

BOWLSPEAK

The Monthly newsletter of the Warrnambool Bowls Club Inc

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Dear Members,

It's been another busy month behind the scenes with the Board working away for a bright future for our club.

If you've spent any time around the green, you'll know that our Bowls Coordinator, Pod, is the steady hand (and calm voice!) that keeps everything running smoothly — from fixtures and rinks to making sure the rest of us know which way to roll the jack. After many years of dedicated service, Pod is starting to look ahead to the next chapter — but don't worry, he's not going anywhere just yet! In true Pod fashion, he's planning carefully for the future and helping to ensure the club is in good hands. Over the coming months, we'll be advertising for a new Bowls Coordinator and Pod will be right here to guide and mentor that person when they come on board. It's a typically generous move from someone who has given so much time, energy, and good humour to the club — and we're all enormously grateful for it.

The Board is also pleased to share some good news about the club's investment property. We've recently agreed to engage Langleys Port Fairy Accommodation Booking Service to manage and maintain the property for holiday rentals. This partnership is a really positive step for the club — Langleys brings strong local knowledge, professional management, and a great reputation for quality service. Their team will ensure the property is well cared for, attract guests throughout the year, and help us make the most of this important club asset. It's a practical move that gives us confidence everything will run smoothly, while freeing up the Board to focus on supporting members and club activities. A special mention and big thank you to Jon Clegg, who has been putting in a huge amount of effort on the finishing touches at the property. From those last bits of maintenance to thoughtful details that make the space welcoming, Jon's hard work and care have made a real difference — and it's something we can all be proud of. To help make the holiday home even more inviting, we're putting out a friendly call to members — if you have any board games or books in great condition that you'd like to donate, we'd love to add them to the collection for our guests to enjoy.

Pennant season is well and truly underway, and it's been fantastic to see so many of you out on the greens — rolling well, competing hard, and often coming away with a win! I had a great time joining the Yellows over the weekend. There's definitely plenty of practice ahead for me, but I'm looking forward to improving and, most of all, cheering you all on throughout the season.

Happy rolling

Emma Newton
Chairperson



BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT



Congratulations to all that are participating in both Tuesday and Saturday Pennant. It is that team structure that makes Pennant so good!! If you aren't playing in it, get on board and enjoy the bowls and banter that exists, win or lose.

Thursday night, training night and steak night!! This is a great part of our week and we are getting great numbers, so come and enjoy it, 2 hour happy hour (makes sense) and a variety of cooks. Which reminds me, we need more cooks to put their names down to follow up on the great job the members have done so far. More importantly the Bowls Section committee have decided to shout the cooks on the night FREE STEAK SANGAS!!

On Thursday nights, before you start your practice, have a think about what may have been your weakness last Saturday. This is what you should focus on, spend a good half hour replicating either your delivery or your decision making.

Paul O'Donnell
Bowls Co-ordinator



MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Bowls' numbers have been on the increase even with some very inclement weather of late. Monthly two Bowl Triples have again started with winners Jeff Woolley, Daryl Andrew and Pat Kelly, 2nd Place - Ian Dalton, Bill Hunting and Gary Blandthorne. This tournament continues to grow.

Pennant has begun with Midweek into its second week and all four divisions winning both games, fantastic effort and it is great to see more bowlers wanting to play midweek.



Saturday pennant is only into its first round with five wins out of eight sides, a great effort for the start of the season, so keep up the training on Thursday nights with the fabulous steak sandwiches and a cold beverage to keep the momentum going.



Club singles start next month so get your names on sheets posted outside the bowls office. Everybody should play in the club singles to get the experience to play against all bowlers irrespective of which division they play in.

Good Luck & good Bowling!

Bill Hunting
Match Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello again WBC Members,

There's plenty happening around the Club as we head into the warmer months, so here's a quick run-through of what's coming up, grab your diary, because there's a few you won't want to miss!

Melbourne Cup Day at the Club is open to all Bowls Members — free entry, food across the day, and bar specials. Want to bring a mate along? No problems at all, just make sure they're a social member (or sign them up on the day for just \$10). Please register your group at the bar so we can cater properly for everyone.



Starting Friday 21st November, we're introducing Friday Morning Music — a brand new monthly session from 10 AM – 1 PM, kicking off with the always-entertaining 'Remember When'. To make it even better, we'll have a special limited menu for \$25, including a dessert. It's the perfect way to enjoy a relaxed Friday morning with great tunes, great food, and great company!

On Saturday 13th December, we're thrilled to welcome Michael Honan to the Club for the launch of his brand-new EP. If you haven't heard Michael before, you're in for a treat, he's a talented young country singer making waves across Australia. You can check out his music [on YouTube](#).

Fan favourite, 'JGAR', is back at the Club with two big shows, Saturday 31st January and Saturday 21st February from 8 pm. If you've seen them before, you know these nights go off, so make sure you don't miss out!

This year we're taking a little break from our regular Sunday music sessions and trying a few new ideas around the Club. Keep your eyes peeled though the odd pop-up Sunday gig may appear over the holiday break!

