



Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club

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Australia Day Celebration!



Bruce Hockey Memorial Cup

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Inaugural Bruce Hockey Memorial Cup



Australia Day 2022 - The Inaugural Bruce Hockey Memorial Cup

Wednesday 26th January 2022 was Australia Day. It was also our chance to honour our departed member Bruce Hockey, and all our beloved members who are no longer with us. Bruce kindly donated his van to the Club which was sold to create a perpetual fund that would finance our Annual Australia Day tournament: *The Bruce Hockey Memorial Cup*.

Everyone was organised into 10 teams of 5. We played a combination of singles, pairs, triples and fours against the other teams. A cheese and dip platter was served at the interval and a sausage with fried onions on a soft roll was enjoyed by everyone and topped off the event.

Everyone had a wonderful time and agreed it was a fitting way to remember our friends. Thank you to all who helped organise everything and Steve Sampson for organising the draw and being MC. Also, thank the Gods for a spectacular sunny day and thank you Bruce!







From the President

Dear Members, Guests and Staff,

The pictures tell the story in this edition of Unbiased.

The Club started the year with a bang, celebrating Australia Day in great style and with the Clovelly Women Open Fours team winning their way to the NSW Finals to be held in Tamworth in April. Congratulations to a wonderful team (Sandra, Judith, Sue, Gina and Carmel) who will undoubtedly represent the Club in the finest traditions of the game.

A brief article is included about our website which is a major marketing tool for the Club along with our Facebook page. Data provided is just one indicator of the COVID impact. The website has on-line forms for bookings to be made for functions and bare foot bowls but both require follow up, often by both phone and emails to secure deposits, negotiate days and

times, or the postponement of a booking rather than refund a deposit if rained out. This communication is an essential part of the business and has become even more demanding and important with the wettest summer in a very long time. The implementation of a full on line booking and payment system currently under development will undoubtedly ease the situation in the future.

The Board is looking forward to a year free of COVID shutdowns but we just hope that everyone can stay safe and healthy in the brave new COVID world. If anyone wishes to wear a mask in the Club please feel free to do so.

Warm Regards,

Brian Bagshaw
President



Mens' Bowling Club Competition Schedule

Event	Nominated Date	Final
Major Singles	In progress	10th April
Fours	Late February	Late April
Pairs	Late April	July
Triples	Early June	July
Mixed Pairs	Early August	October
Bendigo Open	Late August	November
Handicap Pairs	October	Early December
Handicap Singles	November	Late December

Men's Club



Newbie on the Mens' Committee, Steve Sampson, has been very busy setting up Social Competition events! Steve organised the wonderful Bruce Hockey Memorial Cup game-play and has gone on to put together more events. Below are the details.

Sunday 6th March 9:15am-1pm

The Men's Bowling Committee is organising a one day Points/Margin-type event to be held in place of our Social Bowls on Sunday 6 March 2022.

The event will be held in the following format:

- Three Bowl Triples (teams drawn out of a hat)
- 3 x 10 ends. No dead ends.
- CLUB UNIFORMS TO BE WORN.
- Bowls commence at 9.30am SHARP! Players to be in the Club by 9.15am for the calling of the cards.
- Entries open to Members and Multi-members.
- \$20 Entry fee.
- Prize money on offer (\$100 to each member of the Winning team; \$50 to each runner up).
- Light lunch provided.
- Entry can be made by using the App (respond Yes or No), via email to clobowlmens@gmail.com or via the Entry form on the Club Notice Board.
- ENTRIES CLOSE 5.00PM WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2022

Sunday 20th March 9:30am-1pm

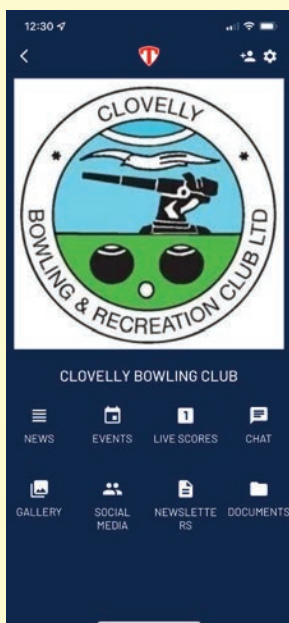
The Bocce Committee in conjunction with the Men's Bowling Committee is organising a one-day Points/Margin-type Social Competition event to be held in place of our usual Social Bowls/Bocce on Sunday 20 March 2022.

