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Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

Congratulations to Australian Jackaroos assistant-coach and legend of the sport Karen Murphy (Cabramatta) who won the recent Women's Champion of Champion Singles event at Port City. Her semi-final against Sarah Boddington (Tuncurry Beach) and final against Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park) were instant classics that will go down in history as some of the best matches Bowls NSW has ever live streamed.

The NSW CHS State Championships were completed at Penrith Bowling Club, with our stars of the future putting on a show and displaying the depth of talent that we have in our State.

Finally, we pass our sincerest condolences on to the friends and family of the late, great Robert 'Bomaderry Bob' King. Bob was not only a legend on the green, but a true gentleman as well. He will forever be remembered as one of the best to play the game.

Karen Murphy Wins Women's CoC Singles



Karen Murphy is no stranger to success. You simply need to take a look through the honour rolls to find her name littered across every discipline, and the Champion of Champion Singles is no exception.

It's been ten years since she last won the event in 2012, but age has proven to be no barrier for Murphy

as she overcame two young and class opponents in Sarah Boddington (Tuncurry Beach) and Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park) to win the title.

Murphy's semi-final clash with Sarah Boddington will undoubtedly go down as one of the greatest matches seen on live stream, with the two trading blows in a thrilling

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Lesley Swales (Bowls NSW Board Member) with Karen Murphy (Cabramatta) & Daphne Shaw (1991 Women's CoC Singles winner)



2021 Women's CoC Singles Runner-up – Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park)

contest. Murphy jumped out to a 7-0 lead only to have Boddington respond with a string of ends to narrow the gap to 7-6. From there the two exchanged leads multiple times, refusing to give an inch with an impeccable display of draw bowling. Crucial multiples at the late stage of the match catapulted Murphy to a 24-16 lead, with many thinking she had one foot in the final.

Boddington had other ideas. She went on a run of her own to score eight unanswered shots and level the scores 24-24, leaving the match delicately poised in what was effectively a one end shootout. The

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end didn't disappoint, with players peppering the jack. Boddington held two as Murphy played her third bowl, a firm runner on the forehand that took out four bowls to leave Murphy holding one. Boddington just fell short with her last to hand Murphy a decisive 25-24 victory.

Waiting for Murphy in the final was Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park) who herself enjoyed a solid 25-16 win over the ever-consistent Claire Kelly (Forster). Leading 24-9, Hayman was in cruise control, drawing shots with ease. Kelly was doing well to keep pace with the two-time defending champion, but couldn't quite gain the ascendancy. A true fighter, Kelly made Hayman earn that spot in the final as she scored seven unanswered shots to bring the score to 24-16 and putting some pressure on Hayman in the process. It all proved to be just a step too far however as Hayman picked up the required shot to win 25-16.

In the final, both Murphy and Hayman picked up where they left off in the semi-finals. From start to finish, it was an absolute masterclass of bowling from both players who put on a show for the Port City crowd. In similar fashion to her semi-final, Murphy led Hayman 20-9 at one stage and looked to be on track for a convincing win, only to have Hayman claw her way back into the match through some brilliant play.

She outscored Murphy 10-1 to trail 21-19 and was looking in great touch. Where others may have faltered, Murphy showed incredible mental strength and resilience to win an end and change lengths, thereby putting a halt on Hayman's comeback. At 22-19, Murphy produced arguably her best end, drawing three bowls within inches of the jack and leaving Hayman with a difficult shot to play with her last. Swinging on the backhand, Hayman made contact



2021 Women's CoC Singles Semi-finalist – Sarah Boddington (Tuncurry Beach)



2021 Women's CoC Singles Semi-finalist – Claire Kelly (Forster)

with the jack, but it proved to be in vain as it nestled within Murphy's cluster of bowls leaving her with the required three shots to take the match and the title of NSW Women's Champion of Champion Singles winner.

Congratulations to Karen Murphy and Dawn Hayman on an incredible match worthy of a final, and to all the competitors who took part in the event.

