



ERBR



The Boys are Back

Men's Winning Team

Front Row (L-R) - Steven Weber, Josh Sanders, Ben Simmons, Luke Ingham and Ben Thomason
Standing (L-R) - Jim Toal (Manager), Leon Verkuyl, Fintan McLoughlin, David Goodger, Chris Carswell, Stephen Creek, Luke Lamont and Nick Dawe
Missing from team photo - CJ Snary (Emergency)

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Our Women Escape Relegation

(by the skin of
their teeth)



Back Row (L-R): Ellie Johnston, Olivia Slade, Karen Morgan, Louise Whitehead (Emergency), Jan O'Regan
Middle Row (L-R): Patti Whorlow, Carol Protopapas, Jessica Wallace (Side Captain), Vicki Smith, Rachael Powers
Front Row (L-R): Kirsten Day, Karen Barton, Barbara Vaughan, Maria Giramondo (Manager)

A few words from **THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

Lyn Baker



Welcome back to bowls after the holiday break. I hope everyone had a very Happy Christmas and New Year and were able to spend time with family and friends.

Bowls did not stop over the holidays and there has been a lot of activity within the region during that time.

The most important occurrence was that the region President, Richard Sanzin, has resigned as president and from all board committees. Richard has agreed to stay in his role with the Eastern Eagles which was great news. His efforts have re-established our juniors and this effort can be seen in a report later in this newsletter.

Richard has given a lot to the region in this past eighteen months and has always been prepared to promote the sport, question the decisions made by others and more importantly work to ensure this region has a voice in the sport. Earlier this month Richard led the Men's Region Side to victory in the state event and promotion back to the gold tier. It was an achievement, and it was well celebrated by all present. (A report of the event is contained within the newsletter).

Thank you, Richard, for what you have contributed to Eastern Ranges, and I am sure we are all the better for it.

As a result of Richard's resignation, the board has decided that I will be the acting president until the AGM later in the year. Richard Sluggett will take on the position of acting vice-president.

During January the Novice Singles was held at Upwey-Tecoma and it was pleasing to see the number of entries which indicates clubs are recruiting new bowlers with a passion to compete. Entries in all region events continue to grow this season and the committee is grateful to the players, clubs and officials who support these events.

To run these events and to compete in pennant, both clubs and the region need qualified officials, please consider becoming involved in this area as you are needed.

The 2025 Region Sides Championships were held in Ballarat on 10 - 12 January.

Region Sides Championships

In a revised format to this year's event, the Women's team was out to defend the title won in 2024, while the Men were out to gain promotion to the Gold Tier. Teams were required to play three matches of 21 ends to a 4-hour time limit.

The Women's team comprised:

Jessica Wallace (Lilydale and Side Captain), Karen Barton (Heathmont), Kirsten Day (Yarra Glen),

Ellie Johnston (Lilydale), Karen Morgan (Lilydale), Jan O'Regan (Lilydale),

Rachael Powers (Mitcham), Carol Protopapas (Heathmont), Olivia Slade (Lilydale),

Vicki Smith (Croydon), Barbara Vaughan (Mulgrave CC), Louise Whitehead (Heathmont and Emergency) and Patty Whorlow (Blackburn)



The team was drawn against Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields, Ballarat Highlands and Sandbelt.

The team started their campaign with a narrow win on the Friday against Bendigo. A narrow loss to Ballarat in game 2 meant that everything was on the line in game 3 to avoid relegation. Despite a loss to Sandbelt in game 3, the Women's team survived relegation by 1 shot.



Results for the Women's matches were:

Game 1 vs Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields	Won 59 - 57
Game 2 vs Ballarat Highlands	Loss 54 - 57
Game 3 vs Sandbelt	Loss 42 - 59

The best performing rink for the Women's team was that of Karen Barton (L), Rachael Powers (2), Ellie Johnston (T) and Jessica Wallace (S). The rink won all three sectional matches with an overall margin of 71 - 38.



