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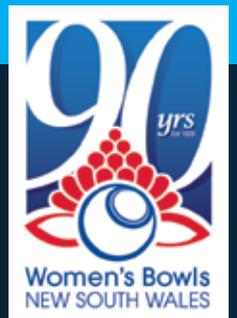
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PAM ANDRICH
STATE PRESIDENT

With Pennant Grading being introduced in 2020 I want to ask for your acceptance and patience of this important change. Whilst I appreciate we will have some bowlers not in favour of grading can we at least apply the Aussie term "let's give it a go". Going back to when I first joined the board in 2012 Chair of Match commented pennants caused the most complaints and that hasn't changed since then. You have my total confidence that you will join together and make this change a big success and in advance A BIG THANK YOU.

I am sitting at my desk thinking about what I want to say in my first special message and introducing myself to each and everyone of you. I am reflecting on my time, firstly learning to play bowls at Tuncurry Sports then moving to Asquith Bowling Club and now my home club Soldiers Point, a beautiful part of NSW. Apart from playing bowls my interest has always been administration with the result I eventually joined the administration of WBNSW.

Early in 2012 I started out being a Regional Rep for Region 16 which I thoroughly enjoyed including meeting wonderful people.

I was soon asked to consider joining the board and in 2012 I agreed to join the board and take up the position of Finance Director in 2012/2013. I came back to the board in December 2016 (as a recycled director) and have held the position of Finance Director again for the past 3 years.

I never aspired to be your State President, however here I am.

This is a most prestigious position to hold and I want to assure everyone that our path forward will always be open and transparent and most importantly, yes we are listening. Our members are all of you, country and city bowlers, the whole association.

Whilst I may hold the position of President I am realistically 1 of 6 directors. Our team being Katrina Wright, Lesley Swales, Sandra Jowett, and a warm welcome to our new director Dilys Kindleysides. At the time of writing this message we still have 2 casual vacancies to fill on the board.

Our 6th director is an appointed director retired Barrister OAM Rob Peattie. a privilege to have on our board, in a team that will

serve you with loyalty and every consideration to meet your expectations. Rob comes to us from Cardiff Bowling Club.

On behalf of the new board I wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to our immediate Past President Maryann Parcell and our 2 immediate past directors, Denise Huender and Sherilee Stewart. Whilst they were all dedicated directors Maryann was an outstanding volunteer who gave a huge amount of her time to WBNSW. I wish each of them all the very best and hope to see their names in the future State Event Playoffs.

Latest news just before going to print! Maryann's St Johns Park team v Sherilee's West Tamworth team reached the Final of the Inaugural Weekend Pennants played at Belmont Golf and Bowling Club. A breathtaking last end brought the West Tamworth team home to win the Inaugural Weekend Pennant Flag - Congratulations to both teams.

I welcome all our State committees and look forward to working with them. Thank you for volunteering.

There is no doubt we now have a challenge on our hands with BNSW introducing "open gender" effective 1 October 2019. Rest assured we will keep you updated at all times with the decisions made in reference to this change and moving forward into the future for our association.

We have our prestigious WBNSW Awards Night in a couple of days on 21 November at Bankstown Sports Club. My very best wishes to all the awards nominees and hope you are the chosen one on the night. The Awards night is a great night and very enjoyable.

A momentous celebration, our 90th Birthday this year and WOW it falls on the same day as our Awards Night. All the more reason to see

you there on the 21st of November.

Special best wishes to all those 61 bowlers who joined me on our WBNSW Inaugural Bowls Cruise to New Zealand in January this year - watch this space you never know we may have another one.

To all the teams who reached the State Pennant Finals in Kingscliff in August congratulations. To those teams who won the State Flag for your grade Excellent and Well Done. We are proud of everyone.

To all the teams and players who reached the State Championships in Tamworth in September a mighty effort, we are proud of all of you. Those who won the finals hearty Congratulations.

In closing my first message I want to reach out to everyone to say keep our great sport moving ahead, strong and work hard to increase our membership.



KEEP OUR GREAT SPORT MOVING AHEAD



DANIEL GATT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO'S Message

LEGACY - "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past."

Be it wealth, property, life lessons or morals we are all products of the legacy left to us from those who went before us. We are all made up of the decisions, attitudes, repercussions and events that others have experienced and that have infiltrated our lives through our association with the original party or environment.

Whilst living our lives we don't often consider what legacy we are leaving for others as it generally comes into play sometime after we go for the big sleep – after all, a legacy is seldom intentional but a by-product of what we do or how we live.

But what if we did consider it? What would be your bowls legacy? I found myself deep in conversation with a group of bowlers who belong to a rural club with very low member numbers. They were providing feedback into the new tiered system and offering their opinion on its merits or lack thereof if I am being honest. They explained to me that the new system would stifle their ability to recruit new members to their struggling club. To ensure I had clarity around the situation, I sought advice on how many new members they had recruited in the last five years to which the President noted none – they are not really interested in recruitment in a small town and with their aging membership. Finally, I asked how they plan on ensuring the long-term survivability of the club when she fired back, "long term doesn't worry me as I won't be around to see it".

And just like that the penny dropped.

Let's set aside the hypocritical argument that a two-tiered membership system will inhibit this club getting new members, considering they are not interested in new members anyway – we can argue that another time. The alarm bells rang for me when it became abundantly clear that these ladies don't care what happens to their club after they have 'bundied' off duty. It's the classic winners are grinner's mentality and the rest can please themselves.

Now let's get a few things straight here; it makes zero difference if you are on the Club or District Management Committee, a

Director of Women's Bowls NSW, paid staff or a player be it grassroots, world champion or any level in between, no one has entitlement to the game's welfare or the structures around it, we all borrow this game and use it for our individual purpose, however, we all inevitably hand it back when we are done for others to do the same. If you don't care what happens when you are no longer involved, you don't deserve the game and it is better off without you and that is where our legacy kicks in.

In the small town where those that I was talking to live, the club is destined for failure as they have no interest in driving the legacy for the next people. Others that come after them will not have the enjoyment and pleasure that they got from their involvement which is unfortunately an uncommon trend but no less a disgrace. They are blessed that the people who came before them were not of the same poor attitude that they carry, otherwise they may not have had a club to enjoy all these years later – there is an irony in that.

Many of the people reading this, are not charged with running the club or the District or the Association, many won't run the raffle, the lunch or the 100 club. Many will be playing members with no ambition for more than just a game down at the club. Do they have a legacy to leave? Absolutely.

We have noted before the increasing number of letters and emails outlining disputes, bullying harassment and generally not nice behaviour that flows across my desk. You see, that is where your individual legacy kicks in. It is the behaviour we display which will encourage others going forward whether to continue to play or not, or more so whether to walk away. No one will continue to turn up to an unpleasant environment or to associate with unpleasant people so it is incumbent

on all of us to ensure that when our time is done, that others remember us fondly as the 'lady who introduced me to bowls' or 'the lovely lady who used to give me tips', 'invited me to play in her team' or even just 'always said hello when we crossed paths'. It is so much better than being 'the lady who used to drink like a fish', or 'swear like a wharfie' or 'was always grumpy', or 'never smiled or was rude, aggressive, impolite' or whatever. If that is you, whilst you will no doubt be remembered, is that the legacy that you really want to leave?

In closing, it is self-reflection time. If you don't know any one described in the latter, then there is only one of two possible explanations – you've reached the Utopia of club worlds where everyone is lovely, well-mannered and straight from the town where 'leave it to beaver' was filmed or alternatively you may well be the one that others are looking at, meaning you're the one that needs the legacy adjustment before it is too late.

People, whilst it is never pleasant to think of a place when we will not be in it, it is vital that we hand the sport, Club, District or Association back to the next group of custodians better than when we got it and if we can't for various reasons, as long as we gave it a red hot go to do so, that's all that matters and is the best we can do. If that is not the case, step aside, move along or get out of the way before it is too late, and the damage is irreparable.

On that note and as always, this is my opinion. If yours is different, I welcome you to do your best to change my mind by providing your feedback and comments. Who knows I may be the one people are talking about... gee, wouldn't that be awkward.

Till next time.



DO THEY HAVE A LEGACY TO LEAVE? ABSOLUTELY

Editor's Note



ANNE JOHNS
EDITOR

“WELCOME TO Bowls Matters!”

As we mark 90 years in the history of Women's Bowls in NSW this issue of Bowls Matters has a pull-out section celebrating the history, some fashion changes and some great interviews with long term members. As well as a special item on Leichhardt Bowling Club and one of their dedicated members.

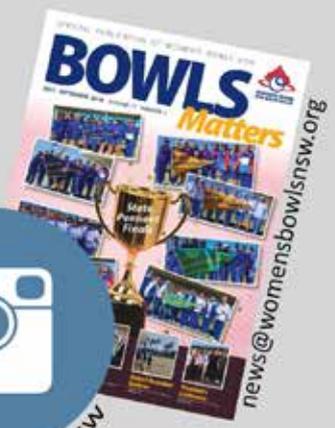
This edition also applauds the fantastic results of our NSW lady bowlers across the country as well as features on Olivia Read, a young greenkeeper from Engadine Bowling Club and articles from all our various committees. Our Player to Player this edition is written by one of our Hall Of Famers, Karen Murphy, who takes us through the roles of a third and skip in a team environment. We also have a look at some of the work clubs and charities are doing together to raise some much-needed funds. So grab a coffee and settle down for a read!

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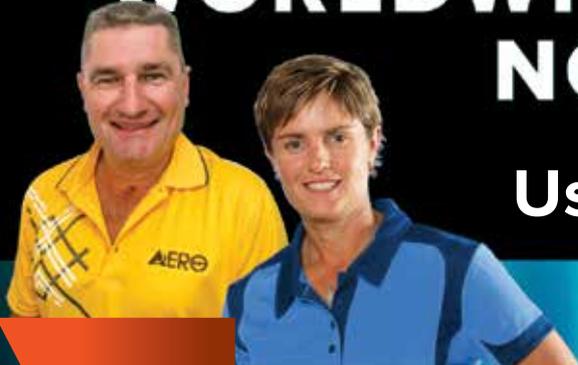
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2019

KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB

STATE PENNANT FINALS

The Tweed Byron District in the far north of the State really turned it on for the WBNSW State Pennant Finals this year. What a spectacular time we all had. The weather was perfect at a balmy average of 22 degrees each day while the rest of the state froze and got frosted and snowed upon.

Our host clubs – Kingscliff Beach, Pottsville Beach, Cabarita Beach and Cudgen Leagues – excelled! These clubs had been meeting together and preparing for months and that prep certainly paid off. They coordinated special meals, bus trips galore and even arranged for whales to frolic just beyond the breakers as the bowls went down the green. Businesses gave us discounts, free drink vouchers and great service. Everybody knew we were in town and they were so friendly and keen to make

sure that we enjoyed ourselves. So, we did! But the best thing of all was the assignment of a liaison officer to every team. Men and women alike gave up their valuable time and volunteered to create a relationship with each team, making sure they really looked after players, managers and even spectators, who numbered many. It seemed like everyone in the towns was involved in some way. They looked sensational in their special volunteer shirts and we so wish to thank them sincerely for all their efforts before and during the event. You made it so special.

Check out the amazing video and pictures of the event on our Facebook page. It really showcases the event and encapsulates the wonderful spirit in which it was played.

“ EVERYBODY KNEW WE WERE IN TOWN AND THEY WERE SO FRIENDLY

GRADE 1



WINNER

Sarah Berghofer, Anne Johns, Kelsey Cottrell, Dawn Hayman, Jan Agar, Sharyn Renshaw, Beth Quinlan, Rebecca Van Asch

ST JOHNS PARK



RUNNER UP

Sharon McReynolds, Colleen Ross, Kate Matthews, Lynne Thompson, Cheryl Cook, Trudy Ryan, Genevieve Delves, Natasha Scott

RAYMOND TERRACE

Believe it or not there was a short shower of rain at the start of the Grade 1 event, but it did little to dampen the spirits of the very keen competitors. And sunscreen was required for every day after. By the end of Saturday with Kingscliff Club packed to capacity, it was the reigning champions St Johns Park who took out Section 1 and the 2018 Runners-up, Raymond Terrace who won Section 2. The scene was set for a thrilling final on Sunday morning and it certainly did not disappoint. With the live streaming in full swing and the master board score neck and neck for most of the game, St Johns Park emerged the winners with Dawn Hayman's team defeating Natasha Scott's team 21-13 and Lynne Thompson's team defeating Rebecca Van Asch's team 21-19. Overall score was 40-34 in a final played in great spirit.

GRADE 2

Over at Pottsville Beach Sports Club the Grade 2 competitions were equally as thrilling. With three sections being played, there was action a plenty. In Section 1 the team from Kempsey Macleay managed a win by 1 point. Section 2 was taken out by Cabramatta and in Section 3 Tura Beach held on against Taren Point to also win their section by 1 point. By Sunday morning our finalists were Tura Beach and Cabramatta and in a hard-fought contest Cabramatta prevailed on the day.

WINNER

Vicky Hannan, Lisa Buchanan, Dianne Davis, Sharon Farrell, Kerry Farrell, Tracey Williams, Jessica Hogan, Lauretta Marchese

CABRAMATTA



RUNNER UP

Sietske Neilson, Helen Elliott, Lily Pucci, Christine McGarrity, Janice Duncombe, Carole Hooper, Pamela Reynolds, Janice Joslin

TURA BEACH



WINNER

Jeannette Pooley, Joan Colefax, Jennie Hogan, Dianne Ziebell, Ruth Ebsworth, Marlou Rollinson, Milka Starkovski, Colleen Beadon



RUNNER UP

Faye Turner, Kate Potter, Michelle Freeman, Susan Goode, Lois McLeod, Lorraine Marsden, Valerie Dudley, June Foran

GRADE 3

The chatter, laughs and friendship were obvious over at the Grade 3 event at Cudgen Leagues and the volunteers were buzzing. The section winners were Cabarita Beach, Muswellbrook RSL and Tomakin Sports & Social. On Sunday it was the team from Tomakin Sports, who had travelled over 1200 kms with their merry band of supporters, holding up the winning Pennant Flag. State Runners-up were the locals from Cabarita Beach.

