



Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club

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From the President



President's Message

Bowls is definitely back at Cloey after such long disruptions with COVID and seemingly endless wet weather. No 2 green was a great sight on 5 June with the 2 bowls triples social competition carpeted with uniforms. Pity some of us, myself included, did not fully appreciate the importance of only playing 2 bowls so we can get to lunch on time. Lesson learnt. The combined Bowls/Bocce day in March was also a great success.

Both the Women's and Men's Clubs are fielding two teams in this year's Pennants competitions, another very welcome and positive sign along with all the Club competition matches completed or underway and the coaching drills happening.

Particular congratulations to the Women's Club with our 4's team competing in the NSW State Finals in Tamworth. Given the representative nature of this event, costs were shared equally by the Women's Club, the Registered Club and the Bruce Hockey Bequest.

Not to be outdone Bocce membership remains solid and the Mothers' Day lunch was a tremendous success both socially and financially.

In addition, Probus social group meetings continue to be very well attended with a range of activities undertaken.

A Community Building Partnership Grant application for \$65,000 was submitted recently to fund works for the Kiosk. Whilst there can be no 100% guarantee of success we have every reason to be optimistic given that both the Development Application and Construction Certificates have been approved, and the Randwick Council is supportive along with the office of Marjorie O'Neill MLA.

In spite of COVID and extraordinary weather the Club's financial position remains secure due to the hard work of Board members over many years including Peter Featon, Gary Sant and Brett Fisher. The Board hopes to have the Kiosk operational by the coming summer and will undoubtedly help to grow the Club's financial position.

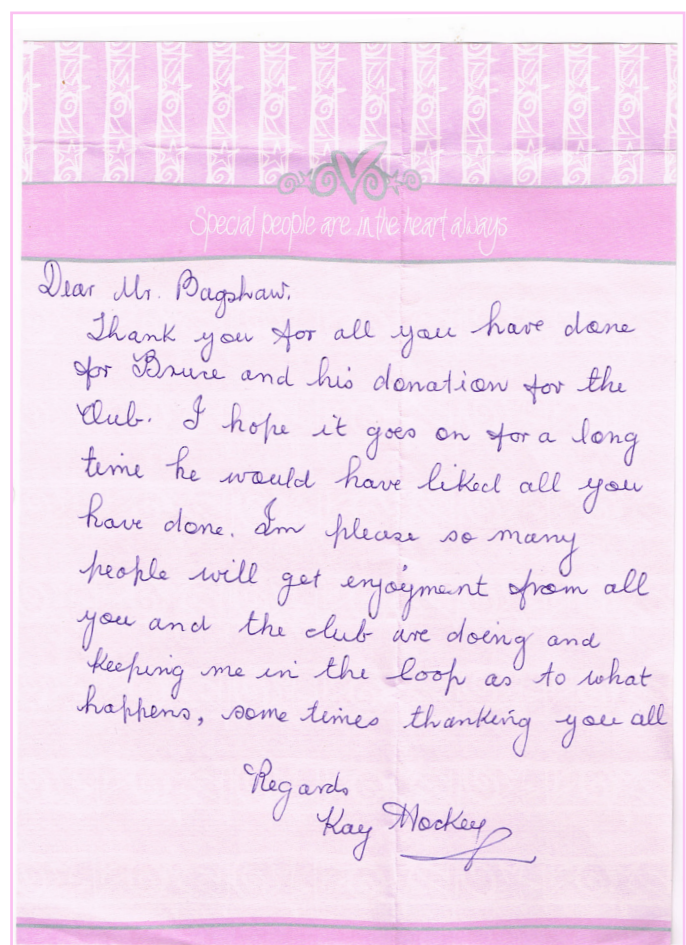
As many of you are aware the Board recently completed recruitment for a General Manager position. Matt Kelly will take up the position on Monday 18 July, 2022. Matt is Vice President of the Alexandria/Erskineville Bowling Club and has had a long involvement with Bowls, has worked in the hospitality industry for at least 20 years and has substantial management experience. Matt will be taking up many administrative responsibilities previously carried out by the Board enabling the Board to focus on more

significant long term initiatives to support this Club and Bowls in Sydney, if not NSW.

Thanks to Kimberley Freed for producing a first class newsletter and doing such a magnificent job behind the scenes supporting the Club by doing so much with our website and social media. The significance of on-line marketing in this day and age cannot be underestimated.

Warm Regards,

Brian Bagshaw
President



A lovely letter from Kay Hockey, Bruce's Sister.

CLOVELLY BOWLING CLUB

Your Name Here



Introducing our new Membership Card available in July.

Drawings of the Proposed Kiosk



the social network

Social Bowls are an important part of a bowling club's weekly diary. It is an ideal way to learn about lawn bowls while becoming friends with other members. The game play is relaxed and, apart from keeping score during the game, no results are kept. It is simply a great opportunity to hone your style and have a laugh!

Gone are the days of strict uniform rules (thank goodness!) although on Tuesdays the women are known to wear their whites if they wish. The women also serve coffee, tea and biscuits before they begin.