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\$1,400
on their energy bills

Wholesale energy price rise

In the first 3 months of the year, wholesale energy prices saw a year-on-year increase of 141%, and they continue to rise - these will begin to flow through to retail prices across both small business and residential customers from July 1st.

The rise is being driven by a multitude of factors - coal power stations closing (Liddell in April 2023 and Eraring closing 7 years early in 2025) plus a number of outages; global oil, gas and coal prices, unrest in Europe, plus weather events. Many markets are seeing price rises and volatility at this time.

Rate change notification

In the coming weeks, you will receive a rate change notification from your current retailer detailing what your new pricing will be and how this will affect your energy contract moving forward.

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*Make it Cheaper compared actual customer's usage, rates and applicable discounts against what they would have paid under the recommended current offers from its panel of multiple energy retailer partners between January 1 to 23 May 2021 and found savings for 80% of energy users.

^Average savings of \$1,408 (ex GST) for customers who switched from their existing plan or retailer to a new one recommended by Make it Cheaper between 01/01/21- 14/02/22

NSW CHS Championships A Huge Success



Penrith Bowling & Recreation Club was an amazing host venue for the recent NSW Combined High Schools Championships. The conditions were excellent, allowing the 80 players to showcase some high-level bowls.

The ten sporting regions of NSW school sport were represented and competition was fierce across the ten rinks of play, each regional association competing in two rinks of fours in sectional play, followed by finals.

In the last game of sectional play in Pool A, Western got the win they needed to progress to the Semi-Finals with a solid win against North Coast. Hunter required wins on both rinks against South Coast and they got there with a couple of tight wins.

In Pool B, the last game was only going to decide the top two positions with Sydney North and

North West dominating the Pool. In the end, it came down to margins, with North West topping the table.

In the semi-finals, Hunter were

dominant over a tenacious North West side (36-23) whilst Sydney North held off a late charge from Western (27-19).



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The final was an absolute dogfight and the standard was high class. When Ethan-Scott-Branagan's Sydney North rink finished ahead of Hunter 14-10, they held an overall 3-shot lead and had shots all around the jack on the other rink. On the last bowl of the game, Hunter's Koby Kattau trailed the jack back to open space and their side erupted with joy! However, the umpire needed to be called to measure – and 3 shots were confirmed. Both rinks went back out for the extra end. On this occasion, Hunter held a 2-shot lead after the conclusion of Rink "B". Sydney North held 2 shots going into the last bowl, and this time it was Ethan's chance to play the winning bowl, and he did so in style!

In the 21-year history of these CHS Championships, none of the four Sydney Associations had won. Sydney North had made history!

During the event we learned

of 2021 CHS Representative Ellie Dixon being selected to represent Norfolk Island at the Commonwealth Games! Ellie is still only in Year 11, however, Norfolk Island was moved from NSW schools affiliation to Queensland this year.

Australian Commonwealth Games representative, and local Penrith Junior, Carl Healey, was on hand for photos and a chat with the kids. At the presentation, he gave some insight into his experiences with CHS Bowls and his progress through to his current level. Carl then presented medals to Sydney North, Hunter and North West, as well as to the Driving Competition champions (an all-Sydney affair with the winner being Jayden Shorter from Sydney West).

The NSW side to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships at Club Sunbury in September was announced:

Jacob Aitken

Keira HS, South Coast

Katie Astley

Nepean CAPA HS, Sydney West

Sam Bowman

Coonabarabran HS, North West

Cooper Dart

Peak Hill Central School,
Western

Koby Kattau

Rutherford HS, Hunter

Zoe Nichols

Hunter River HS Hunter

Maddison Hazell

Junee HS, Riverina



Sam Rich

Mudgee HS, Western

Tom Rich

Mudgee HS, Western

Cohen Ridd

Glendale HS, Hunter

Huxley Rowe

Irrawang HS, Hunter

Ethan Scott-Branagan

Asquith Boys HS, Sydney North

Timothy Thorning

Gunnedah HS, North West

Billy Waite

TLSC Berkley Vale Campus,
Sydney North

Liam Walsh

Queanbeyan HS, South Coast

Coach – **Peter Foster**

Manager – **Dale Smith**

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Vale Robert 'Bomaderry Bob' King

