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## Welcome

**Welcome to the September edition  
of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!**

The Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals are weeks away, and we are excited to announce the confirmed host venues for each Division!

The Board of Bowls NSW has provided an update to members outlining the activities currently taking place. This coincides with the opening of EOI's for Bowls NSW Committees, and the announcement of the confirmed date for the inaugural Annual General Meeting of Bowls NSW Ltd.

Entries into the 2022/23 State Rookies are open! One of our most popular events, the State Rookies is a chance for newer bowlers to take to the greens for a chance to win their own State title while making new friends along the way!

Finally, good luck to all the New South Wales representatives competing in the Bowls Australia 2022 Nationals at Broadbeach and Mermaid Beach Bowls Club. For more event information, visit the Bowls Australia website.

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## State Pennant Finals Venues Announced



Host venues for the 2022/23 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals have been confirmed.

All Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals will be played between Friday 18th – Sunday 20th November, with Thursday 17th November reserved for practice sessions.

Bowls NSW is incredibly excited to announce our continued partnership with Port Macquarie Hastings Council which will see both the Men's & Women's Division 1 State Pennant Finals held across Port City and Lake Cathie Bowling Club. Bowls NSW acknowledges the support of Port Macquarie Hastings Council in sponsoring this event.

Below is the full list of confirmed venues for the 2022/23 Men's & Women's State Pennant Finals.

### Women's Pennants

- **Div 1** - Port City & Lake Cathie Bowling Clubs
- **Div 2** - Taren Point Bowling Club
- **Div 3** - Bomaderry Bowling Club
- **Div 4** - Valentine & Marks Point Bowling Clubs

### Men's Pennants

- **Div 1** - Port City & Lake Cathie Bowling Clubs
- **Div 2** - Cabramatta & Mt Lewis Bowling Clubs
- **Div 3** - Club Dubbo & Macquarie Dubbo Bowling Clubs
- **Div 4** - Warilla Bowling & Recreation Club

# Bowls NSW Update To Members



## BOWLS NEW SOUTH WALES

Bowls NSW would like to provide an update to members on the current activity within Bowls NSW.

Firstly, we apologise for the delay in announcing the 2022-23 Single Gender State Pennant Finals venues.

The immediate focus of the Board is on the recruitment of a new CEO. The Board will share updates with members as they become available. The time is also right for the two director positions to be filled, and an EOI has been published to that effect.

The Board is also working with staff to develop the Operational Plan

to coincide with the Bowls NSW Strategic Plan which will be released to members by 15th November 2022.

Our talented staff members are continuing to work hard, running the day-to-day operations of the sport within New South Wales. A major priority currently being worked through by staff is improving the reach of Bowls NSW direct communications to members.

Staff members are also focused on the following:

- Preparing an information

package to be available for clubs wanting to unify at club level;

- Making the access to BowlsLink training easier and more readily available across NSW;
- Making arrangements for the Single Gender State Pennant Finals and the KENO Blues Sides to represent NSW at the Nationals;
- Finalising the Annual Report and preparing for the AGM;
- Preparing for the State O40s pairs Finals;
- Preparing for the State Mixed Pairs Qualifying and State Rookies Qualifying
- The Bowls NSW Club Conference initially scheduled for October this year has been moved to early 2023, with a confirmed date to be announced shortly.

Bowls NSW will continue to keep members informed about any changes in our office as well as new and other focus areas as further updates become available.





# State Rookies



2022-23

## STATE ROOKIE

Singles & Pairs



### Qualifying Dates

Pairs: 26 - 27 Nov 2022

Singles: 10 - 11 Dec 2022

- Qualifying will take place at a designated venue within each of the sixteen Bowls NSW Zone boundaries. Names of the specific host clubs will be provided in due course.
- Entries close on the 31st October 2022.
- To be eligible as a Rookie for the 2022/23 events, you must have joined a bowling club after 1st April 2018.
- Entries are open to male and female bowlers. Pairs teams are not required to be from the same club, although they are required to be from the same zone boundaries.
- Entry fee - Singles - \$26 / Pairs - \$52 (per team)

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### How to Enter through BowlsLink

