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Welcome

Welcome to the December Issue of the Bowls NSW Newsletter.

In this edition you will find an updated Return to Play Roadmap for clubs outlining the further easing of restrictions for bowls clubs and events.

The Bowls Australia Awards Night was held recently with New South Wales claiming several honours. We congratulate all the winners as well as those nominated for such prestigious awards.

We also take a look at some exciting club developments from South West Rocks in northern NSW down to Warilla in the South Coast, checking in on their progress and further developments on the horizon.

After yet another turbulent year dealing with COVID-19 and the associated lockdowns, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas, and we hope you are looking forward to a better and brighter 2022!

Bowls NSW Ltd Office Christmas Closure



On behalf of the Bowls NSW Ltd Board, Management and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

The Bowls NSW Ltd head office will be closed from 1pm on Thursday

23rd December and reopen Thursday 6th January 2022.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on the greens in 2022.

State Carnivals Head South for 2022

The biggest events on the Bowls NSW calendar will have a new home in 2022, with the Women's and Men's State Carnivals heading south to the Wollongong and Shoalhaven regions.

From 2- 6 May, bowlers from across New South Wales will come together to enjoy the competition, the camaraderie and everything that the Wollongong and Shoalhaven regions have to offer. It will also mark the first time that a Women's and Men's State Carnival are run over the same week, maximising the opportunity for bowlers to take part in one of the best events of the year!

The ever-popular Women's State Carnival will take place in the Shoalhaven region in 2022 with Shoalhaven City Council set to host the event. Located on the beautiful NSW south coast and bordered by mountains, coastal plains and magnificent beaches, Shoalhaven has a range of activities available to visitors and will be a fantastic host region for the Women's State Carnival.

In its inaugural year, the Men's State Carnival will be run across the Wollongong region. With a plethora of clubs in the area, Destination Wollongong emerged as an ideal choice to host the newest event on the Bowls NSW calendar.

Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Gordon Bradbery AM is delighted to have the Men's State Carnival take place within the region. "We look forward to welcoming the bowling community to Wollongong in 2022, where many of our bowling clubs are in stunning seaside locations that make up the social fabric of our

coastal villages. We hope they get to enjoy the great outdoors, amazing eateries, and relaxed culture of the Wollongong region."

Bowls NSW Ltd is thrilled to be working with Shoalhaven City Council and Destination Wollongong as hosts for the 2022 State Carnivals. Simultaneously running a Women's and Men's Carnival will be an historic first for our sport, and it is fantastic to have both entities on board for this momentous occasion.

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Further event details, including entry forms and host clubs, will be announced in due course.

To explore things to do, places to stay, or delicious eats and drinks, book your trip today at www.visitwollongong.com.au.


To see all that the Shoalhaven has to offer, view the Visit www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Welcome-to-the-Shoalhaven/Visit-the-Shoalhaven



Return To Play Roadmap Update

Following the latest release of the Public Health Order, Bowls NSW Ltd has updated the Return to Play Roadmap as of 15 December 2021.

For more information visit Bowls NSW website bowlsnsw.com.au

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	<p><i>Latest Public Health Order released on 15 December 2021</i> <i>This information may be subject to change in line with further NSW Government advice</i></p> <p>COVID-19 Rules & Restrictions as of 15 December 2021</p>
ENTRY TO PREMISES (Includes outdoor areas & bowling greens)	<p>Entry to venues is open to all persons, and proof of vaccination will no longer be required by Public Health Order. QR check-ins are required at all registered clubs.</p> <p>Venues can require proof of vaccination at their own discretion.</p>
Masks (while on premises)	<p>Required only for indoors front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Masks will be strongly encouraged in settings where you cannot social distance.</p>
Numbers on a Bowling Green	No density limits. COVID safety plans are optional and will be supported by SafeWork NSW.
Roll Ups/Club Social Bowls days	No density limits. COVID safety plans are optional and will be supported by SafeWork NSW.
Club Championships	No density limits. COVID safety plans are optional and will be supported by SafeWork NSW.
Tournaments/District/Zone Social Events	No density limits. COVID safety plans are optional and will be supported by SafeWork NSW.
Barefoot Bowls Parties	No density limits. COVID safety plans are optional and will be supported by SafeWork NSW.
Club Staff	<p>Staff members are not required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order. Masks will be required for indoors front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Venues can enforce their own vaccination policies for staff.</p>
Travel	Travel is permitted within NSW.
District/Region/Zone Championships (inc. Pennants)	<p>Districts/Regions/Zones can schedule Championship events from 1 December 2021, although Bowls NSW Ltd recommends that Districts/Regions/Zones do not schedule these events until 2022.</p> <p>Players must be aware of and comply with a host venue's vaccination policy for any event they have entered.</p>



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James, Club Turramurra NSW

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Bowls Australia Awards Night

Bowls Australia's Awards Night was held virtually on December 3 2021.

