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Tanunda Bowls Club News

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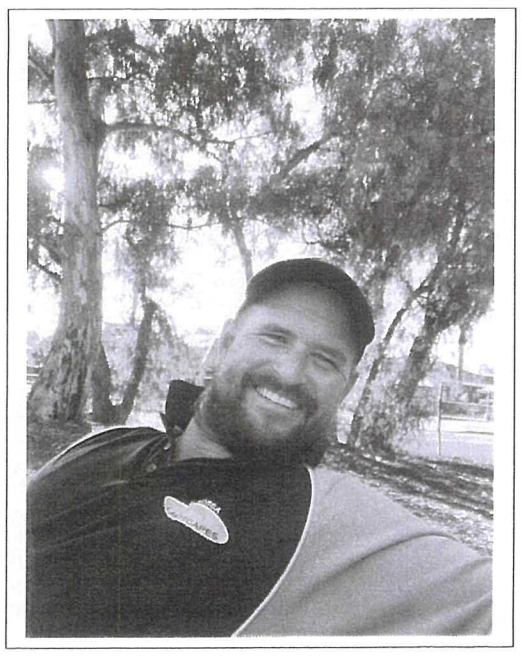
AGM Update

Our meeting held on 3 May at 2:00pm was another productive and positive gathering for the club. Members engaged well throughout the session, and the afternoon Tea that followed was warmly received and enjoyed by all in attendance.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the club's success over the past year. Your commitment, enthusiasm, and ongoing support have shaped the club into what it is today. The dedication shown by our entire team has been truly outstanding.

We would also like to give special recognition to **Sharyn Burgemeister** for her exceptional leadership as Club President over the past two years. Her tireless effort, guidance, and unwavering dedication have been deeply valued and have left a lasting impact on our club community.

We are pleased to welcome the old and new members stepping into their roles this year. We look forward to the fresh ideas, energy, and commitment they will bring, and we wish each of them every success in the year ahead.



Welcome to this issue of the Tanunda Times, your friendly wrap-up of what's happening on and off the green. Each update brings together club news, event highlights, upcoming activities, and the moments that make our community special.
Please see Beck if you want something added.

Tanunda Bowling Club since 1923

Vice President's

Darryl Grear & Rebecca Pech (Beck)

Secretary

Murray Menzal

President Monthly Report

By Bradley Pech

Good day, my fellow bowlers. Before we get into the serious stuff, allow me a moment of shameless celebration: thank you for electing me as your President — unanimously, no less. I promise to honour all my pre-election promises with the same commitment and consistency that politicians are world-renowned for... so adjust expectations accordingly.

The Board has confirmed our team nominations for the upcoming season: four Saturday teams — one in each division — along with three Thursday afternoon teams (one Division 1 and two Division 2), plus one Thursday morning team. A big thank-you to everyone who returned their forms promptly; it made this decision far easier than selecting the right weight on a windy day.

If you're interested in becoming a selector for any of these teams, please complete a selector form and hand it in sooner rather than later. The Board will then select the selectors — yes, it's as official as it sounds.

We've also spotted a few new faces wandering around the club. If you see someone you don't recognise, go over, say hello, and make them feel welcome. After all, today's stranger could be tomorrow's teammate... or the person who politely pretends not to notice when your bowl takes a scenic detour into the next rink.

As winter rolls in, I hope you're all keeping warm, staying healthy, and resisting the urge to hibernate until September. But if you feel like sharpening those bowls skills — or proving you haven't forgotten which side the bias is on, you can always pop down for a roll. And if you're feeling extra brave, you can even try your hand at winter bowls. It's just like regular bowls, only colder, slipperier, and with far more opportunities to blame the weather for absolutely everything.

COSMO 4's

Sunday 23rd August

Please let Peter Baverstock know if you want to enter a team.

Please let the event committee know if you can help on the day

Barrier Pairs

"Good Mates, Good Bowls, Good Weekend"

Good Luck to all that are making the trip to Broken Hill for the June Long weekend.

Upcoming Birthdays

"Happy Birthday"

June

Harry Sykes 3rd
Richard Doecke 11th
Brian Hoklas 14th
John Moore 15th
Janet Stephenson 20th

Presentation Day Wrap up

Our Presentation Afternoon was a great success, with plenty of smiles, good company, and fantastic food enjoyed by all.
A number of well-deserved awards were presented throughout the event, recognising the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our members over the season.
Congratulations to all those who received an award. Your commitment to the club and to the sport is truly appreciated, and it was wonderful to celebrate your efforts together.

