

BOWLSPEAK

The Monthly newsletter of the Warrnambool Bowls Club Inc

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It's been full steam ahead with the Board as we continue working on a number of exciting projects for the future of our club. We're pleased to share that the internal works at 87 Timor St have finally wrapped up — including a few last-minute additions suggested by our property managers, which we were happy to take on board.



AA huge thank you to Jon Clegg for the multitude of handyman jobs he completed in and around the property — your efforts have made a world of difference. Our gratitude also goes to Kathleen Brockett and Colin Jenson for their generous donations; visitors will be enjoying many hours of fun thanks to you both. Ben Cornick has ensured the home is safe and secure with his great work on the locks and keys, and Dom Bushell's dad, Dennis, did a stellar job repairing the garage and providing friendly conversation. Last but not least, Daryl Andrew's son, Travis, gave the garden some much-needed love — and it shows! It's fabulous to see our club community coming together and helping out wherever they can.

Now that the property is ready to go, our attention is turning to refreshing parts of the club itself. One key focus is the children's play area, which we're looking to upgrade to help attract families and holiday-makers, encouraging them to make memories here and enjoy our facilities.

With the upcoming holiday season, many local families will also be staying in nearby caravan parks. While they may be "on holiday," they're often still part of our extended community — and if we can bring them into the club, we're likely to see them back again and again. We're also eager to see more locals out on the greens, enjoying some barefoot bowls under the summer sun, so we're exploring ways to encourage more participation.

And speaking of greens — keep rolling your best bowls, supporting your club, and backing your teammates. It's your enthusiasm and involvement that keep our club thriving.

Emma Newton
Chairperson

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

We are well into the pennant season and it's great to see both Tuesday and Saturday teams well positioned at this stage. Can we all improve to assist our team to make finals?



Being able to consistently place your bowls where they are needed puts so much pressure on the opposition. Identify your weakness and work on it!!

Some handy tips below from the Bowls Academy:

1. Incorrect aiming - Fix: Pick a visual target on the bank and commit to it.
2. Changing delivery pace - Fix: Develop a repeatable rhythm, think smooth, not fast.
3. Poor follow-through - Fix: Hold your follow-through for two seconds after release.
4. Dropping the bowl - Fix: Keep your hand under the bowl until the very last moment.
5. Standing up too early - Fix: Stay low through the shot - imagine "delivering under a fence."
6. Overthinking the green - Fix: Trust your routine; adjust incrementally, not dramatically.
7. Tension in the grip or shoulders - Fix: Shake your arms before each shot, relax your grip, breathe out on delivery.

Fixing these alone can dramatically elevate your draw consistency.

Paul O'Donnell
Bowls Co-ordinator



MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The monthly triples was held on Wednesday 19th November and was well supported with a lot of visitors enjoying WBC's hospitality and generous prize money! Congratulations to the winners Arthur Finch, Max Saunders and Dianne Finch and the runners-up Alan Sullivan, Trevor Bolden and Neil Crisp. Our next monthly triples will be held on Wednesday 17th December – get your teams in!



Bill Hunting
Match Committee

SOCIAL BOWLS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

29/10	Winners of Winners	S Vick & S Verdon	+8
	Winners of Losers	J Rundle & B Hill	+8
31/10	Winners of Winners	R Bell & A Sullivan	+28
	Winners of Losers	L Moloney & J Clegg	+17
5/11	Winners of Winners	S Verdon & R Bell	+12
	Winners of Losers	P Thorsen & T Smith	+13
7/11	Winners of Winners	B Tory & C Jensen *wash out*	+16
	Winners of Losers	S Verdon & P Verdon	-3
12/11	Winners of Winners	P Thorsen & L Lenehan	+9
	Winners of Losers	R Hill & G Sharpe	+16
14/11	Winners of Winners	Les & Anne Johnson	+14
	Winners of Losers	R Hill & B Gleeson	+7

MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello WBC Members,

The silly season is rolling in fast, and there's plenty happening around the Club – on and off the greens, so here's a quick rundown of what's new and what's coming up:

You might have seen a shiny new toy arrive behind the scenes, the Club has purchased a new fryer system for the bar. We're currently working on a new Bar Menu, and once it's finalised you'll be able to grab something to nibble on from the bar, regardless of the day or time. Think easy, tasty options that work for a quick snack, a share plate with mates, or something to tide you over before or after a game. Keep an eye out, we'll be rolling the new menu out soon and will let everyone know once it launches.