All Bowling Members are welcome to Social games. We still have single sex competitions for the Club and Pennants games but that is a different system to Social Bowls.

The format is the same for all days:

- Registration: Tuesdays: turn up by 9:15am to put your name down. Other days: ring "the Box" to put your name on the list then turn up before 9:25am.
- Be present to hear the Cards read: this lets you know the *position* you will play, in what *team*, on which *green*.
- Make your way to the green and put your bowls behind the mat, ready to play.
- Morning games finish at about 12 noon and afternoon games end at about 3pm.
- Games are \$10.

We spoke to some members about their experience at Social Bowls.



We have four weekly Social Bowl sessions:

Day	Card Called	Run By	Gender	How to Register
Tuesday	9.30am	Womens Club	Mixed	Be there by: 9.15am
Wednesday	12.30pm	Mens Club	Mixed	Phone: 11:15am-11:45am
Friday	12.30pm	Mens Club	Mixed	Phone: 11:15am-11:45am
Sunday	9.30am	Mens Club	Mixed	Phone: 8:30am-9:00am

Registration phone number for Mens Club Social: 0492 429 273 or 02 9665 1507



ALAN

Mens Committee Member and Box Man

Alan, on average how many people come and play Social Bowls?

It depends on the weather but usually 10-16 in winter and 16-24 in summer.

What happens in the Box?

On Social Bowls days we take phone calls from prospective players and when we know the numbers and names we write up the game cards. It is up to the person in the Box to determine who plays with whom.

That's a really important part of it, isn't it? Because if somebody was new and didn't have much experience, they would rely on your know-how to put them in a game that was appropriate to their level.

Yes, that's correct. They'd probably start off as a *lead* if we haven't seen them before. If they are learning we might put them in a triples game so the other two members of the team can help out the new player.

And if you are an absolute beginner you really should have some tutoring before you play. We have free coaching for members and we like to know that they have had three lessons before they play Social Bowls.

And is everybody welcome to these games?

Yes - as long as you are a Bowling Member at our club or a visiting member from another Club.

I can imagine that new players may feel a little hesitant to play an actual game. Do you think that that should stop people from having a go?

No, no - not at all! Playing a game helps to learn it. They have to pick up the game etiquette before they start playing championship and Pennants so Social bowls is the starting point.

Can playing social bowls lead to playing in competitions?

Definitely. The Committee will urge them to enter the club championship games and will also tap them on the shoulder and say, "Are you interested in playing Pennants?" when we think they have reached the required standard.

Tell me more about the Box.

We have about 16 volunteers who rotate turns in the Box. They are so important because successfully working out who is playing and sorting them into teams means that everyone has a great time.

And are you looking for more people to go into the Box?

We're always looking for people to go in the Box to spread the load around. We try to give people one turn in the Box every one to two months - two months would be better.



CARMEL

Long Time Member, Competition Player

What got you into bowls Carmel?

Well, it started when my partner used to play and had been playing for many years - I was the proverbial *Bowls Widow*. He'd come home and talk all about it in this language that is unique to Bowls, and I didn't understand.

I've always been sports minded, right through school, I was always in the top teams whatever the sport. Eventually he bought me a set of bowls and said, "*Right now you're going to learn*" and learn I did! I just adore it.

What was it like coming down to a club where you didn't know people?

Well, it's strange but the members just embrace new members and understand the difficulties of learning how to bowl. There's so many things to be aware of. And, you know, help is always there for you. You don't feel like you've only just met them.

How did you start to play in competitions?

There are competitions in our District for all levels of bowlers and I was asked to start in the *Under Five Years* which is for newbies.

And again, my competitive spirit came out. I've won two or three Club Singles. I've won Club Pairs, which took us to the Championships. I've recently retired and look forward to competing in as many as I can.

Were you nervous moving into competition?

I think everyone gets nervous because you're playing with bowlers who are more experienced. I made it to the final of the District Singles one year, and that was so intimidating. I couldn't believe I got there. And then I felt pieces obviously.

And did anybody care?

No!

What do you like about being part of the club?

Oh, I think it's the camaraderie. You know, they're not just members, they become dear friends. Absolute friends.

A couple of years ago 14 of us from the Club went to Hawaii and sailed around the Hawaiian Islands. So you make friendships from within the club, lifelong friends, you know, they'll do anything for you.

I wish I'd started bowling many years before I did - it's not an expensive sport like golf! And now it's becoming a younger person's game.

They used say, many years ago, it's *God's Waiting Room* for people who have done other sports like golf and tennis...but now the younger generation are coming through and you see all those young people selected for the Commonwealth Games in their twenties!

So you know that the sport will live on. It's really a phenomenal transition to see what's happening with bowls!

ROS & ANGELA

Ros and Angela, how often do you play Social Bowls?

Ros I try to play twice a week because I need to keep myself occupied and active.

Angela I usually only play Sunday because I'm working.

What do you like about playing bowls?

Angela I got to play in the Pennants the year that we actually won overall!

