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Welcome

Welcome to the March edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

This month we preview the upcoming 2021 Women's and Open Gender State Pennant Finals. Bowls NSW would like to thank our incredible host venues for their hard work and wish all competing teams good luck and good bowling!

The NSW Government Grassroots Sport Fund is closing very soon! The grant provides \$1,000 to eligible Clubs, Districts and Zones across New South Wales, so get your submissions in as soon as possible.

Entries into the State Carnivals, State Over 40's Pairs and BPL Cup Preliminary Rounds are open to bowlers, get your mates together and submit your team today. Additionally, the 2021 Women's State Championship Draws have been released and are now available to view on our website and through BowlsLink.

Want to win a brand new car? With KENO's 30th Anniversary Promo, you could be driving away in a Volkswagen T-Cross! Read more to find out how.

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NSW Government Grassroots Sport Fund



Applications are still open for bowling clubs to receive a grant from the NSW Government Grassroots Sport Fund.

The Grassroots Sport Fund will provide a one-off grant of up to \$1,000 to around 12,500 eligible local clubs and associations across the State to assist them with recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 and the recommencement of community sport.

For more information on the Grassroots Fund please go online to the Sport NSW website: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/community-sport-recovery-package#grassroots-sport-fund>.

How to Apply:

To apply to receive a grant, clubs will need to complete the following survey:

<https://surveys.sport.nsw.gov.au/n/20ktKoY>

These eligibility assessments MUST be completed ASAP.

All grant funding must be distributed before 31 March 2022.

If you require assistance to complete the survey, please contact membership@bowlsnsw.com.au.

2021 Pennant Preview

The highly anticipated State Pennant Finals are upon us! Originally set for play in 2021, both the Women's and Open Gender finals were rescheduled for March 2022 to give all 2021 qualifiers the chance to compete for a prestigious state pennant.

After months of waiting, teams will take to the greens again, vying for the title of 2021 State Pennant champion. Action starts with the Women's State Pennant Finals taking place at Forster

Bowling Club and Sporties Tuncurry. Grades 1 and 3 kick things off from 18- 20 March, followed immediately by Grades 2 and 4 who play from 21 - 23 March.

Commencing right after will be the Grades 1 - 7 Open Gender State Pennant Finals held at various bowling clubs across New South Wales. Entry into all of these events is free, and for those who can't make it to clubs, matches across

the Women's State Pennant Finals and the Grade 1 Open Gender State Pennant Finals will be live streamed through the Bowls NSW Facebook page. A detailed schedule of live streamed matches will be published closer to the event date.

Bowls NSW would like to wish all pennant sides good luck and good bowling! In the lead up to these finals, we've taken a look at our host venues and what they have to offer participants and spectators.



Open Gender Grade 1 & Women's Grade 1 - 4 - Forster Bowling Club

Forster Bowling Club is located in the beautiful Great lakes area of the Mid North Coast just minutes from local lakes, beaches and shops.

We are proud of our ability to provide our members and guests with a premium range of services to enjoy, whether it is a marvellous lunch or dinner experience, a cold beverage while watching the lawn bowls or local music artists, or placing a bet within the TAB facilities.

The club has 4 high quality Tifdwarf greens which cater for the weekly 300 + social bowlers plus club, zone and state championships .

The club also owns and operates our 37 room Forster Palms Motel located right next door to the club as well as our very own entertainment centre

consisting of Jurassic Putt Putt golf, Ten-pin bowling and Laser skirmish.

The club itself has two dining options including the newly opened Strand Bar and Grill specialising in all meals from salads, pasta and seafood meals as well as succulent steaks and light meals.

Eastern Tiger all you can eat Buffet restaurant offering Australian-inspired dishes, regional Asian dishes and sides including- roast carvery, pasta, seafood, soups, salads, as well as a wide variety of desserts.

Bowls NSW looks forward to holding the Open Gender Grade 1 State Finals and the Women's Grade 1 - 4 State finals. (in conjunction with Tuncurry Forster Sports.)