This is intended to be a fun, social event giving each of us the opportunity to try our hand at that 'other' game that we see played each weekend and to socialise with our fellow members.

The event will be held in the following format:

- The format will be decided shortly and this event notice will be updated accordingly.
- CLUB UNIFORMS NOT REQUIRED. This is a 'mufti' event.
- Bowls commence at 9.30am SHARP! Players to be in the Club by 9.15am for the calling of the cards.
- Entries open to Bowls Members, Multi-members and Bocce Club members.
- \$20 Entry fee.
- Prize money on offer (\$100 to each member of the Winning team; \$50 to each runner up).
- Light lunch provided.
- Entry can be made by using the App (respond Yes or No), via email to clobowlmens@gmail.com or via the Entry form on the Club Notice Board.
- ENTRIES CLOSE 5.00PM WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2022

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.



Womens' Club



Lots has been going on in the Women's Club since we returned from Lockdown! Everyone was delighted to see each other again and we welcomed six new members: Louise Baldwin, Ros Madgwick, Kay Smith, Teresa Tuckerman, Suzanne Mitchell and Linda Ruben. Welcome ladies, it's great to have you all with us!

We always love to welcome new members so if you are reading this and thinking of joining we would love to have you here!

The annual Womens' Club Christmas Party was on Tuesday 14th December and was a great day!

President Betty Skinner noted that in October a mother with a baby whale slowly made their way south towards Antarctica along the coast in full view of the Club. She said it was a wonderful sight - so keep watching for more!



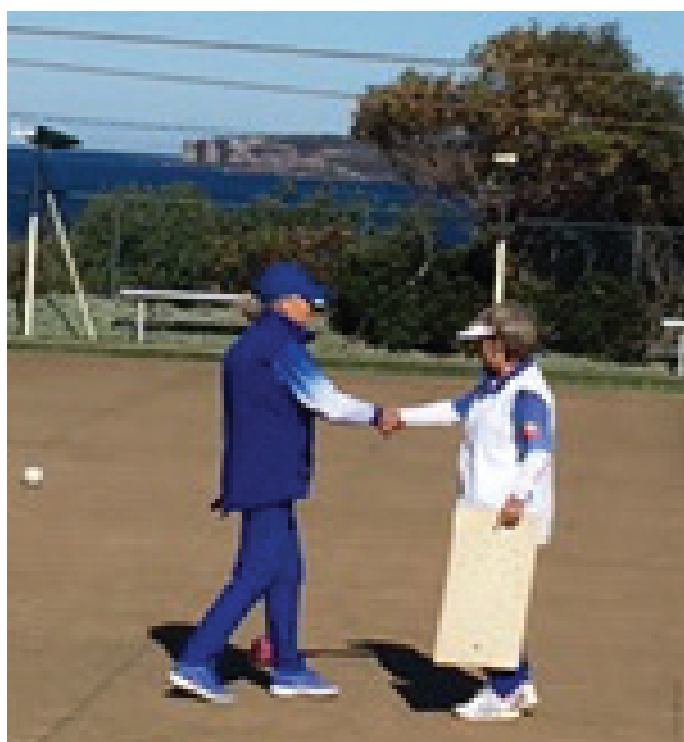
2021 Christmas Party

State Carnival

Great news! At the State Carnival Clovelly came 2nd in their division which was an amazing accomplishment! Well done teams! Carmel's team had five wins and then lost one by two points. Gina's team had four wins and two draws. The weather was perfect.