The 11th staging of the Awards Night celebrated and recognised the achievements of many players, officials, volunteers and clubs from around the nation, for their success over the past 12 months, across ten coveted award categories.

Dawn Hayman Wins Female Bowler Of The Year Award

New South Wales' Dawn Hayman has claimed the 2021 Commonwealth Games Australia Female Bowler of the Year award at Bowls Australia's (BA) Awards Night.

A member of the Jackaroos squad, Hayman's year has been exemplary with a successful Australian Champion of Champions title defence, as well as clinching the New South Wales state singles title.

Corey Wedlock Wins Male Bowler Of The Year Award

New South Wales' Corey Wedlock has been crowned as the 2021 Sport Australia Male Bowler of the Year at Bowls Australia's (BA) Awards Night.

Wedlock has been nothing short of sensational on the green, claiming gold in triples and fours for his state at the postponed 2020 Australian Championships at Club Dandenong earlier this year.

Lesley Swales Wins Official Of The Year Award

New South Wales' Lesley Swales has claimed the Blooms the Chemist Official of the Year award at Bowls Australia's (BA) 2021 Awards Night. Throughout her officiating career, Swales has demonstrated commendable professionalism and integrity in her role and is one of the most regarded officials in bowls.

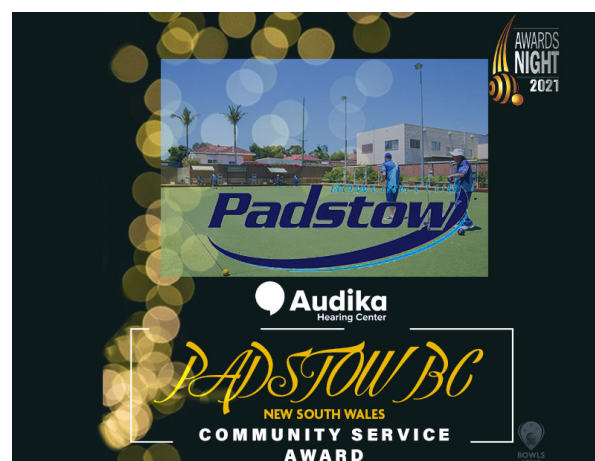
Padstow Bowls Club Wins Community Service Award

The Padstow Bowls Club in New South Wales has been voted as the winner of the Audika Community Service award at Bowls Australia's (BA) 2021 Awards Night.

The club has been recognised for its dedication to the local community and the charitable work that it has completed.

Padstow has embodied the values of inclusivity and has provided a platform for bowlers with a disability to flourish, regularly hosting Special Olympics bowls events and raising a staggering \$12,140 for the local Special Olympics Zone.

Story and images via Bowls Australia. For more information please go online to the Bowls Australia website www.bowls.com.au



Mid North Coast High Performance Centre and Academy

Lawn bowls in northern NSW is set to receive a major boost through the development of a Mid North Coast High Performance Centre and High Performance Academy in South West Rocks. The facility, which is scheduled for completion in 2022, will comprise a new multi-level grandstand, function room, amenities and sports training facilities that will be utilised by multiple sporting groups in the local area.

A key function of the facility will be to develop local sporting demands, providing the opportunity for junior pathway programs, high performance academies and larger events within the region.

Integral to the development of the High Performance Centre has been Paul Sullivan, who has overseen the project since its inception. Additionally, Sullivan has put forth a proposed Development Program for lawn bowls in the area, underpinned by a North Coast Academy of Bowls. Sullivan believes that such an Academy will help bowls keep pace with other sports in the ever-increasing market for new participants.

"In most high-profile sporting codes, High Performance Units and/or Academies have been established in major cities and regional centres... This proposed Development Program is about enhancing the profile and the brand appeal of our game."

The Mid North Coast High Performance Centre under construction

The Academy will serve to develop both players and coaches all across northern NSW from the coast right through to inland NSW.

Incorporated in the Development Program are systems, structures and pathways that have the capacity to identify, develop and transition young players through school and Club events towards events at a District, Zone and State level.