The Men's team comprised:

Josh Sanders (Lilydale and Side Captain), Chris Carswell (Yarra Glen), Stephen Creek (Burwood District), Nick Dawe (Heathmont), David Goodger (Ringwood), Luke Ingham (Lilydale),

Luke Lamont (Lilydale), Fintan McLoughlin (Heathmont), CJ Snary (Lilydale and Emergency),

Ben Simmons (Yarra Glen), Ben Thomason (Ringwood), Leon Verkuyl (Heathmont) and Steven Weber (Heathmont)

The Men's side was drawn against Mornington Peninsula, Gippsland and Wimmera.

After a shaky start on the Friday, having lost to Mornington, the team started strong on Saturday morning with a win against Wimmera. After the lunch break the team blitzed Gippsland. The winning margin was sufficient to place the team on top of their Section and into the final against Geelong on the Sunday.

Sunday's final had its own drama with a 1 hour stoppage after 26 ends due to lightning and rain. At the resumption of play, the team maintained their focus and dominated Geelong to ultimately win the final.

Results for the Men's matches were:

Game 1 vs Mornington Peninsula	Loss 55 – 61
Game 2 vs Wimmera	Won 71 – 55
Game 3 vs Gippsland	Won 81 – 29
Final vs Geelong	Won 63 - 44

The best performing rink for the Men's team was that of David Goodger (L), Ben Thomason (2), Chris Carswell (3) and Ben Simmons (S). The rink won all of the matches with an overall margin of 88 * 57.

While the Women's side did not enjoy the same success as the Men, the group gave it their all. This is a great result for the Region, having won the Women's Gold tier in 2024 and winning the Men's Silver tier in 2025.

Both teams will now compete in the Gold tier at the 2026 Championships.
Well done team!

Region Sides Championships

L-R Fintan McLoughlin, Colin Verkuyl, Josh Sanders and Steve Weber



L-R Ben Simmons, Chris Carswell, David Goodger and Ben Thomason



L-R Stephen Creek, Nick Dawe, Luke Lamont and Luke Ingham



Eastern Eagles Scare Some Good Bowlers



"This has been our biggest number of entries in the annual Shield competition with a total of 14 sides representing 10 regions throughout the State taking part," said Gerry Flapper.

"It is the nineteenth year the Shield has been played and the second year that Sebastopol Bowling Club has kindly offered to host the tournament."

On 15 January 2025, over 130 young bowlers, the future of our sport, converged on Sebastopol Bowling Club to participate in the 2025 Junior Provincial Shield (aka the Flapper Shield).

Eastern Ranges was represented by nine members of the junior development squad. The Eastern Eagles last won the Shield in 2022.

Notwithstanding that some players participate in the Metropolitan Weekend Pennant competition, some players were competing in their first formal junior event. And for some, it was the first time playing on grass.

The format involved 14 teams of nine players playing three games of 2-bowl triples – 12 ends or 75 minutes. Section winners then went on to play finals.

After a slow start, and under the guidance of Squad Coach, Matt Ottobre, the players regrouped in games 2 and 3 and almost caused some upsets.

The results of the matches played were:

- Game 1 vs Bendigo Dragons Lost 13 – 51
- Game 2 vs Geelong Giants Blue Drew 31 – 31
- Game 3 vs Northern Flyers Red Lost 30 – 31

The overall winners were Geelong Giants Gold who defeated Bendigo Dragons.

Congratulations to all players, and a big thank you to parents and officials who supported the team on the day.

Clinics will recommence on the 2nd Monday of each month at Heathmont (ie 10 February 2025). Sessions commence at 5.00 pm.

All juniors under the age of 18 are eligible to join the squad, and it is not necessary for juniors to be associated with any particular club.

ERBR Championships

EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS 2024-25 INFORMATION

Entry for all events is via BowlsLink.

