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September Newsletter 2025

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2022

Dates to remember

October

- 1 Entries close Ladies & Men's A Grade & B Grade
- 1 Entries close Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 1 Men's 60 & Over
- 1 Social Bowls Practice Night
- 1 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 4 Practice Match v Nagambie Div 2 & 5
- 4 G.V. State Fours Day 1 Nagambie
- 5 G.V. State Fours Day 2 Nagambie
- 6 Entries Close GV State Triples
- 8 Social Bowls—Round 1
- 8 Men's 60 & Over
- 9 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 9 Ladies 60 & Over
- 11 Scroungers Day
- 12 GV State Triples Day 1 Euroa
- 13 Entries Close GV State Mixed Pairs
- 14 Midweek Pennant Round 1
- 15 GV 60 & Over Pairs Day 1 Shepp Park
- 15 Men's 60 & Over
- 15 Social Bowls Round 2
- 15 Entries Close GV 60 & Over Singles
- 16 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 16 Ladies 60 & Over
- 18 Weekend Pennant Round 1
- 19 GV State Triples Day 2 Euroa
- 21 Midweek Pennant Round 2
- 22 Social Bowls Round 3
- 22 Men's 60 & Over
- 22 GV 60 & Over Pairs Day 2 Shepp Park
- 23 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 23 Ladies 60 & Over
- 24 Ladies Pairs Tournament
- 25 Weekend Pennant Round 2
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's A Grade
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's B Grade
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 26 GV State Mixed pairs Day 1 Tatura
- 28 Midweek Pennant - Round 3
- 29 GV Region 60 & Over Singles Day 1 Hilltop
- 29 Men's 60 & Over
- 29 Social Bowls—Round 4
- 30 Ladies 60 & Over
- 30 Open 2 X 2 Pairs

November

- 1 Weekend Pennant Round 3
- 4 Melbourne Cup no Pennant
- 5 Men's 60 & Over
- 5 Social Bowls Round 5
- 6 Ladies 60 & Over
- 6 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 8 Weekend Pennant Round 4
- 9 Rowland Sutcliffe Challenge
- 10 Entries close GV State Pairs
- 11 Midweek Pennant Round 4
- 12 GV 60 & Over Singles Day 2 Hilltop
- 12 Men's 60 & Over
- 13 Social Bowls Round 6

Opening Day

Our 2025-26 Season Opening Day was held on Saturday 6th September, some lively bowls were enjoyed, winners on the day were Brian Hall/Graeme Myers (one game each), David Gullick & Lorraine Nicholls runners up Dot Best, Vic Nelson & Jim Oliver. This was followed by a delicious afternoon tea. New members were welcomed and presentation made of Super Veteran Badges (OBEs) to those turning 80 this year. Deputy Mayor Anthony Brophy officially opened the season and rolled the first Jack. First bowl was rolled by Garry Hawking. It was a great opportunity to chat to our local Council representative who enjoyed an afternoon of bowling. Members Handbook and Membership cards are available for collection from the club if you haven't collected yours yet, please do so asap.

Club Competitions

Congratulations to last seasons winners! The Honour Board has now been updated.

Entries are open for the 25/26 Ladies' and Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs. Put you name on the sheet on the notice board. Entries close October 1st.

Social Bowls

Our popular Social Bowls competition will begin with a practice night on Wednesday 1st October, if you would like to help out, or if you know of someone who would like to play, please contact Roy Brown Ph 0476044981.

State Events

Entries are now open for the GV State Events. All entries are through Bowlslink, if you have difficulty with this please ask for help. A timeline for these events is on the notice board in the clubrooms and on the GV Website.

Midweek Pennant

Thirty five Midweek bowlers attended a player meeting on Monday 15th Sept. Several items were discussed including, but not limited to, the following.

The coming season was outlined including starting dates, commencement time (9.45am roll up) and 15 minute break after the 12th end (unless both team managers agree on 'no break').

