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## Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of Bowls Buzz which highlights the amazing stories from around NSW.

As this is the last edition of Bowls Buzz for 2019 Bowls NSW would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In this issue we are excited to announce the nominees for the 2019 Bowls NSW Player Awards -

the winners will be announced at the event in February.

Tickets for the Evening are now on sale.

This event is very popular, and places are extremely limited so get in quick to secure your seats.

we also wrap-up our last played events of the year, the Club Challenge and the Under 25s Singles both played in early December.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to the Bowls in 2020!

For more information please call the Bowls NSW office on

02 9283 4555 or go online to our website [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au).



## Player Awards Nominees Announced



And the nominees are...

### Bowler of the Year-

Aaron Appleby (Kurri Kurri)  
Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace)  
Nathan Dawson (Kurri Kurri)  
David Ferguson (Engadine)  
Peter Taylor (Alstonville)  
Ben Twist (St Johns Park)

### Most Improved Bowler of the Year-

Aaron Appleby (Kurri Kurri)  
Josh Berry (St Johns Park)  
Harley McDonald (Engadine)  
Peter Taylor (Alstonville)

### Senior Bowler of the Year-

Jack Littlewood (Valentine)  
Peter Stockham (Westport MBC)  
Philip Westcott (Ettalong Memorial)

### Junior Bowler of the Year-

Daniel Davies (Windang)  
Michael Phillips (Merrylands)  
Matthew Swan (Cabramatta)

### Metropolitan Club of the Year -

Cabramatta  
Engadine  
St Johns Park

### Country Club of the Year-

Kurri Kurri  
Raymond Terrace  
Warilla

### Disability Bowler of the Year-

Michael Kedwell (Belmont)  
Michael Vassallo (Cabramatta)  
Ron Mowday (Taree Railway)

Congratulations to all nominees.

# 2019 Club Challenge

The State Finals of the 2019 Bowls NSW Club Challenge have been completed, with the deciders in each division played at Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club (Sunday 8 December)

The Champions & Runners Up are:

## Men's Gold Division

Champions – Halekulani  
Runners Up – Raymond Terrace

## Women's Gold Division

Champions – Charlestown  
Runners Up – Engadine

## Mixed Gold Division

Champions – Valentine  
Runners Up – Port City

## Men's Silver Division

Champions – CEX Woolgoolga  
Runners Up – Moorefield

## Women's Pink Division

Champions – Austral  
Runners Up – Western Suburbs Leagues

## Mixed Bronze Division

Champions – Figgy Bowlo  
Runners Up – Birrong

## Men's Blue Division

Champions – Bomaderry  
Runners Up – Engadine



Women's Gold Division



Mixed Gold Division



Men's Silver Division



Women's Pink Division



Men's Gold Division Winners  
Halekulani



Mixed Bronze Division



Men's Gold Division Runner up  
Raymond Terrace



Men's Blue Division



# Under 25 Singles

## McLeod wins NSW Under 25 Singles



2019 Under 25 Singles winner - Emmett McLeod (NBC Sports)

Emmett McLeod of NBC Sports has claimed the 2019 NSW Under 25 Singles Championship with a hard-fought final victory over Toby Peters (Dapto Citizens) in the final played at Wenty Leagues (14 December).

McLeod and Peters had a great battle in the final, the pair trading shots and searching to gain the upper hand.

With the scores evenly balanced, Peters appeared to have gained the advantage with a perfectly directed running shot propelling the jack toward the ditch, and a near certain count of 3. The jack however bounced back up the green and rebounded off Peter's bowl to give McLeod a 2.

McLeod then backed up that result with his own running shot result, moving him into a match winning advantage.

McLeod won though his section with wins over Reece Oliver (Halekulani) and Britt Camp (Armidale Ex-Services) before a semi-final with Callum Murray (Engadine). Murray fought back from a deficit to level the scores at 20 each

before McLeod secured the section with a 21-20 win.

Peters also faced an effective semi-final match after both he and fellow NSW Under 18 representative Michael Phillips (Merrylands) recorded wins over Joel Nouws (Bateau Bay) and Thomas Rich (Mudgee).

Peters was in magnificent touch in that third-round match, eclipsing Phillips 21-6 to progress through to the final.



**For full results and scores please go online to:**  
[bowlsnsw.com.au](http://bowlsnsw.com.au)

**To watch a replay of live streamed matches please go to the Bowls NSW Facebook page:**  
[facebook.com/bowlsnsw](https://facebook.com/bowlsnsw)



Emmett McLeod and Toby Peters



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# 2019 Australian Championships: Baus & Stewart Secure Singles Titles



2019 Bowls Australia Singles Champions -  
Matthew Baus (NSW) and Chloe Stewart (QLD)

It was a golden day for New South Wales' Matthew Baus and Queensland's Chloe Stewart, who secured the 2019 Australian Championships coveted Singles titles.