Information about how to enter is also available:

<https://easternranges.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/611/2021/10/BowlsLink-Training-Guide-How-to-enter-a-Competition.pdf>

Clubs are asked to nominate the Men and Women's Singles Champions before March 8th by forwarding the names to secretary@easternrangesbowls.org.au

Events with venues to be advised. Dates of finals will depend on the number of entries.

DATES FOR ERBR CHAMPIONSHIPS/ EVENTS 2024-25

EVENT	GENDER	ENTRY CLOSING DATE	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3(if required)	FINAL-dates to be confirmed depending on entries
FOURS	MEN WOMEN	CLOSED	6/10/24- MEN 27/10/24- WOMEN	27/10/24-		28/10/24
TRIPLES	BOTH	CLOSED	10/11/24	17/11/24	18/11/24	20/11/24
PAIRS	BOTH	CLOSED	24/11/24	25/11/24	27/11/24	2/12/24
SINGLES	BOTH	CLOSED	1/12/24	8/12/24	15/12/24	16/12/24
MIXED	BOTH	CLOSED	2/2/25	16/2/25	17/2/25	19/2/25
CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES	BOTH	8/3/25	15/3/25	16/3/25		17/3/25
EVENTS BELOW ARE NOT PATHWAY EVENTS						
NOVICE SINGLES	BOTH	CLOSED	11/1/25	12/1/25		17/3/25
SENIORS SINGLES	BOTH	25/2/25	5/3/25	12/3/25		12/3/25
SENIORS PAIRS	BOTH	CLOSED	5/2/25	12/2/25		19/2/25
SENIORS OPEN TRIPLES	BOTH	4/4/25	15/4/25	16/4/25		TBA

For any queries please contact Bruce Aumann, b.a.aumann3@bigpond.com

LAWS & UMPIRING COMMITTEE

As mentioned in my article in the December 2024 newsletter, with the pennant home and away season more than half completed, I'm delighted to be hearing many accounts of excellence in officiating across the region. I, and the other members of the LUC, regularly receive **queries and questions** about various laws and conditions of play for clarification and confirmation. We very much prefer to have officials ask these questions of the LUC to make sure and to then confidently inform club members of the proper/accurate response to the many and varied situations encountered during pennant play.

The **Conditions of Play** related to finals eligibility and movement of players from side to side during the final three rounds of pennant will feature over coming weeks. Officials at all clubs should familiarise themselves and be ready to answer questions from selectors to ensure no loss of points.

A reminder as we head towards finals, clubs hosting finals **MUST** appoint a **Controlling Body of the Day of Play** in addition to one or more umpires and/or meas-

urers (who can be appointed as umpire for the day if no other umpire is available) to enable decisions on game day. **The Controlling Body cannot be the same person as the umpire(s) and Side Managers must also be different people to the Controlling Body and umpire (s)** as this ensures the necessary decisions can be made by the appropriate person(s), free from conflict of interest.

Clubs that have so far hosted **ERBR championship rounds and finals** and provided officials and markers to cover the games played have done an excellent job. The standard of officiating and marking has been exceptional, and the LUC is reassured by the commitment of appointed officials to doing the job professionally.

The first round of **accreditation** of new officials and **reaccreditation** of existing officials will take place during late January and February, and I look forward to continuing to report on the growing numbers of high-quality officials in our region in 2025. Clubs are asked to continue to encourage members to take up the challenge and become an umpire, measurer or marker to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of the game.



Adrian Goldsmith
ERBR Laws and Umpiring Committee

NIGHT PENNANT

Invoices have been issued to all remaining clubs for Night Pennant fees.

Also it is my intention that I will be stepping down from my role as the organizer of the ERBR Night Pennant Competition at the end of this season. I have been organising the competition since the 2016/2017 season and believe it is time for someone else to inject new ideas. The competition provides a gateway for clubs to introduce new bowlers into competitive bowls.