To make life easier for our bowlers, I've put together a step-by-step guide on how to input teams into Bowlslink, which is now located in the Bowls Office. Along with that, you'll also find a full list of all our bowls members' National ID numbers, plus instructions on how to set up your Bowlslink account. Bowlslink is quickly becoming something members will need access to for events, entries and more, so it's worth getting yourself set up sooner rather than later. If you'd like a hand, come and see myself or POD – we're more than happy to walk you through it, and we can even set it up on your smartphone for you and give you a quick rundown on how it all works.



Our project at 87 Timor has now been completed and will soon be available as a short stay rental. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out along the way, from painting and cleaning to the long hours sorting, shifting and setting up. It's been a big job, but it's going to be fantastic to see the property getting used over the holiday season, bringing extra people into Warrnambool and an additional income stream back into the Club.

A bit of raffle news for you:

- Our Midfield Meat prizes (from our Major Club Sponsor) are moving from a \$30 meat tray to a \$50 meat tray. This change helps us continue to support Midfield following the closure of their retail outlet, while still giving our members and guests great value on a Friday night.
- Our Christmas Ham Raffle will be held on Friday 12th December with 25+ Christmas leg hams up for grabs. A great chance to stock the fridge and be the hero at Christmas lunch without having to wrestle the supermarket crowds.
- Staying on the raffle theme, the ball machine will be returning to Friday nights in January with a new batch of prizes. We had originally planned to bring it back in December, but pushed it into the new year so it doesn't clash with other promotions across the month. Keep an eye out for what prizes are going to be in it this time around.
- Also by the time you're reading this our Christmas Promo will be up and running, with prizes on display in the bar. You can score an entry by spending \$10 in a single purchase in the bar or bistro areas of the Club, 13 prizes, drawn at the raffle on Friday 19th December.

Our first Friday morning music session drew a really good crowd and encouraged a large number of people to stay on for lunch, which is exactly what we were hoping for. The next session will be on Friday 19th December from 10:30am (check the noticeboards and Facebook for any time tweaks), with a \$25 two-course light lunch special available for those who'd like to make a morning of it. It's a great relaxed way to catch up with friends, enjoy some live music and support the Club.

We're very excited to have Michael Honan hosting his EP launch and performing live at the Club on Saturday 13th December. Tickets are \$30 and it's shaping up to be an amazing night of local country music. If you haven't heard Michael before, do yourself a favour and come along – it's a great chance to support local talent and enjoy a night out right here at your Club.

As we slide into the festive season I just want to say a huge thank you to all our members, volunteers, staff and sponsors for another big year at the Warrnambool Bowls Club. Whether you've been rolling up, dining in, helping out, buying raffle tickets, cheering from the sidelines or just popping in for a quiet drink, you're the reason this place has such a great atmosphere.

From myself and the team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Please stay safe on the roads, look after one another, and if things get a bit hectic and you need a break from the Christmas "elves" at home, remember, the Club is here if you need to "sleigh" a thirst and catch up with friends. 😊

See you around the Club!

Tim Smithyman
Manager

And the hardest working person at the club goes to...



FIVE MINUTES WITH JEFF RUNDLE

By Maree Dalton

AT A GLANCE

BORN: 1947

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Lorraine

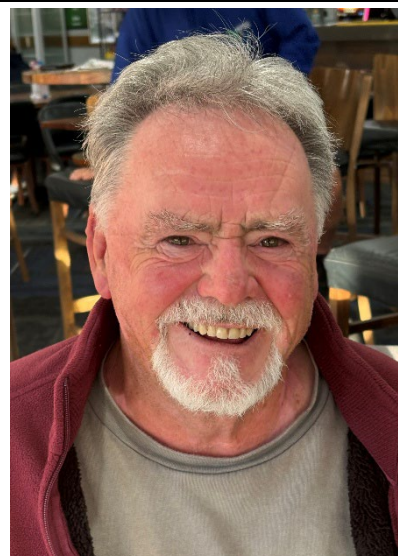
CHILDREN: Kathryn (lives in London), Allison and Vincent. We have 7 grandchildren, 2 of them live in London.