Mixed Pair's Champions

Neil & Meredith Stewart

Men's Pairs Champions

Bradley & David Pech

Men's Pairs Champion Runner Up

Ian Graetz & Brenton Phillips

President's Award

Peter 'Sputty' Giersch

Mixed Pairs Champion
Runner Up

Jeff Garrett & Sharyn Burgemeister

The inaugural "THE JUG" award

Darryl Grear & Brian Hoklas. Absent Keith Ward

Ladies Singles Champion

Sue Yates

Men's Single Champion

Jeff Garrett

Ladies Pair's Champions

Sue Yates & Sharyn Burgemeister

Ladies Singles Runner-Up

Sharyn Burgemeister

Men's Single Champion Runner up
Keith Ward Absent

Ladies Pair's Champion Runner-Up's
Marilyn Taylor & Elly Milne Absent

2 Bowls Runner Up

Ian Graetz

100 Up Runner UP

Neil Stewart

2 Bowls Champion

Peter Baverstock

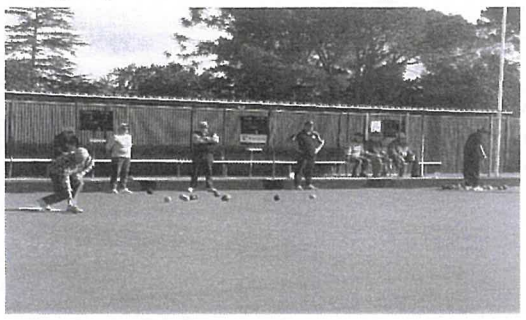
(Absent)

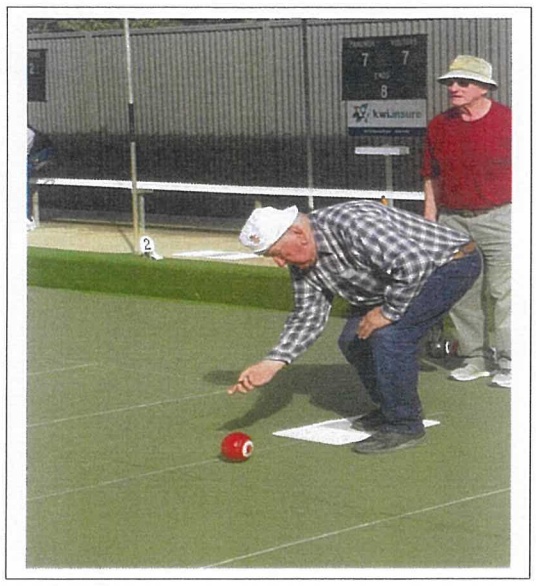
100 Up Champion

Peter Baverstock (Absent)

Winter Bowls season has arrived.....

Rug up and come along!





The Winter Bowls season is officially upon us, and it's the perfect time to rug up, pour a glass of red, and enjoy some friendly competition on the green. We welcome all players—regulars, newcomers, and visitors—to come down and have a roll.

Winter Bowls is a fantastic way to shake off the winter blues, stay active, and enjoy great company with bowlers from Tanunda and surrounding clubs. Feel free to bring along a friend or two; the more the merrier.

Our bar will be open and fully stocked, offering an excellent selection of Barossa wines to complement your afternoon on the green. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing another enjoyable winter season together

Barmera BOWLING CLUB

2026 SPRING CARNIVAL

Saturday /Sunday

5th & 6th September, 2026

SATURDAY - OPEN MEDLEY FOURS

4s x 2 GAMES (1 X 12, 1 X 10ENDS,

1 GAME PAIRS - 16 ENDS SHARED (2 X 8 EACH).

LUNCH AFTER 1ST GAME OF 12 ENDS

LATE SATURDAY - after presentations

KNOCKOUT EVENT!!

$10/head. Total Entry fees given as prizes

SATURDAY NIGHT MEALS

Jimmy's Cruisin' Kitchen will be avail. (see facebook)

SUNDAY - 3 GAMES OF FOURS

1 GAME X 12 ends, LUNCH, 2GAMES X 10 ends

9.30AM FOR 10.00AM START (BOTH DAYS)

LUNCH & AFTER GAME SNACKS INCLUDED

$120 PER TEAM UNIFORMS PLEASE

Sunday Breakfast: Bacon & Eggs $5.00/serve

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Get to know me.....

Harry Sykes

Newcomer Harry has quickly made his presence felt at the Tanunda Bowling Club, arriving with a spirited personality and a bowls résumé that stretches back decades. His sharp humour and easy storytelling have already turned heads.

Since settling into club life, Harry has embraced Tanunda with genuine enthusiasm, describing his early weeks as some of the most enjoyable of his long sporting journey. Standing just off the sidelines is his wife, his most devoted supporter, who has meticulously documented each chapter of his career – a personal archive that reflects both pride and partnership.