Women's Major Singles Win!

Gina O'Reilly won the Women's Major Singles for 2021 on Sunday 13th June against Sharon Scarcella. What an amazing match! Both women were on 23 at the last end when Gina knocked Sharon's 3 possible winning bowls away and took the jack up to her own. The excellent game was neck and neck and a wonderful spectator event. Well done to 1st & 2nd place winners in the Singles Final for 2021!



Womans' Major Singles - Gina and Sharon

Pennants Grade 2 Finals, Taren Point

It was a rainy, cold day at Taren Point for the Grade 2 Pennant playoffs. We played Engadine in the miserable weather and sadly didn't make it through - but not because of lack of effort!

Our buddies from Double Bay and Matraville were there playing their finals as well so we all had a wonderful time!



Region 13 Open 4's Playoff

Clovelly Bowling Club hosted the Region 13 Open 4 playoff on Tuesday 25th January 2022.

Clovelly was represented by Sandra Starrett, Judith Stauton, Carmel Sowden (subbing for Sue Snape) and Gina O'Reilly (Skip).

Representing Engadine was Pam Hocking, Lesley Leech, Natalie Noronha and Anne Johns (Skip)

The game was hotly contested and both teams played with skill and determination.

The Clovelly girls lead throughout the game and went onto win the match, they will now play at the State Championships at Tamworth in April.

Well done ladies!!!



L-R Gina, Carmel, Sandra, Judith



Woman's Club Pairs Final Winners

What an exciting finish to the year in the Woman's Pairs finals!

The final was played by Betty Skinner and Diana Lovegrove vs Kay Smith and Louise Baldwin. After a hugely competitive game Betty and Diana won 20 points to 9. The score did not reflect the closeness of the match!

Congratulations to all players and good luck to Betty and Diana as you move to the next level!



District Pairs Finals: L-R Kay, Louise, Betty, Diana

Region 13 Singles Championship

Our own Judith Stauton represented the Eastern Suburbs Womens' Bowls Association and Clovelly Bowling Club by playing against Natalie Noronha representing Sutherland Shire Womens' Bowls Association and Engadine Bowls Club.

Judith showed great promise during the first half of the game leading most of the way until Natalie found her length and line. At 15 all on the 12th end Natalie put her foot down and went on to win 25/15.

The game was played with great spirit and excellent gamesmanship by both women.

Natalie will go on to represent Region 13 in the State Championships to be played at Tamworth in March.

Judith was supported by a large contingent of her friends on the beautiful verandah of the Double Bay Bowling Club.

Congratulations to both ladies.



The fans!

A great Italian Affair!

A bit of Italy came to the Club as members of all three sub Clubs (Bocce, Womans' & Mens') had a great time dancing to the music of discjockey Joe Di Lernia.

The Tarantella was thoroughly enjoyed by a dedicated group of aficionados - as was the Tango and Waltz and the Chicken dance.

A buffet was prepared by Domenic Catering and everyone enjoyed a Taste of La Bella Italia.

The Bocce Committee thanks all who attended and we are looking forward to another get together in the near future.

Ciao!



Apprenticeship News



Ethan

Congratulations to Ethan Newberry for completing and passing his Certificate III in Sports Turf Management! He graduated on October 3rd last year. It isn't an easy course and he completed it by dividing his time between our Club (under the great Shane Dollar) and TAFHE where he studied the theory of Sports Turf Management.

His work and commitment to his studies are event by the excellent quality of our greens. He is a hardworking and very amiable man who will be missed sorely!

Luke Hayes, our new Apprentice Greenkeeper, passed on his best wishes saying "I'd like to tell Ethan thanks for being a great second boss and good luck wherever you go, have fun with the experience!"

Ethan, likewise, said "Good luck Luke, I hope you enjoy this wonderful club and all the great people here!"