GRADE 4

The Cabarita Beach Bowling Club was alive with adrenalin as the Grade 4 teams battled it out for supremacy. Many of the teams were first time State Finalists and their enthusiasm and nerves were evident. Section winners were Armidale City, St Johns Park and Cardiff, all of whom were just chuffed to have made it as far as they had. By Sunday the teams were exhausted but still as keen as mustard and the competitive spirits were running high. The eventual State Flag winner was Cardiff with St Johns Park taking home the runner-up flag.

WINNER

Coral Rice, Dianne Healey, Jenny Fraser, Paula Collaros, Glenda Robins, Fay Mordue, Diane Moore, Kay Wahlstedt

CARDIFF



RUNNER UP

Robyn Murray, Sharon Dunk, Edwina Bohannon, Wendy Cartwright, Lucia Scarcella, Gloria Barnes, Annette Wentworth-Perry, Alyson Rumble

ST JOHNS PARK



MYTH BUSTERS?

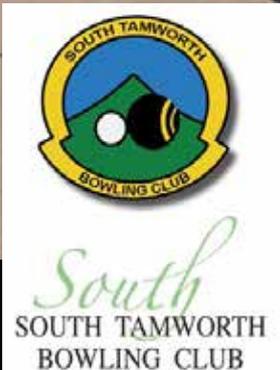
Districts can donate money to charities as they see fit.

No, they can't. Our constitution states that monies must be spent in the pursuit of the objects of the Association and we are not a charitable organisation so any District monies given directly to charities from District funds is technically private spending which must be repaid. However, if a District specifically holds a Charity event or runs a raffle specifically for a predetermined charity and publishes this fact before the event or raffle, so that all who participate are fully aware, then those monies must go directly to that charity.





SOUTH TAMWORTH 2-10 SEPTEMBER



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was dry but welcoming in the NSW Regional town of Tamworth as we rolled in to conduct the 2019 State Championships. The locals were keen to impress and the organisation which greeted us, along with the hospitality was superb. The Drakes Pride pop up shop was popular as was our new and innovative marketing of the sport. Player videos and profiles became popular viewing during the event and clocked up the thousands of views. Every final was live-streamed and showcased the talent on the greens and the local area itself. Thank you to President Deb from South Tamworth Bowling

Club and her ladies, CEO Owen and his team, greenkeeper Mick and his team and to the numerous volunteers who assisted to make the event a success. Also, a special mention to West Tamworth Bowling Club for taking the overflow on a couple of mornings. Thank you to our staff and committee members who spent months planning and implementing that plan to ensure the event ran smoothly. Our umpires even made the most of the trip to the north west by conducting accreditations and reaccreditations while in the vicinity. WBNSW also ran a Member Forum for the locals and visitors alike which was attended by 55 interested members.

GENEROUS GEN



A wonderful backstory to the Open Triples event. The gals from Adaminaby had travelled 11.5 hours to play in the triples and singles. During the semi-final game between Raymond Terrace and Adaminaby on Thursday morning, it came to light that the skip from Adaminaby, Lynette McMahon is seriously unwell. Lyn is 69 and began playing bowls in the snowy mountains town when she was invited to participate in the local "chicken run" bowls event. Only one month before arriving to play in these State Finals she was diagnosed with lymphoma stomach cancer. Having fought and won against breast cancer more than 13 years ago, Lyn is up for the challenge of fighting this cancer too and will soon undergo intense treatment to try to halt the disease in its tracks. When the girls from Raymond Terrace found this out their hearts melted and when they played and won the Triples Final later that afternoon, they could not wait to catch up with the Adaminaby ladies for a hug. Genevieve Delves, the second for Raymond Terrace, offered her winners badge to Lynette in a touching gesture which not only made all around tear up, but was so very much appreciated by Lynette. She could not believe that Gen would part with such a precious memento saying that if she had won it, she would not have been able to part with it, making the gesture even more special. Lynette pledged to treasure the gift forever. Great work Gen and good luck with the fight Lynette.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

SINGLES



Winner: Genevieve Delves (Raymond Terrace)
R Up: Amanda Monck (Park Beach)
Equal 3rd: Heather McColl (Gosford City), Sarah Boddington (Tuncurry Beach)

PAIRS



Winner: Kate Matthews & Genevieve Delves (Raymond Terrace)
R Up: Jeyam Siva & Billie Maas (Belrose)
Equal 3rd: Carol McMahon & Glenda Daal (Adaminaby) Jessica Hogan & Carmen Anderson (Cabramatta)

SENIOR PAIRS



Winner: Laraine Mazurek & Claire Kelly (Forster)
R Up: Jill Morris & Alana Sharp (Pottsville)
Equal 3rd: Diane Clark & Nada Kurta (Cowra) Patricia Girvan & Marlene Brosie (South Tamworth)

MIXED PAIRS



Winner: Erin Swatridge & Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta)
R Up: Kate Walker & Dave Axon (Taren Point)
Equal 3rd: Kylie Hardy & Phil Baker (Port Macquarie City) Jenny Castellen (sub) & Gary Melleuish (Culburra)

TRIPLES



Winner: Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves & Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace)
R Up: Anne Johns, Kelsey Cottrell & Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park)
Equal 3rd: Glenda Daal, Aylene Madden & Lynette McMahon (Adaminaby) Merrill O'Sullivan, Beryl Hobson & Annette McMillan (Dubbo City)

OPEN FOURS



Winner: Erin Swatridge, Kay Moran, Jamie-Lee Worsnop & Ellen Ryan (Cabramatta)
R Up: Debra Howard, Deborah Murray, Maelene Reynolds & Shirley de la Harpe (Northmead)
Equal 3rd: Sharon McReynolds, Kate Matthews, Genevieve Delves & Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace) Joy Scott, Alison Hof, Joy Clarke & Emma Pettit (Merimbula Imlay)

SENIOR FOURS



Winner: Iris Kampel, Marna Morris, Pamela Stein & Barbara Shotland (Double Bay)
R Up: Paula Hancock, Patricia Weekes, Yvonne Huddleston & Susan Beavan (Malua Bay)
Equal 3rd: Merrill O'Sullivan, Kay McKenzie, Judith O'Connor & Annette McMillan (Dubbo City) Suzanne Lawrance, Jill Morris, Marie Comerford & Georgina Moore (Pottsville)

WEST TAMWORTH WIN INAUGURAL WEEKEND PENNANTS STATE FLAG!



In one of the closest finishes to a State Title the team of Margaret Farrell, Anne Guy, Sherilee Stewart and Zoe Stewart from West Tamworth prevailed over the strong St Johns Park Team of Rebekah Lord, Jan Watson, Brianna Smith and Maryann Parcell 19-17.

Earlier in the semi-finals St Johns Park beat the team from Windang (Robyn Burke, Marlene Sharp, Nicolle Grogan and Shirley-Ann Gadd) 23-10 and West Tamworth defeated Bomaderry (Deborah Howard, Joanne Shaw, Kim Rudd and Sonia Wilson) 18-7.

The final came down to the wire with the last end poised at 17-17. After some great bowls from West Tamworth they held their nerve to take the title!

To watch the thrilling final and some highlights of the Weekend Pennants head to our Facebook page. The Weekend Pennants State Finals were held at the brand-new bowls facility at Belmont Golf Club. WBNSW thanks them for their generous sponsorship and looks forward to heading back there in November next year.

For the full results of this year's Weekend Pennants State Finals please head to our website <http://www.womensbowlsnsw.org/2019-weekend-pennant/>





WINNERS - WEST TAMWORTH



RUNNERS UP - ST JOHNS PARK



MYTH BUSTERS?

WBNSW never run State events in the country.

WBNSW events are run in the areas that bid for them. Every two years we call for Expressions of Interest in hosting our events and all Registered Clubs in NSW can host an event. If you don't apply, you ain't gonna get an event near you anytime soon. Now, having said that, did you know that 81% of our members live on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range. So, it makes perfect sense to run events where most players live and play bowls, does it not? We do our best to move events around so that all areas get

a chance to have an event near them. Stands to reason that at some stage, we'll all have to spend our hard-earned cash and travel far from home to attend an event. Your choice. That's fair. By the way, we consider country areas to include anything outside of the Metropolitan area.





Winners Merrylands



MERRYLANDS BOWLING CLUB WIN STATE CARNIVAL

The team from Merrylands Bowling Club took out the 2019 Palm Lake Resort State Carnival in a last bowl thriller over Ettalong Memorial!

The final, held at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club on Friday 31st May, was fitting of a carnival that welcomed over 1000 lady bowlers to play. Merrylands jumped out of the blocks early to take a 7-shot lead with five ends to go, but Ettalong came back and were holding game before Jenny Clark (Merrylands skip) played a cracker to cut the count down and win the final by just two shots!

In the battle for 3rd and 4th the ladies from Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club prevailed over Soldiers Point.

Final Placings

- Winners Merrylands
- Runners Up Ettalong Memorial
- 3rd Place Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club ©
- 4th Place Soldiers Point

A big thank you to our naming sponsor Palm Lake Resort and to our venue sponsor Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club.



CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPION SINGLES



This year's Champion of Champions Singles winner was Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park Bowling Club) who beat Shendelle Smith (Maitland City) in a highly entertaining final. Shendelle claimed her place in the final with a hard fought 25-20 win over Karen Murphy (Cabramatta). Dawn also did not have it all her own way in the semi despite streaking away from the start against Emma Pettit (Merimbula). The eventual score was 25-18 after Emma made a spirited come back. Asquith Bowling Club proved to be an excellent host and WBNSW thanks the Board, staff and members for their support.



Dawn Hayman St Johns Park



Runners up Ettalong



Tuncurry Bowling Club

MYTH BUSTERS?

At a district event everybody must pay \$20 for green fees, morning tea and lunch.

There is no hard and fast rule on this issue for Districts. It is in the conditions of play for State Finals but not for any other event at any level. It is up to clubs to determine how they deal with this issue via their club delegate to the district, ensuring that the District Expenditure Policy is adhered to at all times.



CITY WIN 2019 CITY VS COUNTRY

Two days of City vs Country action wrapped up at Soldiers Point Bowling Club over Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July with a City win.

In a slight change to the format this year each side had 8 players in the Open and 8 players in the Over 60s categories. The winner of each series was determined by wins on the Master Board across the 2 categories of players. The overall winner of the event was the City team with the most wins on the Master Board over the 3 series. The teams are selected by WBNSW State Selectors as this fixture is not only an annual battle for City vs Country supremacy but a chance for our selectors to

cast an eye over the States finest bowlers.

At the end of the first day the tie was level after a Game 1 victory for Country by 42 shots and a Game 2 victory for City by 17 shots. With all to play for in Game 3 it was a close game throughout with City eventually prevailing by the slimmest of margins!

WBNSW would like to say a big thank you to the major sponsor of the event Soldiers Point Bowling Club, who provided an excellent setting and made sure that the event was a success for everyone involved.



City

OPEN

Kim Brough	(Taren Point)
Kate Davis	(Cabramatta)
Jess Hogan	(Cabramatta)
Rebekah Lord	(St Johns Park)
Sharyn Renshaw	(St Johns Park)
Erin Swatridge	(Cabramatta)
Angela Tindall	(Northmead)
Molly Wilton	(Cabramatta)

OVER 60

Saylee Jones	(Merrylands)
Susan Laidlaw	(Harbord)
Ros Madgwick	(Randwick)
Browyn McPherson	(Taren Point)
Jenny Palmer	(Neutral Bay)
Debra Schoemaker	(Merrylands)
Jackie Short	(St Johns Park)
Cheryl Wright	(Taren Point)

Country

OPEN

Kate Mathews	(Raymond Terrace)
Judy Monks	(Sawtell)
Leisa Morgan	(Kurri Kurri)
Tracey Osbourne	(Ettalong)
Margo Parker	(Young)
Emma Pettit	(Merimbula)
Leanne Smith	(Oak Flats)
Kim Suckley	(WPWC)

OVER 60

Karen Croker	(Ettalong)
Robyn Flanagan	(Forster)
Maggie Johnston	(Valentine)
Laraine Mazurek	(Forster)
Penny McLeod	(Ettalong)
Sharon McReynolds	(Raymond Terrace)
Jan Sutherland	(Soldiers Point)
Ann Wilkins	(Kurri Kurri)

Please Note:

City players are those who play their championship events for a club within the Metropolitan area. This means players from the following Districts: Nepean, Eastern Suburbs, Sutherland Shire, City West, Georges River, Lansdowne, Manly Warringah, North Shore, Mitchell Macquarie.

Country players are those who play their championship events for a club outside of the Metropolitan area. This means players from all other Districts except those mentioned above.



Australian Indoor

Genevieve Delves (Raymond Terrace) took out this year's Australian Indoor over fellow NSW team member Karen Murphy (Cabramatta). In an enthralling final Karen won the first set in style with Genevieve fighting back in the second set which led to a winner takes all tie breaker. Genevieve won the tie breaker 5-0 to win this year's title.

Special mention to Pamela Willetts (Warilla) and Samantha Noronha (Engadine) who bowed out in the semi-finals.

Genevieve will now represent Australia in Singles and Mixed Pairs at the newly-created World Bowls Indoor Championships, an enhanced version of the existing World Cup, historically staged at Warilla.



2019 Australian Open Pairs

WINNERS
Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park)
Genevieve Delves (Raymond Terrace)



RUNNERS UP
Carmen Anderson (Cabramatta)
Jess Hogan (Cabramatta)

MYTH BUSTERS?

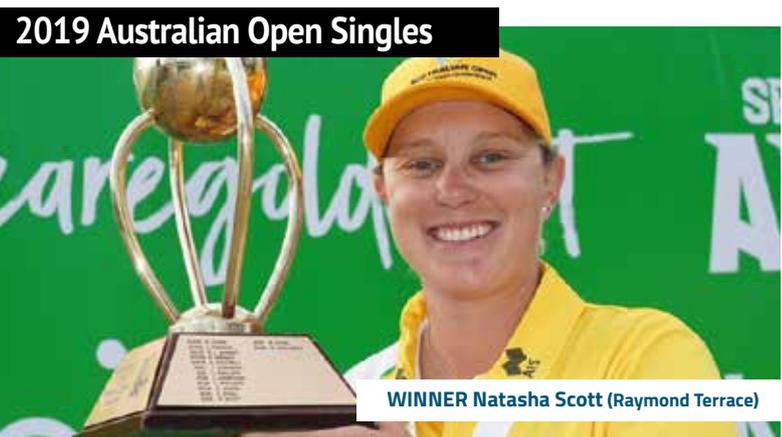
Every player must attend at least three coaching sessions and be signed off by a coach before they can play in club championships.

