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## Welcome

Welcome to the November edition  
of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

We have a full wrap-up from the BCiB Men's and Women's State Pennant Finals showcasing all the winners and runners-up! Congratulations to all teams who made it to the State Finals, as well as to our wonderful sponsors and hosts who helped make the event a huge success.

Venues for most of the remaining 2022-23 Bowls NSW State events have been confirmed, with an exciting spread of clubs set to welcome some of the best bowlers in New South Wales over the coming months.

Read on to find out more!

## BCiB State Pennant Finals Ultimate Wrap-Up



It was a huge week of bowls in New South Wales with the BCiB Men's and Women's State Pennant Finals taking place across eleven venues!

Read on below to find out exactly how each of the finals unfolded, and who can now lay claim to being the latest State Pennant Champions.

Special thanks to the incredible staff and volunteers across all divisions who helped contribute to this article!

As always thank you to our sponsor for the Men's and Women's State Pennant finals, BCiB Insurance Brokers.

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# BCiB State Pennant Finals



## Men's and Women's Division 1

### Jets Soar to Inaugural Title while Bullants Bookend Eras

The Raymond Terrace Jets have soared to victory in the inaugural Bowls NSW Division 1 Men's Pennant while the Cabramatta Bullants, winners of the last Women's Bowls NSW Grade 1 Pennant, bookended the eras of history by becoming

the first ever Bowls NSW Division 1 Women's Pennant winner in the State Finals played at Port City Bowling Club and Club Lake Cathie in the beautiful Port Macquarie Hastings Shire.

Warilla also secured their place in history, with the Gorillas collecting the Runners-Up flags in both Men's and Women's Division 1 Finals.

Cabramatta, boasting NSW, Australian

and International representatives, underlined their position as the dominant club in New South Wales for women, securing their place in the final with one round remaining in sectional play, while Warilla earned their place with a strong Round 5 win.

The Gorillas got the early advantage in the final, before the Bullants took control and blazed their way to a comprehensive 51-22 victory.





# BCiB State Pennant Finals



## Men's and Women's Division 1

In the Men's sectional play, both Round 1 matches in Warilla's section finished drawn – making for a very interesting final round. Warilla had the bye and had to wait and watch, knowing that the Kurri Kurri Cannons would leap ahead of them with a strong win over the Belrose Bulls. The Bulls however had other ideas,

outgunning the Cannons with a strong win and leaving Warilla clear at the top of the section.

The Jets final round of sectional play was effectively a semi-final, with the winner of their match against the Cabramatta Bullants determining who would top their section and qualify for the final. In a hard fought match, the Jets took a small early lead only to see the Bullants fight back each time, before the Jets held

firm in the final stages to win 52 – 48.

The Jets also gained the early advantage in the final only to see the Gorilla fight back to level terms and then ease ahead. The Jets applied the afterburners in the late stages to regain the advantage, but once again the Gorillas clawed the deficit in the closing ends. The Gorillas needed a double on the final end, but the Jets restricted the score to just one shot to claim victory 61-60.





# BCiB State Pennant Finals



Cabra Vale Diggers

## Men's Division 2

### Going from Strength to Strength – Cabra Vale Win Men's Division 2 State Pennant

The Men's Division 2 final held at Cabramatta Bowling Club was a test of skill for both sides as players competed on a 17-second green in strong winds.

The Cabra Vale teams skipped by Josh Berry and Mick Harry started strongly, boasting a 15 shot margin between them, but the Indi Conlan skipped team from Ballina were 12-0 up at the same point of the match, leaving the master board tight.

After 25 ends, Indi Conlan's team were keeping Ballina in the game, leading 14-5 over Adam Troth's team. Mick Harry led 13-3 and played a fantastic shot to make three, only to have Ballina skipper Alf Boston return serve and make shot. At the same time, Adam Troth's rink held a good 5, but Indi Conlan managed to sit the shot bowl making one, while Luke Jones' Ballina rink picked up a crucial 5 to reduce Cabra Vale's master board lead to a slender one shot, 28-27 after 28 ends.

Not to be overawed by the moment, Cabra Vale won the next five ends, restoring their lead to 39-28. Ballina kept fighting but Cabra Vale had all the answers to their challenges, extending their lead to 16 shots, 51-35 after 42 ends.

Just as the game seemed to be slowly slipping away Ballina rallied again to get the score to 51-44 after 49 ends.

Courtesy of some brilliant play by Troy Allard, Adam Troth, Milo Nairn and Josh Berry, the score stretched out to 59-46 after 54 ends. The game wasn't over however as Ballina won the next few ends to get the score to 59-54 with 4 ends to play. Despite a brilliant fight from Ballina, Cabra Vale

held their nerve to win 61-55 and take the Men's Division 2 Pennant.

Cabra Vale's Brent Norman was so proud of his team and club for their win. "It's great for the club to win this State flag, we have been building the club and strengthening with new talented bowlers, I'm really happy for them to win. They have put in lots of practise, I look forward to them continuing to improve and the club to get stronger. It's great to help us promote bowls in the area."

