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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the BOWLS NSW Newsletter under a unified organisation! Our new and improved newsletter will be sent fortnightly to members keeping you up to date on all things bowls in NSW. Email only editions will be sent mid-month, spaced between our more comprehensive PDF version newsletter at the end of each month.

After a long period in lockdown, we finally have a roadmap to getting back on the greens, as well as an Exemption coming through from NSW Health this week which is the result of months of lobbying on your behalf to get members back playing bowls in a COVIDSafe manner.

Bowls NSW Ltd is very excited to announce our new sponsor, Bowlo Draught! Co-founders Matty and Alex are avid supporters of bowling clubs and are passionate about promoting the growth of our great sport. We look forward to working with Matty, Alex and Bowlo Draught now and into the future.

Bowls NSW Ltd will be showcasing the fantastic achievements of players across the State in their Club, District and Zone Championships. Guides on how to submit results for publishing will be available soon, so watch this space!

Stay safe, and see you on the greens!

Bowlo Draught Roll-Up Kitty



L: Llan Rodgers (Moorefield BC)
C: Matty Graham (Bondi BC)
R: Brett Fuller (Waverly BC)

In 2020, Sydney mates Matty Graham and Alex Light both worked in media/advertising jobs until the sudden effects of the COVID pandemic forced their roles to be made redundant.

Both being members of Bondi Bowling Club (where Matty is also the Vice President), they bumped their heads together to come up with a way to support not only the club that has supported the Bondi community since 1933, but to also celebrate all bowling clubs right across Australia that give back so much to their local communities.

"We both love a game of bowls and a great beer," Matty explains, "but we're also heartbroken every time

we hear the news that yet another classic bowlo has been forced to close their doors for good. Just like our club, every one of those bowlos are rich with decades of history, memories, and friendships. Not wanting to think of all those honour boards, photographs and trophies being consigned to the tip, we decided that 'enough is enough'."

Alex explains that the idea was hatched on the green one afternoon when the two were kicking-back with a beer after a hard-fought game of bowls. "We asked ourselves, why don't we go and brew the perfect beer for the game of bowls?"

And so, the idea to create Bowlo

Draught was born, and they since found themselves the perfect brewing partner in Andy Orrell from Hairymen Brewery – who also bowls for Taren Point.

But the plan was to make more than just a ripping beer – they want to make sure that everyone has the chance to experience the majestic atmosphere of the great Aussie bowlo and keep them rolling long into the future.

As well as brewing a lager that is 100% Australian and 100% independent, Matty and Alex decided from the get-go that they'd keep local clubs rolling by giving back a portion of all profits to help fund essential projects that help clubs support their local communities. Bowlo Draught is divesting these profits back to partner clubs through an annual grants program called the Bowlo Draught Roll-Up Kitty. They invited each of their partner clubs earlier in 2021 to submit funding applications to the Roll-Up Kitty grants program to help green-light projects, programs and other vital initiatives that they need help with to get off the ground.

Three independent judges were engaged, Greg Helm (Co-CEO, Bowls NSW), Matthew Styles (Director, Events and Matches, Bowls ACT), and Brett Hughes (Development and Programs Manager, Bowls

Australia), who decided to award grants to three clubs who serve Bowlo Draught to their members and guests:

Concord Bowling Club

Concord requested funding for a jumping castle to be able to attract a wider number of function bookings from the local community.

Diamond Bay Bowling Club

Diamond Bay requested funding for outdoor furniture to build and enhance their club to make it more attractive for social bowling and function bookings.

Bondi Bowling Club

Bondi requested funding to contribute towards a Junior Sport program, helping to expose a new generation of the local community to the sport of lawn bowls, and provide greater utility of the club's facilities when the greens are usually empty.

The Bowlo Draught Roll-Up Kitty will be run as an annual grants program, and any operating bowls club that stocks Bowlo Draught in either kegs or cans is eligible to enter.

Bowlo Draught is currently being poured at over 30 clubs in Metropolitan Sydney, and rolling out shortly to clubs in the ACT, Newcastle and Hunter areas. Every club that stocks Bowlo Draught also has their logo and club details



featured on the back of every 375ml can.