Etiquette Players were reminded that as representatives of the club they must ensure they are adhering to correct bowls etiquette. Particularly the non smoking/vaping rule and the matter of non abusive

language. The instantaneous penalty was outlined and all players should make themselves aware of this rule.

Discussion was had in regards to the extra number of midweek players this season and it was agreed that the selectors should pick the teams as they see fit. This will be based on ability and compatibility with new bowlers given opportunities.

Grievances from players should be brought to the selection table on Tuesdays after Pennant when selectors meet.

Duty Rosters each week 3 rinks will be rostered for 'Set Up' inside, 'Clean Up' inside and 'Clean Up' outside. A list of these duties will be in the team folder and skips are asked to ensure their rink undertakes their duty.

Greens – Wes Gibbs

With the Pennant season fast approaching it is pleasing to report that both grass greens are in good condition and running well. We intend to top dress the Members Green with sand on Friday 28th November. The laser grader is booked for Sunday 30th of November.

Shane continues to do a lot of work on both greens. Thank you to all who have worked through the Winter months on both grass greens and the Rose green and cleaning up the surrounds as well.

Bowls Committee - Graeme Myers

Unfortunately, due to a lack of players from Golden Square our annual practice match was cancelled and intracub games were played on Saturday 20th Sept. Again a lovely afternoon tea was supplied, we thank those providing the goodies. On Oct 4th Div 2 & 5 will play against Nagambie at home, other Divisions will play against themselves, names on the board please. We are looking for nominations for the Rowlands/Sutcliffe challenge and other Regional sides, both men and women, please contact myself or Joy Gardam if you would like to nominate.

GV Region

Hopefully the final version of the Pennant Draw is now out, a printed copy is on the notice board near the kitchen, we will print out an updated copy to go in your club Handbooks soon. Conditions of Play are also now available, you are welcome to read the copy on the notice board but please return it there. All team managers will have a copy in their folders. Both the draw and the conditions of play are on the GV website. On the 17th Sept Jeff Boyle and Marg McNamara attended a meeting with some executives and Board members of Bowls Vic. A presentation was made on how things are run at State level, they produce many Webinars and instructional videos on YouTube which are available to everyone, the new Bowlslink app will be available on 1st October. All Division 1 teams are expected to live score this season. Women in Bowls, there has been a decline in the number of women involved in bowls. Bowls Vic are working on rectifying this, they are looking for women to get involved in coaching and on Boards of Management, perhaps run programs for women only. To find out more go to the

Bowls Vic website and click on the link.

There are several things they want clubs to work on this season including updating our Constitution and Regulations, Code of Conduct and Selection Policy. On this day we were able to raise issues that concern our club such as distances travelled to play Pennant and Permit players, also the non payment of green fees for Bowls Vic events.

Club Shirts, Jackets & Hoodies

Joy Gardam is the contact for these Ph 0422214954. She currently has club shirts \$40 in a range of sizes if you need to purchase a new one, Joy also has club caps \$20, Hoodies \$90 & Jackets \$100. Joy has also set up a rack of second hand bowls wear, if you would like to donate please contact Joy, money for purchases to Joy please.

Facebook

Keep the photos and information coming it is a great promotion for our club, send any photos to Jarrad Ph. 0401 020 101.

Corporate Events

These are a great fund raiser for our club, thanks to Bev Cahill who has run this for the last couple of years. Mia Nowosad has taken over coordinating this year and is working on streamlining the process by creating teams to run the catering and bowling at these events, it gets particularly busy close to Christmas. If you would like to volunteer as an emergency (she has filled the teams for the moment) please contact Mia Ph 0458531489.

Sponsors

Please support our sponsors, without them we could not run our Tournaments and events. There is a list of our Sponsors on the back of your Members Handbook and on our website. If you know of a business that might like to sponsor us please let Angelo know Ph 0414476206. Last month I mentioned our major sponsor Kevin Hicks another important sponsor is Cavalier Homes, if you are thinking of building contact them, they will also give us a bonus of \$1000 if a member purchases a home.

Have a great start to the season everyone!