PARENTS: Stewart and Mary

SIBLINGS I'm the youngest of 12; Reg (dec'd), Leo, Bill (dec'd), Gloria, Laurie (dec'd), Evelyn (dec'd), Noelene, Iris, Kelvin, Patricia (dec'd) and Joe.

EDUCATION: Timboon Consolidated School

SPORTING HIGHLIGHT: Playing in the grand final wins with this club in Division 3 and Division 2 over the years



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING BOWLS AND WHY DID YOU START?

I've been playing bowls for 24 years. I played at Lawn Tennis for 5 years before joining this club. I also played indoor bowls for about 5 years with Cudgee. All my family played bowls including my dad. My sister Noelene still plays occasionally for Timboon.

DO YOU ENJOY IT? WHY?

I love the game of bowls. It's a great social game. It's a game of skill, anyone can win on any given day.

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

When I left school at Timboon, I headed to WA and started a job on Rottnest Island driving a garbage truck. I then moved to Springvale in Victoria and worked for Dulux Pants. In 1973 I married Lorraine and we then spent 3 years working and travelling the East Coast of Australia. We decided we couldn't find a better spot than Warrnambool to settle and have been here 45 years in the same house. I also served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970 in the army.

HAVE YOU PLAYED SPORT IN THE PAST?

I played football for Cobden U/18's, and Reserves for Cobden and Timboon. I also played tennis for Cowleys Creek.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BOWLING?

I enjoy the competitiveness of the pennant competition. Social bowls is just that, very social and enjoyable.

FLY ON THE WALL



I hear it only took until the second week of pennant for our Division 1 Gold side to flee the green when there was a little spot of rain and the poor precious darlings did not go back on because they had completed more than 75% of the game. Meanwhile, on the adjacent rinks, Division 2 Green soldiered on and completed all 63 ends. One side needs to harden up and it is not the Greens!

Couple of big wedding anniversaries of late. Bill and Heather Hunting reached the 50-year mark and Maree and Ian Dalton hit 45-years. No jokes about getting longer for murder etc, but big-hearted Billy decided he would shout Heather dinner at the Club and spent his time solitary in the Dining Room while Heather hit the Gaming Room. I am sure, (at least I hope), they had a cuddle when they got home. I am not sure what big-hearted Ian did for Maree but I hear on the grapevine that he is a very romantic man in private and follows the traditional Anniversary Gift guide. For their 13th Anniversary, where the traditional present is Lace, he went all out and presented Maree with a Lace gift, believe it or not, a shoelace. Not a new one, but a dirty smelly one straight from his runners! Not sure if he truly understands women. Anyway, 32 years after that they are still an item so he must be doing something right.



Whilst we are talking about the Dalton family, big Ray was quick to make a comeback to pennant when he discovered we were short of players. His full membership was paid in double-time, uniform was dragged out of moth balls, washed, and ironed and the walker was dusted and oiled ready for the big day. He was at the Club ready to go a good hour before kick-off. Good on you Ray! Had a feeling your retirement would not last long. Hope you had a great day on the green.

What is with the Skippers at this Club? It is accepted practice if you are named as Skip for an away game out of town you organise the car for your rink. You do not have to drive, but you organise the car. Heard a little rumour that one midweek Skip was seen asking a Selector late Monday afternoon who was going to drive his rink the next morning and then left it up to the Selector to make numerous phone calls to get it sorted! Then there is the weekend Skip who was given a new lead and his instructions were just stay one side and try and get close. Took four or five ends before the Skip realised that his lead was bowling around the clock, forehand every bowl, as opposed to picking a side of the green as directed. Lead obviously thought he was following instructions by not changing his hand. He was apparently going so well, that the Skip bit his tongue and just let him go! Skippers, got to love them, but maybe they need to be very clear with their instructions! I might have a bit of dirt on a few thirds too but I will leave that to next month.