The role of a coach is to facilitate people getting on the green, prepared to play with a minimum of fuss. They are not and should never be seen as gatekeepers to keep people out of the game. Where one person might need only one lesson to grasp the concept of the game, others might need three or four to feel comfortable. It's not set in concrete. Coaches need to use their discretion.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Our lady bowlers excelled at this year's Australian Open!

We had NSW representation in the finals of all the Open events held at Broadbeach Bowls Club in June. Congratulations to all those who have taken out Australian Open Titles and to those ladies who qualified through their respective sections. Special mention to Jess Hogan who made two finals!



2019 Australian Open Singles

WINNER Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace)



2019 Australian Open Fours

WINNERS
Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay TAS), Kelsey Cottrell (St Johns Park NSW)
Anne Johns (St Johns Park NSW), Lynsey Clarke (Helensvale QLD)



RUNNERS UP
Tiffany Brodie (St Kilda), Lousie Cronan (Taren Point)
Jess Hogan (Cabramatta), Brianna Smith (St Johns Park)

Lawn bowls is a popular sport in Australia, with ages ranging from the young enthusiast to the young at heart, our Senior members. According to Australian Bureau of Statistics data there were 245,000 adults aged 15 and over playing bowls in 2012. Lawn Bowls being a low impact sport has many health benefits for people of all ages and abilities. It is a sport that can be played by anybody; and therefore, we all need to look at what we, as individuals need to do to keep fit and healthy to play. Safety or risk management is important, and everybody needs to be accountable for their own and others safety when participating in a game of bowls. Players, it is your responsibility to make sure that your personal safety is a priority when playing. Lawn Bowls can improve fitness, coordination and social confidence and below are some of the factors we need to consider ensuring we keep ourselves and others safe.

Hydration

- Fluid upkeep during a game is one of the things that is overlooked by players and can cause major health concerns
- Thirst is a poor indication of fluid needs and you should be consuming fluids even if you are not thirsty as failure to do so can lead to dehydration.
- Drink water on the day before, during and after the game to maintain hydration.
- If you become dehydrated some of the side effects include - fatigue, loss of concentration, cramps and may lead to heat stress or heat stroke – (Sports Medicine Australia –www.sma.org.au)
- Understand the impact that different type of greens has on the environmental factors that effect the amount of fluids being lost. Synthetic turf temperatures can peak a lot higher and faster than normal grass turf causing dehydration to occur more rapidly.

Slip Slop Slap

- Be sun smart: wear appropriate clothing
- Use appropriate sunscreen
- Wear appropriate head wear
- Wear sunglasses

Medications

- Understand and monitor how your medications react to different situations
- If required to have medications, then make sure somebody in your club is aware of where to find them if needed in an emergency
- All Medications should only be administered as directed or by a professional.

Injury Prevention

- Correct delivery of the bowl, use the correct technique - this is where a Club Coach is invaluable
- Poor delivery, balance or incorrect stance can lead to an injury
- The correct size and weight bowl will prevent over strain in wrist, arms, shoulders, neck and back. Seek out specialised guidance when selecting bowls
- Previous injury or medical condition need to be considered as lawn bowls, like all sports, can heighten a previous or existing injury, so make sure any injuries are fully rehabilitated before play if possible, with doctors approval
- Check the condition of the mat, e.g. no curling at the front or back of mat to prevent tripping
- Warm up/stretch prior to a game this will help with both with your physical and mental side of the game and remember the cool down stretches after the game.
- Be aware of potential danger from falls also ensure you are correctly stepping on and off the green
- Avoid stepping on bowls by clearing them away from the mat and never walking backwards
- Being aware of your surrounds will help reduce the chances of falling or tripping over bowls or equipment
- Wear correct footwear if you are playing or practising.

Emergency Plans

- Be aware of your Club Emergency & Safety Procedures
- Know who is the first respondent for emergencies
- If you feel you have an injury stop immediately so as not to cause further damage
- Seek first aid, if needed at your club – all clubs should have first aid kits, and a first aid officer on duty, before leaving the club if you are injured or unwell.

In conclusion if you take the time to check the necessary foundations of risk management and take responsibility for yourself then you will have a wonderful experience. Your Club Coach will be happy to assist you in your practice and help develop your game to level you wish to play.

REFERENCES

Better Health Victoria
Bowls Australia Club Coach Manual
Cancer Council of Australia - www.cancer.org.au

MYTH BUSTERS?

You can only have one coach for your team during a game.

Not so. There are no limits to the number of coaches a team may have. However, all coaches need to be registered with the Controlling Body before the game commences and they also must introduce themselves to the umpires for every match. It's also polite for a coach to introduce themselves to a team's manager if they have one or an opposing coach.



COACHING COURSES

EXPLANATION

WOMEN'S BOWLS NSW OFFER A VARIETY OF COACHING COURSES, ALL OF WHICH ARE OUTLINED BELOW.

INTRODUCTORY COACH

The Introductory coaching course aimed at first-time coaches, schoolteachers and social bowls coordinators. Introductory coaching course is the essentials of what needs to occur to commence bowling, safety requirements, legal requirements and group instruction methods.

CLUB COACH

The Club Coaching Course is aimed at coaches within clubs (former Level 1 coaches). They should be coaching regularly as either team or individual coaches at club level. The course covers planning, risk management, technique, shot development and more.

ADVANCED COACH

This course is for Group/District level coaches, Junior State coaches, State assistant coaches, Development Squad coaches and those who have completed the Club Coach course and both modules. The course involves how to manage teams while travelling, technique correction, understanding talent ID, physical considerations of athletes and more.

SELECTION

The Selection Module is designed for Club Coaches, Selectors and others who are keen to ensure their club has best practice selection standards. Coaches should attend this workshop to learn more about bench-marking players, which can assist with selection, while selectors and committee members are advised to attend this workshop to learn how to create a selection policy and a healthy philosophy for their club. You do not need to be an accredited coach to attend a workshop - it's open to players, committee members, selectors and other interested persons.

COMPETITION

The Competition Module focuses on the aspects of competitive bowls. Coaches should attend this workshop to gain further information on how to best prepare players for competition, where to find the laws of the sport and conditions of play and understand how to educate players to focus on the elements they can control.

The workshop contains practical on green elements where players can discover what their own shot timeline is and how best to collect statistics.

If you are interested in attending any of our coaching courses or require some more information please contact Kylie Hartley at operations@womensbowlsnsw.org

INCLUSIVE SPOT FOR ALL

Article By CAROLE ELVIN

Secretary The Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Val Hussey became a member of the Hills District Women's Bowling Club in 2016, when it became difficult for her to continue playing golf, which she had done 3 times a week for a very long time.

Val has Macular Degeneration in both eyes and with failing sight and not being able to continue to drive, Val looked for an alternative to her beloved golf and chose lawn bowls.

Val quickly became a very capable bowler, with her bowls never far from the jack when playing social bowls each Tuesday.

When Val started to bowl at The Hills Club, she made mention of her disability and was allowed to use a yellow jack (instead of the usual white one), as this gave her some help seeing down the rink towards the head. Unfortunately, not so long ago, Val was declared legally blind and was thinking of not renewing her membership when it became due mid-2019.

Val mentioned this to another member of the HDWBC, Sandra Barry, and in turn Sandra mentioned this to her partner Graeme Drabsch who is also a bowler at The Hills Club. Graeme remembered reading an article in a Queensland bowling magazine about another legally blind bowler, who was given permission by Bowls Australia to use a light fitted to a small metal stand. The Skip puts the metal stand behind the jack, turns on the light and this illuminates where the jack is positioned, making it easier for the bowler to "see" the jack. Once the bowler has delivered his bowl, the stand is removed from the head.

Graeme mentioned this to Val and asked if she would be prepared to use something similar if he was to make it for her. Val agreed and Graeme went to work making the stand. In doing so, Graeme has made it possible for Val to continue with her social bowls each week.

Since seeing the stand Graeme made, another male member of the Hills Club (Don Brain) presented Val with a second stand – that way one can be left at each end of the rink during the game.

Our chair of social Marie Findley told her husband about the stands and asked if he could make a sturdier stand for Val's light and Lionel came up with the current one which Val uses each week to enjoy her bowls. Lionel made two stands, so that, as before, Val can keep one at each end of the rink during the game.



Val was selected to play in a District competition this year and District agreed Val could use these aids during the competition.

Lawn bowls is a very inclusive sport and if we can all get behind those of us who struggle in some way or another to enjoy the game, the sport will thrive.

Thanks to Graeme's thoughtfulness, and Don and Lionel's helpfulness, Val can continue to be a member of the HDWBC, playing bowls each week and continuing the friendships she has made during her time at the Hills Club.

ROLES OF A THIRD & SKIP IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT

The position of Third and Skip in a team are usually awarded to those bowlers who have gained experience in the positions of lead and second, and have mastered all the shots i.e draw, drive, resting bowl (known as chap and lie in Scotland! A wee bit of trivial!), running bowl, weighted bowl and blocker. Not only this, Thirds and Skips will have a sound tactical knowledge of the game, excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with their reflective function (i.e how was our game plan today? Did it work out? What did we learn? What can we improve on?). The transition from lead/second to the more senior roles in the team is generally a slow process, and hopefully new bowlers will be fortunate enough to play with Skips and Thirds who are knowledgeable, invested, great communicators, encouraging, inspiring, and who impart their knowledge and learnings to others! Occasionally, a bowler will show such hunger, talent and dedication, and is willing to put in the hard yards, and hours of practice, that she will progress to a Third or Skip position after as little as two years. Although I have witnessed this, it is the exception rather than the rule, and nothing can replace good grounding at lead and second, which provides the opportunity for mastery of the vital draw shot, and the learning that comes from watching and playing with great team mates in senior roles.

The Skip has overall responsibility for her team. A magnanimous Skip will ensure that she communicates to her team mates that success is due to the team as a whole, and that she will take overall responsibility for a defeat. This is only possible if a Skip has full confidence in her abilities as a leader, and is not afraid of accountability, and is constantly looking for improvement in herself and others. Of course it is said that you are only as good as your team but the best Skips are those that know how to get the best out of their team consistently. Provided her team mates are there on merit, and have the required ability, a top Skip can manufacture rink wins, even when her team (and herself) are playing below par. If, as a Skip, you can keep calm when under pressure, keep encouraging when a team mate is having an off day, hold good possession of the rink (without resorting to gamesmanship), and problem solve, plan and prioritise (cognitive functions accessible when calm, relaxed and focussed). A good Skip will never display negative body language, which is a sure way for her team mates to doubt themselves and lose confidence, because it violates a sense of psychological safety which leads to anxiety and increased arousal levels. Rather, a good Skip will see value in every bowl (at least that is what she will display in both vocals and signals in sight of her opposing Skip i.e. handy there for a bowl past the head, and a thumbs up). One should never know the score on the rink from the Skip's (or anyone else's) demeanour.

The Skip is the master tactician. Traditionally, everything from jack length to pace of the game, to choice of hand, and choice of shot is at the behest of the Skip. However, this is always best done in conjunction with team mates through clear, reasoned and informed communication i.e I think this we should try a longer length because I have noticed that the opposition lead and second are using wide drawing bowls, and I think they might struggle to get as near to the jack on the side they are playing, on a longer length. If possible the communication should take place to the team as a whole briefly between ends. There is nothing more unsettling for an opposing team as the sight of your team in a close huddle displaying positive body language, effective communication, and great team spirit and unity. It is really important that the Skip is aware of the conditions at all times i.e what is the breeze doing? Is the green changing speed? Is the rink two-paced (different speed in different direction or length)? Which hand appears more consistent in line? It is also vitally important that a Skip is aware of her team mate's strengths and weaknesses – and sometimes these change over time, or from game to game! For example, if your Third is usually good with the drive shot but has missed three of four early in the match (the opposing team are playing very well), it may be a good decision to call your Second to play with weight earlier in the end, and allow your Third to settle in and regroup for a few ends, while building their confidence through encouragement, praise for good bowls, and positive reinforcement. It is vitally important that the Skip become aware of the weaknesses and strengths of the opposing team, and what style of play they engage with i.e. does my opposing Skip have a high-risk approach?

Does that mean we will need, as a priority, to ensure good covering position behind the head? What length does the opposition favour? Are they likely to play less well if we can get an early lead (i.e. have there been displays of negative body language by opponents early in match)? Perhaps the most important role for the Skip is their relationship with their Third.

Harmony between Skips and Thirds can translate into wonderful performances and successes for the rink. The Skip must convey to their Third how they like to form a game plan (jack length, pace of game, rink possession, style of play, when to take risk and when to be more conservative) and importantly how they like to be communicated with i.e. does the Skip like to be called a shot by the Third? If the head has changed since the Skip was at the head, and there is now a chance to sit a bowl or move the jack for a count, does the Skip want her Third to stop her on the mat and inform her of this?

So that brings us to the Third! While the Skip has overall responsibility for the rink – the Third is the Skip's eyes and ears on the rink. A good Third is aware of the mood on the rink i.e. how are the lead and second feeling? Is anyone struggling today?



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Do I need to be extra encouraging? What is the feel in the opposing team? Are they playing as a team or divided? The Third will support the Skip's guidance of the team, shot selection and tactical plan – and a good Skip will always ask the Third for their opinion (this is what I'm thinking – what do you think?). If a Third disagrees with a decision and has good reason to do so – then this should be communicated to the Skip by calling them to the head (if the Skip is bowling – or asking to visit the head if it is the Third playing the shot). The Third and Skip who value communication, and see the importance of talking things through, will always take the opportunity for discussion. Not only can this have an impact on the success of the team, but it builds the relationship and team cohesiveness. The Third can have a great impact on team bonding because as she does not have overall responsibility for the team and is not calling the head, she has more time to encourage others and set the tone of the rink. A calm Third with a positive attitude and a lively sense of humour is worth her weight in gold!

