

# ***Around the Green***

Club Newsletter - September 2026



## **Bowls Section:**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Opening of the Green, on Saturday, 30 August, for our Pennant season 2026/27. Will and kitchen crew – thanks for the sausage sizzle.



I apologise to those who missed the formal part, we will manage scheduling differently next time. It was great that people stayed to watch some very good matches (first round Men's and Ladies' Singles Championships).

Lists are up on the noticeboard for Men's, Ladies', Mixed Pairs, Triples and Seniors. Please put your name down if you want to play any event.

For all Pennant players (both new and returning) there will be a Pennant meeting on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am before going out for practice.

Interclub matches have been scheduled

- against Fairfield (Tuesday, 22 September at home, one side)
- against Greensborough (Saturday, 19 September at Greensborough, up to 3 sides)
- against Eltham (Tuesday, 13 October at home, sides not known)

Keep looking on the noticeboard if you want to play other teams.

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.

Grand Final day there will be a shorter practice organised by David Crisp so people can then watch the Grand Final. Put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

Sheets are also on the noticeboard for Tuesday and Saturday practice over the next few weeks – please add your name if you intend to play, to allow teams to be made before the day.

*Rob Haines - Bowls Committee*

## State Events 2026-27

The table below is the schedule for season 2026-2027.

| EVENT                          | GENDER | CLOSE DATE | DRAW RELEASED | DRAW & RESULTS | VENUE | WEEK 1     | WEEK 2     |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|---------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------|
| <b>TRIPLES</b>                 | BOTH   | 20 SEP     | 23 SEP        | MENS<br>WOMENS | TBC   | SUN 27 SEP | SUN 4 OCT  |
| <b>PAIRS #</b>                 | BOTH   | 15 OCT     | 19 OCT        | MENS<br>WOMENS | TBC   | SUN 25 OCT | SUN 1 NOV  |
| <b>FOURS #</b>                 | BOTH   | 1 NOV      | 4 NOV         | MENS<br>WOMENS | TBC   | SUN 7 NOV  | SUN 15 NOV |
| <b>MIXED PAIRS #</b>           | BOTH   | 16 NOV     | 19 NOV        | LINK           | TBC   | SUN 22 NOV | SUN 29 NOV |
| <b>SINGLES</b>                 | BOTH   | 24 JAN     | 27 JAN        | MENS<br>WOMENS | TBC   | SUN 31 JAN | SUN 7 FEB  |
| <b>CHAMP OF CHAMPS SINGLES</b> | BOTH   | 4 MAR      | 7 MAR         |                | TBC   | SAT 13 MAR | SUN 14 MAR |
| <b>OVER 60's PAIRS</b>         | BOTH   | 2 NOV      | 4 NOV         | MENS<br>WOMENS | TBC   | WED 11 NOV | WED 18 NOV |
| <b>OVER 60's SINGLES</b>       | BOTH   | 22 NOV     | 25 NOV        | MENS<br>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 Bowlink guidelines are available via the following link:  
<https://support.bowlink.com.au/docs/how-to-enter-a-comp-in-bowlink/>

## Greens Report:

The Greens Team of Rob Haines, Norm Buhagiar and myself with the assistance of Will Laver and Noel Donnelly are working together to clean the greens and ditches each week. I ask the bowlers on the banks to not drop their bowls onto the green. Dropping the bowl while delivering is discouraged too. There are mechanical arms available. As all rinks are open on the top green, bowlers are asked to practice east/west direction from Sunday to Wednesday; north/south direction from Thursday to Saturday. Pennant games are played north/south direction. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Garden Report:

Helen Milne has been busy clearing the weeds from the rose garden. Vin Sier has pruned the roses. The garden should be blooming in a few months. With a hot dry summer coming along, volunteers are required to water the gardens on a regular basis.

*Rodney Snibson - Greens Directo*

## **Coach:**

### **Michael Holding Sports and Life Lessons**

#### **Life Lesson 1:**

It is okay to make mistakes. You will suffer setbacks. The important part is to regroup, learn from initial setbacks and mistakes, and find your feet again.

Keep working. Keep going.

JUST NEVER GIVE UP.

#### **Life Lesson 2:**

Adapting to different situations and circumstances in life is important but at the expense of wellbeing. Always learn from others, take their advice, but at the end of the day, we are unique, and that is good enough. Never change who you are for others and never forget where you came from.

#### **Life Lessons 3:**

Learn to work with your team. The more diverse the ideas, the better. Individual excellence along the greater good is the best way forward. Bring others along with you.

Accuracy, Consistency and Intensity.

