

Membership Categories

Full Membership

(Cost this season is \$140)

Benefits include

- Affiliation with appropriate State and local bowls governing bodies
- Use of club facilities
- Entitlement to vote at meetings
- Entitlement to hold an office within the club
- Entitlement to play Pennant for the Club
- Entitlement to compete in Tournaments, both at Shepparton Park and any other Bowls Club

Junior Membership

(Cost this season is \$42)

- Must be under 18 years of age as at start of season (1st May)
- Affiliation with appropriate State and local governing bodies
- Use of club facilities (except purchasing alcohol)
- Entitlement to play Pennant
- Entitlement to compete in Tournaments, both at Shepparton Park and any other Bowls Club
- Not entitled to vote at meetings
- Not entitled to hold an office within the club

Social Membership

(Cost this season is \$30)

- Use of club facilities
- No affiliation with appropriate State and local governing bodies
- Not entitled to vote at meetings
- Not entitled to hold an office within the club
- Not able to play Pennant
- Not able to compete in Tournaments

bowls: Mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better, using balls carefully designed to go in the wrong direction.



Club Structure

The **Board of Management** oversees the general running of the Club, and has responsibility for policy, membership, finances and maintenance and development of the club facilities.

Secretary, Jim Shanahan 5821 9124

The **RVBA Section** looks after the bowling program for the men members, including pennant, tournaments, social bowls and club events.

Secretary, Ron Holland 5821 3508

The **VLBA Section** looks after the bowling program for the lady members, including pennant, tournaments, social bowls and club events.

Secretary, Ellen Cameron 5831 3888

These two Sections work together on mixed tournaments and mixed social bowls.

The **VIBBA Section** looks after the bowling program for the indoor season, including pennant, tournaments, social bowls and club events.

Secretary, Keith Dudley 5831 1990



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**Information for
prospective members**

Organised Events and Competitions

Throughout the year the club conducts a number of events, both bowling and social, for members. Some of these are listed below.

Pennant Competitions

The club has strong representation in pennant competitions in the district, and has endeavoured to ensure a spot is available for every member who wishes to play by entering additional teams. There is a level for all bowlers so please don't feel you are not good enough just because you are relatively new to bowls.

RVBA (Men's) Section

Men's Pennant commences in early October, and the season continues until March. We play in the Goulburn Valley Bowls Association, and this year we have six teams entered in Divisions 1 to 5. There are 19 clubs in the Association, which spreads from Avenel to Kyabram, and Euroa to Colbinabbin.

VLBA (Ladies) Section

Ladies Pennant commences in late September, and the season continues until March. We play in the Goulburn Valley District Ladies Bowling Association, and this year we have five teams entered in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. There are 19 clubs in the Association, which spreads from Avenel to Katandra West, and Euroa to Rushworth.

VIBBA (Winter Indoor Bowls) Section

During the Winter months (starting in May), indoor bowls are played on mats inside the Clubhouse. Our Club has two teams, and Pennant is played on Monday evenings. Many clubs use our facilities during the season, and our Clubhouse is used by other clubs and the Association for major events. Social bowls are also played on regular occasions.

Men's 60 & Over (RVBA Affiliated bowlers)

Played each Wednesday at 11am at venues throughout the Goulburn Valley.

Thursday 2 x 2 Pairs (RVBA Affiliated bowlers)

Held each Thursday with a 12.30pm start in whites. This is an extremely popular weekly event and the entry sheet fills quickly.

Ladies Social Bowls (VLBA Affiliated bowlers)

The ladies conduct regular social bowls on Thursday morning (10 am start).

Night Pennant

Teams of 5 or 6 bowlers, with a mix of experienced and novice players, are selected in October, and play takes place on Wednesday evenings, commencing at 7pm, until the end of March. Games are played in a friendly relaxed manner.

Get on The Green (new bowlers)

This is a 4-6 week program to introduce new bowlers to the game. The program includes instruction and follow-up coaching, and a modified competition. It's a great way to see how the game is played. Participants are then encouraged to form teams in a follow up Trade & Social Competition.

Trade & Social Competition

A relatively new concept which provides a further opportunity for those who wish to play in a more relaxed and casual manner. Teams are comprised of groups of 4-5 who may represent Company Social Clubs, sporting clubs, neighbourhood friends or other groups in the community. It provides for a mix of first time and experienced bowlers who compete in a relaxed manner. The emphasis is on enjoyment not winning, although

there is often strong competition for bragging rights. Games are preceded by a BBQ and there are numerous novelty prizes each week. This competition is likely to commence in early January.

Tournaments (Affiliated bowlers)

Throughout the season, the Club conducts many tournaments. These are special events where bowlers can enter as individuals or as teams. Details of these are listed in the Club Handbook and also on the Club website.

Social Activities

We do not live on bowls alone. Throughout the year the club conducts many social events.

Each Friday night from around 5.30pm we hold the popular *Happy Hour* which includes the weekly draw/raffles whilst members enjoy a casual drink and a chat around the bar.

Once a month the Social Committee hold an organised social event which may include Mystery Tours, Chicken or Pasta nights, or others special events. *Jazz on the Green* proved very popular last year and may become a regular occurrence.

We encourage all members to attend these functions and to bring along a group of friends if they wish.

Communication

A monthly Newsletter is circulated to members, and information on the web site is updated regularly.

General meetings of the ladies section are held monthly, and the men's section has general meetings every two months.

There are notice boards situated both inside and outside the Clubhouse with information about upcoming events.