After four years, Musical Bingo is still going strong and it's back for New Year's Eve for its fourth birthday at the Club! It's always a crowd favourite, so rally your crew early and book your spot.

With the silly season rolling in fast, the Club will be buzzing with extra events, Christmas parties, and barefoot bowls sessions. Some areas may be booked out at times, so thanks in advance for your patience as we juggle the festive fun. If you're keen to help out with barefoot bowls sessions, give me a shout, extra hands always make a difference! We're also looking for members interested in helping host our Friday Night Raffles and Members Draws. If you'd like to throw your hat in the ring, let Emma or myself know and we'll get you trained up and added to the rotation.

It wouldn't be the festive season without our "WORLD-FAMOUS" Christmas Ham Raffle, and Christmas Prize Giveaway. Our Christmas prize giveaway is happening from the end of November through to the Friday before Christmas. It's always a great night and a Club tradition, get in early to get a seat.

Mark it down, the Pennant Christmas Break-Up Night will be held Saturday 20th December after weekend pennant. POD will release more details soon, but it's always a great night to celebrate the season together.

It's shaping up to be a huge finish to the year, thanks as always for being part of what makes our Club such a great place to be.

That's all for me this month, see you around the Club and I'll be back here next month.

Cheers,

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Tim Smithyman

General Manager

SOCIAL BOWLS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

19/9	Winners of Winners	P Meade & B Murrell	+13
	Winners of Losers	G Jewell & P Watson	+10
24/9	Winners of Winners	R Hill & P Thorsen	+10
	Winners of Losers	P Verdon & R Cunnington	+7
26/9	Winners of Winners	P Thorsen & R Hill	+10
	Winners of Losers	B Furnell & D Nicholson	+8
1/10	Winners of Winners	B Uebergang & G Bartlett	+17
	Winners of Losers	P Verdon & B Standaar	+11
3/10	Winners of Winners	W Tory & C Jensen	+15
	Winners of Losers	P Howard & B Hunting	+23
8/10	Winners of Winners	R Hill & R Anderson	+9
	Winners of Losers	W Tory & G Bartlett	+14
10/10	Winners of Winners	I Cross & P Lumsden	+16
	Winners of Losers	B Pulling & M Dalton	+13
17/10	Winners of Winners	P Verdon & S Verdon	+10
	Winners of Losers	R Bayne & A Chapman	+13
22/10	Winners of Winners	J Rundle & B Standaar	+13
	Winners of Losers	W Tory & L McLaren	+16
24/10	Winners of Winners	W Tory & C Jensen	+12
	Winners of Losers	R Bell & A Sullivan	+12

FIVE MINUTES WITH IAN DALTON

By Maree Dalton



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BOWLING AND HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN THE GAME?

I've been bowling now for 16 years. I went to watch my brother in law Blackie Lenehan play in finals for this club back then. I really liked the game and he talked me into coming down here for roll. And that's how it all began.

DO YOU ENJOY BOWLS?

Yes, I really do enjoy bowling. The team environment, the competitiveness and the comradery that comes with playing is fantastic. Out on the greens it is all go but once the game is over you enjoy a drink and a chat with the team and the opposition.

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

I've just recently retired after 15 years at Sungold and before that 32 years at Midfield as a slaughterman. I also worked as a concreter before Midfield. I am married to Maree and we have three children. Luke, Ben and his partner Marli and Asha and her husband Matt. We also have 6 grandchildren who keep us very busy.

HAVE YOU PLAYED SPORT IN THE PAST?

I have played sport all my life. From the age of seven I started playing football and continued to play until I was 35. I have also played cricket, basketball and volleyball. I also coached junior and senior football and junior basketball.

YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME HERE AT THE CLUB?

I'm in my 7th year as a selector for Saturday Pennant. Selection is a tough gig but we try our best to get the right teams together to get the best results for our club. I've also recently joined the Bowls Section Committee which is another great way to be involved.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BOWLING HERE AT WBC?

It's the people you meet, both here at our club and then at all the other clubs you play at. You sometimes come up against people you have played back in your footy or cricket days and the same old rivalry and friendship is still there. Our Club encourages our bowlers to be their best. You can always contact one of the coaches if you want a lesson or some help with your bowling technique. You can play seriously in the Pennant Comp or just socially during the Weekly Comps. We cater for all bowlers. It's just a great place to be.

FLY ON THE WALL

It's been a long off season but the Club is back into Pennant and has started the season reasonably well across all Divisions. The clubrooms resembled a scene straight out of Oxford Street at the Sydney Mardis Gras first Saturday night of pennant with the number of gold hats on display thanks to our Division 1 Gold debutants in Barb Pulling, Troy King and Luke Williams. If not Mardis Gras it was resembling a 1970's disco.



Word on the street is that the Selectors have been struggling to fill all teams on a Saturday with the number of players unavailable. I guess you can't help injury or illness or even a special occasion that can't be avoided like say a wedding, but in a very first for the club, one member made himself unavailable because he had to attend a dog show! Didn't have a dog in the show, didn't know anybody that had a dog in the show, does not bark like a dog, might have fleas, but had to attend anyway. To not unduly embarrass this member, he shall not be named, but he does have a hairstyle that resembles a shaggy dog! You can guess from there.

