



December 2017 Newsletter

President's Cup

The weather seems determined to delay this event yet again. It will now be held (weather permitting!) on Saturday 7 April 2018 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Just to remind you all, this is a Doubles Tournament of Teams selected 'out of the hat' and run over 4 quickish Rounds using the Swiss System.

Defibrillator Update

The WHRPC Committee has been working hard for many months to ensure the piste area has a defibrillator available in case of an emergency – and not just for petanque players. This will be installed at the shelter in February 2018.

Summer Social Season

This is well underway and will go through till mid-April to late-April depending (again) on the weather. Please don't forget to put your scores in each Thursday evening as the Summer Star Award will again be up for grabs once again and presented at the 2018 Annual General Meeting in July.

The last Thursday evening petanque activity before Christmas this year is 21 December. This, and the week following, on Thursday 28 December, will be BYO everything, so please for both weeks bring a 'plate to share'.

While on Thursday evening petanque, the Committee is a little concerned that we still haven't worked out a satisfactory scheme to gather the \$5.00 from each player. We would ask that all who come along on a Thursday to please ensure they pay their 5 dollars as we are finding we are spending more than we are taking in at the moment for the BBQ food.

23 September – Working Bee

Long time ago, I realise, but a huge thank you to all who rocked up and helped clean out the shelter. It is a huge improvement and (touch wood) we have seemingly solved the rodent infestation that was really bugging us.

Rockers vs Rooters Challenge Cup

Again, another very successful event held on Sunday 12 November. Due to the draw we use, this is always slanted a bit towards a win by the Rootes Group Car Club visitors, and this was what happened yet again. The event was won by Janet Paas, with our Joan Gladman a close second.



All the cars (top), and all the happy players (below)

26 November – Petanque At The Rock, 2+1

Mild day, threat of rain, but we only lost about 10 minutes due to rain for our main event of the year. 24 teams and a 5-Round Swiss System Tournament seemed to be enjoyed by all.



Coping with a light shower



But the sun eventually came out

And the final results were:



1st: Proud winners of the 2017 PATR 2 + 1, (L to R) Clifford Edouard, Anick Masson and Pierrot Lubin, Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club



2nd: The runners up, (L to R) Tina Genovese, Jessen Soomary and Nicolas Demunck, Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club

3rd: Robert Pozzobon, Gloria Wales and Andrew Cameron, Camberwell Petanque Club

4th: Barry Droney, Ken Field and Joy Field Maldon & Pyrenees Petanque Clubs

A big thank you again to all those who pitched in the day before and raked, painted lines, and (well) pitched the marquees. And to Helen Cottew and her 'gang' who put together some great raffle prizes. And finally, to Peter Mangan who, once again, umpired on the day.

2018 Port of Echuca Murray Maul

We appreciate that it is a long way off, but please put the dates of 18-19 August 2018 into your diary once more for this early spring signature fun-filled and, hopefully, sun-filled weekend.

WHRPC Secretary Resignation – Peter Wells

As many of you know Lyn and I are in the throes of packing up our belongings from a rather large house and moving to a modest apartment in Ballarat at the end of January. In view of this I have resigned (as of 11 December) from the position of Secretary of the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque club. I will certainly retain my membership of the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club and hope to see all of you on occasions throughout 2018 and beyond for the main WHRPC Tournaments.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 14 or so years at the club and have a heap of very good memories and of so many friendships made, and also a few less special efforts actually competing at petanque, but the club is, for so many, more about fun and friendship than winning at petanque! Thank you all so much for including me in all those good times.

As a result of my resignation the WHRPC Committee is now short of 1 person, so if there is anybody out there happy to join the Committee and share the load a bit, now is the time to have a chat to David or Helen.

Thanks

The incoming Committee, on behalf of all members, wishes Peter & Lyn all the best for the move and thanks Peter for his many years of effort for WHRPC & VPCI. Hard shoes to fill!

Committee Minutes

Just a reminder that all the Committee Minutes and Newsletters are now always put up on the website (and clearly indicated).

Committee Contact Details

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**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &
 A SAFE AND REWARDING 2018
 TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS**