

Around the Green

Club Newsletter - October 2026



Bowls Section:

Now the AFL Grand Final has been and gone (bad luck Freo, but a great effort) Pennant Bowls is looming. Round 1 of Weekend Pennant is October 17th, round 1 of Midweek Pennant is October 20th.

IMPORTANT NOTE – the Bowls Forum has been deferred, new date Saturday October 10th at 11am.

The Bowls Committee has been working on dates for all the events within the City of Heidelberg Bowls competition (see calendar at end of the report). For Men's and Women's Singles round one events need to be completed by 4th October.

If you are unable to play upcoming Pennant matches, please put your details on the noticeboard as soon as possible so that the selectors can have a clearer idea of who is available each week.

There are still two pre-season matches in the next two weeks (Templestowe is bringing one side to us on 3rd October and Eltham will have two sides away and two at Heidelberg on Tuesday October 13th). If you would like to play in any of those matches please put your name on the noticeboard.

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EVENT NAME	ENTRY BY	START DATE	FINISH DATE
Singles Men	22/8/26	29/8/26	Final on 31/1/27
Singles Women	22/8/26	29/8/26	Final on 31/1/27
Novices	1/11/26	15/11/26	Final on 29/11/26
Over 80s	1/11/26	15/11/26	Final on 29/11/26
Pairs Women	1/11/26	29/11/26	Final on 21/3/27
Pairs Men	1/11/26	29/11/26	Final on 21/3/27
Pairs Mixed	24/12/26	10/1/27	Final on 28/2/27
Triples	31/1/27	14/2/27	Final on 14/3/27
Presentation			3/4/27

Regional events are another opportunity to play against other clubs. City of Heidelberg has agreed to host the Over 60's Yarra Region Singles and matches will be played on Wednesday's - December 2 and 9.

A list of all Yarra Region events is below with the closing and playing dates. It is always great to see our members entering these regional events.

Rob Haines - Bowls Committee

State Events 2026-27

The table below is the schedule for season 2027-2028.

EVENT	GENDER	CLOSE DATE	DRAW RELEASED	DRAW & RESULTS	VENUE	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
TRIPLES	BOTH	20 SEP	23 SEP	MENS WOMENS	TBC	SUN 27 SEP	SUN 4 OCT
PAIRS #	BOTH	15 OCT	19 OCT	MENS WOMENS	TBC	SUN 25 OCT	SUN 1 NOV
FOURS #	BOTH	1 NOV	4 NOV	MENS WOMENS	TBC	SUN 7 NOV	SUN 15 NOV
MIXED PAIRS #	BOTH	16 NOV	19 NOV	LINK	TBC	SUN 22 NOV	SUN 29 NOV
SINGLES	BOTH	24 JAN	27 JAN	MENS WOMENS	TBC	SUN 31 JAN	SUN 7 FEB
CHAMP OF CHAMPS SINGLES	BOTH	4 MAR	7 MAR		TBC	SAT 13 MAR	SUN 14 MAR
OVER 60's PAIRS	BOTH	2 NOV	4 NOV	MENS WOMENS	TBC	WED 11 NOV	WED 18 NOV
OVER 60's SINGLES	BOTH	22 NOV	25 NOV	MENS WOMENS	TBC	WED 2 DEC	WED 9 DEC

*All Dates subject to change based on number of entries, # W&M Pairs, W&M Fours, Mixed Pairs to play the Grand Final at the Yarra Carnival 06 Dec 2026

For instructions relating to how to enter a Regional event / competition on Bowlslink guidelines are available via the following link:
<https://support.bowlslink.com.au/docs/how-to-enter-a-comp-in-bowlslink/>

Greens Report:

The greens are in good order and the maintenance of cleaning the greens is being undertaken by our member volunteers – volunteers spread the workload and make a club.

I ask the bowlers on the banks to not drop their bowls onto the green.

Dropping your bowl while delivering is also not allowed. It puts a dint in the green undersurface, which is near impossible to remove without lifting the synthetic surface. This is especially important when bowling at another club as you may not be allowed to bowl, especially on grass.

A reminder the rink pegs can only be moved by the Greenkeeper or his nominee. This spreads to use of the green and ensures it lasts much longer.

Garden Report:

The gardens are looking great, and we are arranging to plant some more shrubs.

With a hot dry summer coming along, volunteers are required to water the gardens on a regular basis. i.e., if you are playing on a Wednesday, why not offer Rodney the option to turn on the drip hoses when you arrive and turn them off before you leave – just one simple option to assist. You may be able to assist in other ways!