For more details around stocking Bowlo Draught or the Roll-Up Kitty grants fund contact- gday@lawnsideleisure.com



Bowlo Draught co-founders Matty Graham (L) and Alex Light (R)



BREAKING Lawn Bowls Granted Exemption Status

In response to the numerous representations made to NSW Health and the NSW Government, lawn bowls has been granted exemption status for registered clubs currently in stay at home areas or areas of concern.

Signed off by the NSW Government on 29 September 2021 and coming into immediate effect, the Exemption states that a registered club in a stay at home area or an area of concern can be open to members of the public to allow Exempt Persons to engage in lawn bowls subject to the following conditions:

There can be no more than 12 Exempt Persons on a bowling green and no more than 2 Exempt Persons per rink at any one time,

All persons on the bowling green must take reasonably practicable steps to remain 1.5 metres from any other person (other than a member of their own household),

Except as otherwise allowed under the Order, the only indoor areas allowed to be open to the public are the toilets and the area(s) used for payment of entry fees.

It is the responsibility of individual clubs to read the full Exemption and enforce the conditions specified.

NSW Roadmap to Recovery

With the announcement of the NSW Government's Roadmap to recovery, Bowls NSW Ltd can outline the pathway for a return to play at clubs.

Note that the dates provided below are based on the projections provided by the NSW Government regarding vaccination rates and are therefore subject to change.

70% Double Dose Target – Approx. 11th October 2021

From this date, all bowling clubs can reopen their greens. All clubs will be under the same restrictions provided in Circular No. 16/2021 for areas out of lockdown.

It is the decision of individual club management as to when bowling greens are open for use by members.

The following play is permitted:

- Roll ups
- Social bowls
- Internal Club Championships



Under the current Public Health Order, all permitted play on outdoor greens is restricted to 1 person per 2 square metres of space. However, for the health and safety of members, Bowls NSW Ltd recommends that clubs impose a limit of 50 people per green. This recommendation applies to all indoor and outdoor greens.

All clubs must ensure that they have a current COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Tournaments are not permitted to be played.

All District/Regional/Zone Championship events are not permitted to be played.

80% Double Dose Target – Approx. 25th October 2021

From this date, tournaments and gala days will be permitted. Bowls NSW Ltd recommends that clubs impose a limit of 50 people per green. This recommendation applies to all indoor and outdoor greens.

All District/Regional/Zone Championship events are not permitted to be played.

In accordance with NSW Government guidelines, Clubs are advised to implement these measures only to fully vaccinated adults (aged 16+) and those with medical exemptions.

Bowls NSW Ltd is aware that further changes will be introduced by the NSW Government from 1st December 2021. We will provide clarification on how this applies to clubs and the return to play for bowls in due course.

For more information please go online to bowlsnsw.com.au

How to prove you've had your COVID-19 vaccinations

With new freedoms for fully vaccinated people on the horizon in New South Wales, you'll soon need to be able to prove your status.

There are a few ways you can show that you've been inoculated, which may be used in the future to allow entry into restaurants, bars, and other venues.

You can get an immunisation history statement or COVID-19 digital certificate to show proof of your vaccinations.

So, how do you prove you've been vaccinated?

Medicare and MyGov

One way you can prove your vaccination status is through your Medicare online account, or the Express Plus Medicare app on your phone.

To get to the Medicare website and

log in you need to go through your MyGov account, if you have these accounts linked.

Once you're logged in to MyGov, find the "My Services" section and click on Medicare.

You'll be redirected to Medicare. From there click on "History and Statements", and then choose "Immunisation History" from the drop-down menu.

That will bring up your history and your COVID-19 vaccine should be listed there.

Once it is available, a COVID-19 digital certificate will also appear here.

On the Express Plus Medicare app follow the same steps.

Login, under "Services" click "Immunisation History".

Here you can view your immunisation history, and this is also where the COVID-19 Digital Certificate will be once it's issued.