I am confident that the competition will continue to thrive under new leadership, and I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition. I will be available to assist with any questions or provide support during this period. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Garry Pickering

After 7 rounds of Night Pennant this is how the ladders stand, before the last 3 rounds before finals.

Eastern Ranges - Division 1			Eastern Ranges - Division 2		
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
1	Lilydale 1	100	1	Vermont South 1	102
2	Blackburn 1	83	2	Mitcham 3	94
3	Ferntree Gully 1	60	3	Box Hill RSL 1	78
4	Heathmont 1	54	4	Ferntree Gully 2	77
5	Mooroolbark 1	54	5	Vermont South 2	70
6	Mitcham 1	50	6	Heathmont 2	52
7	Mitcham 2	27	7	Blackburn 2	40
8	Burwood District 1	20	8	Donvale 1	35
			9	Upwey Tecoma 1	12

Message from our Club Support Manager



Bowls Australia will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm with a presentation from Elke Bellgrove - National Integrity Manager Bowls Australia regarding the National Integrity Framework (NIF).

The presentation will cover how NIF policies (examples being Member Protection and Safeguarding Children) impact all Bowls club across Australia.

It will be beneficial for all clubs to be represented at this webinar as this will impact the policies your club has in place.

An email with further details and a registration link will be emailed to clubs by Warren Griffen in the coming days. Noting that the registration link is already available on the Bowls Australia Resource Hub (bowls.clubmap.com.au)

Clubs are reminded that the Resource Hub, Club Health Check and webinars are free resources from Bowls Australia and available to all clubs and members - simply register on the home page of the Resource Hub for access.

Warren Griffen

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MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB

**EASTER MONDAY
OPEN TRIPLES**

Monday 21st April 2025



\$2,000 PRIZE MONEY

Prizes for First, Second, & Third Place
as well as Individual Game Winners
(Limit of one prize per team)

Entry Fee \$90 per team – includes lunch and morning tea
Entries limited to 42 teams

Conditions of Play

- Morning Tea/Coffee 9.30am sharp
- Start Time 10.00am sharp
- Mulgrave CC hot weather policy will apply
- Blind draw on the day of the tournament (skips pick scorecard on arrival)
- Winners decided by Games Won, Shots Up, and Percentage in that order
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the "Conditions of Play" if necessary
- 3 Games of 11 Ends
- 2 Bowls per player
- BA Approved Clothing

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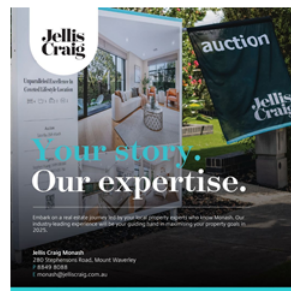
Skip's Name: _____ Club: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Entry fees are to be paid by EFT to Mulgrave Country Club
BSB: 033-126 Account: 436 986 Ref: EMT (Skip's Name)
Email completed form and confirmation of EFT to: bowls@mulgravecc.com.au
To ensure entry in this tournament, entry forms & EFT confirmation
must be received by Saturday 5th April – no monies accepted on the day

Enquiries to Christine Battersby (Tournament Manager) 0409 253 238
Or via email to bowls@mulgravecc.com.au



MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB JELLIS CRAIG CUP



**Prizemoney
\$1800**
2 games of 2 bowl
triples each of 15
ends

Saturday 5 April 2025

Play will consist of 2 games of 2 bowl triples each of 15 ends

Open to players in Division 2 and below

Games start at 10:30 am – BYO lunch
Coffee, tea, and biscuits will be served on arrival and over lunch break
Entry costs \$45.00 per team
Conditions of play will be outlined at 10.15am

Highest 1 st Round winner	\$300 per team
Highest 2 nd Round winner	\$300 per team
Winning team overall	\$750 per team
Runner up team overall	\$450 per team

