

Kayne's putting perfection

By Jemma Jones

Local golf product Kayne Crompton has returned from his golfing campaign at Special Olympics Gold Coast Classic with a piece of silver he can bite his teeth into.

He scored 84 and 83 in his rounds, with pre-handicap scores of 102 and 101, over the 36-hole tournament, which was enough to place Crompton second in his division and 11th overall.

It comes just weeks following his win at the state championships in Ballarat, which set him up nicely for his stint at the Palm Meadows Golf Course from October 19 to 21.



Kayne Crompton is far from finished in the competition world.

Photo: Jemma Jones

After returning from his successful week in Queensland, Crompton is

back on his home turf of the Parkland Golf Club, soaking up the week's success.

"I feel so humble to have won the medals that I did," he said.

"I'm proud of how I applied myself."

Crompton said his success came down to putting in the hours on the green.

"I just want to keep getting better. I love the challenge," Crompton said.

Crompton's dad Mick said his achievements go beyond what was expected for someone whose home turf is below that of major competition standard.

"I mean, we've got some great greens around here; but obviously not quite the resources compared to cities," Mick said.

"There's a lot of travelling just to play on a long

course ... and preparing for his long course game.

"He's done well for a country lad."

The pair believes there is untapped potential for those with intellectual disabilities to find access and success in sports.

Crompton said they were helping by building a golf simulator at their house, which will allow them to run all-abilities coaching sessions from their shed.

"It's so I can coach people like myself to play golf and get them into the sport," he said.

Mick agreed, and said it would be great to see more representation in the sport.

"It'll be great in the

future to see more all-abilities golfers come along and get involved in the sport."

While Crompton's neck is a bit weighed down after his recent success, he is far from finished in the competition world.

His eyes are now set on the national competition, hoping to compete strongly in Melbourne in October next year.

Mick sees horizons broader than Australian shores.

"They'll be playing against the best of the best (at nationals) in their divisions," he said.

"But it can progress ... the next step is World Games."

Tongala bowlers second best in Victoria

By Oliver Shedden

After a fairytale run that saw them charge all the way into the School Sports Victoria primary state final, Tongala Primary School's lawn bowls team are second best in the state.

Tonny PS has a well-established and successful sport program for a school of 150 students, particularly in lawn bowls, fielding four teams and with 24 total students participating.

Tongala moved through the Campaspe interschool bowls rounds, winning the division, then winning the Loddon-Mallee tournament to punch its ticket to the state final in Sunbury on Wednesday, October 29.

In the first three preliminary rounds, the sole Tongala team to make it to the

state finals defeated Buninyong Primary School 9-5, Plenty Parklands Primary School 10-4 and Yarrowonga College P-12 9-5.

At the big one against Cowes Primary School, it was level-pegging at 6-6 into the last ends before Cowes clutched up, stealing the game 8-6 with the last two bowls of the game.

With 2000 primary schools in Victoria, Tonny PS is second-best in the state for bowls, an achievement that principal Rob Hogan couldn't be prouder of.

"It's a fantastic achievement," he said.

"Not just for the kids, but for the whole school because we have a really close relationship with the Tongala Bowls Club where we get some coaches to come and give the students



Jed Brennan, Kane Pyke, Billy Dolling, Lucas Pyke, Tippi Holyman and Ella Forde came runners-up at the School Sports Victoria primary state finals in lawn bowls.

some pointers.

"So, the kids are able to put in the time and the effort, we go over and train, and they really enjoy the game.

"It's a different sport to what is typically played, a lot

of the students are normally footballers and netballers and cricketers and so on.

"So, lawn bowls is a different pace, I suppose, and to see them just get better and better and the students

themselves getting better and better was a great highlight."

Hogan has always been thrilled with the diverse range of sporting interests by students at Tonny PS,

which allows the school to be involved in different competitions for sport.

This gives the students the ability to learn different skills and be able to find the perfect sport for each student's abilities and confidence.

"It's fabulous to see so many kids putting their hand up and having a go at something that they've probably never even seen or watched before, let alone could compete in, which is great," he said.

"Lawn bowls is a great sport for all students to play, there's no physicality needed and so on.

"But, it's a real thinking game, and the kids have really learned how to not just bowl well, but also the strategy behind the game as well."

Redbacks bowlers come out spitting venom to save day

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"Our whole plan was around building pressure because we thought we'd have to bowl them out," McLay said.

"But we kept their scoring minimal and in the end we were able to get the required run rate to six an over which was just an amazing effort by our bowlers, and they finished nine down."

McLay commended the

full bowling unit for a comprehensive team effort with the Kookaburra.

He noted the plan to build bowling partnerships would create pressure from either end, and it was reflected on the stat sheet - five out of the six bowlers for the day kept SYCU's economy to less than three runs an over, while all of those five each held at least one wicket to their name by stumps.

However, McLay was quick to relay to his troops

that the standard of cricket displayed won't get them far against stronger sides, including this weekend's opponent, reigning premier Waaia.

"We spoke about it after the game, it wasn't all pats on the back, we've got plenty of work to do," McLay said.

"We're getting good partnerships up front with the bat, but we're just finding ways to hand momentum back to the opposition and

putting ourselves under pressure.

"It's a work in progress at the moment; if we put in a performance like that this week against Waaia we're gonna have our pants pulled down."

Waaia has won three on the spin following its shock round one defeat to Mooropna, while the Redbacks have rebounded with two victories since their round two loss to second-placed Central Park-St Brendan's.

THE GAME

Kyabram 10-144 (Billy McLay 45, Paul Parsons 43, Grayson Widmer 4-37) **d SYCU 9/137** (Sebastian Menzhausen 56, Keegan Armstrong 22, Louis Sabbagh-Holt 3-23)

STAR PLAYER:

Samuel Langley (Kyabram): Coach Jackson McLay was full of praise for Langley, who featured in his first game of the season with the Redbacks. Opening the bowling, Langley claimed 2-20 off eight overs and was marginally the most economical in an all-round strong bowling display by Kyabram.