spond so within the procedure you will find a link that will take you to the booking form and details on how to pay. We will save the procedure on Spond.

[Outdoor Court Procedure](#)

FUND RAISING/RECYCLING

As you all know we are now able to recycle some bottles/cans and get a 10c refund. Our club has registered with the recycling company so as soon as we get the go ahead we will let you know. The idea is that when you take your bottles to the recycling locations you could select the DCS club to be the recipient of your refund. This would be something that is totally your choice of course but its just a way to raise funds.