Similarly, coaches will be taught how to adapt and tailor their style based on the developmental stage of the athletes they are coaching. Sullivan, who is himself an accredited coach currently serving on the Bowls NSW State Junior Committee, understands the crucial role coaches have in developing players which is why he has placed as much

emphasis on their training within the Development Program.

In conjunction with the High Performance Centre, the North Coast Academy of Bowls has the potential to enhance the reputation of the sport and provide lawn bowls enough recognition and relevance to attract the next generation of sports consumers and participants.

To read more about the Mid North Coast High Performance Centre please go online to the Bowls NSW Ltd website - bowlsnsw.com.au.



Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club have officially opened the Lagoon Street Bar + Dining Piazza, transforming the area into a modern and vibrant outdoor space.

Fitted with two alfresco dining outlets, a cocktail bar and a children's playground, Lagoon Street promises to offer a brand new dining experience for members and guests alike.

The club held an opening night to celebrate the completion of the new space and showcase all it has to offer. Warilla General Manager Phillip Kipp is confident that Lagoon Street will encourage families into the club and highlight the benefits that bowling clubs can offer people of all ages. With bowling greens right beside the space, it is also the perfect location to promote barefoot bowls and encourage participation in the sport.

Warilla Officially Opens New Dining Space



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

The end of year is a peak time for renegotiating energy contracts, with over 40% of commercial customers tied to agreements with a contract-end date of 31st December.

Wholesale energy prices have started to creep up in recent months with floods at the Yallourn Power Station in VIC, a planned upgrade at NSW's Bayswater plant and the explosion at Queensland's Callide power station all affecting generation capacity and risking supply – and a potential pricing surge – over the peak summer season.

If your business energy contract is set to expire soon, get in touch, and let the MiC Energy Brokers team help. They have 10 years' experience of securing competitive energy rates and work with a panel of energy retailers, making it easy for you to shop around. When reviewing your energy charges, they'll also review your network tariff, so you can be confident that you're not overpaying for the poles and wires component of your bill and know that you're on a great deal.

Don't let your business energy plan expire



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A joyful celebration was held Saturday 18 December at Cronulla Bowling Club to mark the 100th birthday of one of the Shires most honored residents, Ron Wiggins OAM.

Ron's actual birthday was July 9, however COVID interrupted the initial celebrations. To make up for the delay, the club celebrated a full anniversary week which included a recognition ceremony from the Royal Australian Air Force Awards with whom Ron served. Furthermore, Ron was honored with a Lifetime Achievement award from Zone 13 Sydney Central & Southern Association and a recognition certificate from Bowls NSW Ltd.

Commencing his bowls career in 1955, Ron has the remarkable achievement of over 65 years continuous club membership, including 40 years in the Grade 1 pennant competition. He is still an integral player in the lower grades, providing invaluable tactical awareness and support. Players at the club strive to emulate his tenacity and highly competitive determination. Many recall with great pride when under his tutelage if you delivered a poor bowl, you were met with a withering scowl as well as a kind word for redirected concentration.

With Ron's Advice taken on board your future proficiency was assured.

Ron has held every position at the Club from Barman to Chairman and now proudly holds the title of Club Patron with the Number three green also named in his honour.

In addition, Ron has won every Club Championship event, many several times. All that has eluded him is the minor singles!

Ron loves the club he says "it is a privilege to be a member, I have enjoyed my time in the premier grade as equally as my current grade 7 team. I value the opportunity to coach younger members. Lawn bowls is a wonderful sport, everyone needs relaxation and exercise and there is no better exercise than bowling."

Ron Wiggins 100th Birthday Celebration



Australian Indoor Qualifying Entries Open

Entries for 2022 Australian Indoor Qualifying for NSW men and women are now open!

In exciting news, Bowls NSW Ltd can announce that additional venues across the State will be utilised for qualifying, taking the total number of qualifying venues to five. This gives more members the opportunity to enter and have the chance to qualify for the Australian Indoor Championships.

We welcome North Haven and Soldiers Point as our new host venues, and we thank East Cessnock, Warilla and Merimbula for their continued support in this event.

Indoor Qualifying will take place at venues between 11 – 14 February 2022. The 2022 Australian Indoor Championships will be held at Club Tweed (formerly Tweed Head Bowls Club) from 15 – 19 August 2022. Enter now for your chance to compete for a share in \$64,000 prizemoney!

To enter go online to the
Bowls NSW website
www.bowlsnsw.com.au