Again – the most important thing is communication – I can't stress how important that is! And that's not just on the green, but off the green as well. A great Skip will always gather her team at the end of the game and regardless of the result will ask her team – What did we do well? What can we improve on? And how can we do that? A debrief is important whether the team has had a win or a loss as it helps to process any emotion, and gives the opportunity for all team members to speak and to listen to what others have to say, and find something positive about the performance after a loss. The team debrief can result in the regulation of arousal levels, and is especially important if the team has another match to play shortly after the game's completion. With great communication before and after a match, the team will have a better opportunity to perform well and get the result they are looking for.

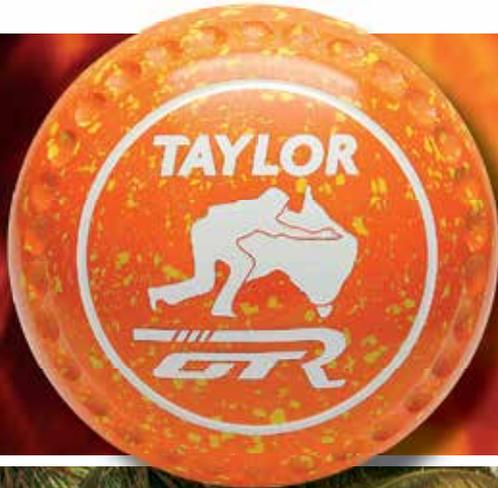
Happy Bowling!



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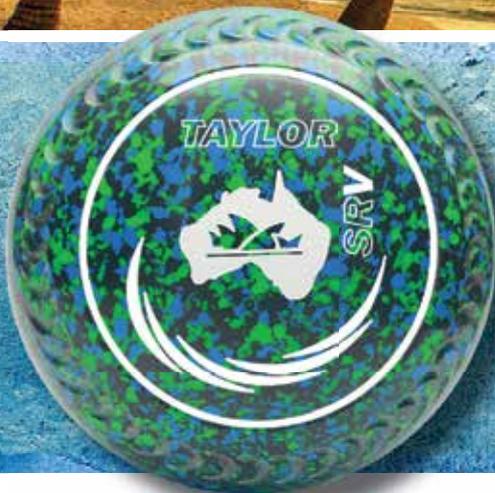
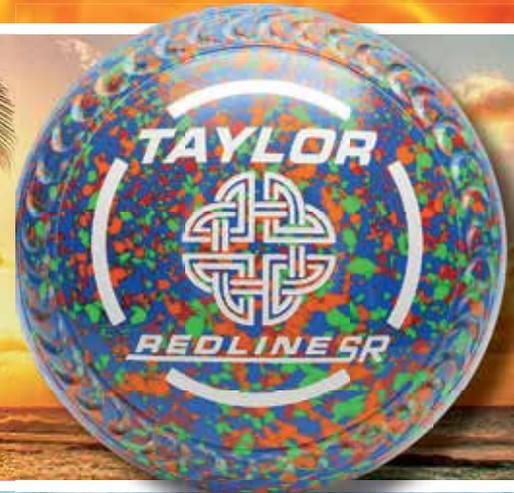
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LOOK AFTER IT



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We give very little guidance about how to run a club and everyone approaches it in a different way, given their background and experiences. Often it will depend on the needs of the club or how a person has been treated in the past or, to quote that old chestnut: 'It's always been done like that'.

Imagine having a safety issue such as a hole in the footpath leading to your greens. Bowlers keep tripping or falling in, but it's not fixed because: 'It's always been there'. People continue to get hurt – maybe until there are no people left!

Similarly, if members keep leaving the club because 'We've always done it this way' will you continue?

Ignoring risk management could result in legal actions against volunteers, a drop in the club's funds, the Management Committee dealing with crisis situations and bad publicity for the club.

We know that Clubs and Districts have a duty of care to provide a safe environment and we do this by assessing potential risks. Our minds might first spring to the conditions on the greens, but it extends well beyond physical elements.

When members volunteer to take on positions in the club they also take on responsibilities and inherent in the role is the commitment to ensuring the safety and well being of all their members.

If you hear 'Our club membership is dwindling', 'We aren't as big as we used to be', or 'Oh dear, we've lost another member' a little too often, then consider giving the Risk Assessment Model a try. It can be applied to all aspects of governing your club.

The Constitution and By-Laws for Clubs and Districts as well as the policies and guidelines documents were created with consideration to duty of care and risk management so work for volunteers can be reduced. Being compliant with these will provide a good base on which to build.

However, risk management is not just about compliance. It is also about good practices that will reduce exposure to potential liabilities and produce a well-managed club. There are fundamentally four steps in Risk Assessment. A rough outline is:

1. Identify all foreseeable hazards
2. Assess the amount of risk
3. Control the hazard or remove the risk completely
4. Review the risk assessment to monitor and improve the situation

So how can these be applied? They can be applied to the week to week situations which require constant attention, but they also need to be applied to the long term plans of your club.

We can all improve in what we do and how we do it – it's part of the cycle of change and change management. A starting point is asking yourselves some basic questions. If the answer to some questions is 'no', it can be identified as an area to work on. If the answers are all 'yes', it may be time to start asking some different questions.

There is a plethora of information and courses about risk management online that relate to sporting clubs so you are urged to seek out the support that may help your club bloom and grow.

Some Questions for your Management Committee to ask:

- Do you have an up-to-date constitution and are you following it?
- Have you registered the name of your club Secretary with WBNSW as they are your Public Officer (as required under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985).
- Have you checked that your 'in house' documents, policies and procedures, such as Domestic Rules, are in line with your Constitution and By-Laws?
- Is the AGM held in accordance with the club's constitution?
- Is your club affiliated with WBNSW?
- Does your club adhere to the WBNSW policies or procedures to guide your decision-making (code of conduct, conflict of interest policy, etc.)? Are these policies communicated to everyone?
- Are your position descriptions and action plans/timelines for all office bearers fully understood and implemented?
- Does your Management Committee meet regularly and document all decisions and actions in the minutes?
- Do you report adequately to ALL members?
- Are key club files stored in a central location accessible to those on the Committee (ie dropbox, google drive)?
- Are all your rules, by-laws and practices non-discriminatory?
- Do you have a clear plan for the future that describes what you want to do and how you are going to do it (ie a current strategic plan which is supported with yearly operational plans)?
- Do the Committees fully understand their responsibilities?



KNOW THE RULES

MYTH BUSTERS?

No matter what, clubs must play every game of pennant in the draw.

Ah... no. Technically, if the result of a game, especially towards the end of the season, has no impact on the outcome of the event (in other words the result will not elevate or regress a team, or even change their ranking in the event) and both clubs agree in writing, then the game does not have to be played. It's common sense really.

UMPIRES MATTERS

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE GAME

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As umpires it is our responsibility to ensure that the environment in which the players and spectators are moving and playing is safe. Be aware of mats, bags, bowls, lifters and other equipment which is lying across the paths behind the rinks of play. We must also focus our attention on the games in progress, be aware of the situations on each rink and be ready to act when called.

It is also important that as the umpire of the day we monitor weather conditions if there are any changes. Wet weather can make surfaces slippery and windy conditions can result in loose items being blown around the green, creating hazards. Lightning is a particular risk. The old adage, If you hear it, fear it. If you see it, flee it, is a good standby.

Competitive bowls environments can be challenging to officials. Taking a precautionary approach will help ensure not only are officials honouring their legal and wider responsibilities but that all players, spectators and others operate in a hazard free and safe environment.

NOTE: CHANGES TO LAWS

Please be aware that the changes to the laws in the new edition of the laws of the sport of bowls (version 3.1, April 2019) do not come into effect until the WBNSW 2020 bowling year.



MYTH BUSTERS?

NSW State Representative players get lots of free stuff.

Like what exactly? Physio – No. Payment to play for WBNSW - No. Shoes – No. So, what do they get? Well they get a state uniform which they return when not selected. They get travel and accommodation costs covered (let's face it that's clearly fair). They get fed or if that is not provided during an event, they get a meal allowance – also fair. That's it! Oh, but they also give up their time to play for us, with most needing to use up their annual leave or take leave without pay to play for their State. So next time you meet a rep player, say thanks. They do a phenomenal job and are rated the best State team in Australia (men's or women's).

QUESTIONS

- 1 In a Club Fours match, Team A arrives twenty minutes after the scheduled start time of the match. Team B claims a forfeit. Is this correct?
- 2 The Third in a game twists her ankle and wants to change to play Lead so she can sit down. Is this allowed?
- 3 Leeanne, a player on rink 2, continually moves into the adjoining rink to watch her bowl after delivering it disrupting and delaying play on that rink. A player from the adjoining rink calls the umpire. What would be the decision?
- 4 The Skip of Team A who was not in possession of the mat was noted to continually stop and chat to her team during the crossover. Skip B was on the mat waiting to bowl and after this happened several times. Skip B complained to the umpire. What would the umpire advise?
- 5 Skip A delivered her last bowl and drew a shot. Without checking with her opponent, Third A picked up the jack and declared one shot. Third B had not declared the head and Skip B had not delivered her last bowl. The umpire is called. What should she advise?

ANSWERS

- 1 No, as per Law 39.1.2, Team A is allowed 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. However, Team A loses the right to have trial ends, as these must be completed by the official start time.
- 2 No. She cannot change positions during that game, however as per DR 2.2.8 prior to the start of any subsequent game in the same competition, the playing positions of the constituted personnel can be altered.
- 3 The umpire advises Leeanne that law 12.2.1 states a player must not go into a neighbouring rink where play is in progress. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 13 will apply.
- 4 The umpire would warn Skip A that she is delaying play and if she continued to offend Law 13 would apply.
- 5 As Third B did not declare the head, Law 38.3.1, displacement of the jack, would apply. In this case, Third B would place the jack back to its former position and Skip B would deliver her bowl. Note, this is a good example of the fact that both thirds must agree before the head is declared.

MATCH MATTERS

PENNANT GRADING

Article by Robyn Lewis, Jenny Palmer
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WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE THAT THE WOMEN'S BOWLS NSW BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECENTLY CONSIDERED A MOTION AND HAVE TAKEN THE DECISION TO INTRODUCE PLAYER GRADING FOR THE 2020 PENNANT COMPETITION

Introduction

- Players are graded for 2020 Pennants as per the Grade played in 2019 or last known grade within the past 5 years (since 2015).
- If a player played 3 or more games in a grade within the past 5 years, then that would be their grade.
- If a player has never played pennants they will be graded as a grade 4.

Elevation

- District winning players must be elevated to the next highest grade.
- Example: If you win grade 2 at District level, then all 8 players will be graded 1 in the following year as long as they have played the required 3 games as per above.

Regression

- If you regress from grade 2 then all 8 players will be graded 3.

Please note that the State Match Committee will adjust the grades of players who are being elevated or regressed in accordance with District results at the end of any pennant season.

Club Selection

- Clubs must use their pennant player's membership listing (available from your Club Secretary) with current gradings for selection purposes. These listings will be made available once State Match has made the elevation/regression amendments.

- Example: A side came 3rd in the District Pennant in 2019, so they remain in the same grade for 2020.

At least 6 out of 8 players from this side must remain in that grade. 2 players only may regress to the next grade. There is no limit on elevation of players to a higher grade.

- Example: A stand-alone side in grade 2 can choose to play the season in grade 3, but all 8 players will retain their grading of grade 2 for that season.

Combined Club

- As per the Conditions of Play - 2 Clubs within the same District may combine to form 1 pennant side only to allow them to compete as long as they comply with current pennant players grading.

Re-grading

- If a player is selected in a grade below that which they played in 2019 without being regressed they must apply to be regraded down to the next lower grade. Club Selection Committee and Club Secretary MUST sign the application as well as the player applying.
- Any individual player can apply for regrading on the Regrading Application Form. This application must be approved by the Club's Selection Committee prior to being signed off by the Club Secretary and forwarded to the State Match Committee for final approval.
- State approval or non-approval is to be forwarded by WBNSW to the relevant District/Club Official.
- Once the grade requested has been approved, the player shall not play in a lower grade for that season.
- Example: If a player hasn't played pennants since 2015, then they may apply for regrading. If any pennant player has missed a season due to ill health or injury, they can apply for regrading.

District

- The District Match Committee must be in possession of all Clubs membership listings for verification of eligibility of players for pennants once Pennant result sheets are received.
- These listings will be provided each year once elevations and regressions have been finalised for the coming year

Pennant Result Sheet

- Player's grades must be recorded on the Pennant Result Sheet with current Member ID number and full name as per appropriate form.

REMINDERS

- All pennant entries to District MUST include the names of all nominated team members and their ID Numbers before play commences.
- District Match are required to verify the correct grade of all participants.
- A copy of ALL DISTRICT RESULTS is to be forwarded to the match office on completion, these documents are required for point scores for our Annual Awards Recipients.
- The Championship Conditions of Play have been published and are available on the website, all changes appear in red. Please familiarise yourself with the new Laws re nominations, substitutes and replacement players.