It's a thinking game, you've got to think about your movements. It's challenging because one day you might be wonderful, but the next week, you just wonder what on earth you are doing - today is one of those days!

Ros Yes. The environment dictates how you play your game. It's more challenging here on the ocean cliff with the wind so it's a learning thing. But by being able to play in environments like this you can play anywhere. Plus this view has got to be the best in the world!

Is it easy to get to know people here?

Ros Yes, definitely. I definitely agree. I remember going through the COVID period and how they communicated with everybody during that time, making sure we were all OK and not isolated and I thought that was wonderful.

They always called me, you know, there was always that contact and I found that fantastic.



Ros

Angela Yeah I agree, it's a welcoming club. I always feel better when I've had a game. Sometimes I don't feel like it, but just having a little chat to people when you're playing, it makes you feel better. I feel as if I've spoken to somebody, had a joke. Sometimes - it's very easy - I'd eavesdrop on other people and become involved.

The social contact is wonderful and if I didn't work, I'd probably come join the Tuesday ladies.

Ros All the social aspects of having friendships is important. When you are at home alone it's good to be part of something like this and it's so important to have exercise, but also being able to converse and talk to people.



Angela, 1st row in the middle. 2016 Pennant winning team.



CAMERON

Cameron, how long have you been playing bowls?

Three years, I think.

And how long have you been a member of the club?

About four even although I grew up here!

What got you into bowls?

I think my dad passing away. He left me his bowls and I kept them in the car. All my mates used to be here bowling and would yell at me "Come and bowl, come and bowl. What are you sitting inside for?" So I started and picked it up really quickly - but got worse as I went on! Ha!

How often do you play social balls?

Every Sunday because I work during the week, but I love it on Sunday mornings. It's one of the best things to do. Everyone's friendly, happy, and in a good mood.

Do you play competition bowls?

I do when they have an event which I really find good because it's good camaraderie and I play with better bowlers. I enjoy it, you know, it's good fun.

What did like most about joining the club?

First of all I think the people. I find the people at Clovelly are lively, happy, fun and kind. I've learned to mix with older people which I think is really good as I'm getting older. They seem to be just as young as I am, you know, somebody in their eighties is just as young as somebody in their fifties. And it's a really positive, endearing thing.

I'd absolutely recommend it to other people. I was always someone who played a lot of physical sport and to take up bowling I'm being competitive again! You watch people who bowl really well and you learn their idiosyncrasies. At the end of the day it's so enjoyable.



PETER

How long have you been playing bowls Peter?

I actually joined 17 years ago at Coogee Bowling Club but didn't actually play bowls with any degree of regularity until about three years ago.

What made the change?

I retired.

Did you always have the inkling to come and play?

Yes, sort of. Well, when I first joined it, my brother-in-law played and I just thought it'd be nice to go down there during the winter and sit in the sun - and the sun streams into Coogee Bowling Club in the wintertime. I just thought that would be very pleasant as we both got older, then I came here.

How do you get here?

I drive up.

Do you find parking?

Yes, certainly. Only occasionally when I come up for the Social and there's some Club competition going on, I'll have to park up next to the cemetery, but always within 150 yards of the Club.

What do you like about the club?

From the day I came here the people were very, very nice. It was the first time I bowled and I was terrible - I'm still a very poor bowler but I love the greens. I had no idea about bowling and I was so very embarrassed but people were just pleasant and supportive. Bowling clubs are very friendly places. I stopped bowling during COVID altogether but when I walked back in I found it was just like before! It is a very nice club.

JOHN

Long Time Member, Competition Player

John, how long have you been a member here?

I think it's probably about ten years.

What capacity of bowling have you participated in during those ten years?

Predominantly Social Bowls. But I do play in some of the inter-club competitions, but I don't play Pennants.

How did you get started playing bowls?

Well, the previous club I belong to sadly closed, so I came down here like many of those members.

What's good about social balls?

Well, there's not a lot of pressure. I think that's the whole thing. No one takes it too seriously, although we do play properly.

Would you encourage other people to come here and play bowls?

Absolutely, yeah. If they start playing they will get just the same as I got; the friendship and the camaraderie. I think that is the most important part of it.

A lot of us are attracted to the local bowling club. So if you're an older retired person you get to leave the house and socialise with like-minded people.



DAVID

How long have you been bowling, David?

I think about ten years.

What got you into it?

My brother! He was president of Randwick Bowling Club and he said "When are you going to start bowling?" and I said, "I'll do that in three years."

And three years later he brought me my bowls and said, "Well, you're starting" and that's why I started.

I'd been a social member down here for 15 years before I became a bowling member, so I knew a lot of people here but no one really recognised me until I became a bowler. There is a table of *Fools on Stools* who don't recognise you until you actually bowls!

Are the Fools on Stools at the Table of Knowledge?

That's correct. Yes.

So you have an actual name for one of the tables. And why is that?

Well, because it's where people bring their major world problems and we try and solve everything for everybody without having to pay for professionals! That's what we have - we're really a sounding board for life!