The Monthly Triples Tournament kicked off in September and we were treated to a celebrity guest in Josh Walker-Davis. Josh might not be everybody's cup of tea but he gave the Club a bit of a plug on his Facebook/You Tube page which you can have a look at. Was not a fan of our Autumn weather but gave the Club and members a good wrap albeit some of the members interviewed are not going to get too many television gigs. The weather might explain why half our Club assembled up at Hervey Bay for the winter or then again, they could have gone up there just to benefit from the Rats' cooking classes!

Good to see a few members returning to the Club during the off season. Welcome back to Alan 'Sarge' Sullivan, Ian 'Bear' Yewers and Grant 'Horse' Gibson who have all seen the light and new members in Gavin Jewell, Paddy Hurley and Jacko Bryon. Jacko has single handedly lowered the average age of the Club by three years and joins our other teenage sensations in Donny and Xavier. Just quietly, he goes alright too! Lukey Williams has convinced his Mum and Dad (Anne and Chris) to join up and it is only a matter of time before they're convinced to play pennant. A far better idea than being Luke's groupies following him around the district greens. I guess they didn't have to buy any bowls because Luke owns more sets than West Coast Bowls has in stock. Our two dual members with Koroit, Sandy McAllion and Kenny Knowles, both took out the Koroit A Grade Singles titles this year. What's the go with that!



Good to see Pod running an information session prior to the season commencement highlighting expectations and etiquette on the greens. Has not stopped Troy, all hail the King, chasing his bowl down the green every chance he gets or Sean Verdon running off the mat like an imitation Gout Gout, or Real Deal clapping all his bowls, wick or no wick. Would not be fair to have a crack at Sean without mentioning his grumpy

old man. Word is that he's stopped drinking heavy beer because the Club put up the price by a dollar. So now he is drinking light beer, drinking more, and staying at the Club



longer which in affect is costing him more money! I guess he is another member who gets his financial advice from SHB Business and Wealth Advisers!

We could not have a Fly on the Wall article without a paragraph dedicated to Darren 'the Real Deal' Sager. Deal has come up with the quote of the off season when he reckons his nose is so big he can smell a Sunday roast on the Wednesday. He has also treated us to a rousing karaoke rendition of 'My Way' when he got home after Round 1 of pennant. Posted on his Facebook page, it is well worth a look. I promise you that it will impress! He is apparently now taking requests for future pennant nights with 'Red, Red, Wine' featuring as an early favourite for his next performance. Possibly we could have Ernie, who drove the fastest forklift in the West.

Until next time,
Loui (aka Peter Verdon)



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

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

Dale	Barclay	1 st November
Marita	Dalton	26 th November
Ray	Dalton	22 nd November
Lyall	Gill	20 th November
Patrick	Greene	23 rd November
Phil	Hawker	21 st November
Bill	Hunting	16 th November
Xavier	Jansen Van Vuuren	8 th November
Troy	King	18 th November
Don	Maddern	2 nd November
Ray	McGillivray	16 th November
Max	Mckenzie	25 th November
Graeme	Sharp	13 th November
Jeff	Woolley	19 th November
Tim	Smithyman	1 st November
Sandra	McCallion	14 th November

MONTHLY 2 BOWL TRIPLES

\$1000 IN PRIZE MONEY
PRIZES PAID FROM FIRST TO FIFTH PLACE



WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



ENTRY IS \$45 PER A TEAM
ENTRY INCLUDES POST GAME NIBBLES



12:00 PM STARTING TIME
ENTRIES CLOSE THE DAY BEFORE AT 4:00PM

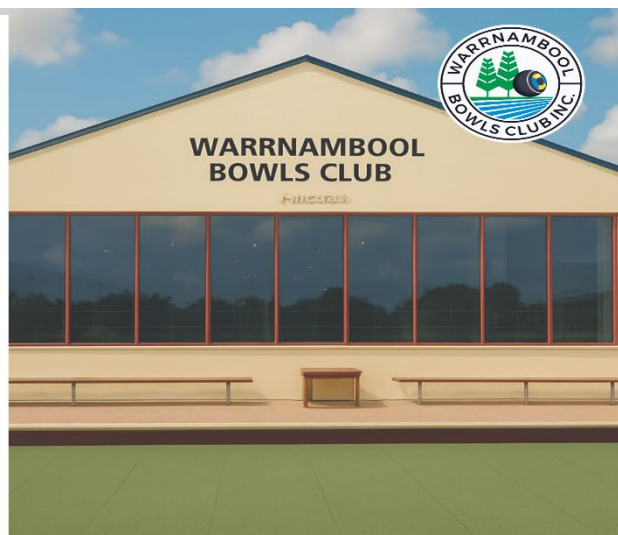
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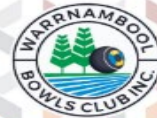
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2026 SHB + PRELUDE SINGLES

Business & Wealth Advisers

\$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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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

2026 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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