Bowls NSW is saddened to hear of the passing of Bob King. Bob was a legend of the game, having won nine NSW State titles including five State Singles titles and two State Champion of Champion Singles titles. Bob also won multiple Australian titles and represented NSW and Australia for many years, including a 1974 Commonwealth Games appearance.

Bob was an absolute gentleman in every sense of the word, inspiring so many bowlers to this day. In honour of Bob and his input to bowls, a minute's silence was observed at the recent State Selection Series at Cabramatta.

We pass our sincerest condolences on to Bob's friends and family. He will forever be remembered as one of the best to play the game.



At the State Selection Series, Held at Cabramatta on the 2 - 3 July all players observed a minutes silence in honour of the late Bob King.

2022 NSWBGA State Conference

Save the date! After another COVID delay, the NSW Bowling Greenkeepers Association is pleased to announce its State Conference in Sydney on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August 2022 at Bankstown Sports.



**NSW Bowling
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Association.**

The State Conference is presented by the NSWBGA as an opportunity for networking, trade shows, best-practice and professional development. Be sure to get your local Greenkeeper involved.

Stay tuned to the NSWBGA website for the conference program, sponsors and registration details.



Bowls NSW Official Junior 7-A-Side Merchandise



JUNIOR 7 A-SIDE HOODIES

With the Junior 7- A-Side competition soon to be played in Dubbo make sure you pre-order your Bowls NSW Official Junior 7-A- Side hoodie or t-shirt.

Orders are available to all competitors and spectators, if you haven't had the chance to order your jumper yet there will be the opportunity to in Dubbo and have it sent to your house.

View the hoodies and t-shirts by visiting:
<https://www.theregattashop.com.au/pages/bowls-nsw-junior-inter-zone-7-a-side-championship>



Karen Murphy Inducted Into Commonwealth Games NSW Hall Of Fame



It is well known within the bowling fraternity that Karen Murphy AM is one of our all-time greatest players. Between her four Commonwealth Games medals, eight World Outdoor Championship medals and countless state and national titles, Karen knows what it takes to perform on the big stage. It's this same drive and determination that will make her an invaluable asset to the current Jackaroos team as they embark on their Commonwealth Games campaign in Birmingham later this year. Karen is the Assistant Coach of the team and, together with coach Gary Willis, are preparing players for their own chance at Commonwealth Games glory.

While Birmingham 2022 is undoubtedly her highest priority at this time, Karen was able to

attend the recent Commonwealth Games NSW Hall of Fame night where she was one of four new inductees along with Bradley McGee OAM (cycling), Jane Saville (race walking) and Patrick Murray (shooting). Commonwealth Games NSW is the peak State body for Commonwealth Games activity in NSW, and their recognition of Karen's achievements amongst some of the best athletes in Australian history is a well-deserved honour.

Upon accepting her award from CEO Peter Tate and Chair Michael O'Mara, Karen took the opportunity to speak candidly about the reputation of bowls in the sporting world and how far it has come in the last few years. "The sport is working hard to change the stereotype, and I feel privileged to

have played a part in that change and development. This recognition isn't just for me, it's for bowls."

Karen went on to express her pride in being inducted into the Commonwealth Games NSW Hall of Fame, thanking everyone who has helped her along the way in what has been a phenomenal career. In closing, she dedicated the award to her mother who was present on the night, and her late father, acknowledging the positive impact they have had and continue to have on her life.

Bowls NSW congratulates Karen Murphy AM on her most deserving induction into the Commonwealth Games NSW Hall of Fame.



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