Adding your COVID-19 digital certificate to a digital wallet

If you're eligible for Medicare, you can add your COVID-19 digital certificate to your Apple Wallet or Google Pay using either:

- The Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- Your Medicare online account through myGov using a browser on your device

If you're using the Express Plus Medicare mobile app:

1. Select Immunisation history from Services
2. Select your name, then View COVID-19 digital certificate
3. Select either Add to Apple Wallet or Save to phone for Google Pay
4. If you're using your Medicare online account through myGov:
5. Sign in to your myGov account using a browser on your device
6. Select Medicare
7. Select View immunisation history on the Immunisation history tile
8. Select your name
9. Select either Add to Apple Wallet or Save to phone for Google Pay



Update On 2021 State Events

Bowls NSW Ltd can announce that multiple 2021 State Events suspended due to COVID will be rescheduled for play in 2022.

The following events have been rescheduled:

- 2021 Women's State Pennant Finals
- 2021 Open Gender State Pennant Finals
- 2021 Women's State Championships
- 2021 Open Gender State Championships
- 2021 State Junior Championships
- 2021 Women's State Champion of Champion Singles & Pairs
- 2021 Men's State Champion of Champion Singles & Pairs

Full Calendar Release

A full event calendar will be released in mid-October. Bowls NSW Ltd strongly advises Clubs to hold off from scheduling any Club Championship events until this time.

While this is an exciting announcement, we appreciate that there is a lot of information to take in. Further information and clarification on all events will be provided along with the release of the full event calendar in mid-October.

After pushing through these uncertain times, we are looking forward to getting all our members back on the greens and participating in the sport we all love to play.



Rescheduled 2021 Events

Event	Event Dates	Event Closing Date	Venues
2021 Women's State Pennant Finals	Grades 1 & 3: 18th - 20th March 2022 Grades 2 & 4: 21st - 23rd March 2022	1st March 2022	Forster Bowling Club & Tuncurry Forster Sports Bowling Club
2021 Open Gender State Pennant Finals	25th - 27th March 2022	1st March 2022	Grade 1 – Forster Bowling Club Grade 2 – Club Dubbo & Macquarie Club Grade 3 – NBC Sports Club & Toongabbie Bowling Club Grade 4 – Yamba Bowling Club & Maclean Bowling Club Grade 5 – St Georges Basin Country Club & Nowra Bowling Club Grade 6 – Club Maitland City & Lorn Park Bowling Club Grade 7 – Warilla Bowling Club & TBC
2021 Women's State Championships (Open & Senior)	30th March - 8th April 2022	2nd March 2022	South Tamworth Bowling Club & West Tamworth Bowling Club
2021 State Junior Championships	19th - 22nd April 2022	CLOSED - NOMINATIONS RECEIVED	Warilla Bowling and Recreation Club
2021 Open Gender State Championships (Open, Senior & Reserve)	20th - 29th May 2022	1st May 2022	Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club
2021 Women's State Champion of Champion Pairs	2nd - 5th June 2022	9th May 2022	Club Merrylands & Guildford Bowling Club
2021 Men's State Champion of Champion Singles & Pairs	3rd - 7th June 2022	16th May 2022	South Tamworth Bowling Club
2021 Women's State Champion of Champion Singles	26th - 29th June 2022	9th May 2022	Port City Bowling Club & Lake Cathie Bowling and Recreation Club

Regional Sport Facility Fund



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Sport & Recreation



The NSW Government recognises the critical role local sport infrastructure plays in keeping communities healthy, active and connected.

The NSW Government has committed \$50 million to the Regional Sport Facility Fund over two-years, helping create spaces and facilities that enable communities to enjoy and take part in sport.

The Fund will assist eligible organisations to develop quality core sport infrastructure that will meet the current and future needs of the community.

The Fund will support the development of well-designed and utilised new and improved sport infrastructure projects that can directly impact and support participation and performance opportunities in sports at all levels.

The Fund will focus on sporting facilities that deliver the best outcomes for the community. It will ensure that the best possible value for money is achieved.

Round 2 is the final round of the program and sporting organisations and councils are urged to apply. The grant application and assessment process will be overseen by an independent probity advisor.

Applications are open now and close on 8 October 2021.

For more details, see:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>

Contact your Bowls Australia RBM for help in putting the proposal together.

Bowls NSW is only too happy to provide letters of support to any application.

Contact Jennifer Hiram at-
Jenny@bowlsnsw.com.au.



Bowls NSW and WBNSW Annual General Meetings

Notice is given to the members of **New South Wales Women's Bowling Association Inc (WBNSW)** of the Annual General Meeting of NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION INC as under the WBNSW Constitution.