BOWL FOR OTHERS

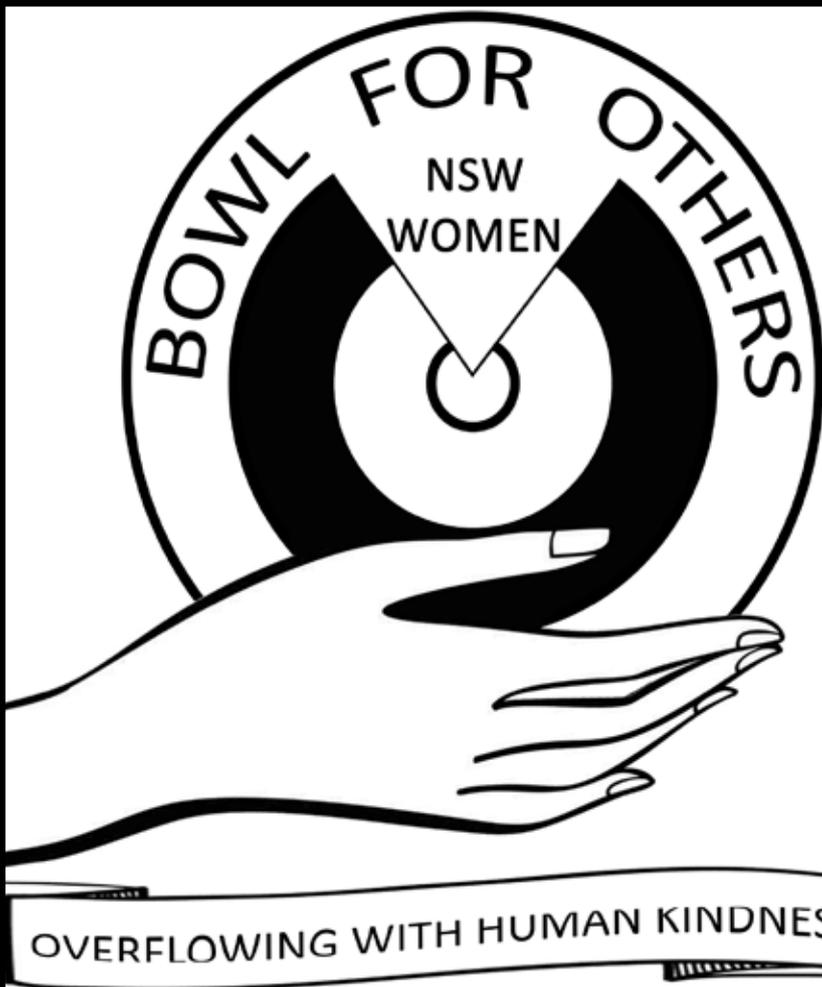
Contact details for BOWL FOR OTHERS

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On Wednesday 2nd October the Annual Luncheon was held at the Masonic Club (Castlereagh Boutique Hotel) and the donation cheques were presented to a recipient of each organisation, with the exception of National Heart Foundation, Gynaecological Cancer Centre and Dementia Australia. They gave a short talk on the research carried out and how their monies are applied. A total of \$25,000 was donated.

Sydney Eye Hospital	\$2,500
Melanoma Institute Australia	\$2,500
National Heart Foundation Australia	\$2,500
Diabetes Centre Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	\$2,500
Kidney Health Australia	\$2,500
Air Ambulance Service of NSW	\$3,500
Asthma Australia	\$2,500
Dementia Australia	\$2,500
Gynaecological Cancer Centre Royal Hospital for Women	\$2,500
Royal Flying Dotor Service	\$1,500



We were please to add the Royal Flying Doctor Service to our usual list of recipients.

We wish to thank our incoming State President. Pam Andrich, for her attendance and congratulate Pam on her election. We also thank State Board members, Sandra Jowett, Dilys Kindleysides and Lesley Swales and also Robyn Lewis from match for their attendance.

Thank you to all the clubs for their support with subscriptions and donations (several large donations were received) and these extra funds enabled us to increase the donation amount of \$17,000 in 2018 to this year's figure of \$25,000.

Best wishes for good bowling and good health.

Article by Gladys Barnes

2019 NSW AGM



MYTH BUSTERS?

WBNSW favours junior bowlers over seniors.

How so? We only have 104 junior girl bowlers affiliated with us. And how many events do we run exclusively for them? Ah ... none. 70% of our membership is over the age of 60. How many events do we run for them? Over 60 Seniors Pairs, Fours, City v Country Over 60s selection, Over 60s trials and Over 60s Senior Australian Sides. Wow, that's 5 events I hear you say surprised. And the Over 60s players have the choice to play in seniors events or open, unlike the rest of the membership who are limited to the open category only. So, think again, question people who make unqualified sweeping statements like the one above and hit them with a couple of facts to set them straight.



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS NEEDING MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT IDEAS?



“ DEVELOPING AND GROWING BOWLS MEMBERSHIP IS A TASK THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL INVOLVED. IT REQUIRES CREATIVITY, INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, CLUBS AND THE STATE BODY THAT CAN BUILD ON CURRENT INITIATIVES. EVERY CLUB NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL NEEDS TO WORK TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP TO ENSURE THE SPORT WE ALL LOVE CONTINUES AND GROWS IN THE FUTURE. ON THIS PAGE YOU WILL FIND RESOURCES THAT MAY ASSIST YOUR CLUB.

Women's Bowls NSW Membership Committee

Women's Bowls NSW membership committee is there to assist and advise clubs with regards to recruitment of new members. They also run the WBNSW Grant Program to assist clubs with funding for membership drives. To contact the committee please email office@womensbowlsnsw.org

Membership Grant Scheme

The Membership Grant Scheme is designed to encourage and assist women's bowling clubs in NSW to conduct membership drives with a view to increasing the number of women becoming playing members. All women's bowling clubs affiliated with WBNSW are eligible to apply for the grant to assist with membership drives.

Application for Assistance

Clubs will need to complete the appropriate application form to apply for a grant. The onus will be on the club to provide documentation to WBNSW which will assist us in our decision to approve the grant and how much assistance to provide. It is envisaged that the funds applied for will be used for membership drive costs which might include but are not limited to; printing, advertising, meal and/or drink vouchers, discounts on membership for one year, discounts on club apparel for

one year, etc). It is not envisaged that funds would be used to compensate volunteers for the event for their time or other personal costs.

Process

The State Membership Committee will review all applications monthly and make recommendations to the Board on funds to be granted, based on merit. This means that some or all of the funding applied for might be granted. Their decision will be final and cannot be appealed. The grant may be applied for only once in the calendar year. It will only be able to be provided, after the event has been conducted, when the appropriate form and receipts have been received by WBNSW.

An upper limit of \$300 per calendar year exists, per club. It is preferable that applications for the grant are received with one month of the membership drive being conducted.

Regional Bowls Managers (RBMs)

Regional Bowls Managers are a valuable resource that are available to every club. They can help with recruitment and retention ideas, strategies and open days. To find your local RBM please refer to the RBM page on our website.



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Beyond the physical facilities, Jen says Palm Lake Resort also facilitates healthy eating practices via nutrition. Qualified resort chefs provide tasty, wholesome and healthy resident meals from local produce at each location.

"From time to time we have also invited qualified nutritionists to visit our resorts as guest speakers, alongside other health experts," she says.

As Jen suggests, whether it's a gentle resort exercise like regular weekly aqua aerobics, yoga, tai chi or Pilates classes, or something more active like line dancing, Zumba, tennis or golf, this kind of group exercise also provides important social interaction. Palm Lake Resort residents can connect with their likeminded neighbours and form solid friendships.

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BOWLS ADVICE PLAYER TO PLAYER

KAREN MURPHY

Our State Player this edition is Women's Bowls Hall of Fame Inductee Karen Murphy.

Karen has won gold medals at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in the Pairs, 2008 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in the Fours, 2012 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in the Triples and twice in the singles at the 2012 World Outdoor Bowls Championship and the 2016 World Outdoor Bowls Championship.

Karen is also one of the current State skips for the mighty blues!

SKIPS & THIRDS

Playing back end are generally roles for the experienced who have every shot in their repertoire. It is not for the faint hearted, you need to be accountable and be able to perform under pressure as it your responsibility that determines the outcome of the end.

My experience in playing back end from club level, right through to international level is very much the same concept; there are constants throughout, which remain. The third is the skips assistant, the second in charge, the communicator between the skip and team and the team motivator. You really knit the team together by managing the front end whilst tying the skip to the team. The third should be a good tactician, be aware of any changes or opportunities that may present themselves while in control of the head. Know where every bowl is and be aware of any dangers that may exist. A good eye is also a must when declaring the head and a capable measurer. You must be able to play every shot asked by your skip, if unsure, visit the head and discuss until you are 100% sure and confident of playing shot.

In my opinion, you must have a great rapport with the skip, know the skips strengths and weaknesses, know how much information she likes and when to give that information. Communication is key in this position, especially with the skip. Be aware if your tactic is working for your team in the game. Are we winning at this length? Should we change the leads hand? The third also needs to be aware of this in case the skip has not noticed a pattern forming in the game.

Askip does not have to be the best player in the team but should be a natural born leader, motivator and psychologist. The best piece of advice that I could give a skip would be to lead by example.

The way in which you direct, encourage and motivate your team is most important.

I also feel that the role of a skip is basic people management. You need to know what makes your players tick on a personal level.

The way in which you get the best performance out of them may differ in regard to the type of person they are. A player who is vibrant on the green may best be encouraged by motivating them in that way, whereas another player may be more sensitive and withdrawn as a person. Therefore that player may need to be spoken to in a calm tone, without pressuring them. A skips presence on the rink is paramount. Be in control of your team by calling confidently with positive body language and purpose. Clap an effective bowl and give the impression that your team is in total control and owning the rink (even if you as a team are not playing well, look like you are). Skips should create calm and confidence in the team by the way she calls without panic, disappointment or appearing flustered while under pressure.

I love the sports psychology around our game and have studied it throughout my career. In regard to mental toughness, there is no better than Roger Federer, in my opinion, why?.....because you never know when he is not playing well. He maintains that same poker face if he is winning or losing, giving his opposition nothing to feed off. The skips role includes being a good tactician. This comes with experience and learning from good players in how they construct the head. After all, bowls is like a game of chess. You need to pre-empt what your opposition will play; this will in turn decide your shot. Play the team to their individual strengths whilst analysing the opposition's strengths and weaknesses

In regard to your own game as a skip, you should be competent in playing all shots. Be able to draw well, play the yard-on shot and varying weighted shots.

On completion of a game, win together and lose together as a team. In pennant, you may come together and discuss as a team a few simple questions to debrief your game -

- a) What did we do well?
- b) What could we have done better?
- c) Where there any turning points in the game?

Reflection is where you will learn from to improve as a team. This can be a discussion, driven by the skip with input from all members, and, if everyone is honest, it can be a positive learning experience.





CLUB MERRYLANDS STARLIGHT BOWLS DAY

This year Club Merrylands have raised \$20,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Club Merrylands Bowling Group is grateful for the support shown from corporate suppliers, industry partners and local businesses at the 13th Annual Starlight Charity Bowls Day. The charity bowls day was held on Friday the 3rd of May which has raised \$20,000 for the Starlight Children's foundation bringing a grand total of \$221,000 since the year 2006.

This year the event was held at Guildford Bowling Club, our host, Bobby Bradford from the Major Oak Theatre Restaurant, ensured everyone dug deep and enjoyed the event's festivities.

The importance of such a special

day for the Starlight Children's Foundation was on the top of everyone's agenda, raising money for an organisation that has supported thousands of sick children and their families since 1983. This annual support from everyone will bring happiness and the much needed distraction to sick kids of all ages that are in and out of the hospital and their families all over Australia.

Club Merrylands Bowling Group would like to say thank you to all the local businesses in the Cumberland area for their donations, including our supporters on the day and sponsors including Carlton United Breweries, Asahi Schweppes, and associated suppliers.



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Get your friends together and help make dreams come true for patients with life-threatening cancer by bowling for dreams.

Living with metastatic cancer (cancer that has spread) can be both emotionally and financially draining. It takes a toll on not only yourself, but also on your family and loved ones.

That's where Dreams2Live4 steps in. The only charity of its kind in Australia, their dreamers have had the devastating diagnosis of cancer, followed by the gut wrenching news that it has returned. For some, the first time they have learnt that the cancer has spread is when they are diagnosed. It is an overwhelming and gruelling battle.

During these tough times Dreams2Live4 empowers patients to dream and find purpose again. It brings joy, hope and dignity to our dreamers and their loved ones. Dreams2Live4 receive no government funding but still grants dreams every 48 hours.

"At Dreams2Live4, we are inspired everyday by the stories of our Dreamers. Stories that make you laugh and cry, stories that inspire and change you forever. When cancer strips patients of any sense of control, a dream can change everything," said Louise Mahoney, CEO and Dream Maker.

The dreamers range from 17 years old, from all walks of life and with all types of cancer. Many just want to escape endless medical procedures and spend precious time with their loved ones. Others want to start ticking off their bucket list – like Maria who wanted to go sky diving. "The skydiving was sensational. Maria was so alive and in the moment. Thank you for organising this beautiful gift for Maria. It really enriched her life and has given her the strength to keep going," said her friend Dominique.

"Just having something to look forward to can make such a difference to both the person with cancer and their loved ones. There are lots of services that look after children but what about the grandparents, mums, dads, aunts and uncles? A dream takes the focus off the disease for everyone, offering new strength and optimism," she added.



Bowl4dreams

Bowl4dreams kicked off last year in response to the many requests that Dreams2Live4 gets from friends and family members who have seen first-hand the power of a dream and what to give back.

"Bowl4dreams crosses all age groups and is so easy to organise. Our bowl4dreams website has everything you need to organise a bowl4dreams and we love that everyone has so much fun doing it, as it mirrors the joy and happiness that our dreamers experience when they have their dream," said Louise.

Bowling Clubs, individuals and businesses all got behind the launch of bowls4dreams last year.

"As a Dream Maker, nurse and friend of a dreamer who attended our bowls4dream, I witnessed the much needed joy and the impact the community can make by coming together at a bowls4dream event," said Annabel Powell. "It was so easy to organise and everyone had such a great time."

So how can you help? Host your very own bowl4dreams event! Invite your friends, family or colleagues out for a sunny afternoon on the greens, while raising money for this amazing charity. It's super simple to organise, and the money raised will go towards making more dreams come true.

For more information, contact Heather on 0432 069 902 or www.bowls4dreams.org.au



PLAYER FOCUS

GREENS KEEPER

OLIVIA REID
Engadine Bowling Club



At just 19 years of age Olivia Baxter Reid, affectionately known as Lu, is breaking down barriers for female bowlers at her home club, the Engadine Bowls Club in the Sutherland Shire District. In 2019 Olivia became the first female bowler to compete in the NSW Bowling Greenkeepers Association Championships. The NSW Greenkeepers Association has over 100 members currently registered and to their knowledge, Olivia is the only female Bowling Greenkeeper in NSW throughout their entire 60 years of existence.

The Association conducts their State Championships annually which involves over 40 members; they also have an annual event where they play a selected NSW legends side in a highly competitive hit out. To be eligible to play in this annual event you must be a greenkeeper, or retired greenkeeper and be a member of the NSW Bowling Green Keepers Association. This event has been running for 20 years and Olivia is the first female to ever represent the NSW Greenkeepers.

Olivia was in Year 12 when the position of Greenkeeper became available at the Engadine Bowling Club. Olivia always knew she was a hands-on person who wanted to work outdoors; therefore, Olivia applied for the role and was lucky enough to get an interview. A few days later I got a call saying I was successful in my interview and that I had the job," says Olivia. "Greenkeeping has always been a huge interest of mine, I'm a huge fan of soccer and the ovals that are presented all over the world. I was 17 when I first started, I am now 19 and studying at Ryde Tafe for my Cert III in Sports Turf and Horticulture with one year to go and I will be qualified."