To watch our live streamed matches please go online to the Bowls NSW Facebook page or www.bowlsnsw.com.au



2021 Pennant Preview



Grade 2 - Club Dubbo & Dubbo Macquarie

**CLUB
DUBBO**

With terrific views over Dubbo, come on in and enjoy our many facilities!

Club Dubbo lounge areas are great for viewing the bowling greens and when you are done playing or relaxing, stroll into the Riverview Bistro for a great meal. For the enjoyment of all our guests, the club provides a Workers Bar - for our

**Macquarie
CLUB**

members to relax in after work.

The **Dubbo Macquarie Club** is situated in South Dubbo and is home to the Macquarie Rivers Rats. It features two Tifdwaf greens, lovely grass surrounds, a beautiful undercover BBQ area overlooking Green Number One.

Inside the club you will find the bar with KENO, TAB and all your favourite beers on tap. We also feature a Chinese restaurant serving up some amazing food.

The Dubbo Macquarie Club is looking forward to hosting the Grade 2 Pennant Finals and cannot wait to meet all of the players and spectators.

We wish all teams great success and will see you in March.



2021 Pennant Preview



NBC Sports Club

Grade 3 - NBC Sports & Toongabbie

NBC Sports Club is your one stop venue for lawn bowls, entertainment and community involvement.

With just over 4,300 members we're big enough to provide spaces that will accommodate special events but small enough to ensure everyone still feels part of our family community.

We pride ourselves in providing exceptional customer service complemented by the wonderful food on offer from the Maze Grill, which is combined with an extensive

range of beverages and all the club services you would expect such as TAB and KENO

Our undercover verandas are surrounded by beautiful gardens and manicured greens.

We proudly manage two and a half first class bowling greens that offer the competitive lawn bowler a premier location to enjoy this great sport. Our greens staff ensure the tiddwarf and couch greens operate at the best standard anywhere in metropolitan Sydney.

NBC Sports Club is a Covid-safe venue and your safety is important to us.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Club.

The idea of a **Toongabbie Bowling Club** was born at a meeting of a Prawn Club at the Toongabbie Hotel in 1958 with its beginning in September 1959 when the first green was completed. While like many the club has had good times and some bad times it has continued to support bowls and sports more widely our community continuously over the decades.

The club continues to grow and attract new members and visitors with upgraded facilities and quality food and beverage offerings and hosting live bands once a month.



Toongabbie Bowling Club

To watch our live streamed matches please go online to the Bowls NSW Facebook page or www.bowlsnsw.com.au



2021 Pennant Preview



Grade 4 - Yamba & Maclean

Bowlo Sports and Leisure Yamba is much more than a bowling club. Offering immaculate greens, entertainment and activities for every member of your family including bars, eateries, entertainment areas for adults and children, and other great facilities.

The Yamba Bowling Club has 3 1/2 immaculate greens that wrap around the outside of the club that allows bowlers to enjoy the wonderful game of bowls no matter what level you are. No matter what your bowling ability is, we here at the Bowlo encourage bowlers of all levels to come and enjoy our greens and enjoy themselves whilst playing a game of bowls.

Located on the Far North Coast of New South Wales, **Maclean Bowling Club** has provided sport and recreational facilities to the Lower Clarence Valley region since 1929.

The Club is the number one venue in town for live music, entertainment and events and offers an extensive range of weekly activities including lawn bowls, trivia, bingo, darts, poker and plenty of raffles.

Tse's Chinese Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with daily lunch specials.

The Club's function facilities include a small meeting room, soundproof conference room, private dining

room with bar, main auditorium with stage and dance floor area plus two lawn bowling greens with under cover area and barbeque facilities.

Maclean Bowling Club is the hub of the local community and offers members and guests plenty to enjoy.

Whether it be a game of barefoot bowls, a scrumptious meal or a cold beer in air-conditioned comfort you really can't go past the Club with something for everyone!

