

BOWLSPEAK

The Monthly newsletter of the Warrnambool Bowls Club Inc

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I hope you're all surviving this Arctic blast that's been blowing through lately! It's good to see some rain at last—although it's a bit late for our rural friends and has left some of our greens looking more like swimming pools.



Despite the wild weather, we've been keeping busy. We're still waiting on a few tradies to finish up at the Airbnb property, but it's nearly ready for listing. So far, we've completed renovations on the bathroom, toilet, and kitchen; upgraded the electrical systems and installed new smoke alarms; put in new doors; refreshed the interiors with a coat of paint; and installed new blinds. External TLC is on pause until the weather cooperates.

A big thank you to everyone who braved the cold to attend the AGM—it was a great success. There were lots of valuable discussions and suggestions. One exciting outcome was the approval of the Legends Club, and the committee is now working on inviting eligible members to join.

Behind the scenes, we're continuing to plan for the future with upcoming events and improvements around the club. We're in the final stages of council approval for the new scoreboards, which we hope to see progress very soon. You'll also notice that new locks have been installed in the members' area—this upgrade came in response to ongoing security concerns and will help keep our club safer for everyone.

Keep rolling, stay warm, and most importantly—enjoy yourselves!

Warm regards,
Emma Newton
Chairperson

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE IS KEY

What is purposeful practice? Regular 'rolling up' or practice may involve mindless repetitions, whereas deliberate practice focuses attention towards a specific goal of improving performance. Purposeful practice also involves an element of systematic approach. Regular practice still has its benefits and helps to reinforce and maintain basic technique during the early

stages of improvement. However, if you ultimately want to overcome plateaus in performance, be more competitive and nail that backhand drive consistently then planned purposeful practice is the only way.

The key to success with purposeful practice is feedback! Receiving immediate feedback while performing skills/drills on the green will enable you to adopt and further understand your actual 'strengths' and 'weaknesses', rather than predicting what your perceived abilities may be.



The best method of introducing an immediate feedback system while performing specific skills/drills is through a scoring system. Taking this approach on scoring the outcome of each bowl you deliver in relation to the skills/drills goal, will allow you to not only compare results on the day of practice but also over time. Patterns in strengths or weaknesses can be highlighted in such things as; jack length, green conditions, mat position, weather, rinks played on, forehand and backhand shots.

A basic example of a scoring system which is widely used within the bowls community, would be the use of the mat length to determine a score. E.g., if the bowl delivered falls within a mat length of its target, then a point is scored. If the bowl unfortunately finishes more than a mat length from the target, then the score is zero. Alternatively, you can go further with this approach and also use the mat width to increase scoring opportunities. You can be creative and implement your own scoring system and approaches, however sometimes the basic approach with just the mat and a piece of paper/phone to note down scores, can be the most effective.

Paul O'Donnell

Bowls Co-ordinator

SAVE THE DATE!

PENNANT PRACTICE

MATCHES:

6/9 Drysdale - home

20/9 Mt Gambier - away

SOCIAL BOWLS FEES:

**From August 1, fees for
Wednesdays and Fridays to go to
\$8 (with increased prize money on
Fridays!)**

MATCH COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL BOWLS

Social bowls have dropped off on Wednesdays considerably, due to cold weather and people heading north. Fridays have been encouraging with up to 12 rinks. We have lost a couple to bad weather as well.

It is good to see extra bowlers, John Klein, Barry Gleeson, getting in to help with cards and presentations. Any other bowlers who are willing to give a hand, please let us know.

Selection Committee need bowlers to put their names down for Saturday and Midweek pennant, sheets are already on notice boards.

Match Committee will be looking to changing the Wednesday format, once or twice a month, to '2 x 4 x 2'. Any other suggestions, let match Committee members know.

Bill Hunting

SOCIAL BOWLS MAY/JUNE 2025

30/5	Winners of Winners	K Lilley & J Pelgrim	+9
	Winners of Losers	J Klein & L McLaren	+9
4/6	Winners of Winners	G Johnson & P Thorsen	+12
	Winners of Losers	R Hill & L McLaren	+12
11/6	Winners of Winners	B McMahon & J Mahney	+8
	Winners of Losers	R Hill & S Selman	+16
13/6	Winners of Winners	L McCosh & B Hill	+11
	Winners of Losers	P Meade & B Murrell	+10
18/6	Winners of Winners	P Thorsen & B Tory	+9
	Winners of Losers	C Jensen & S Verdon	+4
20/6	Winners of Winners	B Tory & C Jensen	+16
	Winners of Losers	G Johnson & M McKenzie	+9
27/6	Winners of Winners	B Hunting & N Mahney	+10
	Winners of Losers	I Cross & B Uebergang	+38

MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello WBC Members,

It's that time of year again, Bowls Memberships are now due and need to be paid by 1st August 2025. If your membership hasn't been renewed by then, your account will be marked as expired and unfortunately, you'll lose access to all your member discounts and benefits until it's sorted. Renewing is easy, just pop in and see the team at the bar next time you're in.