Luke

Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club



Code of Conduct

The Club's Annual General Meeting held on 28 November, 2021 endorsed the following Code of Conduct previously approved by the Board as a Club By-Law on 22 September, 2021.



CODE OF CONDUCT

The aim of this Code of Conduct is that Members and Guests have a right to:

- Be treated fairly, equally and with respect by the Club, its Board, its Committees and other Members.
- Socialise in an environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination.
- Privacy and confidentiality concerning records, documentation and any other communication containing a member's personal information, unless consent is otherwise provided.

All Members and Visitors at the Club:

- Shall comply with all COVID Safety Plan requirements as required by NSW Government orders and any other Government orders affecting Club operations.
- Shall support staff, managers and Directors to meet their Responsible Service of Alcohol and Gambling legal responsibilities and comply with any directions given.
- Shall follow all reasonable instructions given by Club Management and staff
- Shall refrain from any form of sexual harassment and respect the rights, dignity of others
- Shall not behave in any way that will damage the reputation of the Clovelly Bowling Club and Recreation Club
- Shall not partake of/or induce any other person to partake of any illicit drugs on the premises
- Shall uphold the Club's dress code at all times.
- Shall refrain from smoking, aside from in the designated smoking areas.
- Are required to behave in a manner conducive to the enjoyment of the Club's facilities for all persons. Offensive language, or behaviour will not be tolerated.
- All sporting or social groups sponsored by the Club will be required to ensure that its members are members of Clovelly Bowling Club Limited.
- Any person or Group found to have damaged Club property will be held accountable for the repair and or reparation of such damage.

NOTE:

- Club Management reserves the right to refuse entry to any person at its sole discretion.
- All decisions are final in all matters relating to dress and behaviour.
- Failure to comply with any of the above may be deemed as a breach of the Code of Conduct.
- In the event of a breach by a Member or visitor, Clovelly Bowling and Recreation Club Board reserves the right to discipline the offender as per its Constitution (including its By-Laws and Disciplinary Policy).

ACCEPTANCE:

- Members and visitors will be deemed to have accepted this Code of Conduct by attending the Club's premises.

In Memoriam

VALE Giovanni Varnier

28th August 1930 - 5th August 2021



Giovanni was a long-time member (No. 87B) of the Clovelly Bowling Club. He and his wife Celestina loved the friendships, socialising and playing Bocce in the mornings, enjoying a lunch, and putting the occasional \$20 through the pokies.

They would enjoy the beautiful aspect of the Clovelly bowling greens, the views, the fresh air and occasionally when it rained, bowling on the mats indoors and playing cards.

Then there were the New Year's Eve parties with the children and grandchildren attending. Regrettably Celestina passed away when Giovanni was 79 and left a huge hole in his life. He found a lot of comfort in his Clovelly Bowling Club friends and looked forward to socialising and playing Bocce and occasionally bowls at Club.

He was still driving himself to the Bowling Club up until just short of his 90th birthday when he decided it was best to hand in his licence, but nothing would stop him from going to the Club and he was always up early on Thursdays and Sundays ready for Claude or Paula to drive him to the Club. Regrettably COVID prevented him from attending the Club in recent months, but he played right up to the lockdown and was very happy to have attended the ANZAC Day memorial service and function and to have caught up with so many of the members, some who had not played for some time.

Giovanni (John) Varnier was born in Gaiarine Treviso Italy. He was the fifth born of 10 siblings. At the age of 18 he took up an opportunity to work in Australia. Arriving in Sydney on the 19th of August 1949, he travelled to Lismore thereafter taking up various construction, mining, tunnelling and water pipeline projects in rural NSW and Queensland. Several years later he met his beloved wife, Celestina and they married in October 1957 and



had their two children, Claude and Paula. Giovanni continued to work as a Carpenter and later a Building Foreman and retired at the age of 55.