GUESS WHO?

- Who's the dancing marker entertaining us on the green? (Tip- great legs!!)
- Which wonderful couple, ex-members, traveled from the Gold Coast to Tamworth to support our girls in the State Fours. A big *THANK YOU X*
- Which new member is challenging Ed in the "on the green sartorial elegance stakes"?



Jack

Every game of bowls is initiated when a small, shiny sphere is sent hurtling down the green.

The most popular kid at a the party, Jack becomes the focal point of every game. Like Haley's Comet, all eyes focus on its position and potential trajectory. Bowls arc around it like heavenly bodies moving across the sky. Bowls fortunate enough to actually touch it are awarded a ribbon of chalk in honour of their achievement.

Oblivious to world economics, COVID or climate change, Jack commands our full attention and creates the passionate desire to be close to it.

We zero in on it. We bow down to it and let go of our busy, hectic lives to give it our utter attention in zen-like meditation. We weigh up in our minds the cause and effect of our shot. Like few other things in life we have to accept the consequences of our actions and move forward in acceptance.

Unique in size, shape and appearance to any other bowl in the game Jack cuts its own path and obeys its own rules. It belongs to no one.

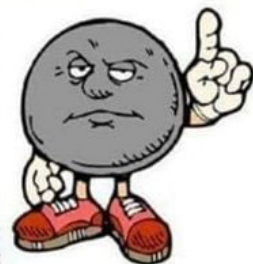
Recently two bowls crushed Jack between them, in a mighty collision, on Green 2 here at Clovelly. The force caused the little guy to rocket into the air and land on the grassy bank. The players stood in stunned silence for a moment then laughed and burst loudly into debate, arguing the implication of this extraordinary event. After some time it was decided by all players (and the gallery) that Jack must be carefully restored to his throne on the T. And there he sat silently waiting for our next move.

WHAT'S ON June 2022

Friday	3	Sandoz Corp	VIP
Monday	6	Starfish Club	Starfish
Tuesday	7	Proctor & Gamble Aust	VIP
Saturday	11	Post Wedding Party	♥♥
Sunday	12	Celebration of Life	Tree
Monday	13	Starfish Club	Starfish
Thursday	16	Probus (Computer Course)	P
Saturday	18	60th Birthday Party	🎉
Monday	20	Probus Bondi	P
Friday	24	Probus	P
Saturday	25	Family Gathering	♥♥
Sunday	26	LIVE MUSIC	🎵
Wednesday	29	McKinsey Australia	VIP

Do you KNOW Bowling...

- Burns roughly 240 calories an hour.
- Improves heart and respiratory fitness.
- Strengthens and conditions your arms, shoulder, chest and leg muscles.
- Increases endurance while maintaining bone density.
- Speeds up your metabolism.
- Utilizes 134 muscles when using a basic four-step approach.
- An average bowler walks an average of 60 feet per turn or about 6/10 of a mile in a three-game series.
- Is a lifetime sport. It is one of the few sports that allows you to compete at a high level at an older age.
- The social aspect helps improve your mental outlook.
- Provides an exercise option for those with physical limitations.



Men's Club



Club Triples Comp

In and amongst the seemingly endless weeks (months?) of rain in Sydney, the weather let up on Sunday 3rd April to provide a beautiful day for our Club Triples Social Competition which, itself, had been deferred from the earlier planned date of 6th March due to, you guessed it, rain!

All up, we 13 teams (36 bowlers in all) play a tightly contested competition of three 10-end games with the results decided on points and margins.

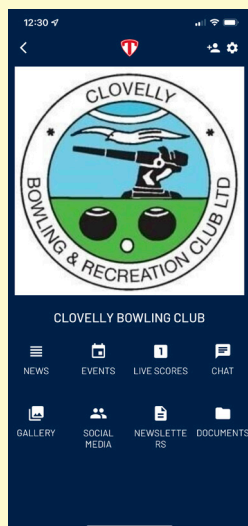
After much banter back and forth, some impressive bowling, and a sausage sizzle - the winners were Dave Whitford, Susie Mitchell and John Brennan, each of whom received prize money of \$100 for their efforts. Runners up received \$50 each.

March and April have been busy months for our Men's Bowling Committee with the completion of the 'Twilight' Bowls competition, the highly enjoyable Bocce/Bowls Social Competition and now, this Triples event. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events as plans are finalised.



MENS' BOWLING CLUB COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Event	Nominated Date	Final
Triples	Early June	July
Mixed Pairs	Early August	October
Bendigo Open	Late August	November
Handicap Pairs	October	Early December
Handicap Singles	November	Late December



STACK TEAM APP

Clovelly Bowling Club has started using the smartphone-based 'Team' app to communicate with its bowling members. It will be used to update bowling members on all the latest news, events, schedules and much more. Whilst there is little content on the app currently, the plan is to get it up and running over the coming weeks.