A small bit of driving advice, car driving that is, for Greg Howlett. Roundabouts are designed to go around. It is sort of suggested in the name. I believe he found out that going straight over the top of them instead will often lead to a punctured tyre! It also helps if you have easy access to your spare, not a rear tray smothered with farming implements that should be home in the shed!

Saturday \$100 meat tray raffle is back for the pennant season. Possibly It is a good idea to order the meat tray before you sell tickets for the raffle. Could have been a bit embarrassing if a visiting bowler had won the prize!

Rumour file. I hear Jon Clegg and Emma Newton have been sharing photographs over their telephones. Apparently, it is all about defects in the Air B&B that need to be rectified. That is what I am told. Wayne Cooper was asked by his wife Anne to bring home takeaway on Friday night after bowls and turned up at home with a cardboard tray filled with cheese, pretzels, dry biscuits, and peanuts. Wonder where he got those from? Barry Gleeson went three consecutive social bowls days without bowling a wrong bias! Max McKenzie was a bit disappointed with his birthday cake last month. The family were unable to secure a permit from the CFA to light so many candles at once. Happy birthday anyway Max. A well-known member of the Club turned up at the wrong venue for a pennant game only a week after making himself unavailable for a very dubious reason. Fortunately, the correct venue was only a short distance away! The Manager of the Yellow team picked up his satchel from the Club in readiness for a pennant game in Port Fairy. Unfortunately, he was only five minutes from Port Fairy when he received a phone call from the Club to bring back the Orange team's paperwork which he had inadvertently also taken for a scenic drive. All rumours of course.

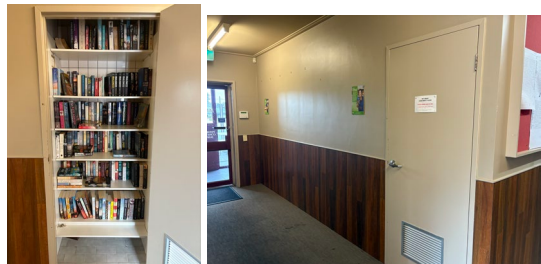
Moving on to international news. The 2025 Sexiest Man Alive title was decided early November and went to some American nobody. Apparently, the nominations from the Warrnambool Bowls Club did not make it before the closing date. We will have to resubmit next year. Grammy nominations were also released and again we were disappointed with Deal’s rendition of My Way not making the final cut!

Congratulations to Matt Hatfield who has taken over ownership of the Intersport store out at the Homemaker Centre. Have it on good authority that there will be no random specials up and down the middle aisle like Aldi. However, if you mention Loui sent you, you may or may not get a discount. If you need any sporting gear it would be good to support his new venture. Good luck Matt.

Until next time,
Loui



- REMEMBER WE HAVE A LIBRARY AT THE CLUB
- NEW BOOKS UPDATED REGULARY.
- COME AND BROWSE
- LIBRARY INSIDE THE OLD WASHING MACHINE ROOM (thanks Mick Edwards!)
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members who have/will be celebrating their birthdays in the month December:

Jason	Camilleri	16-December
Kevin	Carvalho	04-December
Lorraine	Dakin	06-December
Michael	Edwards	11-December
Brian	Furnell	25-December
Neville	Mahney	19-December
Lynne	Moloney	13-December
Steve	Selman	15-December
Brian	Uebergang	02-December
Ned	Van Rooy	29-December

UNIFORM NEWS

Men's pennant polos have arrived: \$50 – see POD, Shane or Lynne

New Beanies: Members \$30

Non-members \$32 – purchase at the bar



Second-hand uniforms: The lovely Imke Gill has some items for sale in the Women's locker room (hat, jacket, shoes) – prices listed inside bag and money can be placed in the envelope in the bag.

A BIG THANKYOU to the family of our late friend and team-mate, Jean Harkness, who have donated uniform items. These are located in the women's locker room in a tub. Please help yourself and wear your new items with pride!





2026 SHB +
Business & Wealth Advisers
PRELUDE SINGLES
\$10,000 LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

 **MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026**

 **ENTRY IS \$70 PER PERSON**
ENTRY INCLUDES A BBQ LUNCH ON THE DAY

To register your interest in this event contact Paul O Donnell

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\$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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2026
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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**
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