Giovanni passed away just short of his 91st birthday. He is survived by

his children Claude and Paula, and grandchildren Lucas and Bronte. He lived a long and good life and was regarded by many as one of life's finest gentlemen.



ANAZC Day 2021, Giovanni seated on the right

VALE Malcolm Mawhinney

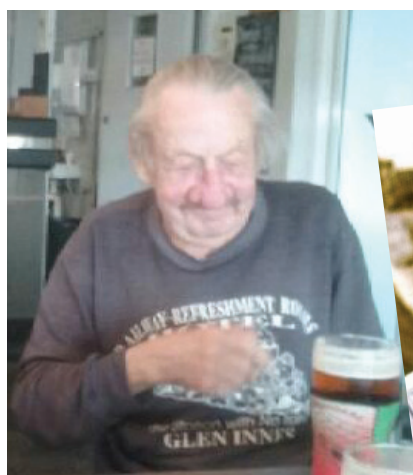
2nd February 1946 - 4th August 2021

Malcolm (Mal) enjoyed the company of the members of the Clovelly Bowling Club for nearly two decades.

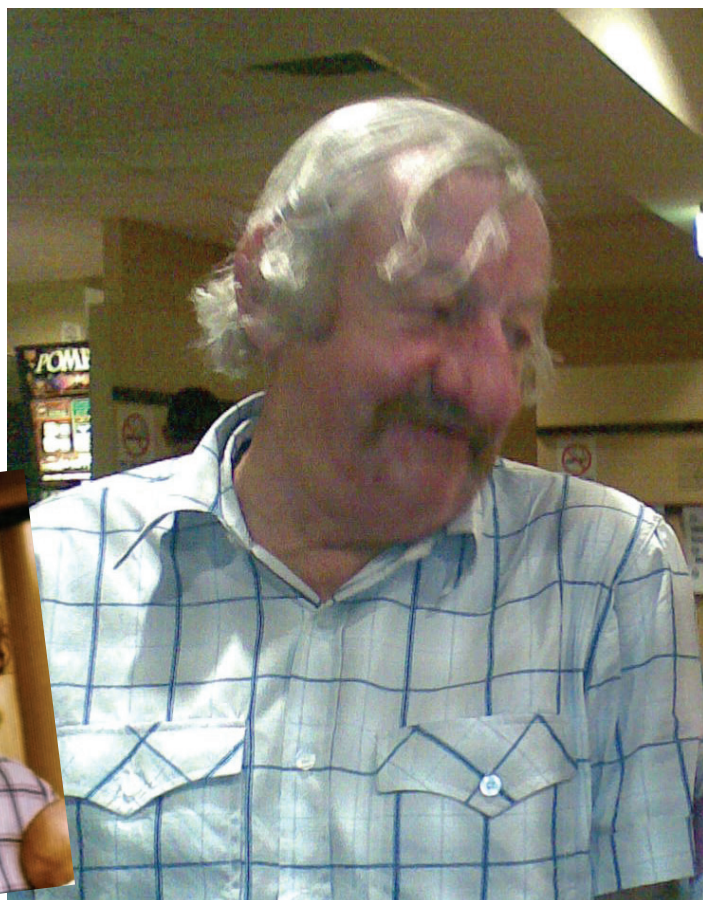
He loved his “*afternoon tea*” every afternoon at the Club while sharing his interests and the news of the day with any person who joined him at his table.

He is remembered for his love of cricket and the Sydney Swans AFL team. The Sydney Cricket Ground has lost one of its regular attendees.

Malcolm will be missed by his friends at Ashfield's Exodus Foundation where he volunteered every week.



Mal enjoying *afternoon tea*



VALE Jim Watkinson

11th August 1935 - 22nd November 2021

Member Number 378 1970-2021

Late of 10 Allen Ave Clovelly.

Jimmy was a wonderful clubman who brought joy and friendship to all who knew him.