To get the full features of this app please go to the App Store or Google Play and download 'Stack Team App' onto your mobile device, then follow these simple steps:

1. Sign-up to Stack Team App. You'll be sent an e-mail to activate your account.
2. Log-in and search for Clovelly Bowling Club, then request to become a member.

If you don't have a smartphone or would prefer to receive e-mail correspondence, please e-mail to clobowlmens@gmail.com with a request to be added manually.



Combined Bowls/Bocce Day

Club Competition

On Sunday the 20th March it didn't rain!

We joyously went ahead with our Combined Lawn Bowls/Bocce Day. It involved 40 players in 10 teams of 4 who rotated from Lawn Bowls to Bocce Bowls for a turn at each. The team with the most points won the overall prize money!

Our Bocce members were kept busy explaining the rules of their beloved Italian game to delighted Lawn Bowlers who, in turn, taught them their game.

There was much laughter and friendship which was made even more wonderful with a delicious lunch of sausage sandwiches fresh from the BBQ.

It had been two years since we had been able to stage this event which made it even more enjoyable!

Thank you and well done to everyone who helped organise the day, especially Steve Sampson who not only devised the draw but was MC for the day.



Women's State 4's in Tamworth



We love to play bowls and we love the friendships we make here at our Club. So, as we watched our very own Gina O'Reilly, Sue Snape, Judith Staunton and Sandra Starrett play live on Facebook in the 2021 NSW State Women's Fours, you can imagine how excited and proud we were!

We gathered at the Club to share the experience together and held our breath as every Clovelly bowl glided over the immaculate South Tamworth green towards the Jack.

And what a game! The women didn't let Neutral Bay onto the board until the 6th end! The competition was fierce and points rose in tiny increments until, on the 7th end Neutral Bay made 5. On the 9th end they were even with 7 all then, by end 14, they were 13 each! At 18 ends our cohort were on 14 but the opposition were leading with 18.

In the audience we could see our beloved Margaret and Terry Ireland snuggled together and cheering our girls on. The Irelands have been sorely missed since they moved to the Gold Coast a couple of years ago, so seeing them there was a huge delight!

By the 21st end, victory was awarded to Neutral Bay ending the game after three hours. The score had been 14 to us and 22 to them on the 20th end and Neutral Bay held the last head.

We didn't win but you wouldn't know it! We only wished we had all been in Tamworth for the after party! The caravan of players and supporters, including reserve Carmel Sowden, had a night to remember! We enjoyed all the stories when they returned home!

Thank you ladies for giving us all such an enjoyable experience! We couldn't wait to have you all home safely - anyone for roll up? [Watch the game here.](#)



Sandra Starrett, Judith Staunton, Sue Snape, Gina O'Reilly



Margaret and Terry Ireland made the trip to watch!



The live stream (link in text)



Margaret and Terry Ireland

Terry and Margaret's Exciting Trip **Traveling from Gold Coast to Tamworth**

Terry and Margaret Ireland had such a great time watching the Woman's State Fours in Tamworth that Terry decided to document their journey with a description of their trip. Margaret says he didn't include the really scary bits!

"We left Southport Queensland around 5.30am Wednesday 6th April.

Down the A1 to Grafton.

We traveled through the Gibraltar World Heritage Mountain Walk, through Rain Forests and the spectacular Gibraltar Falls. Then through Glen Innes, Armidale, and finally Temworth NSW. We located the South Tamworth Bowling Club and had dinner with our pre-prepared mixed sandwiches then went to bed.

On Thursday we watched the Clovelly girls playing in the NSW Fours State Championships and unfortunately they lost in their section.

We drove around Tamworth and finally located the Big

Guitar and took some pictures then returned to the STBC and had social drinks with the girls and commiserated with them while having a little catch up.

We then purchased a nice hot Fish and Chips takeaway meals from close to our motel and settled in for the night.

We left Tamworth on Friday mid morning and headed up the New England Highway to stay away from flooded coastal areas. At Stanthorpe we decided not to drive to Brisbane. We reprogrammed the Navman and drove straight to Southport via Boonah which took us through the McPherson Range which is an extensive mountain range, a spur of the Great Dividing Range, which heads in an easterly direction. There are five waterfalls in this part of the Range including Teviot Falls, Queen Mary Falls, Daggs Falls and Browns Falls. Other notable mountains in the range include Mount Lindsay and Mount Barney.

After the mountain Ranges we left the Great Divide and all the spectacular scenery and headed for home!"

Terry Ireland

ANZAC Day 2022



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As always, Anzac Day was a moving ceremony at Clovelly Bowling Club. Members and guests dressed in whites filled Green 2 for a morning game regardless of the threat of rain.

The ceremony commenced at 12.30pm with a warm welcome followed by a verse from the WW1 historian **Charles Bean**:

What these men (and women) did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great-hearted men (and women); and, for their nation, a possession for ever.

LEST WE FORGET



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Member Duncan Horscroft gave a moving speech about remembering and celebrating the people who fought for our freedom. Four wreaths were laid under the flag. One each by the Bowling and Recreation Club, the Men's Club, the Women's Club and the Bocce Club.