With both finales coming to a close in sync with one another, Baus and Stewart saw off Blake Butler (WA) and Genevieve Delves (NSW) respectively, with both finals following a similar pattern.

Both matches were squared at 10 apiece as all finalists battled for ascendency, before the two ultimate victors ran away with the contest with powerful displays in the second half of their matches.

For both players, it's their first Australian Championships Singles crown, while for Stewart, she adds this title to her Triples title from earlier in the week.

For the full story go online to the  
Bowls Australia Website  
[www.bowls.com.au](http://www.bowls.com.au)

# NSW Secured Mixed Pairs Title

Cabramatta's Erin Swatridge and Aaron Wilson have collected the Mixed Pairs title to round out the 2019 Australian Championships, prevailing a blockbuster final against Queensland.

The NSW duo, up against the mother-in-law/son-in-law duo of Liz Walton and Aron Sherriff, burst out the blocks to a big lead early, before Queensland wrestled back the momentum to force a last-ditched victory by Swatridge and Wilson.

Down 14-15 on the final end, NSW produced a match-result of three to snatch victory, after Queensland had dominated the second-half of the match.



2019 Bowls Australia Mixed Pairs winners  
-Erin Swatridge and  
Aaron Wilson of Cabramatta

# Player Awards Evening 2019

The 2019 Player Awards Evening will be again held at the prestigious Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay, 13 February 2020.

The Player Awards Evening is the pinnacle event of the bowling calendar, a night we get to recognise the hard work and achievement of the top players and clubs in NSW.

The award categories include: Disability Bowler of the Year, Senior Bowler of the Year, Junior Bowler of the Year, Most Improved, Country Club of the Year and Metro Club of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and the coveted Bowler of the Year Award.

The announcement of the nominations will be made next month, and the nominees will be notified via email.

Tickets are now on sale, places are limited. Secure your seat today.



## Tickets Now on Sale for the 2019 Player Awards Evening

Tickets can now be purchased for the 2019 Player Awards Evening. The tickets are \$110 per seat or \$1000 for a table of 10.

The ticket price includes entry to the Player Awards Evening held at the Kirribilli Club, three-course dinner, canapés and drinks throughout the evening.

Places are extremely limited and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Go online to [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=574071&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=574071&)

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# 5-A-Side Entries

## 2020 5-A-Side Entries Now Open

The Bowls NSW 5-A-side has launched for 2020 and is heavily supported by Warilla Bowling Club. The competition is a side event with clubs nominating five players to compete in singles, pairs, triples and fours.

Sides are allowed to compete with one marquee player and non Grade 1 clubs can apply to compete as composite sides.

With \$30,000 prize money on offer, a spectacular competition is assured.

The competition has expanded over its first few seasons with interest growing throughout the State and beyond to participate in the 2020 competition.

So be sure to get your club entry in ASAP.

Entries close 24 Feb 2020



To enter or for more information please go online to the **Bowls NSW website**

[www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)

Or call the office on 02 92834555

## Bowls and Games Co-ord Lightning Ridge District

The Lightning Ridge & District Bowling Club features one grass and one synthetic bowling greens, Bars, TAB, KENO, 91 poker machines, functions and dining rooms along with a 43-room motel.

Now seeking a Bowls and Games Coordinator to join the team.

This role will be 38 hours per week for the right applicant. Initially the role is offered on a casual basis with a potential to become a permanent role.

This role will report to CEO and will be responsible for the management and running of bowls within the club, including pennants, club championships, tournaments, social bowls, junior bowls, grant applications and marketing. Also responsible for the organisation and administration of poker, pool and darts competitions.

For more information or to apply, email: [admin@lrbc.com.au](mailto:admin@lrbc.com.au).

## 2019 Edition of Bowls Australia Officiating Manual

The 2019 Bowls Australia Officiating Manual contains several updates to the last edition published in 2016.

The changes can be downloaded from the Bowls NSW website at:

[bowlsnsw.com.au/get-involved/become-an-umpire/](http://bowlsnsw.com.au/get-involved/become-an-umpire/)

For more information on the changes or on officiating please go to the bowls NSW website or call the office on 02 9283 4555



# Bowls NSW Christmas Closure



Bowls NSW wishes all its clubs, members and volunteers a wonderful and safe holiday period.

We hope you all enjoy this time with your loved ones.

The Bowls NSW office will close from Friday 20th December 2019 at 2:00pm and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.30am.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2020, which will be a fantastic and exciting year for Bowls in NSW.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Air Quality Guideline Policy

Due to recent bushfires across the State and prolonged poor air quality over vast areas of the State, Bowls NSW has released guidelines and recommendations regarding the playing of events for clubs to use as appropriate.

The welfare of our members is of paramount concern to Bowls NSW.

The Policy can be viewed and downloaded from the Bowls NSW website -

[www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)



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Finalists will be announced in our January 2020 e-newsletter and the Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented at the annual Bowls NSW Player Awards on 13/02/2020 at the Kirribilli Club, North Sydney.