He was very regular bowler and always competed in Pennants, Club and Social competitions.

He adored his family and was a generous benefactor to any friend in difficulty but he was probably best known for extolling the value of imbibing assorted amber fluids to live and enjoy life!



VALE Gwenyth June Rose

23rd June 1926 - 10th January 2022

In January we said goodbye to one of our most loyal and loved members, Gwenyth Rose. She and her husband Stan had been bowling members of our Club for many years and Gwen was a life member. She was Womens' Club President as we can see from the photograph below. Stan was a Board Member for many years.

She was a kind and gentle woman who always had smile on her face. She was warm and will be missed by all who knew her. Her funeral was held at St Jude's Anglican Church in Randwick on 24th January. Farewell Gwenie!



Left to Right - BACK ROW M. RECKIN, J. MALONE, B. GOUGH, M. STEPHAN, H. SAWYER, A. ALLIBAND.

SECOND ROW J. SURREY (CHR. UMP. BRD.) E. STEWART (CHR. MATCH C'TEE)
W. FLOWER, E. ISENHOOD V.P., D. TURNER, L. COCKS, B. LOHAN V.P.
D. BROADSTOCK, J. COURT.

SEATED. M. MCCARTHY, V.P. (N.S.W.W.B.A.) M. FROST (STATE PRESIDENT
N.S.W.W.B.A.) G. ROSE, PRESIDENT, B. FRENCH, SEC., K. ELLIS TREAS.



Sadly, we don't know the date of this photograph, Gwenyth is seated at the front, to the right of the flowers, and is Womens' Club President.

VALE Tony Snape

6 June 1950 – 21 January 2022

Fifty years ago Tony arrived from Yorkshire, accompanied by his beloved Sue (Secretary of the Womens' Club) and three mates determined to live the Australian dream! And he certainly did!!

Professionally, Tony was an immensely successful merchant banker working for PPL and later as chairman of an accounting company. He also had a side business in a vineyard in the Hunter Valley, aptly called "*Stoney Broke*"!

As a friend, Tony had no peer. Be it advice, listening or hands-on help he was always there to catch you. He had a brilliant and irreverent sense of humour, enjoying the company of all he met.

He played squash and golf all his life but equally enjoyed watching sport. His only downfall was following England in the Ashes.

Although not a bowler he embraced our Clowie family and spent many a happy afternoon surrounded by friends, laughter, a *cleansing ale* and innumerable bottles of *Betty*.

But it was his family that was the centre of his life. A devoted husband to Sue for 52 years, a loving father and father-in-law to Matt, Mark and Amanda, and a besotted pop to Eva.

And finally in Tony's own words:

1. Have fun 2. Make money
3. No politics 4. Avoid dickheads.



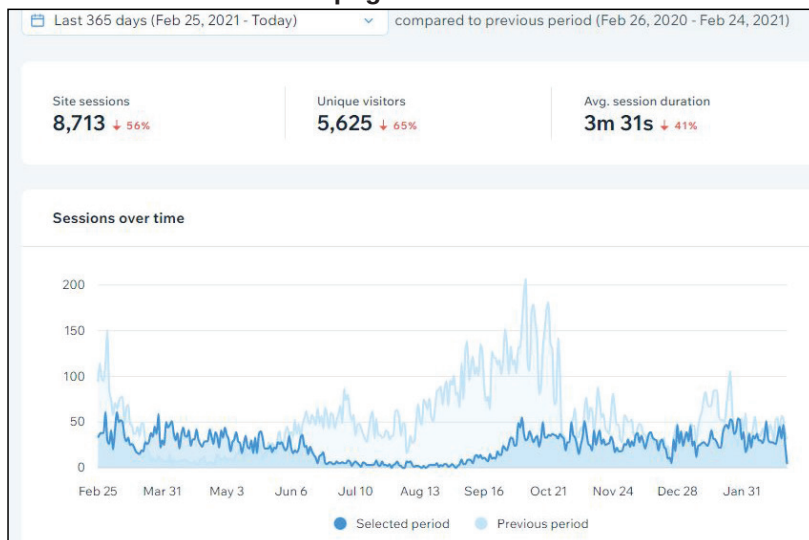
Yet hope again elastic springs,
Unconquered, though they fell;
Still buoyant are their golden wings,
Still strong to bear us well.