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Grade 5 - St Georges Basin & Club Nowra

St Georges Basin

Discover one of the South Coast's favourite clubs and destinations. Boasting two great venues - one at Sanctuary Point near the renowned St Georges Basin and the other at Vincentia overlooking Jervis Bay.

Sanctuary Point is the home of the St Georges Basin Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs. Some of our club facilities include three amazing bowling greens, two tennis courts, an incredible 18 hole golf course at Sanctuary Point and a 13 hole challenging course at Vincentia. Full

bar, restaurant, TAB, and snooker facilities are available and all are first class.

To see why we're the premiere club on the South Coast, check out our website – www.thecountryclub.com.au

Club Nowra

Club Nowra has been a part of the Shoalhaven community since 1914.

The Board of Directors, President Mike Mitchell, CEO Grant Hughes and Bowls Coordinator Glen Dickson

congratulate and welcome all the successful clubs participating in the State Grade 5 Pennant finals.

We look forward to hosting this prestigious event, showcasing our two manicured greens prepared by Head Greenkeeper Beau Davey.

We endeavour to impress all competitors and guests with our "can do" attitude

Hoping that all involved have an enjoyable and memorable time.



Club Nowra



2021 Pennant Preview



Grade 6 - Maitland City & Lorn Park

Maitland City

Guided by our values, our vision is to be the club of choice for our community and employees by delivering a unique, modern, comfortable and diverse experience.

Situated in the heart of the Hunter Valley, Club Maitland City is only 20 minutes from the wineries and 2.5 hours from central Sydney.

Our pride in sports, service and

accommodation will ensure your visit here at the club is one to remember.

Lorn Park Bowling Club

Lorn Park Bowling club has a proud and rich history in the Hunter District having won a number of Number 1 pennants in its time.

We currently have our top team play in the 2 Grade Zone 6 competition and are looking at being back on the big stage soon.

We are a small but very friendly club with a very good loyal membership who love their bowls and the social side of the game that comes with it.

Lorn is a heritage area and has some amazing homesteads and buildings around its small town. Close to town with a farming feel. Beautiful, peaceful and full of history.



2021 Pennant Preview



Grade 7 - Warilla

Located in the Illawara Shire south of Sydney **Warilla Bowls** is home to a superb 7-rink indoor green and three outdoor greens.

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club is committed to the local community and supports more than 50 local sporting groups, schools and charities every year, with donations totalling over \$200,000.

Warilla is thrilled to be hosting the Bowls NSW Open Gender Grade 7 Pennant Finals.

Warilla Bowls

AND RECREATION CLUB





Men's State Carnival

Men's State Carnival

*Grab your three best mates, your bowls,
and take off for a great week away!*

WHEN

2 - 6 May 2022

WHERE

Figtree Sports and
surrounding clubs.

ENTRY DETAILS

Open to fours teams.
Composite teams
allowed.
Entry is \$160 per team.

Event Snapshot

Teams are drawn in sections, playing two 18 end matches per day over the first three days. Each day of play takes place at a different venue.

Section winners qualify for the knockout rounds to be played at Figtree Sports on 5 and 6 May.

Prize money is on offer to finalists, section winners and daily winners.

How to Enter

Entering the State Carnival is easy! Find your team of four, head to the BowlsLink Entry Portal on the Bowls NSW website and fill in your details.

For more information, or if you need any assistance, call the Bowls NSW office on 1800 WE BOWL (1800 93 2695).

Neil Massey Retires After 35 Years At Terrigal Bowling Club

Local greenkeeper, Neil Massey, has retired after 35 years of service to Terrigal Bowling Club. The Wamberal local has held the position of greenkeeper at the much-loved Central Coast venue for more than 23 years, after being assistant greenkeeper since 1986.

Growing up in Balmain, Neil and his wife decided to uproot their lives in Sydney and rent in Terrigal for 12 months to try a different lifestyle. After just one day on the job, Neil went home to his expectant wife at the time and said, "We're not going back" and they never did.