When asked about being the only girl in the workplace Olivia sees no problem with this.

"It was always a scary decision being the only girl in the workplace, but I have been lucky enough to have a great boss and the two apprentices I have worked with have been very easy-going guys. Without my boss and his guidance none of this would be possible!

Over the last two years I have realised this job is more of a lifestyle and yes, some weeks I do work 7-days which can be

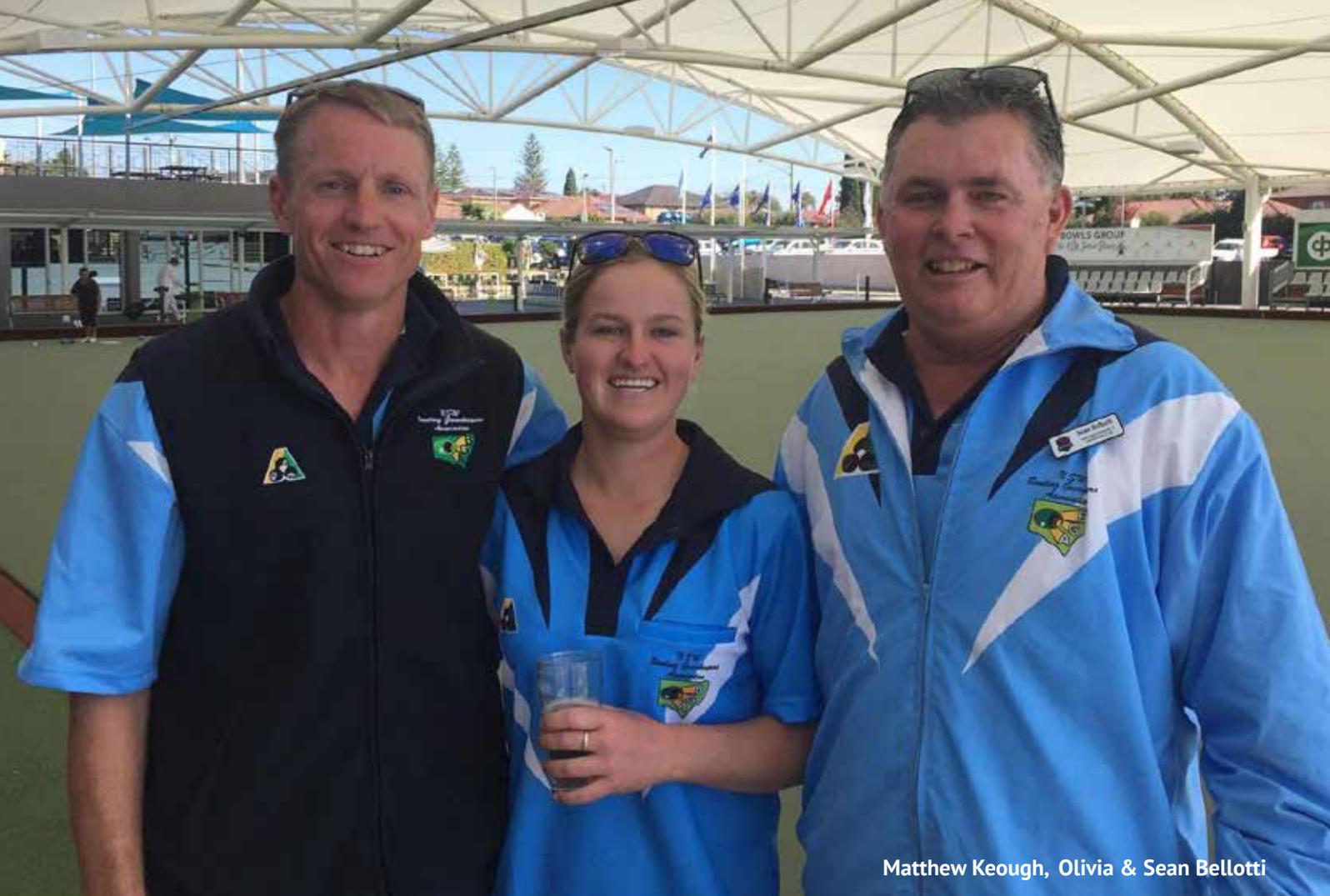
Olivia with Briana Graham



MYTH BUSTERS?

In the last month before an AGM a committee should go into caretaker mode.

Rubbish. Just rubbish. Anyone elected to a role within a club or district or at state level is elected for the full term. Nothing more to say on this.



Matthew Keough, Olivia & Sean Bellotti

tiring, especially in summer; however, seeing the change in myself is rewarding. And the reward of the playing surface we produce to our members and bowlers is unbelievable". It was inevitable that Lu would take up bowls after she acquired the job at Engadine. "One day I was having lunch and a lady by the name of Lynne Cole saw me watching her and trying to figure out how it all (bowls) worked; so I got on the green and put down a few bowls, mind you they were all in the ditch!" Olivia laughed.

At this time Engadine was keen to have Olivia and the other greenkeeping apprentices learn how to play bowls so they could gain a better understanding of what they were working towards. Since then Samantha and Natalie Noronha (both employees at Engadine Bowling Club) have been getting Olivia on the green more often. Ultimately this has led to training and purchasing her first set of bowls.

"From playing soccer and Oztag to now playing bowls is a big change and I do find the sport challenging at times, but the people I have met along the way and the mates I have made has all been worth it" says Olivia. "I have been playing for a year and 10 months and in this period of time I have played in many competitions and have had the opportunity to play in the grade 1s for pennants with a great team; I am forever grateful for the opportunity"

In 2019 Lu has won the Major Singles and Mixed Pairs along with District and Regional Pairs titles. Olivia was also selected to play in the Under 25s 6 aside event at Raymond Terrace as a Zone 13 representative.

So what next on the work and bowls front for Lu? "Work wise would include finishing my cert3 and beginning my diploma to learn more and help with the future for work and opportunities!"

Engadine has been a great help work wise and I see myself working there until the next step in my life comes up! But definitely a few more years at Engadine would be ideal! Bowls wise I will keep practicing and playing and hopefully I can get better at both playing and mentally! No one likes losing so hopefully a few more wins are on the horizon in the future!"

After achieving so much in such a short space of time you certainly would be backing against this Girl Greenkeeper!



Olivia in Sumo suit for a Charity Day

MEMBER FORUMS 2019

WHAT WENT DOWN?

WBNSW conducted several forums these past few months in Padstow, Wagga Wagga, Beresfield, Tuncurry, Kingscliff, Narooma, Orange and Tamworth. Here is a summary of the content of those discussions.

It was noted that membership numbers continue to decline but not to the extent that they had pre 2016. This trend is pleasing but we are still not satisfied. We cannot be certain of the reasons for fewer people leaving and it is not unique to lawn bowls but we'd like to think that the introduction of the Fixed Fee Model in 2017 as well as the new vibe for the Association had something to do with it. These things are very hard to measure. However, for all the benefits that we thought a fixed fee model brought us as a whole organisation, the membership requested us to return to a "per member" fee model. So, we brought our planned review period forward by a year. And fees had to be increased to keep up with our ever-increasing costs to run the business.

It was interesting to note that in past years, when the price of affiliation decreased, we continued to bleed big membership numbers. So cost was not the reason that people were leaving the sport. It was cheaper to be a member from 2010 to 2016 than it was in 2009, yet large membership losses continued. Had we increased our fees by just \$3 per year since 2009/10, we would be at a fee of \$81 pa per member now. It really is a cheap sport to play. Some have suggested that we should link our fees to the CPI or inflation, but no business does this or could afford to do this. The cost to run

the association is not decreasing. Costs such as insurance, staff wages, electricity, printing and stationery, BA fees, travel and accommodation and the myriad of other costs are ever increasing. Now the Board is looking to reduce our reliance on membership dollars over time, by diversifying our income streams. Our new sponsorship arrangements, our rental income from our additional property and income from ibowlonline, our merchandising arm are all attempts to make sure that all of our eggs do not end up in one basket.

AFFILIATION FEE REVIEW

The benefits of a fixed club fee were explained

- The opportunity for clubs to charge members as they saw fit
- The option to register as many people as liked for the one fixed amount
- The certainty of knowing what the annual fee would be from year to year and being able to plan ahead
- The option of having sponsors contribute to the fee and/or organising fundraising activities to meet it
- The ability to claim for hardship relief if a club had a bad year
- The ability to recruit members throughout the year and not have to pay per member fee to WBNSW

We received many requests to review the model and this coupled with an increase in financial relief issued to clubs, as well as a signed petition from over 1800 members from 97 clubs, requesting change back to a per member fee, proved there was motivation to review fixed fees.

A review of the model which was promised after 3 years was brought forward by a year and has since been delivered.

Fin Year	Club Fee	Member Fee	Member Totals	Numbers Lost	\$3 pa Increase	CPI	Results if based on CPI
2009/2010	\$50	\$48	26618		\$51	-0.4	\$45.66
2010/2011	\$50	\$40	25625	-993	\$54	1.6	\$46.39
2011/2012	\$50	\$40	24023	-1602	\$57	3.2	\$47.87
2012/2013	\$50	\$42	22651	-1372	\$60	2.1	\$48.88
2013/2014	\$50	\$45	21385	-1266	\$63	1.5	\$49.53
2014/2015	\$50	\$45	20283	-1102	\$66	1.6	\$50.32
2015/2016	\$75	\$46	18874	-1409	\$69	0.01	\$50.33
2016/2017	Sliding Scale	\$55	17683	-1191	\$72	1.3	\$50.97
2017/2018	Sliding Scale	Fixed Fees	16750	-933	\$75	2.1	\$50.97
2018/2019	Sliding Scale	Fixed Fees	15962*	-788*	\$78	2.2	\$53.19
2019/2020	\$75	\$60 & \$80			\$81		

NEW TIERED MEMBERSHIP

The new 2-tiered affiliation fee model of gold and silver membership benefits members in that:

- Gold membership is the comparable membership level to our traditional membership
- Silver level membership is the reduced value option (discount) offered as an alternative to those who do not want to play at the highest-level competitions (supporting grassroots players)
- Junior membership is free – to encourage them to start and stay in the game
- New members can try membership to WBNSW for free for their first year
- Players from clubs who maintain their membership levels will be rewarded with a 3.5% discount on their fees which is an inducement for clubs to keep recruiting so that we can limit membership losses.

Silver Membership \$60 yearly \$1.15 per week

Gold Membership \$80 yearly \$1.54 per week

However, we also recognised that not everybody wants to play bowls at the highest levels and some simply want to play club events or no longer play bowls at all but still want to be involved and vote on club issues.

Many of us have people just like this in our clubs. What was concerning for us was that some members were of the belief that everybody should pay for services that they choose not to use and that it was ok for members to put pressure on others to play bowls at levels where they did not feel comfortable. For these players, we decided to offer a discounted fee of \$60 to encourage them to stay with the Association.

We have received positive feedback, especially for some country clubs that this has helped them stay with the Association and the sport. However, as is their right, some clubs have opted to ensure that all of their members are Gold members and that's perfectly fine too. In addition, we were conscious that there still needed to be some incentive for clubs to continue to recruit and grow, hence the 3.5% discount to members of clubs who maintain or increase their membership numbers each year. Allowing juniors and new members to receive gold membership for free (1st year only for over 18s) is an initiative that has been applauded by other associations who see it as an innovative way to encourage younger people into our sport.

BOUNDARY REVIEW PROJECT

This has commenced but we are taking a slowly, slowly approach. For a number of reasons this project was necessary to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all members. The inconsistency between districts in terms of size, levels and types of competition, travel times and distances as well as other fees and charges meant that this review was long overdue. Will every district be impacted? No. However, if your district is included there will be plenty of consultation with any member of the district who would like to be involved and we will make sure that any changes to be implemented will marry up with district competitions and AGMs so that nobody is disadvantaged in any way. As a start we will be looking to make changes in the smallest and largest districts first. But we repeat, this project is planned for completion over several years of work, to ensure that any transition is as smooth and seamless as possible.

The implementation of the District Expenditure Policy, the Operational Procedures for Districts and the Roles and Responsibilities Handbook for Clubs and Districts, as well as this Boundary Review Project are all attempts by the Association to provide stability and structures to ensure that the services provided by our Districts are consistent across the state. And there is more to come.

CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of each Forum, we talked about the achievements over the past few years. Sometimes it's interesting to look back and realise just how far you have come and recognise and celebrate those improvements.

We also took time to acknowledge those wonderful ladies who 90 years ago in 1929 had the foresight to establish our Association and all of those in between who have been instrumental in making it successful. We thank them all sincerely.

OUR DISTRICT SITUATION

- Inconsistency – members don't experience the same service, competitions or treatment from one District to the next
- Volunteer Fatigue – we are increasingly seeing Districts not able to attract enough volunteers to function
- Closures – increased number closing, merging or seeking advice on winding up the District
- Size matters – fewer clubs lead to smaller districts which in turn is leading to less interest in competition. Larger Districts mean greater travel, longer competitions and more volunteer fatigue
- Ideal Size – We know from experience that Districts with between 8 & 14 clubs work most effectively when it comes to competition numbers and length, travel times and volunteer load spreading.
- Issues – We have Districts refusing to run events despite having entries, breaching the District Expenditure Policy by not providing their 6 monthly reports, \$1.3 million in District funds that is possibly at risk because reporting requirements are not being met

ACHIEVEMENTS

- New Consultative Processes – District Presidents Conference annually and Directors speaking personally with each District President over the phone at least every 2 months
- New Events – Summer League and Weekend Pennant now provide events for members who can't play at traditional times
- Current Events – Biggest Indoor & State Carnival ever with plans to live stream many State Finals
- Boundary Review Project – Providing consistency & greater equality
- Constitutional Review Project – Keeping our Association up to date with business expectations
- Affiliation Fee Review Project – completed as promised to assess the success of the fixed fee model
- New Database System – about to be delivered at a very substantial cost saving
- Revised Documents and Policies – Association Conditions of Play, District Expenditure Policy, District Operational Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities Handbook – to provide consistency and guidance to players, clubs and districts.
- New Revenue Streams – growing the business via alternative revenue (ibowlonline, rental income, etc)

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR SIDES



The Australian Senior Sides was played this year at Ettalong Bowls Club from 21st to the 24th October. Wins against Western Australia, Tasmania, ACT and Northern Territory saw our Senior Team finish 3rd on the ladder which was a great effort in defending the title they won last year.

