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December Newsletter 2025

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

Dates to remember

December

- 18 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 19 Ladies Drawn Pairs
- 25 Christmas Day**
- 26 Boxing Day**

January

- 1 Happy New Year**
- 3 GMBR Novice Singles
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- 7 GV 60 & Over mixed Pairs Day 1
- 9-11 Regional Championships in Ballarat
- 11 **GRAND FINAL** Ladies & Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs
- 11 Stirrers Day
- 11 Round 1 completed 21up, 100up & mixed Pairs
- 13 Midweek Pennant
- 14 GV 60 & Over mixed Pairs Day 2
- 14 Men's 60 & Over
- 15 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 17 Weekend Pennant
- 20 Midweek Pennant
- 21 Men's 60 & Over
- 22 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 24 Weekend Pennant

Working Bee

Thank you to the many members who turned up for the working bee on the 28th November and to those who came back on Sunday 30th to help while the lasering was underway. The workers were rewarded with a delicious morning tea, thank you to those who provided the food.

Social Committee

Our last event for the calendar year was the Club Christmas Party on Sunday 14th December, what a wonderful night with over 70 members enjoying a delicious meal and great company. Some lucky people went home with great raffle prizes as well. The funds raised by the Social Committee this year have paid for the new vacuum cleaner for the Rose Green and the new computer in the Tournament Office, so thank you to the Committee for their hard work and the members for supporting them.

Club Events

Entries have closed for Mixed Pairs, Ladies and Men's 100up & 21up and Ladies Drawn Pairs, the draw is on the notice board, please play your games in a timely manner. There have been some fantastic games in the club championships so far this season, well done everyone! Finals Day for Ladies and Men's A Grade, B Grade and Championship Pairs will be Sunday 11th January. There

are still some qualifying games to be played but confirmed are the Ladies A Grade will be Marg Thorne v Joy Gardam, Ladies B Grade Lorna Coucill v Maxene Moore, Men's B Grade Chris Meek v George Davies, Ladies Pairs Marg Thorne & Sue Tyson v TBA, Men's Pairs Roy Brown & Ian Jennings v TBA. These games will be followed by a BBQ and the Stirrers competition, Ladies v Men, the Ladies won last year let's do it again Ladies!
Open 2 X 2 Pairs will have a break over the Christmas New Year period, there are plans to hold a mini tournament on 4th January, more details to come.

Major Raffle

We will be running the Major Raffle again this season, it is a valuable and much needed fundraiser for our club so please support it. Tickets are \$50, these will be available after Christmas, included in your ticket is lunch and drinks on the day, the chance to play in pairs game on the day and the chance to win some cash. We will be drawing the Raffle on **SUNDAY 1ST MARCH** so put this date in your diary and come along for a fun day.

Positions Vacant

Our cleaner Carla has tendered her resignation due to work commitments, if you are interested in taking on this role, or you know of someone who would appreciate the work, please let Jeff Boyle or David Gullick know. (It is a paid position).

Mia Nowosad has done a wonderful job of the corporate program, however she will not continue in this role next year as she wishes to concentrate on qualifying for the Tongan Bowls team. If you would like to fill this role please let Mia or a Board member know, Mia will be happy to show you the ropes.

Our Secretary (me) Marg McNamara has been in the position for almost four years and will not be continuing next year, I am happy to work with you initially and will still be around to help. As we are going travelling before the AGM next year I would like to hand over early in the New Year. Please contact me for further information. We will also be looking for a new sponsorship person next season, Angelo Russo has done a wonderful job over the last few years but he is retiring from the role at the end of the season.

Bowls Director - Graeme Myers

All teams are going well and the majority look like playing finals. We have had to withdraw Saturday Div 6 due to four straight weeks of forfeit, the GV Board asked us to consider our Div 6 and the selectors decided to withdraw the side due to a large number of players being unavailable.

Club events are going well, keep the games up to date, all the best to players still in the club events.
 Midweek Pennant will resume on Tuesday 13th January and Weekend Pennant on Saturday 17th January.
 All the Best for the Holiday Break, keep safe.

Player Behaviour

Please show encouragement and respect to your fellow bowlers. There have been recent incidences of disrespectful comments and body language, this is very disappointing. Nobody sets out to play badly, we all have bad days don't make it worse, be supportive. A happy and encouraged bowler will play better.

Greens – Wes Gibbs

The Members green appears to be covering well after the sand top dressing and lasering. The Foundation Green needed a light dressing of sand and levelling. The two mowers have recently been serviced and both appear to be in good condition. Untold hours are still being put into both grass greens to maintain their condition. Many thanks to all members who assist in this work. Thanks to Shane for his continued work and guidance.

Social Bowls

Our popular Social Bowls competition first round has concluded, the second round will run in the new year, if you would like to help out, or if you know of someone who would like to play, please contact Roy Brown Ph 0476044981.

Emergency Contacts

As we don't always know who to contact on behalf of members in an emergency, and most people have their phones locked, we ask members to write down their emergency contact numbers, and any medical conditions, on a piece of paper/card and place it in a front pocket of your bowls bag where it is easily found in an emergency, thank you. I am preparing some proforma slips for those who need them, I will leave them next to the Newsletters on the cork notice board inside the club.

New Members

We have several new members so please make them welcome, some have come from social bowls which is great, some from Thursday pairs.

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 \$25, 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.

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, please show your appreciation by supporting these businesses.

If you know of a business that might like to sponsor us please let Angelo know Ph 0414476206.

One of our long term sponsors is the Peppermill Inn, if you are heading out for a meal please consider the Peppermill.



**MIXED TURKEY TRIPLES
WINNERS!**



Winners Paul Nichols, Shane Edwards & Marg Thorne.

Second Tracey Loughhead, Jarrad Greenfield & Kate Bush.

Third Bruce Morris, Mia Nowosad & Norm Allen.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025.

Ready to Party

Raffle Prizes

Delicious Deserts



SOME CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS



ROY BROWN



JEFF BOYLE



CORAL WILLIAMS



MARG SMYTH



KATE BUSH



JARRAD GREENFIELD



CHRIS MEEK



KERRI LEASK



MARG THORNE



RAY HILL



*Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and Safe
New Year.*