- Login to your BowlsLink account
- Click on 'Competitions' then 'Available'
- In the search field, type NSW then press enter
- Scroll down to find the Rookie event you wish to enter (Singles and/or Pairs) and click on the action button (right of screen), then enter competition
- Your details will appear on screen – just select your playing position then save then click on Add Player
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE the National Identity Number (NIN) of your playing partner for the pairs competition (if you do not know, ask your club administrator to obtain their number)
- Click on link member and type in the NIN, then click search
- The system will find the player, then click select
- Their details will appear on screen – just select their playing position then click save then click next
- From the dropdown list, select the zone your club is within then click next and then next again
- Agree to the Terms & Conditions and click next. Finally, enter your payment details and confirm



# Notice of Annual General Meeting



**BOWLS**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

The Inaugural Bowls NSW Ltd Annual General Meeting will be held at Club York, 99 York St Sydney.

The meeting will commence at 11.45am on the 27th of October 2022.

For more information, please call Bowls NSW on 1800 WE BOWL (1800 93 2695) or go to our website [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)

## Bowls NSW Committee EOI's Open

Expressions of Interest are now open for State Committees.

EOI's are being considered for the State Umpires, State Selection and State Junior committees.

The EOI form can be found online at [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)

All Committee EOI's must be received by Bowls NSW by 14 October.





## Volunteer In Focus | Alan Clarke

We're putting the spotlight on some of our volunteers to highlight the incredible work they do within our sport. First up is current State Umpires Committee member Alan Clarke (Mudgee). We caught up with Alan to ask him about his experiences as a volunteer.

### Current Roles & Certifications

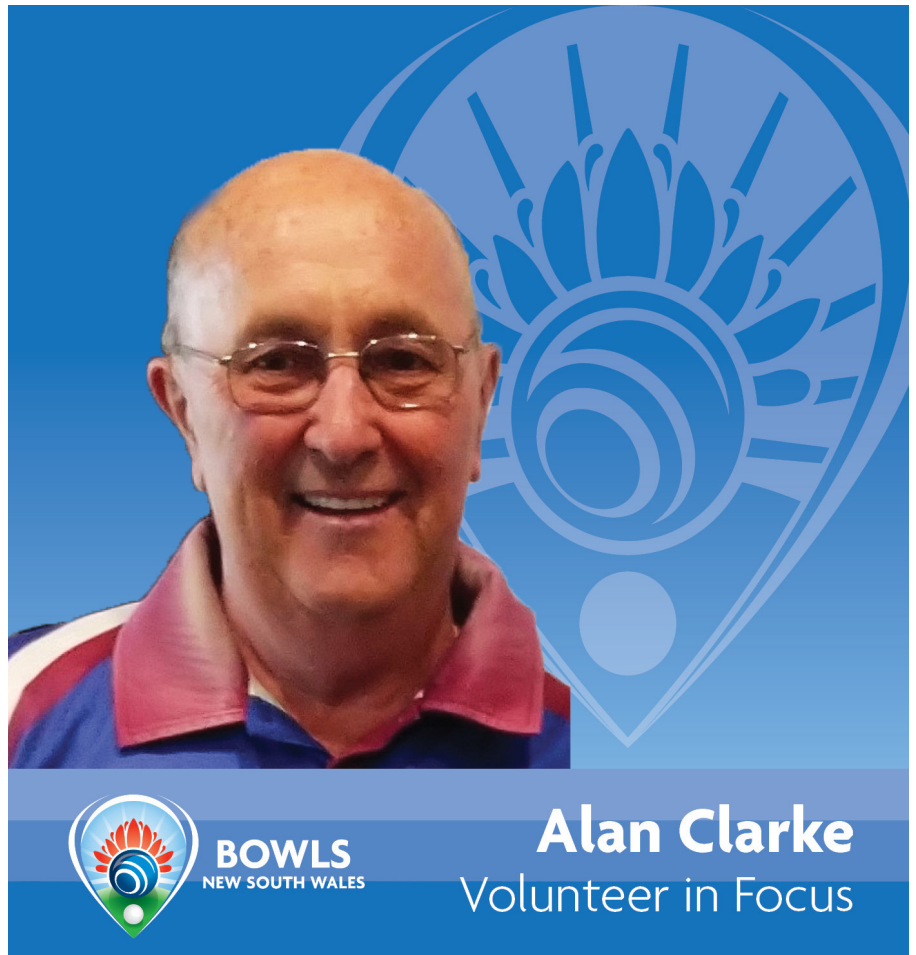
- State Umpires Committee Member (since 2021)
- National Umpire (since 2011)
- Chair of Zone Umpires Committee (since 2021)
- Bowls Australia Accredited Presenter & Assessor (since 2015)
- Club Coach (since 2014)