'Life' by Charlotte Bronte

Our Website



Our Homepage



Graph comparing the last 2 years of visitors to the website

You may know that the Club has a website which has the URL (Uniform Resource Locators) – or web address.

www.clovellybowlingclub.com.au

It is an amazing tool that we use to inform the public about our Club and it is very popular. It gives us a good idea of who is wanting to know about us and where they are from.

For instance, in the period from 1st January this year to the 24th February we have had 1,801 visits. 1,155 of those were first time visitors and the rest were returning. 1,325 were directed from Google, 366 came by typing the URL in themselves and the rest were from theurbanlist.com, Facebook or unknown.

We know that 1,459 were on mobile phones, 324 were on desktop computers and 18 were on a tablet.

Of these 'hits' to the website 1,755 were from Australia, 30 from the UK, 11 from the US, 6 from Italy and then one each from NZ, Canada and Spain.

The most read page, with 1,190 views, was the Homepage (seen to the left) then Barefoot Bowling with 868 views, Functions with 318, Contact Us with 154 and Bowling with 143.

The website is set up with a menu of pages which includes:

[Home](#) [Barefoot Bowling](#) [Bowling](#) [Functions](#)
[Woman's Club](#) [Mens' Club](#) [Bocce](#) [Live Music](#)
[Newsletter](#) [Membership](#) [Our Heritage](#) [Contact Us](#)

Some pages are interactive and can be used to request a Barefoot Bowls booking or Function. A form is filled out online which is then sent to the staff who can respond personally. Since the start of 2022 until February 24 we have had 103 inquiries from the website. When you see staff on the computer there is a good chance they are replying to these requests - it's a big job!

If we look at the graph to the left with the two previous years compared, we can clearly see the impact that COVID has made on our Club. Traffic is down by 56% due to lockdown. Can you see the effect the recent rain has had to the amount of hits in the last week? Figures before COVID were much higher and will become high again soon as COVID fades away.

It is interesting isn't it? It is also very important. It helps us to track trends and ensure we are stocked with drinks, food and enough staff to service the expected number of visitors. And that is important because the money we earn means we can stay open and do what we are all really wanting to do - PLAY BOWLS!

Do you have a suggestion for the website? We would love to hear it!

Film Shoot

On the 10th August a film shoot for an advertisement was held at the Club under strict COVID supervision including from the local constabulary!

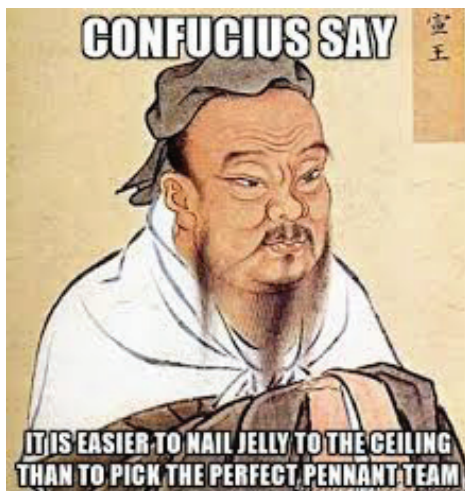


Jokes



Nobody's Darling

Up and down, walking walking,
Often measuring, sometimes chalking;
Shifting mats - keeping score,
thirty ends, maybe more;
Aching back - tired of limb,
Cheers for others, none for him,
Night draws on, darker, darker,
No one cares for he's the marker!



A woman gets on a bus with her baby.

The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!"