Congratulations to Betty Herbertson and Beth Quinlan for their selection for Australia in the Over 60s Trans-Tasman Series which was announced at the end of Senior Sides. The 2019 Trans-Tasman event will be staged from November 25 to 27 at Club Helensvale, Broadbeach and Musgrave Hill Bowls Clubs on the Gold Coast.

MYTH BUSTERS?

District may decide not to participate in some State Events.

False – the main role of a District is to conduct State Events at a local level. Every State event will be offered by every District and should an entry be received; the event will be played. The District does not have the authority to decide whether a State event will be played or not, it is a core requirement of every district.



In the World of Women's Sport

Conducted by Gwen Varley

N.S.W. Women's Bowling Association



Celebrating 90 Years

The New South Wales Ladies' Bowling Association came into being at the instigation of Mrs. A Bourke of Western Suburbs Ladies' Bowling Club, who called a meeting on November 21, 1929.

The first five clubs to be affiliated were Balmain, Leichhardt, Rose Bay, Torpey Place and Western Suburbs.

Ninety years on Women's Bowls NSW has 415 clubs affiliated.

Over the next few pages we take you on a trip down memory lane with a brief history of the Association, a Tale of Two Bowlers and a look at the changes in our uniform from the beginning till now.

We also focus on one our founding members clubs: Leichhardt Bowling Club and in particular their 'oldest' member who has a great story to tell.

There are also congratulatory messages from our friend at Bowls NSW, Bowls Australia and our Patron Her



WBNSW 90TH ANNIVERSARY

MRS BUCHHEIT came in for a new and formal business suit. She is now playing for her club during the long winter season, which she says is the most enjoyable time of the year. She is also a member of the club's committee.

REGANON ON FORM Miss Reganon has just returned from the 1929-30 season. She is now playing for her club during the long winter season, which she says is the most enjoyable time of the year.

LEARNING TO SWIM Mrs. M. J. H. is now playing for her club during the long winter season, which she says is the most enjoyable time of the year. She is also a member of the club's committee.

HILLING PAIR Miss Hilling and Miss Hilling are now playing for their club during the long winter season, which they say is the most enjoyable time of the year.

REBEL COUNCIL The Rebel Council will convene the next time in order to discuss the new rules for the game. It is expected that the council will meet in the near future.

EXPERIENCED PLAYER Mrs. J. is now playing for her club during the long winter season, which she says is the most enjoyable time of the year. She is also a member of the club's committee.

MANY people believe that there is a possibility of a new game being introduced in the near future. It is expected that the new game will be played in the near future.

The ball in 21 inches long, with a diameter of 2 1/2 inches. It is made of rubber and is used in the game of tennis. The ball is used in the game of tennis.

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LINDSAY BROS' VIGORO TEAM



Members of the Lindsay Bros' Vigoro team, who are showing marked improvement in their game this season.

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Mrs. A. M. Burt

STATE ASSOCIATION FORMED

THE N.S.W. Ladies' Bowling Association has now formed a State Association. It is expected that the new game will be played in the near future.

KEN. "A" WIN COMPETITION

THE Ken. "A" Win Competition is now being held. It is expected that the new game will be played in the near future.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

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THRILLS!

A series of thrilling events are now being held. It is expected that the new game will be played in the near future.

HISTORY OF NSW WOMENS BOWLING ASSOCIATION

WOMEN'S BOWLS NSW STATE PRESIDENTS

1929 – 1930	—	Mrs Alma Bourke
1930 – 1933	—	Mrs Lucy Law
1933 – 1958	—	Mrs Naomi Wolinski (MBE)
1958 – 1961	—	Mrs Sylvia Mogford
1961 – 1963	—	Mrs Glad Pattison
1963 – 1966	—	Mrs Edith Luscombe
1966	—	Mrs Vera Bennett
1966 – 1969	—	Mrs Esmá Dries
1969 – 1972	—	Mrs Bea Vincent
1972 – 1975	—	Mrs Ethel Knox
1975 – 1978	—	Mrs Lorna Atkinson (BEM)
1978 – 1981	—	Mrs Dot Ogle
1981 – 1984	—	Mrs Jean McKinnon
1984 – 1987	—	Mrs Dorothy Johnson (OAM)
1987 – 1990	—	Mrs Mimi Frost (OAM)
1990 – 1993	—	Mrs June Cutting
1993 – 1996	—	Mrs Joy Surrey
1996 – 1999	—	Mrs Joyce Jones
1999 – 2002	—	Mrs Lenore Dunn
2002 – 2005	—	Mrs Nancy Pope
2005 – 2008	—	Mrs Tricia Part
2008 – 2011	—	Mrs Jewel Buchanan
2011 – 2013	—	Mrs Patricia Reynolds
2013 – 2016	—	Mrs Robyn Proctor
2016	—	Mrs Beryl Watson
2016 – 2019	—	Mrs Maryann Parcell
2019 –	—	Mrs Pam Andrich

1929	New South Wales Ladies Bowling Association formed First five affiliated clubs Balmain, Leichhardt, Rose Bay, Torpey Place and Western Suburbs
1930	Selection, Pennant (renamed match) and Entertainment (renamed social) committees formed. First year Pennant, State Singles and State Pairs played
1932	Name of Association altered from 'Ladies Bowling Association' to the 'New South Wales -Women's Bowling Association'.
1938	1st Life Member Mrs Naomi Wolinski
1939	1st Country Week Carnival (later renamed to State Carnival in 1967) State Affiliation Badge was designed with blue ribbon background with the gold letters N.S.W.W.B.A
1948	Bowls News (renamed Journal) committee formed
1956	Umpire Committee formed
1958	Headquarters fund for voluntary donations opened
1960	Purchase of property at Bellevue Hill from which the Association operated. The building was sold in 1963
1964	First year State Triples played
1965	First year State Fours played Rules Revision and Historian Committees formed
1978	Meritorious Service Badges introduced originally for 5 years' service
1981	Association move to property purchased at 309 Pitt Street, Sydney
1986	Coaching Committee formed
1993	Meritorious Service Badge for 12 years introduced
2007	Affiliation badge changed to membership card
2008	Meritorious Service Badge changed to 3 and 10 years
2014	Logo changed after State run competition
2017	Sold Pitt Street Property Logo refresh
2018	Veterans Badge changed to Member Service Badge Association moved to property purchased at 289 King Street, Mascot

History of the Golden Hind poem by Sue Everett

Have you a husband, they would say
 Oh how sad, that he passed away
 But the rules to bowl here, I must let you know
 Are we don't accept single ladies, including widows

This was a time, way back when
 Rules were made and you guessed it by men
 The injustice and unfairness, was plain to see
 Women needed a club and their own committee
 It took a year, but the committee was strong
 September 1968, saw them right a wrong
 On borrowed greens, the club was born
 The Golden Hind, now officially formed

Two years later, on a grant of land
 They transformed a paddock, where a club house now stands
 Survived a disastrous fire and financial distress
 Beating the odds, is what the Golden Hind does best
 For women ONLY, no matter your status in life
 Be you single, a mother, or someone's wife

The Golden Hind has become our home away from home
 Where you make lovely friends and never fell alone

It is the friendship of bowls that forever shines through
 And now, on our 50th with the club going great
 We sit together, and have cause to celebrate
 So raise your glasses and let us all say
 To The Golden Hind, HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY
 Now just as a footnote, if you don't already know
 We were named after a ship, from a few hundred years ago
 Captained by Sir Francis Drake, The Golden Hind was to be feared

Legend has it, as the Spanish Armada drew near.
 Drake a fellow bowler, held in revere
 Rolled his last bowl down, to win the end
 Then destroyed the Armada, or so it is penned
 If your our opponent, you may well shake at our name
 For we hold to the tradition, of winning the game!

MYTH BUSTERS?

Districts are Associations in their own right.

Districts are and remain a function of the Association. Whilst some Districts may have incorporated themselves and therefore are a legal entity, they only operate as Districts at the approval of WBNSW. Those Districts which are incorporated are not covered under the Association insurances and the Executive of the Districts have a fiduciary duty and legal responsibilities to that Association. Should an incorporated District cease to be, either by choice or at the decision of the Association, they will still be a legal entity under law however not a recognised district in the Association.



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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES



On behalf of the board and staff of Bowls Australia, I am pleased to extend our congratulations to Women's Bowls New South Wales on celebrating this significant milestone of 90 years in existence.

Women's Bowls NSW has achieved much success in the Australian bowls community, often leading the way on the green.

Founded 90 years ago with just five clubs, to boast more than 415 women's bowling clubs in the state is a terrific accomplishment.

Much has changed in that time, from the organisation's name to its location and many other facets, but one thing has remained constant across that time – the ongoing commitment and dedication to the betterment of bowls in New South Wales and Australia.

Women's Bowls NSW has produced some of our country's great bowlers, with five current day female Jackaroos hailing from New South Wales.

Boasting more than 15,000 members, we look forward to seeing those numbers continue to climb as we collectively try and appeal to more women and girls in NSW to become involved in our great sport.

I wish all involved with Women's Bowls NSW sincere congratulations on their 90th anniversary.

Darryl Clout
President - Bowls Australia

2019 has been many things and a troll back through news or commentaries over the past months would no doubt confound us if we actually took stock of what has managed to take place in this world in this short span. But amidst this melange, is the attainment of the 90th anniversary of Women's Bowls NSW.

I think it is important to take a moment to acknowledge that milestone, no small achievement in our brave new world of instant gratification, virtual reality and disposability. That an organisation has been striving to sustain its members' needs and those of our beloved sport says something about the fortitude and dedication of the team at WBNSW. Congratulations to all charged with this responsibility right down through the years and into the stewardship of the current Board and CEO on reaching 90 years. This is a wonderful achievement.

If I may quote Florence Nightingale, whose writings transcend more than nursing, "Live your life while you have it. Life is a splendid gift. There is nothing small in it." So, let's play bowls large and appreciate each moment splendidly. Who knows what the next 90 years will bring? And who knows how the sport of lawn bowls will evolve? But we join with our counterparts at WBNSW to celebrate this first 90 years and wish all the very best in the years ahead.

And a 'like' on the new look Bowls Matters. Not only full of good stuff but easy on the eye.

Vince Beard
President - Bowls NSW



A TALE OF TWO BOWLERS

As Women's Bowls NSW celebrates its 90th year we take a look at two lady bowlers at two very different stages of their bowls careers. Gwyneth Bowley, aged 88 years, is a current member of Clovelly Bowling Club in the Eastern Suburbs District and Taylor De Greenlaw, aged 12 years, currently a member of the Neutral Bay Bowling in the North Shore District.

Taylor and Gwyneth's love of the game has certainly shone through in both of their stories although they have vastly differing backgrounds. It is great to see after 90 years of Women's Bowls in NSW that although certain traditions have changed the sports foundation is still one built on friendship, competition and comradery.

“ AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THEIR VASTLY DIFFERING STORIES
OUR SPORT CERTAINLY IS A GAME FOR ALL AGES!

TAYLORS STORY

Taylor was born on 12th October 2007, so she is just over 12 years old. She took up the game when she was 10 and a half and immediately loved it! She took up the game through the influence of her grandparents and parents who all play out of the Neutral Bay Club.

"I love the sport and you can play whether you are 5 or 105" says Taylor.

She was asked once if she minds playing with older people, to which she replied

"Not at all! I now have 37 grandmothers/aunties/mothers who will treat me, spoil me and look out for me!"

Taylor is often either rolling up or playing in a match up to four to five times per week (in winter it's more like two to three times per week) at Neutral Bay showing her keen

competitive nature. She will also be seen at Mosman Bowling Club before she starts school in the mornings!

Taylor loves rolling up on a Thursday afternoon at the Neutral Bay Club and then stays at the club for the raffles. She recently played in the Under 18 State Championships for pairs and fours and she was allowed to press the button on the raffle machine in a celebration of her great efforts.

Taylor attends Wenona School in North Sydney and is very lucky that the school and Principal Dr Scott is are very supportive of students who wish to pursue sports. The school recently allowed Taylor to be absent from school in order to play for the Lower North Shore District (LNSWB) in the Jean McKinnon Shield.

Her team was successful, and Taylor was made to feel very special by all the ladies present and as she was the youngest person ever to be selected and play in the Jean McKinnon Shield was given a trophy to take home! The Wenona School put her great achievement on the Schools Instagram page.

In the short time that Taylor has been playing she has certainly started to make her mark. In 2018 she was selected for City vs Country at the tender age of 10. At age 11 she was the runner up in the Girls Under 18 Singles and was the highest placed female in the annual Drakes Pride Junior Carnival. Also, this year she was a semi-finalist in the District Open Fours and the Zone 9 Junior Pairs and Fours Winner.

GWYNETHS STORY

After a social game of bowls at Bundanoon Bowling Club whilst on holidays in May 1955, Gwyneth joined the newly formed Mortdale Women's Bowling Club (WBC) as a foundation member in September 1955 aged 25 years. In 1956 she won the Club's first Major Singles and was the Hon. Secretary of Mortdale WBC from 1956-58. In September 1957 Gwyneth organised the inaugural meeting to form the Peakhurst (WBC) and was elected Peakhurst WBC Foundation President 1957-1958, as an associate member only, as she was a full member of Mortdale WBC and holding office of Honorary Secretary at the same time.

The 1950's was a time of expansion for new Bowling Clubs and Mrs N Wolinski, President of the NSW Women's Bowling Association, ruled that Gwyneth was the last founding President to hold these positions at the same time. She resigned as Honorary Secretary of Mortdale WBC in May 1958. From 1958 - September 1962 she was a full member of

Mortdale WBC and an associate member of Peakhurst WBC.