### How do you view your role as a volunteer?

"My primary role as a volunteer is to educate my fellow bowlers and ensure the longevity of the sport of bowls at all levels."

### Why do you volunteer?

"When I first started bowls I received very little guidance, so it made me determined to provide that guidance for other people taking up the sport. I want to make sure that newer bowlers understand the game and are confident when they first get out onto the greens."



### What do you get out of volunteering personally?

"Enjoyment and satisfaction, particularly when you can see newer bowlers growing in confidence and ability as they learn to play. There isn't a much better feeling than that!"

### You've been nominated for 'Official of the Year' by Bowls Australia, how do you feel about the nomination?

"Astonishment! I'm amazed and feel privileged that someone thought enough of my role as an accredited Official, Presenter & Assessor and a member of the State Umpires Committee to nominate me for Official of the Year."

Well done Alan, and thank you for all that you do for our sport!

# 2022 Nationals

We can't wait to watch all our brilliant New South Wales representatives compete at the upcoming Bowls Australia 2022 Nationals from 30 September- 14 October.





## A message from AustralianSuper

# Employers' Super Obligations

Meeting your super responsibilities means you're contributing to your employee's financial future. Super is also an essential part of running a business, and AustralianSuper is here to help.

If you need to revisit your employer super obligations, AustralianSuper have these quick super refresher points regarding:

- Employer super contributions – what you need to know including reportable superannuation contributions, when super is due and how much super to pay.
- What happens if you miss a super payment?
- Five key steps to better manage your super payments.

Learn more about Super responsibilities for employers online at <https://www.australiansuper.com/employers/your-responsibilities>

### Super guarantee – now 10.5%

As of 1 July 2022, the Super Guarantee has increased to 10.5%. That's an increase of 0.5% for FY22/23. And it will continue to increase 0.5% each year to reach 12% in 2025.

With this latest increase, it's a good idea to remind employees to check their pay slips to help ensure they're receiving the correct super amount.

To ensure you're across the latest updates, employers can find out more about the Super guarantee increase.

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Businesses  
save an average of  
**\$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.

This is where we come in! Let us help you to maintain the best possible price in a rising market.

## Start saving today

MiC will do a completely free comparison and let you know whether we can find your business savings or whether it is best to stay put with your current retailer.

Now is the time to take action, we want to ensure you are not paying any more than you need to in the current volatile market!

**Call 02 9137 5268 for a Free Energy Review**

Or visit [www.makeitcheaper.com.au/partners/bowls-nsw/](http://www.makeitcheaper.com.au/partners/bowls-nsw/)

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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.

\*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



# Life Membership Awarded by Club Cronulla Women's Bowling Club

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It is with Great pleasure that Barbara Cowley has been the recipient of the Life Membership award for the Club Cronulla Women's Bowling Club.

Barbara (Babs) Cowley has worked tirelessly for the club since her joining in 2011.

Barbara has been the Treasure since 2012 to the present day. Barbara has been an outstanding role model to all our members and has always been an encouraging and supportive member to our club. Barbara has participated in many competitions club and Pennants, and she was instrumental in the Organisation of our Pennants team travel and accommodation. She has a long list of achievements in both areas.

Triples Winner (2015)

Fours Runner-up (2015 & 2018)

Minor Singles Runner-up (2012)

Consistency Singles Runner-up (2015)

Pairs Winner (2017)

Barbara has played Pennants for the last 10 years and represented our club at both District and Regionals and at State level.