Please pay by direct debit (see below) and email team names to info@mwbc.com.au

ENTRY FORM FOR JELLIS CRAIG CUP 2 BOWL TRIPLES

Name:
Address:
Post Code: Phone:
Lead 2nd Skip

Direct Debit to Mount Waverley Bowls Club
BSB 633000 Account Number 146872999
Please show Surname when paying by Direct Debit



BLACKBURN BOWLS CLUB



BLACKBURN SQUARE
SPRINGFIELD ROAD, BLACKBURN NORTH

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025 TURNAROUND TRIPLES

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$2760

3 GAMES OF 11 ENDS
\$90 PER TEAM



1ST \$1200
2ND \$750
3RD \$300
4TH \$150

BEST 1ST, 2ND, 3RD GAME WINNERS \$120

CATERED LUNCH

EGG AND BACON ROLLS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEFORE THE GAME

REGISTRATION FROM 8:45AM PLAY COMMENCES 9:45AM

TO ENTER CONTACT JULIE ADAMS

Mobile: 0414 864 072

email: bowls.manager@blackburnbowlsclub.com.au



Vermont South Club Inc.
Charlesworth Park, Livingstone Road, Vermont South
(Melways 62 G7)
Contact: 1300 911 145



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Saturday 22th March 2025

\$1500 prize pool - 1st \$750 2nd \$390 3rd \$120
Best First game \$120 Best Second game \$120

Entry Fee: \$90 per team
3 games of 10 ends - 2 Bowl Triples

Play starts at 10am with lunch after the second game. Team registration from 9.30am.
Presentations in the clubroom after the last game with coffee/tea/drinks and nibbles.

Entries close 14th March 2025 or when the field is full - maximum 32 teams
Entries will only be accepted on the entry form with full payment and in order of receipt.

Entry Form - Vermont South Bowls Club - Ladies Day 2025

Name of team captain.....
Club.....
Email address.....
Phone.....

Entry form to be emailed to dl.agius@vermontsouthclub.com.au
Payment of \$90 to be made by direct transfer: BSB 633-000 Account number 133016451
(reference Ladies Day and captain's name). No refunds for cancellation with 7 days of tournament



Croydon Bowls Club

Australian Unity Retirement Communities

The Oaks - 110 Hull Road, Croydon VIC 3136

Walmsley - Greeves Drive, Kilsyth VIC 3137

ONE DAY CARNIVAL - Thursday 13th Feb 2025

OPEN 3 x Bowl Pairs - Limited to 36 Teams

1st: \$500 2nd: \$300 3rd: \$200 4th: \$150 5th: 100 6th: \$100

Entry Fee \$80 Per Team. Check-in: 8:30am Rollup: 9:00am.

4 games of 12 ends or the bell - 1hr 20min

Dead ends - re-spot the jack to T

Scoring: Games wins, then ends, margins, percentage

Round Winners: Ends, then margins, percentage

Pre-game tea/coffee; Light lunch & post-game nibbles

4 Games Winners



2x Meal Vouchers Each

Nomination Form *** AFFILIATED LAWN BOWLERS ONLY ***

Lead: Skip:

eMail: Phone:

Entry Confirmed After Full Payment of \$80 Received (to be paid by Direct Deposit)

Bendigo Bank - Contact Geoff Kirk for Bank A/C Details 0430 132 299

Reference: "FebPairs" + Surname eMail: geoffkirk53@gmail.com

Any Combination: Mens // Ladies // Mixed

Enquiries: Geoff Kirk: 0430 132 299

MITCHAM BOWLING CLUB



The Mitcham Selby/Jarvie

Memorial Classic 2025

Saturday April 12th & Sunday April 13th

Total prize pool \$5000+

The select field is limited to 28 Teams
Entry Fee \$280.00 per Team (4) - Entries close 14th March 2025

8.45 am Start

Two days play consisting of 10 games in total
6 games of fours - 2 games of pairs - 2 games of singles (3bowl)

Catering

A light breakfast (7.45-8.15am) & lunch will be provided to competitors each day
BBQ on Saturday evening

Contact: Wayne Handley 0412 183 002 or Andrew Dalli - 0408 549 460
Email: wayne.handley@bomboraadvice.com.au

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Club/Team Name.....Contact No.....