"From the middle 1950s to the end of the 1960 a retired couple, Mr & Mrs Dawson, converted there long suburban Narwee back yard into a lawn bowls practice rink which could be hired at a reasonable cost. So as very keen, new Mortdale WBC bowlers, eight of us played there from 1pm to 4pm every Saturday afternoon for several years." recalls Gwyneth

In September 1962 Gwyneth transferred to the newly formed all women's bowling club, The Elizabethan, at West Botany Street, Rockdale. This women's club had 400 members and three greens. Her mother, Harriet Thompson was a foundation member and my brother, John Thompson, designed the impressive circular designed brick clubhouse overlooking the three greens and the gardens. Gwyneth at this time had returned to full time teaching. The Elizabethan had four playing

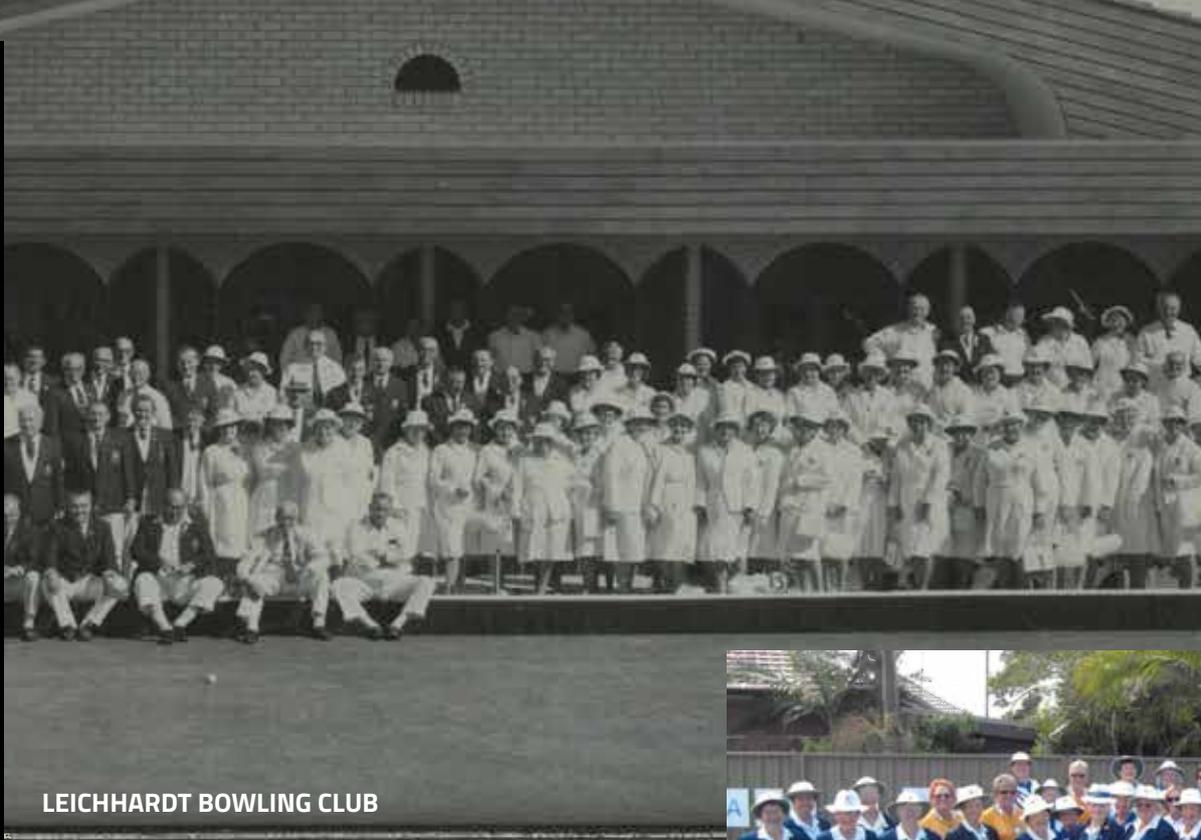
days: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and all-day Sunday and of course school holidays which suited Gwyneth. She was a member of Elizabethan WBC from 1962 - 1994 and on the closure of Elizabethan WBC, she transferred to Bronte WBC in May 1994.

Gwyneth became President of Bronte WBC from 1995 -1996 and Bowls Organiser for nine years 1997 - 2006. Having retired from full time teaching she was able to play in club championships which she enjoyed immensely and won a fair few! Gwyneth was also the skip in the Bronte team that won the No. 4 Pennant Flag in 1998 and the No.3 Pennant Flag in 2013.

As a member of the NSW Women Bowlers Past Presidents Association Gwyneth continues to be an interested member of WBNSW and since 2013 has been a member of the Clovelly Women's Bowling Club.

HISTORY OF LEICHHARDT BOWLING CLUB

BOWLING CLUB



LEICHHARDT BOWLING CLUB



A subscription of 10 shillings and sixpence with 1 shilling per month for club funds

Leichhardt WBC was formed on 9th November 1925 and was one of the pioneer clubs to open in NSW together with Torpey Place WBC (now disbanded) Balmain WBC (now disbanded) Five Dock Park Rose Bay WBC (now disbanded)

The subscription was ten shillings and sixpence (10/6) with one shilling (1/-) per month for club funds. The original clubhouse was a tin shed in one corner of the present site and in 1927 the lady's membership totalled 40.

Since 1931 Leichhardt WBC has been winning events the first being the A Grade Pennants (now known as the No. 1 Pennants) repeating this in 1936/7, 1937/8, 1957/8 and 1958/9. The club has also won the No. 2 and No. 3 Pennants at District level and has played in the State play-offs.

In 1944 Leichhardt moved a motion that white stockings be worn for all Association fixtures, which was passed, and in 1959 ladies "Christian" names were permitted on name badges in lieu of Miss or Mrs. In January 1964 the club purchased land occupied by the Lurnia hospital, then a hostel, and in 1971 after demolition of the earlier buildings our current clubhouse and greens were born.

Leichhardt WBC has had many fine bowlers. One especially well-known lady was Tup Dorothy Honeybone. Tup won championships at all levels, including the State Singles, the Champion of Champions three times and the Club's Major Singles an impressive thirty times. Others worthy of mention were D. Gibbons, L Liney and J Hector. Tup was the first lady in the State to have the honour of a green named after a woman. Leichhardt WBC was the first to fly both the NSWWBA and NSWRBA flags together from the same flagpole during its 50th celebrations.



85th Birthday Leichardt WBC 7TH NOV 2010

And while we celebrate firsts, Marie Taunton was the Foundation President of the City West District Women's Bowling Association.

Years ago, the ladies were obliged to prepare afternoon tea for the gentlemen on Saturday afternoons and were only allowed to play bowls on Tuesdays. Today the ladies play mixed bowls and play almost anytime they wish to. They have a good relationship with the men.

Leichhardt still contests the Bayside Shield with Five Dock Park (the other clubs in this local competition have since closed) and donations given by the two clubs go to Bowls For Others, this has been happening for over 30 years.

Leichhardt WBC will continue onwards and hopefully more achievements will come its way in the future. After 85 years the club membership still stands at 40.

HISTORY OF BOWLS UNIFORMS



State President

The State President was empowered to approach any lady bowler to be in unsuitable attire and may be asked to leave. White or cream must only be worn, including beads.

1934



Night Headwear

Hats may be removed while playing night bowls.

1964



Frocks

White sports frocks with belt or white shirtmaker no more than 15" from the ground. Stockings must be mini beige - some stockings, especially support, were too dark.

1973



Slacks Unsuitable

No slacks are to be worn on the bowling green, skirts and frocks are much more suitable.

1975



Affiliation Badges

Affiliation hat badge, club name and badges of office must not be shown when appearing on television.

1981

1945

White, long sleeve dresses, 13" from ground. White stockings on all occasions. No coloured buttons, handkerchiefs, ornaments, earrings or dusters.



Dress Measurement

1966

Plain sleepers only allowed. Ornate earrings not allowed.



Ornate Earrings

1974

Uniforms must be worn by members attending kitchen duty. Officials attending a meeting before or after bowls must be in uniform. Blazers are white with Association badges



Uniform Rules

1977

Correct bowling slips must be worn under transparent bowling frocks to prevent undue criticism of the uniform. Small gold studs only approved.



Bowling Slips



Affiliated women must wear uniform even when playing with men in street. Bracelets or necklets if the

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JEANETTES STORY



Jeanette was born on 4 September 1936 at Waverly, Sydney – so she is around 83. Jeanette is married with one son who is now 60 and is the Australian Ambassador in the Philippines. Jeanette was educated at St George Girls High School and taught at several schools in Sydney including Killara High School for many years. In 1988, Jeanette was appointed the Deputy Principal at Narooma High School where she played a key role in re-establishing the school after it burned down in a fire. Jeanette retired at the end of 1990 and in 2000 she and her husband relocated back to Sydney to settle in Balmain.



Jeanette was affiliated into women's bowls in 1987 when she joined the Hornsby Bowling Club. Apparently, in those days you could not join the women's club until you had been given 10 lessons by one of the coaches from the men's bowling club – with the entire first lesson devoted to rolling the jack. Given Jeanette's active life (high school teacher and wife and mother) her involvement in the Hornsby Club was limited. In 1988, Jeanette joined the Narooma Club and played bowls on weekends.

Post her retirement in late 1990 (due to her husband's ill health), Jeanette

had more time to devote to bowls - becoming secretary of the club in 1991 notwithstanding that, according to Jeanette, she had very little understanding of what the position involved. Jeanette became an umpire in 1993 – a role she performed for 26 years.

When Jeanette and her husband relocated back to Sydney in 2000, she wanted to join her lovely local bowling club. Unfortunately, Jeanette then discovered that the women's club at Balmain had closed and that the remaining women bowlers from the now closed women's club had, the previous year, joined Leichhardt. So, Jeanette then joined LWBC which at that point had around 40 active bowlers. Again, taking an active role in the Club, Jeanette first became a selector, then Chair of Match in 2005, then Treasurer in 2012. Jeanette is still the club's treasurer.

In talking with Jeanette about changes in women's bowls the biggest seem to be the shrinking membership numbers, the change in demographics and the changes in uniforms. When Jeanette joined in 1988, the rules around uniforms were still highly regulated and Jeanette was criticised a few times for minor uniform infringements (pleat in a frock, hat not on correctly etc). "Even when I joined the all-women's bowling club, Elizabethan, in the early 1990s, approval needed to be sought

from "Head Office", accompanied by a doctor's certificate, to be allowed to bowl without wearing the requisite mini beige panty hose under my white bowls frock" says Jeanette

The women's club at Leichhardt is fairly typical of the clubs in the inner parts of Sydney. Our numbers have declined greatly from averaging 90 until 1985 – they are now down to 13 active members which is a bit limiting in terms of competition within the club. "After my experience at Dalmeny where the men and women played together, it was a surprise to discover that the women and men rarely joined in mixed bowls. This has changed completely in the last 5 years under President Marie Senico as endorsed by our new members uniforms"

Jeanette credits a lot of positive change at Leichardt to their forward-thinking President and hopes to see the sport in general begin to move forward in a positive way that will encourage active members.

<p>Matching Scarf Only fine white or yellow gold earrings permitted. NSW Travelling uniform consisting of a blue frock, junior navy blazer with State badge and a scarf in the same colours as the badge. Maternity frocks only pattern approved.</p> <p>1988</p>	<p>Hat Etiquette Can be removed in the clubhouse but must be worn when NSWBA representatives are in attendance.</p> <p>1990</p>	<p>Television Appearance Optional for office bearers and club members to wear uniforms at all meetings. Affiliation hat badge, club name and badges of office must be removed when appearing on television.</p> <p>1998</p>	<p>Bowls Logo Bowls Australia Logo to be worn on uniforms from 2007.</p> <p>2003</p>	<p>Club Logo Sponsor's, manufacturer's and club logos may be used on all garments.</p> <p>2016</p>
<p>1986 Members must play in mixed games wearing in mixed games clothes. Medical alert permitted to be worn member had approval</p> <p>Medical Alerts</p>	<p>1989 State Reps would wear Junior navy blazers with NSWBA hat band when travelling but not during play. Retiring members could continue to wear the blazer, with year of service on pocket</p> <p>State Reps</p>	<p>1997 No shorts allowed at State Play-offs. The Association badge must be worn at all times, pinned centre front of the hat or eye shade immediately above the band. Club name must not be obscured.</p> <p>Short Play-offs</p>	<p>2000 Coloured bowls approved except for white or yellow. Neat casual attire allowed for use in all form of club organized social bowls "in order to rectify declining membership".</p> <p>Coloured Bowls</p>	<p>2008 Umpires shirt of pink and navy, was made compulsory for all women umpires in NSW to wear white umpiring.</p> <p>Umpire Shirts</p>



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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Message from
Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC
Governor of New South Wales

Congratulations to Women's Bowls NSW on your 90th anniversary.

After being founded in 1929, the inaugural meeting of what was then known as the New South Wales Ladies' Bowling Association involved 13 clubs and 216 official members. How amazed those founding women would be to know that their organisation has gone from strength-to-strength with Women's Bowls NSW now involving more than 15,800 members from 415 women's bowling clubs around NSW.

As your proud Patron, I reflect on the connection, camaraderie and community that has been fostered through the game over these past 90 years. How many wonderful friendships have been built on a bowling green across our State over these years, whether in a relaxed game or in the heat of competition!

Enjoy this special anniversary. It is an extraordinary achievement worthy of celebration.

Your Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC
Governor of New South Wales



Advertise with Women's Bowls NSW

Women's Bowls NSW has approximately 16, 000 members with an age range of members from 8 to 108!

We currently have a range of publications and social media sites which all offer a way to advertise to not only our current membership but to all bowls clubs across NSW.

Bowls Matters

Bowls Matters is our printed magazine that is currently sent to all members and NSW Bowling Clubs. It is printed twice yearly in May and November. This year Bowls Matters has received a well-deserved facelift. It will be bigger, fresher and more modern while still including all the current favourite regular items. The newly designed Bowls Matters will be straining to give you access to all aspects of our great game and bowls community with more focused articles and in-depth features.

Roll-Up

Roll-Up is our e-newsletter that is sent twice monthly on a Friday to all WBNSW subscribers.

Clubhouse News

Clubhouse News is our e-newsletter that is sent on the last Friday of every month to all club and district secretaries as well as Bowls Coordinators.

Social Media

Women's Bowls NSW had 2 Facebook accounts, Twitter and Instagram. Advertising on these mediums will be considered on a case by case basis.

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