We would like to congratulate Barbara on winning this prestigious award from our Club.

*Story and Photo by Deb Tully*



# Regional Bowls Manager - Northern and Western NSW

Bowls Australia (BA) is the national sporting organisation responsible for the leadership, development and management of Bowls in Australia. There are over 1,800 clubs and over 690,000 participants nationwide. BA is affiliated with World Bowls and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association where it is a core sport in the Commonwealth Games held every four years.

As a member of the Bowls Australia Bowls Operations Team this position will provide direct assistance to Clubs to increase sustainability of the delivery network and grow the game of bowls. This includes areas such as:

- Business and strategic planning.
- Member and participant recruitment / retention.
- Funding and grants.
- Program development and delivery.
- Information technology.
- Volunteer strategies.

The Regional Bowls Manager is the on the ground liaison with Bowls Clubs, Regions / Zones / Districts and Local Government Authorities, therefore the role involves a significant amount of travel. The position works in partnership with the relevant State CEO to deliver both Bowls Australia and State initiatives.

The success of the program has been based on Team Members' living and understanding the intricacies of their region. As such the successful applicant will live in or around Grafton, Byron Bay, Ballina, Tamworth, Armadale or Dubbo.

To be considered for this role you must meet the following criteria:



- Knowledge and / or interest in Bowls.
- Willingness to undertake significant travel on weekly basis.
- Ability to work from home.
- Excellent customer service and communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Outstanding time management with ability to prioritise tasks to meet objectives.
- Ability to deal calmly and consistently with challenging situations utilising standard negotiation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Proficient in data entry, social media, word processing and diary management.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and demonstrate accountability.
- Aptitude to fit in with and form effective working relationships

with a range of audiences.

- Current drivers licence.

Desirable attributes include:

- Tertiary qualifications in Sport Management and / or experience in the sports industry.
- Experience in business operations / management or accounting / finance.

The role will be home office based, with considerable travel around your region. You will be provided with a fully maintained vehicle, laptop, mobile phone, uniform and internet connection.

To apply for the role please take time to address the described criteria within your Cover Letter. Any questions regarding the role can be directed to - [hr@bowls.com.au](mailto:hr@bowls.com.au)

Closing date for applications is Friday 14th October 2022.





# HAVE YOU GOT SPORTING TALENT?

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Head to [www.nias.org.au](http://www.nias.org.au) to register



**Athlete Testing\* - Saturday 29 October**  
(10am - 1pm) Scully Park, Tamworth

**Sport Specific Selections Trials\* Sunday 30 October**  
(10am - 1pm), Tamworth locations

For Girls & Boys Born in 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 & 2005

\* COMPULSORY FOR ANY ATHLETE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR 2022/2023 PROGRAMS:

ATHLETICS - BASKETBALL - FOOTBALL - GOLF - HOCKEY - MOUNTAIN BIKING - NETBALL -  
RUGBY LEAGUE - RUGBY UNION - TENNIS - TRIATHLON - LONESTAR (Individuals)



# Help KENO Build A Stronger Partnership With Your Club



Keno wants to hear what its NSW bowls club partners think about Keno to better understand how venues view their relationship and become a more strategic partner.

Keno will be sending out its 2022 Pulse Survey during September and invites your team to share your thoughts.

An email will be sent to clubs with a link to the survey. Responses can be anonymous unless your venue chooses to identify itself.

“While our past results are encouraging, Keno is committed to

continually improving on previous results and enhancing our offerings to our partners during 2022. We look forward to your team sharing their insights with us,” says General Manager for Keno’s Licensed Venue Operations, Paul Malek.

Over the past four years, Keno has significantly improved its relationships and advocacy across the board: its Net Promoter Score increased from +5 in 2018 to +33 in 2021.

The 2021 survey revealed that the strength of Keno’s relationships

remains robust, and while COVID-19 significantly impacted the ability to grow them, 47% of venues are promoters of Keno.

In addition, 43% of venues said they feel like they have a partnership with Keno. The growing strength of partnerships is supported by 7% more venues viewing Keno as strategic or business partner since 2018.

Look out for the email and have your say.