The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming.

She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!"

The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."



The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which he regularly consulted during games.

Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book, read it and make a brilliant shot.

Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. Many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. A shrewd woman, who was also in need of funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder.

The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book.

He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages – and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said: "Small circle on the inside."

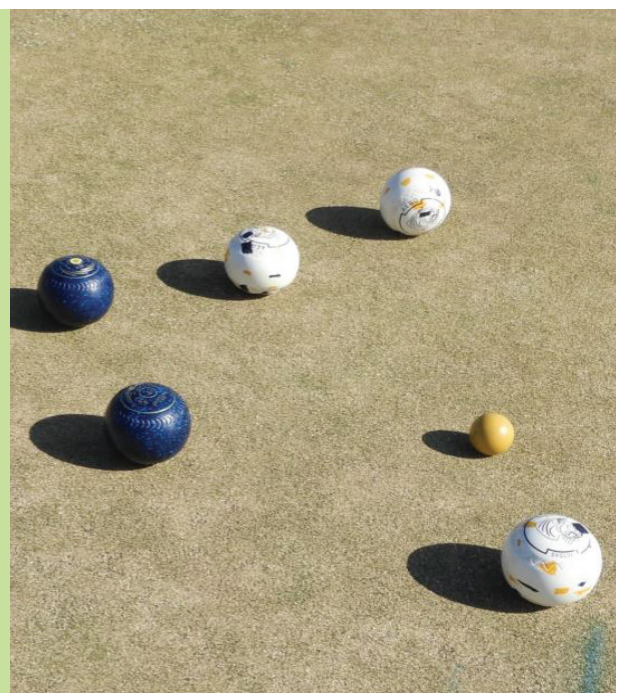
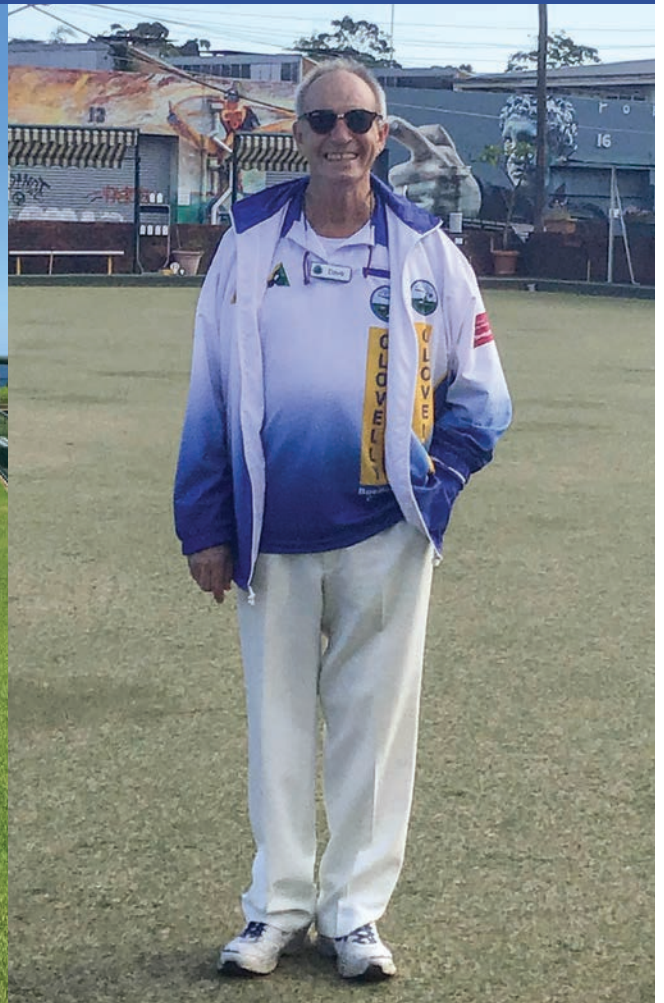


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Email