We've recently installed new digital locks on the changerooms and bowls office areas to give the space a bit of a security upgrade. Access can be set up via your smartphone, or if you're more of an "I want a card in my hand" type – we can sort you out with a custom access card instead. If you'd like help setting it up or want to get your access sorted, just catch Paul or myself at the Club and we'll get you up and running in no time.

I have recently moved over to Mailchimp to help send out bulk updates to members, especially while we try to fix issues with Gmail and other services flagging our usual emails. A heads-up though, some of these emails are still ending up in spam folders or being marked as suspicious. If you're expecting an update and don't see anything, have a quick peek in your spam folder. Most emails will be from me, and if you're ever unsure, just give me a buzz or drop by the Club for a chat.

Upcoming Events

We're pumped to be hosting a Footy Feast Panel Show celebrating 100 years of the mighty Hawthorn Football Club, right here at the Club on Thursday, 21st August. It's shaping up to be a top night for any Hawks tragic – so whether you bleed brown and gold or you know someone who does, this is the perfect night out or an ideal gift. Tickets start at just \$44 + booking, with a range of packages available depending on how fancy you want to go. For more info or to grab your tickets, head to: events.humanitix.com/hawthornwbcc

We're switching things up to warm up your Sundays this winter with Sunday Afternoon Trivia kicking off from 4:00 PM starting 17th August. It's a fun, relaxed way to spend your arvo, have a laugh, and maybe even win a prize or two. More details will be shared soon, but mark your calendars, it should be a fun afternoon.

That's all from me this month, have a great month and keep warm.

Cheers,

Tim Smithyman

General Manager



FIVE MINUTES WITH BRIAN McMAHON (NUT)



How did you start bowling:

I was a publican (owner) at the Criterion Hotel and the bowlers used to come in there after their game and they talked me into coming down and playing on the Sunday, chicken pairs they called it. I had a game and I thought, not a bad game this. Got a bit keen and started bowling. That was 46 years ago. I have only bowled at WBC.

Bowls stories?

I was playing in a final up at City and it was back in the days when if you wore shorts you had to wear long white socks up to your knees. It was a real hot day and about halfway through the day I pushed them down to my ankles. Next minute the referee of the day came around and said, "Pull your socks up!". I said, "I'm doing my best!".

Down at the old club, before we moved to our current premises, women used to play indoor bowls at half past 7. We would be down there drinking this night and they had the mats down and someone got a bread and butter plate and put it under the mat. So the women started bowling and of course the bowls were running off the mats! Someone nearly got into trouble over that.

Biggest achievement in bowls

I won an Association Fours one year, won the pairs, triples and fours a couple of times. Have also played in three or four pennant grand finals.

Best thing about being involved in the Warrnambool Bowls Club

I've always found people everyone pretty easy going, it's a very friendly club.

Any advice for new bowlers?

Practise! There is no substitute for practise.

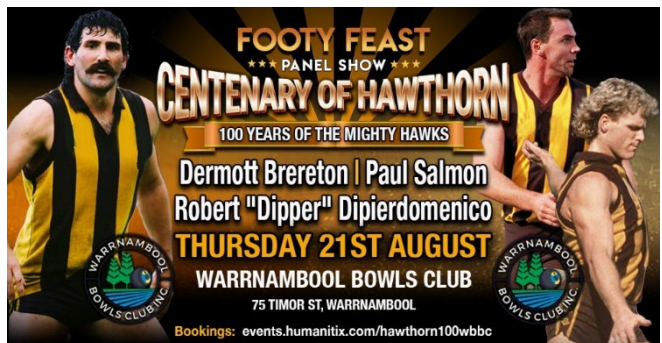


HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members who have/will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of July:

Russell Anderson, Rodney Brooks, Ivan Cross, Ron Cunnington, Maree Dalton, Helen Edwards, Matt Hatfield, Brenda Hawker, Adam Holloway, Don Johnson, Pat Kelly, Emma Newton, Shirley Sharp, Stephen Vick, Peter Watson, David Whiteside, Brian McMahon



- REMEMBER WE HAVE A LIBRARY AT THE CLUB
- NEW BOOKS UPDATED REGULARLY.
- COME AND BROWSE
- LIBRARY JUST INSIDE THE LADIES LOCKER ROOM
- (Don't be shy fellows)



2026



Aussie
Broadband

+



NEW YEARS TRIPLES

\$18,000 LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY 6TH & WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2026

TOURNAMENT TEAM ENTRY: \$360

ENTRY INCLUDES LUNCH ON BOTH DAYS

Register your interest in this event:

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QUBE

AUTUMN CLASSIC

Pairs & Fours Tournament

With a total prize pool of \$30,000, this event promises intense competition, top-tier bowling, and a fantastic atmosphere for players and spectators alike.

TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL 2026

SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL 2026

PAIRS TEAM ENTRY: \$240

FOURS TEAM ENTRY: \$480

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