While many would hate the early starts or seasonal pressures of being a greenkeeper, as an avid surfer, Neil couldn't have found a more fitting career.

"I've always loved surfing and growing up in Balmain I'd do anything to knock off early and go surfing. I just love being near the beach and love the atmosphere," explained Neil.

"The highlight of my career has been mixing with the members and having the opportunity to play bowls at the Club. I have played Championships for 10 to 15 years and really enjoyed it.

"I guess it's nice to also enjoy the greens when you're not on the clock," he laughed.

Over the almost four decades of calling the Central Coast home, Neil and his family have enjoyed living in Wamberal, where retirement offers the opportunity for more family time,

sleep-ins and perhaps more swings on the golf course.

"I have two beautiful daughters and four grandchildren and am looking forward to spending time with them and of course surfing and playing golf more.

While he may be leaving his garden tools in the shed, Neil says it's not goodbye to the Bowlo as he has made some wonderful friends from his time there.

"I'm excited to still mingle with the friends I have made down at the Club and enjoyed my official first day of retirement with a wonderful celebration last month," concluded Neil.

Retiring after 35 years, Neil is one of the longest serving employees to have worked at the local bowling club, making sure the grounds are always in superb condition.

"We have been incredibly honoured to have such a dedicated and experienced greenkeeper in

Neil work so hard for our venue for 35 years," said Terrigal Bowling Club General Manager, Craig

Fairweather.

"His commitment to our Club is testament to the wonderful role model he has become and the

respect he has gained from our members.

"We wish Neil all the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing him join us at the

Bowlo as a lifelong member," concluded Craig.





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2022 State O40's Pairs Entries Open



The much anticipated Bowls NSW State O40's Pairs competition is back on and entries are now open!

The State O40's Pairs is an Open competition to any members aged between 40 and 59 years as of 7 October 2022.

Players must be from the same club and teams can be either men, women or mixed. (A men's sub club and women's sub club of the one club are considered the same club).

Qualifying play will be held at venues in every zone/region of NSW on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May 2022, with qualifiers heading to the State Finals at Club Maitland City from 8 – 9 October 2022.

Entry into the event is \$52.00 per team. Entries can only be completed through the BowlsLink Entry Portal. Entries close on 11 April 2022.

2021 Women's State Championship Draws Released

Draws for the 2021 Bowls NSW Women's State Championships have officially been released! They can be viewed through the BowlsLink Portal and on the event webpage.

The 2021 Women's State Championships will take place from 30 March – 8 April at South Tamworth Bowling Club and West Tamworth Bowling Club. Matches will be live streamed through the Bowls NSW Facebook page, and a detailed schedule of live streamed matches will be available closer to the event date.

For more information on how to navigate BowlsLink, visit the BowlsLink Administration Page and view our instructional videos.



To view the 2021 Women's State Championship Draws go online to: bit.ly/35NJTBL

South Bowls
SOUTH TAMWORTH BOWLING CLUB



2022 BPL Cup Preliminary Rounds Approaching



The 2022 BPL Cup preliminary rounds are just around the corner! Several clubs across NSW will act as host venues for the preliminary rounds, and players can find a list of these clubs and their qualifying dates here - <https://www.bowls.com.au/events-page/national-events/bpl-cup/bpl-cup-venues/>.

For clubs interested in becoming a BPL Cup venue, EOI's are still open! All you need to do is fill out the following survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPLCupEOI>.

The fun, fast and fresh format of the BPL Cup promises to be better than ever, so get your entries and EOI's in today.



Win 1 Of 5 Cars In Keno's 30th Anniversary Promo!

Celebrate 30 years of Keno with Keno's biggest promotion ever – exclusive to ClubsNSW clubs!

You could be driving away from your local bowling club in a brand-new car thanks to Keno and ClubsNSW's exclusive promotional event.

To celebrate 30 years of the Keno game in the state's clubs, Keno is giving away five Volkswagen T-Cross cars valued at over \$30,000 between Sunday 13 March and Saturday 16 April.