We then turned west for a minutes' silence after which the Last Post and the Rouse were played then, finally, the Australian National Anthem.

It was nice that the Barefooters and passing walkers joined with us to pay respect to our soldiers.

The ceremony concluded and everyone entered the Club where sausages on rolls were served to all.



Duncan Horscroft delivering the ANZAC Day Speech

ANZAC DAY 2022 SPEECH

Today is a day of remembrance.

A day where we take time out to remember the bravery of so many who went off to war and the so many who never made it back.

It was more than 100 years ago when the First World War broke out between Britain and Germany.

On 25 April 1915 members of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) landed on Gallipoli in Turkey with troops from New Zealand, Britain, and France. The next year Australian forces fought campaigns on the Western Front and in the Middle East with heavy losses and little gain.

It's hard to imagine what went through the minds of our brave soldiers, many of whom were still of school age and in completely unknown territory.

None of them had ever been overseas let alone having to defend themselves against an enemy.

But that did not deter them because they knew they were fighting to protect their country and ensure their families were kept safe.

Under the most adverse conditions it came down to looking after each other and never leaving your mates behind.

Australia and New Zealand have been involved in many campaigns since the Great War and in every one of them they have stood by each other ensuring our countries are free from threat.

So today is not only about remembrance, it is also a celebration. A celebration of the wonderful of life we have been given in a wonderful country thanks to bravery of those men and women who fought for our freedom.

Duncan Horscroft

Women's District Shield



Another hard fought battle in the District Shield competition with our Womens Clovelly team playing against Double Bay - one of the best teams in the Eastern Suburbs District. Gina O'Reilly's team had a healthy win and though Ros Madgwick's team fought hard they lost on the last end.

Congratulations to Matraville for winning the competition and thank you to Double Bay Bowling Club for yet another wonderful day!



Coaching Corner

“Get back to Basics”

I was speaking to a friend recently who had a very bad game of bowls by her standards, nothing went right through her game.

We spoke about the game and sometimes you just have to:

“Get back to basics”

Practice sessions are the best way to correct the issues.

1. Identify the problem
2. What is your preparation before you approach the mat
3. How are you holding your bowl
4. How is your posture/stance on the mat

In your practice session don't go over the same routine, if you have identified your problem concentrate on that area during practice.

An example is , let's says her name is “ Betty” Betty is having problems with her forehand delivery and the more she tries to adjust during a game the worse it is getting. Not only mentally distressing her but putting half her game out of play.

To help Betty we looked at how she held her bowl and her delivery, Betty went out to practice quietly by herself and found that she also identified how her posture contributed to her delivery as well.

Now on the right track Betty will be able to adjust and relax into her forehand delivery and be confident with the outcome.

Coach Gina

COACHING CLINIC

Martin Freed has conducted two coaching clinics, one on 8th June and the other on 16th June. It included four drills to improve various aspects of bowling:

Don't Dirty My Bowl which teaches you to take necessary grass and not cross the head (or you end up in the sand).

The Great Wall of China which teaches you how to navigate around short bowls and reach the Jack in a precise winning shot.

Line of Sight which teaches how to ignore bowls that are in your eye line leading up to the Jack.

Rolling a Jack which helps to improve this seemingly simple, yet difficult task, straight down the middle of the rink.

More clinics will be held so watch for notifications on the Team App.



Bowls Clinic

Probus

What is Probus?

You may have noticed that Probus groups have been meeting regularly at our Club. One is the Probus Bondi Junction Group who meet on the second Monday of the month at 10:45am and the other is Probus Clovelly who meet on the forth Friday of the month at 10:15am.

Probus Provides Fun and Friendship in Retirement.

Probus provides retirees with the opportunity to connect socially, which is so important in today's world.

Membership is open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired and offers a range of activities including trips and outings for members to enjoy, depending on their interests, lifestyle and location.

Probus Club members meet monthly, to enjoy the company of like-minded fellow retirees and listen to interesting guest speakers. Make new friends, learn a new skill, explore new interests and hobbies - there is so much to choose from when you become a member of your local Probus Club.

When you retire the friendships that are developed through working life are often lost. Probus is a great way to develop new friendships and to quote a recent Probus Club member *"the day I joined my Probus Club, I instantly had 100 new friends"*.

SHOW & SPEAKER EVENTS Bondi Junction

2022 STAGE SHOWS LIST

27 April	9 to 5 Musical
11 May	An American in Paris
29 June	Moulin Rouge the Musical
24 November	Cinderella the Musical

2022 GUEST SPEAKER LIST

11 April	Taylor Harrison <i>Active Seniors</i>
9 May	Mark St Leon <i>Circus Historian</i>
11 July	Todd Fuller, Waverley Council <i>Bondi Story Room</i>
8 August	Nigel Hubbard <i>Agatha Christie on Orient Express</i>
10 October	Jennifer Hubbard <i>Rationing of clothing in 40;s Ladies in Black</i>



"We are delighted to be able to hold our meetings at Clovelly Bowling Club."