#### **Life Lesson 4:**

Pride and ego can lead to growth if utilized correctly. Arrogance and Self-importance on the other hand will certainly bring your downfall.

#### **Life Lesson 5:**

Words need to be accompanied with actions to have any meaning. Walk the talk and never take anything for granted. When you are playing well, make the most out of our opportunity because the good form can end very quickly.

*Howard Sandler – Coach*

## **General:**

### **Club Uniforms:**

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.

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

We have in stock 3 jackets (\$90 each) and 3 hoodies (\$85 each) for viewing and sizing (3 different sizes in stock), if you wish to purchase one – these items will only be available via Sports Centre website, as we will not be holding any stock once these items have been sold. Delivery of jackets and hoodies will take longer, around 6-8 weeks.

### **What is Pennant?**

For bowlers new to Pennant and for anyone else interested in knowing the structure of Pennant, information sessions on "What is Pennant?" will be held in our Clubrooms on:

Wednesday, 9 September at 3:00pm

Saturday, 12 September at 4:00pm

Wednesday, 16 September at 3:00pm

### **Social Committee:**

We now have a Social Committee, thanks to Will for arranging. The Committee is: Will Laver, Maria Mitchell, Kerry Haines and Laura Grattidge.

### **Christmas Functions:**

We are now taking bookings for community Christmas events and already have several enquiries from the Austin Hospital and other Community groups.

This year the bookings are being arranged by Terry Mayes, with Sandra Dunbar arranging Bowls Assist helpers.

As several of these functions will require Bowls Assist, please advise Sandra, who will coordinate and spread the events around. A sheet is located on the Noticeboard for helpers to put their names.

### **Questions for the Board:**

Any member who has suggestions or queries regarding any area of our club, should submit their request via Email to our Club Secretary. Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday monthly, and these requests should be submitted at least one week before the meeting for inclusion on the agenda. This allows the Board members time to research the request prior to the meeting.

### **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.

### **Clubrooms Update:**

Our ladies and men's changing rooms, the meeting room and the office updates are continuing. The handbag lockers for the ladies' changing room have arrived. The removal of the old lockers in the ladies changing room and the installation of shelves for bowls bags is underway.

### **Members Monthly Dinners:**

Our October dinner is being catered for by the Liistro and Cummaudo families. A sheet is located on the noticeboard for the dinner on 2 October. Bookings close 29 September or earlier if maximum number of 72 is reached.

Would you like to arrange a monthly dinner on the first Friday of a month? It's great fun and appreciated by members. Put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

### **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 monthly in need.

### **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](mailto:crisp31@outlook.com)

### **Life Membership:**

Noting that at the last AGM there were no new Life Members, the Board felt it worthy to set out the general criteria and principles we apply for life member nominations. In this regard the over-arching consideration is that the Club should recognise *truly exceptional and sustained service*, and the life membership award remains prestigious and is applied consistently, year-to-year and Board-to-Board.

### **Criteria for Life Membership**

In addition to conforming to Constitution Section 6.4 and Regulation 7.7, a member may be considered for Life Membership where they have demonstrated:

- A minimum of 10–15 years of active membership of the club
- Outstanding voluntary service significantly beyond that normally expected of members
- A sustained involvement to the development, administration, and/or success of the club
- Provided leadership that has had a lasting positive impact on the club's culture, facilities, and/or membership growth
- A reputation for integrity, sportsmanship, and promoting the values of lawn bowls and the club
- Contributions that have benefited the club over many years, rather than a single outstanding achievement
- Service that has been predominantly voluntary and not undertaken primarily as paid employment or under contract

### **Additional Principles to guide the Board for Life member nominations**

- Life Membership should be awarded only in exceptional circumstances and should not be granted automatically because of years of membership or holding office
- Nominees should be endorsed by at least two current members
- Recommendations should be assessed by the Board against the published criteria before being put to members

The above approach seeks to recognise members whose service has been exceptional, sustained, and has left the club in a stronger position than when they became involved.

Life membership nominations should be submitted around 6-8 weeks prior to our AGM, to allow our Board time to assess in terms of the above.

### **Calendar of Events:** - *check our website for current events*

|                           |                                                              |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday, 2 October         | Members Dinner supplied by the Liistro and Cummaudo families |
| Saturday, 3 October       | 11:00 Meeting for all Pennant players                        |
| 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             |
| Saturday Pennant Practice | 12:30 for 1:00 start – arrive early                          |
| Tuesday Pennant Practice  | 9:30 for 10:00 start – arrive early                          |
| Thursday Practice         | 10:30 skills training followed by a short game               |
| Thursday Practice         | 6:00 game simulation training commences 10 September         |
| 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!*