TAKE NOTICE that the WBNSW Annual General Meeting will be held on the following date and time:

When: Thursday, 21 October 2021

Where: Online

Start Time: 12:00pm

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. OPENING

- a. Registration
- b. Apologies

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the preceding WBNSW Annual General Meeting held on 30 September 2020.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Adoption of the Annual Financial Report and balance sheet for the year ended 30th June 2021.

4. Appointment of Officers

- a. Directors
- b. Auditors

Close of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with clause 18 of the **Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd** Constitution, notice is given that the 141st Annual General Meeting of the Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd will be held Thursday 21 October 2021 commencing 1.00 pm via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Registration
- 1.2 Apologies

2. MINUTES

That the minutes of the previous Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd Annual General Meeting held Thursday 19 November 2020 signed by the Chairman of that meeting be confirmed.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

That the financial statements of the Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2021, together with the Directors' Report and the Auditors' Report be received.

4. DECLARATION OF THE BOARD AND AUDITORS

- 4.1 That Directors be announced.
- 4.2 That the auditors be announced.

5. CLOSE



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NEW SOUTH WALES



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A zoom link will be provided prior to the meeting date.

Please go to www.bowlsnsw.com.au for updates



Zero Tolerance To Abusive Behaviour

Bowls NSW Ltd is committed to providing services to all of our members and in doing so we seek to treat everyone with the dignity and respect that they deserve. It is also an expectation that our members provide the same level of dignity and respect when interacting with our staff and volunteers.

Bowls NSW Ltd adopts a zero tolerance policy to any abusive and/or inappropriate behaviour towards our staff members. This includes, but is not limited to, phone calls, emails, online comments and any form of social media direct messaging.

We respect the right of any individual to express their opinions and we always encourage members to direct their queries or concerns to the relevant Bowls NSW Ltd contact.

These are unprecedented times, and our clubs, members, staff and volunteers are all working hard in the support of our game. It has been a very difficult period where we have not been able to interact with our bowling community as we would normally do, and as a governing body we acknowledge that the members may have frustrations that they wish to direct towards Bowls NSW Ltd as an organisation.

What we cannot and will not tolerate is any form of abuse directed towards our staff or volunteers.

As such, Bowls NSW Ltd reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary towards an individual found to be abusing staff or volunteers.



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The Board of Bowls NSW Ltd would like to thank all of our staff and our Co-CEOs for the work that they had done in supporting our members and clubs.

Our Co-CEOs Anne and Greg have the complete support of the Board and we acknowledge their contributions in guiding Bowls NSW Ltd through this difficult period and into the future.

In recent news headlines it has been announced by the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) that from 1 October 2021, businesses can switch electricity providers and start saving in several days, when previously a switch could take up to three months. ^

Our partner Make it Cheaper can find out if there is a better electricity plan for your (household & small businesses/ restaurants/ clubs) in approx. 10 minutes, and if you decide to switch, you can start to enjoy new savings in just a few days.

It has never been easier to find better rates and enjoy your savings earlier.

Get your free electricity comparison now at www.makeitcheaper.com.au/landing/bowls-nsw

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Enjoy new energy rates in just days

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^ Australian Energy Market Commission
– ‘Reducing customers’ switching times’ –
Accessed 27/09/2021 Reduced switching time does not apply to commercial energy plans. Typical switching time will be 3 working days subject to retailer availability.

Make it Cheaper has commercial relationships with the following energy retailers: AGL Energy, Alinta Energy, Blue NRG, Energy Australia, Origin Energy, Momentum Energy, Next Business Energy, Origin Energy, Simply Energy, Shell Energy, Smartest Energy & Tango. Availability of retailers and plans can vary state by state and is dependent on the property and connection type. At times commercial relationships may impact what retailers or plans are made available.



First Dates Casting Call



Warner Bros Australia are searching for some more mature aged single people to appear on the tv show First Dates Australia.

Any age is perfect but we are ideally searching for 50+ and 70+ at the moment.

The premise of the show is to match people up based on their requests in a partner and put them on a first date.

It's a really fun, entertaining show and we are really trying to match people up who we think could work

together going forward and find love.

For more information or to apply go to - <http://firstdatescasting.com.au/>