We are a Mixed Club and at the moment have 60 members with about 45-50 members attending each meeting.

Probus Inc is a non-profit Organisation for the promotion of retired business professionals.

We have a speaker at each of our meetings with many and varied topics plus we arrange tickets to Musicals and have daily outings, organise lunches and very soon will be able to organise days away.

At the moment we are going to see 9 to 5 The Musical, Moulin Rouge and An American in Paris.

We are always looking for speakers to attend our meetings. And we are always looking for new members." **Ros Comyn, Bondi Junction Chapter**



Recent photographs of the Bondi Junction chapter

2022 Men's Singles Championship



Winner, Martin Freed, runner up Brett Fisher, marker Fitzy.

2022 Men's Fours Championship

Congratulations to the winners of the Men's Fours Championship. It was a nail biting match on Sunday 29th May.

BRETT'S TEAMS	
Garry Ryder	Lead
John Cottle	Second
Peter Mulligan	Third
Brett Fisher	Skip

The Ed's team was behind on the last end and needed three to win - they managed to make it happen. Well done everyone!

ED'S TEAM	
Dave Whitford	Lead
Steve Sampson	Second
Martin Freed	Third
Ed Ellis	Skip

2022 Women's Sutherland Shire Match

On Monday 6th June Clovelly had a record 12 ladies in the Annual Representative Game against Sutherland Shire.

It was a freezing cold, extremely windy day and rather than the fast greens we've become used to, the Gynea greens were slow, slow, slow.

Southerland Shire District won the day, but only by 15 shots overall - the closest we've been in a while.

We are gradually catching them year by year!

It was a great day, we have many friends in the Shire through our bowls.

Thank you to the District for organising the bus to and from Gynea. It was lots of fun there and back.

Oh and we cleaned up on the raffles!

Visitors from Turin

Bocce had the pleasure of entertaining two keen Bocce players from Turin, Italy. Pierre and Ernestina were here on holidays and approached us for a game of Bocce. Apart from Bocce, Josephine and Ross entertained the couple with some lunches and dancing at different venues. Discussion has begun on becoming *Sister Club* with the Bocce club in Turin. Before departing back home Pierre and Ernestina promised to come back next year!



Mother's Day Lunch

Our Mother day lunch and dance hosted by the Bocce Club was a huge success. There were over 80 people in attendance.

Many compliments were received for The Ocean Room decorations and Brian Bagshaw complimented the Executive Committee and acknowledged their hard work.

Lunch Italian style was provided by Dominic Catering and was enjoyed by all. My personal favourite was the Penne napolitana with grilled eggplant.

We danced the afternoon away to the music of renowned Disc Jockey Joe Di Lerna. The guests joined in the dancing and singing with great enthusiasm.

Several Lucky Door and Raffle prizes were presented to a number of lucky guests.

All in all everybody went home happy and looking forward to our next gathering, hopefully in September.

Gary Sant

Photographs on the next page

Left: Pierre and Ernestina Below: Bocce members enjoy their new friends!



Bocce News



In Memoriam

VALE Jimmy Drummond

February 2 1940 - April 28 2022

CMBC member 2006-2022

Membership No.290

Late of 3D/10 Bligh Place Randwick, Jimmy was a very loyal and active Club Member all the years since he joined. He involved himself in Social Bowls, Pennants, Intra-Club competitions, working bees, Friday Night Raffles, Saturday morning pokies and the "Table of Knowledge."

Jimmy was kind and funny. He was great to chat to and a good friend to all. We will miss him.



VALE Frank Muzic

6th October 1934 - 18th May 2022

Bocce

Frank was one of the foundation members of the Bocce Club and has served on the Committee for many years.

At the funeral, a group of Bocce members formed a Guard of Honour to pay homage to an esteemed old member. He shall be missed. R. I. P.



Jokes

Tom moves to a small village and soon joins the local bowls club.

All goes well and Tom quickly makes many friends apart from Glenda, the village gossip.

Soon there is a rumour being spread by Glenda that Tom is an alcoholic because she had seen his car parked outside the village pub on several occasions which shows he must be inside boozing and up to no good.

Tom soon gets to hear the rumour but to everyone's surprise he does not confront Glenda.

A few nights later Tom parks his car outside Glenda's house, locks it and leaves it there all night.

"It matters not whether you win or lose,
what matters is whether *I* win or lose"

My wife and I hosted a dinner party for some of our friends, a few of whom we hadn't seen for a while, and encouraged them to bring their children as well.

All during dinner, my wife's best friend's four year-old sitting opposite me and stared at me constantly. The little girl could hardly take her eyes off me to eat her food - she just kept staring at me.

I checked my shirt for stains, felt my face for food, patted my hair but nothing stopped her staring. I tried my best to ignore her but finally it was too much so I asked her "*Why are you staring at me?*". Everyone at the table had noticed her behaviour and all went quiet waiting for her response.

The little girl said "*I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish!*"

Two old bowlers were talking over their pints of beer in the clubhouse.

"*You know Jack, yesterday I was reading in the paper that the world has too many people. We're running out of space.*"

"So?"