Plus, winners who are club members will also take home a bonus \$2,500.

To enter, customers simply need to spend \$10 or more on Keno during any of the weekly periods, then visit

win.keno.com.au and fill out their ticket and contact details. Customers can enter as many times as they like.

Each week, a winner will be randomly drawn from the weekly pool of entries and broadcast across screens in ClubsNSW venues. Keno will contact each winner directly to advise them of their win.

"What better way to mark this enduring partnership between ClubsNSW and Keno than with one of the biggest promotions Keno has ever run, giving away five cars exclusively to players in NSW clubs," says ClubsNSW CEO Josh Landis.

"While the wait has been long, it will undoubtedly be worth it when you

get the chance to drive away in one of the coolest cars on the market," adds Tabcorp's General Manager Keno, Terry Fowler.

Plus, if your bowls club has one of the five car winners, it will score a venue performance package, inclusive of a Keno screen, wall decals, local area promotions, and more. This means loads more Keno fun could be coming your way.

Look out for the promotion at your club and be sure to get your entries in before 16 April. And remember to Gamble Responsibly.



What if you could save \$3,866 in 20 minutes?

James from Club Turramurra reviewed his energy plan with Make It Cheaper and managed to **save a huge \$3,866**.

Make It Cheaper took care of all the tricky details involved in putting his energy account out to tender and ensuring that he got the best deal possible.

“Service was great and quick and easy to use. I would definitely use MiC again. Sophie was very helpful, explained everything clearly, was not pushy and allowed me to make the decision without feeling pressured. Would recommend that you speak to Sophie to see if you can achieve a better rate on your electricity too.”

James, Club Turramurra NSW

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Tommy Turns 100 After a Lifetime of Service

A KINGSLIFF man who jumped out of an airplane at age 95 and is turning 100 years old said the secret to his long life is a positive attitude and the love of family and a good laugh.

Tommy Grimes was born in Nambour, Queensland, in 1922, before moving to Kingscliff in 1966 to raise his three children with his wife.

"We used to come on holidays and I'd go fishing at South Beach," Tommy said. "We used to walk across the river because there was no bridge. We loved the place and ended up buying a five acre block of land for \$21,000 near the current police station." Tommy ran Kingscliff Gas Service for 25 years and provided free services to locals and organisations when he retired.

He has dedicated much of his life to volunteer work and community service, "motivated by his selfless nature and his desire to help others," according to daughter Heather.

Tommy completed Civilian War

Service from 1941 to 1945 and was a Kingscliff Rotary Club charter member when it began in 1970.

"I liked the community projects we did for local youth; I was on the District Youth Committee for six years," he said.

"I got the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1987 which is the highest award you can get in Rotary."

Inspired by a visit to Reverend Ted Noffs, Tommy played a key role in developing Life Education, a drug and alcohol education program for young people and their families.

"They got Ted in to sort out some of the people at Kings Cross and he couldn't do anything with them, but he decided he could help out the young people." Tommy said.

Tommy went on to start the first ever mobile Life Education classroom which he drove around NSW and Queensland.

Tommy was a SES member from 1970 to 1988, played tennis at Kingscliff Tennis Club for many years and is still bowling at the Cudgen Leagues Bowling Club. "Someone asked me what I wanted for my 95th birthday and I said, I'd like to jump out of an airplane, so the Rotary Club went ahead and organised it," he said.

"Two of the Rotarians, two females came with me and it was lovely; it was an experience."

Tommy lives with daughter Heather and her husband in the house he used to own in Kingscliff Street and says the secret to a long life is staying active and having a positive attitude.

"You keep your mind and body active," he said.

Heather said the only medication Tommy takes is for low blood pressure and apart from that he has always been healthy.

"He loves a laugh as well and that helps keep him young."



Birthday Boy Tommy Grimes, 100yrs young Saturday 19.02.22, with President Darby and Cudgen Leagues Club mates.