Email Address.....

All entries **must be accompanied** with full payment of \$280.00 EFT/Cheque

Mitcham Bowling Club: BSB 633000 Account 150 776 656

Ref: "Team Name" & Classic 2025

Email Details EFT & Receipt info to: mitchamtreasurer@bigpond.com

Mitcham Bowling Club Inc reserve all rights to change the conditions of play if necessary.

Heathmont Amaroo Classic



Tier 4 BA National Ranking



Sunday 9 February 2025

Two Bowl Triples

\$5000 Prize Money

1st: \$2000 2nd: \$1000 3rd: \$700 4th: \$300

\$15 per team each game won

- 3 Games of 14 ends. 3 game winners play off 1 end, final 2 ends
- 9.30am start (Tea & Coffee, Lunch & Afternoon Tea)
- **\$ 105 entry fee per team**



Entries only accepted with prior payment to:

Heathmont Bowls Club Inc.

BSB 633 000 Account No: 1381 06141

Reference: Amaroo / (your name)

Email your team details and bank deposit confirmation to: **Greg Pullen**

gpullen@bigpond.net.au Mobile: 0401 619 881

Healesville Bowling Club

85 River Street
P.O. Box 154
Healesville 3777
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OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT

DATE:	Sunday 16 th February 2025	
TIME:	Arrive 9.00am for 9.30am start	
FORMAT:	4 x Games on the day	
ENTRY FEE:	\$100.00 Per Team (Breakfast & Lunch Provided)	
PRIZE MONEY:	\$2100.00	
PER TEAM:	1st:	\$1200.00
	2nd:	\$400.00
	3rd:	\$200.00
	Best Game Grass:	\$100.00
	Best Game Synthetic:	\$100.00
	Best Loser:	\$100.00
	Raffles on the day	

For Entry or Enquiries: **Adrian Beales**
Email: jabeales1@bigpond.com
Phone: 0418 465 411

GLEN WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB



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Sunday, 9th February, 2025

Mixed Triples

Cuppa 9:00 am - Bowls 10:00 am

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea Provided

\$90 entry per Team – fee to accompany entry

2 Bowls - 12 Ends - 3 Games

Bowls Australia attire, please

\$2500 Prize Money

plus great raffle prizes

RSVP by Sunday, 2nd February, 2025

Contact: Cathy Clarke Ph: 0402 094 475 Email: kfclarke7@gmail.com

Entry Form - Audrey Hele Memorial Classic - 2025

Please return via email to kfclarke7@gmail.com or call Cathy Clarke

Name: Phone:

Email: Club:

\$90 entry fee required with your entry

Please tick method of payment:

Direct Debit to BSB 633-000 A/c 128158607 Cheque Cash

Please list any special dietary requirements:

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PAKENHAM BOWLS CLUB



40th BERYL & THEO CROWLEY MEMORIAL DAY

Proudly sponsored by the Crowley Family

Sunday 9th February 2025

Open 2 Bowl Triples

Conditions of Play:

- 3 games of 10 ends OR bell.
- 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.
- Shots up - Percentage - 1 End Tiebreaker (if required)

Prizes:

First Prize: \$500	Best First, Second & Third Game winners will receive \$50.00 per team. (only available to non-major winners)
Second Prize: \$250	
Third Prize: \$100	

Entry Fee: \$45.00 per team

32 teams only accepted on a first come basis.

Arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start.

BYO lunch please - Afternoon Tea provided

I am entering a team in the Beryl & Theo Crowley Memorial Triples on Sunday 9th February 2025.

Entries close Monday 3rd February 2025

Name:

Club:

Contact Number:

Email:

Contact: Karen 0438 716 078 or karenoosthuizen@gmail.com

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