"*Well its true. When I went home last night, I found a man in our wardrobe.*"

If at first you don't succeed, try one of the following:-

- (1) Blame your bowls
- (2) Blame someone else
- (3) Seek coaching.

Old Bob was missing Joe, his bowling buddy of over 50 years. He had passed to greens anew just last year and Bob couldn't help but wonder how he was getting along.

So later that day whilst talking with a friend it was suggested that he seek the help of a medium who agreed to try and make contact with Joe. So the next evening, after the usual formalities contact was made, and this is how it went.

"*Hi Bob*", said Joe from heaven.

"*What's it like up there?*", asked Bob.

"*Great food, nice people, lovely weather, and we get to bowl as much as we like*", he replied.

"*That's good news!*", said Bob.

"*No!*" said Joe, "*The good news is you're skipping FRIDAY'S TRIPLES !!!*"

The Hastings police arrested two old bowlers leaving their club yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks.

They charged one and let the other one off.

Tom had always played bowls every Sunday after going to church with Martha for the last 20 years. However one Sunday the Vicar notices Tom missing from the congregation and Martha looking quite distressed.

The Vicar approaches Martha and asks what is troubling her.

"*It's Tom*" she replied sobbing "*he's dead*"

"*Oh I'm sorry to hear that*" exclaimed the vicar. "*Did he say anything before he died? What were his last words?*"

"*Put that gun down*" she replied.

A short History of Lawn Bowl in Australia



A game similar to bowls was played for many hundreds of years in England before it became popular in the 17th and 18th Century when publicans established greens outside their hotels.

In Australia the first game was reportedly played in January 1845, when English migrant Fred Lipscombe played another Englishman, T. Burgess, on a green that Lipscombe had laid down at his Beach Tavern hotel in Sandy Bay Road, Hobart.

However, almost certainly the game was played before that date because Lipscombe had advertised the availability of his green the previous year. In August 1845, Thomas Shaw also opened a green at the Woolpack Inn on Parramatta Road at Petersham, near Sydney.

The first official club was opened on 28 October 1846 at William Turner's Bowling Green Hotel in Fitzroy Place, Hobart. Instead of players paying a few pence for a game, Turner charged enthusiasts an annual subscription of 10 shillings.

The first club competition was held in 1867 when Melbourne, Fitzroy, Prahran, St Kilda, Ballarat and West Melbourne Clubs played under a new set of laws governing team competitions. NSW and Victoria played the first intercolonial game, won by Victoria, at Annandale in Sydney in April 1880.

The Victorian Bowling Association was formed in Melbourne in July 1880 and a national governing body, the Australian Bowls Council (ABC), formed in 1911, led to the standardisation of most of the game's rules such as the size of the greens, mats and ditches.

In 1947, the association was granted "Royal" status, and became known as the Royal Victorian Bowling Association (RVBA).

The period 1900-20 saw the rapid development of the game. The inaugural Australian championships were played in 1900 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. J.H. Sheedy of the Richmond Club in Melbourne won the first singles title however the championship is not officially recognised by the Australian Bowling Council.

The first official Australian titles were held in 1912-13 in Melbourne. William Sayers of Ballarat in Victoria, won the singles title and at the age of 38, Sayers remained the youngest winner of the title until Ellis



Crew won in 1961, also at the age of 38.

In 1901 a team representing Australasia toured Great Britain and Ireland. Thirty Australians and 12 New Zealanders made the trip and after a token number of appearances as a combined side, split into separate teams. Australia won 11 matches and lost 10 with one tied, and New Zealand won nine and lost 10.

The way was opened for professionals on 21 January 1981 when the Australian Bowls Council agreed to abolish the strict concept of amateurism and adopt the infrastructure of a new organisation to include both professionals and amateurs. All affiliated Australian clubs became free to stage professional events and offer cash prizes.

Today there are more than 2,000 greens in Australia with a membership of about 450,000 men and women. The sport has an enormous following, primarily in Commonwealth countries, and Australia accounts for some 43 per cent of the world's bowling population.

Women's Lawn Bowls

Although women have been playing bowls in most countries for almost as long as men, the participation of Australian women in the game was first recorded in a tournament at Stawell, Victoria in October 1881.

On 16 December 1898 the first ladies' bowling club in Australia, the Rainsford Bowling Club, was formed at the home of Mr. J. Rainsford Needham of Glenferrie, Melbourne.

The next year the South Melbourne Cricket Club Ladies' Bowling Club was formed, the oldest continuous women's bowling club in Australia until it disbanded a few years ago.

In 1907 the Victorian Ladies' Bowling Association (VLBA) was formed and is the oldest women's bowling association in the world. Other women's associations were formed around Australia in NSW (1929), Queensland (1930), South Australia (1930), Western Australia (1935), Tasmania (1936), and Northern Territory (1983).

Following the unification of the RVBA with the Victorian Ladies Bowling Association (VLBA) in December 2009, the organisation was renamed to become Bowls Victoria.

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