For Tanunda, Harry's arrival adds not just experience, but colour, character and a sense of history that enriches the club's growing community.

How did you first get into lawn bowls?

Through the Life be in it, I was walking past after an back injury and thought I would try it and the rest is history.

1. A Tip for new bowlers
   Be happy and Enjoy it.
2. What's your most memorable moment on the green?
   "I have had so many" Winning the Singles when he had to qualify and during qualifying he had his arm in a sling at Shepperton.
3. Do you have a hobby outside of bowls?
   Fishing on his boat and staying at the River.
4. Red, White, Sparkling or Beer?
   Red – Rich and Smooth
5. If you were a Bowl, what colour would you be?
   Blue – which symbolizes calmness, trust, Loyalty, wisdom and creativity

Do you know the answer?

Question:

In a game of fours, if two players from the same team accidentally deliver bowls out of turn and the error is discovered after both bowls have come to rest, what is the correct ruling according to the Laws of the Sport?

The answer will be revealed in the next edition.

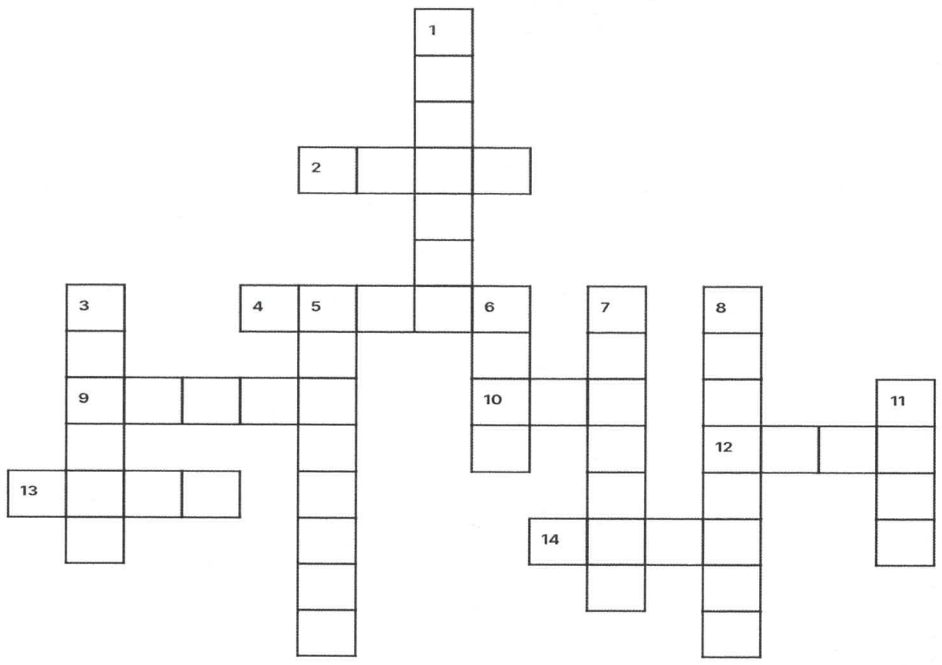
Lawn Bowls Fact of the month

The sport is over 700 years old

Lawn bowls dates back to the 1200s, making it older than golf, tennis, and even Shakespeare.

Crossword

LAWN BOWLS



Crossword

LAWN BOWLS

Across

2. The small white target ball *(4)*

4. A game format with two players per team *(5)*

9. The surface the game is played on *(5)*

10. what bird is incorporated into the name night bowls *(3)*

12. The area where the jack may legally land *(4)*

13. The curved path a bowl takes *(4)*

14. The player who delivers the first bowl *(4)*

Down

1. A bowl that touches the jack during its course *(7)*

3. what is the Tanunda bowls mascot *(6)*

5. How often is the AGM held? *(8)*

6. The term for a bowl that is closest to the jack *(4)*

7. The action of rolling a bowl towards the jack *(7)*

8. What day is midweek bowls played? *(8)*

11. The person who directs play in a team *(4)*

Brad Jokes

Joke's of the month

'Young Ben and his friends went to the local swimming pool for the afternoon. They were plating around as kids do when the lifeguard shouted at Ben, "Hey, Kid, you're not allowed to pee in the pool!"
But everyone pees in the pool, Ben Responded.
"Maybe so kid," said the lifeguard " but not from the high diving board"'

What do you call a Magician that loses it Magic?

Ian

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity.

It's impossible to put down.

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Winter bowls: where the bowls stay warm... because you're holding them for dear life.