Rodney Snibson – Greens Directo

Coach:

Play to your strength:

Self-discovery is nothing if not personal, both in the process and in the results. There is no formula by which you can find out what makes you tick, no standardize test that will reveal your goals in your life. Looking at yourself to ask the tough questions is an individual quest, you may not confirm to what you think the results should be.

The trick is to find your own strengths and play to those strengths. As you start to answer questions that lead to self-knowledge, certain strengths – and weaknesses – in your own character will begin to become evident. This is not a bad thing. Strong people tend to have strong weaknesses, as long as you are aware of them, they don't have to work to your disadvantage. Good players work to combat their strengths to the greatest advantages. Your greatest strengths as leader/players are those qualities that are unique to you.

Here are three ways to learn more about strengths and weaknesses in a GAME.

Choose your own path: It doesn't have to be the path less travelled, or the one of least resistance. What matters is that its right one for You,

Practise continuous renewal: Continuous, disciplined self-examination internalizes the lessons you have learnt about yourself and allows you to play to your own strength.

Thoughts: What it will all come down to is that we will try to do what we do best. We will go with our strengths.

Over thinking Leads to Underperforming:

If you want to reach the zone of peak performance, you going to learn how to manipulate your overthinking, self-controlling conscious mind in to letting your subconscious take the wheel. As the famous tennis player and three-time Grand Slam winner Aurther Ashe took control. If you rely on the conscious mind while playing the game, we will end up not achieving your goal.

This is because thinking not only slows you down. Your reaction time during the game affects your motor skills while learning a skill, you end up losing your coordination. Players who did not try to control or think through every aspect of the game find it much easier to "GET into the ZONE "

THINK LESS -FEEL MORE, AND PLAY BETTER.

Howard Sandler – Coach

General:

Club Update:

After going through several quotes and options from different builders for our outside area near the East side of the green, the Board have now unanimously agreed to an update of this area. The construction work will commence within the next 2 weeks and will take around 8 weeks, depending on the weather.

The work will commence as follows:

- The area under the verandah in front of our clubrooms will have a "soft fill" surface installed on Monday, 7 October. On Monday, Warringal Hospital is also running a Training Day in our clubrooms (which the builders will arrange access for them). The clubrooms will be closed to members next Monday. Any members wishing to practice on Monday will need to use the Top Green. It is best to have this verandah area completed before pennant commences.
- The Builders will install a construction fence from the top of the ramp to the East boundary, and along the green. This will block access from the car park up the ramp into our clubrooms. During the construction period, members and guests will need to enter via our side pedestrian gate, which will provide normal access to our John May Green and our clubrooms.

We look forward to our members and guests enjoying this new area.

Club Pedestrian Gate:

If any member is having difficulty locking this gate, please ask for training on how to ensure the gate is securely locked. Ask the Secretary for assistance – we have found the gate unlocked too often – a risk.

Club Uniforms:

We still have some new polo tops, short and long-sleeved, ladies' and men's, available for purchase - please see either Liz Telford or Sue Downes before our supplies run out.

Members can order a new uniform polo top online from our supplier – Sports Centre. A link is located on our website. Delivery can take up to 30 days, so if you need a top, please do not delay your order.

Club Handbook

Our Club Handbook for 2026-27 has an incorrect members list - the printer picked up last year's list in error. They have agreed to amend the handbook – if anyone who has the new handbook that they received on Tuesday, return it on Saturday and we will arrange for the update. Apologies for the error by the proofreader also.

Incidents and Accidents Register:

A register to record all incidents and accidents is in a binder above the cups trolley. Please record details if you are a party or witness to the incident or accident.

Maintenance Register:

The register is in a binder above the cups trolley. Please record any maintenance items in the book, which will be actioned by our Maintenance team.

Name Badges:

If any member requires a new or replacement name badge, please put your details on the sheet on our noticeboard. Orders will be submitted on 7 October.

Club Website:

We are now recording all club events on the calendar on our website, this includes bowling functions, club events and outside functions. This will allow any member or committee to review the calendar to ensure a double booking does not occur.

If you would like an event added to our website, please contact David Crisp at: crisp31@outlook.com

Calendar of Events: *→ check our website for current events*

Friday, 2 October	Members Dinner supplied by the Liistro and Cummaudo families
Saturday, 10 October	11:00 Bowls Forum for all bowlers
Saturday, 17 October	Saturday pennant commences
Tuesday, 20 October	Tuesday pennant commences
Saturday, 5 December	6:30 Christmas dinner for members
Wednesday, 2 December	Yarra Region Over 60's ladies' and men's singles
Wednesday, 9 December	Yarra Region Over 60's ladies' and men's singles
Every Wednesday	U3A from 1:00 pm
Every Wednesday	Mahjong from 3:00 pm
Every Friday	Club Friday from 4:30 pm

Every end has a story!