Special mention must also go to the team of Warren Rixon, Josh McDonnell, Sean Aspel and Indi Conlan who went through the whole State Finals, and their whole season, undefeated.



Ballina



# BCiB State Pennant Finals



Kurri Kurri

## Women's Division 2

### Kurri Kurri too Strong for Taren Point

Both Kurri Kurri and Taren Point suffered losses in sectional play en route to the final, which may have acted as a catalyst for their improvement in form as they got to the pointy end of the competition.

The final started out very close in trying conditions on slick Taren Point

greens. Kurri Kurri managed to build an early 10-shot lead against the hometown heroes Taren Point, and maintained that buffer throughout the middle of the game.

As the match went on, Kurri Kurri continued to improve, with Jean Stevens and Linda Blayden both playing with incredible consistency, and Kurri Kurri skips Deanne Price and Sharon Sumner playing some pivotal bowls when required.

The standard of play throughout the final was incredible given the windy conditions, and despite a valiant push from the Taren Point side, they couldn't quite match Kurri Kurri who ran away with a 43-23 win.

Deanne Price was elated and said of the win "These girls are battlers, we battled through the District and Regional final. This is great!"



Taren Point



# BCiB State Pennant Finals



Guyra

## Men's Division 3

Guyra, in the Northern Tablelands, are the 2022/23 Bowls NSW Men's Division 3 Pennant champions following a hard-earned yet comprehensive win over Taren Point in blustery weather conditions at Club Dubbo. Their convincing 71-35 victory was played in a strong cross wind, which made bowling difficult, even for the most skilled players.

Handling the conditions far better, Guyra held a 24-12 lead after 21 ends, and steadily increased this lead, with their opponents conceding defeat after end 58.

In Friday's and Saturday's sectional

play, Sections 1 and 2 were held at Club Dubbo, and Sections 3 and 4 were played at Dubbo Macquarie.

The semi-finals were played under fine and breezy conditions at Club Dubbo on Sunday morning.

In the first semi between Camden and Taren Point, The Point held a narrow one shot lead 32-31 at the half-way stage. It was then that Taren Point clicked into gear, drawing clear of their opposition, and running out comfortable winners, 67-53.

At the mid-point game in the second semi-final between Guyra and Wenty Leagues, Wenty Leagues were in front by three 28-25. They extended

that margin ever so slightly, but at the three-quarter stage, the match suddenly turned.

Guyra sprang into action, winning 10 consecutive ends and putting their opponents to the sword, eventually winning 69-52.

Former Bowls NSW Chair Matt Goodwin, and Zone 4 Treasurer Steve Torrens were glowing in their congratulations to both Club Dubbo and Dubbo Macquarie, and the professional manner in which they ran the event. All players, officials and spectators were well looked after, and the staff and volunteers of both clubs are to be congratulated.



Taren Point



# BCiB State Pennant Finals



Yamba

## Women's Division 3

### A History-Making Win for Yamba

Strong wind gusts of up to 50km/h made for trying conditions at Bomaderry Bowling Club for the Women's Division 3 State Pennant Finals. Yamba were undefeated heading into the final, with Parkes scraping into the decider courtesy of a 34-32 win over North Haven.

After 10 ends, it was Yamba who jumped out to an 11-4 lead, keeping that buffer until the 30th end when

Parkes picked up scores of four and two across their rinks. This catapulted the country side into a 30-26 lead at the pointy end of the match. Yamba were unphased by the moment however, as they went on to win nine of the last twelve ends to secure a 42-36 win and the Women's Division 3 State Pennant.

In trying conditions, Yamba's Lois Duncan was solid upfront for her skip Christine Cole, who was brilliant converting heads. For Parkes, Janette McPhee made most of the wide side,

drawing plenty of shots and setting up heads well for her skip Cherie Frame.

Yamba's manager Kaye Mason said "It's an historic day for the ladies bowling club, bringing home their first Pennant flag. We (Yamba) were lucky to make it past the quarterfinal after a nail-biting extra end victory over The Hills." Players and spectators alike celebrated on the greens and then again in the Bomaderry clubhouse, capping off a fantastic day of bowls.



Parkes



# State Pennant Finals



Miller Park

## Men's Division 4

### The Miller Park Miracle

The semi-finals and final of the Men's Division 4 State Pennant Finals had to be moved indoors as gale force winds made conditions on the outdoor rinks unplayable. All players enjoyed playing on the beautiful indoor surfaces that Warilla had to offer.

Both Miller Park and Tea Gardens recorded comfortable semi-final wins to book their place in the final. After a close fought first half of the match, it was Miller Park who led Tea Gardens 36-30 after 40 ends. Tea Gardens tried to work their way back into the match, but Miller Park proved too strong, running away 67-46 winners.

Interestingly, Miller Park lost two of their three rinks, but a convincing 36-7 win by Jason Preston's team proved the difference between the two sides. The match was hard fought but played in a tremendous spirit with all players applauding the

other team's good bowls. After the game both teams gave three cheers to each other, acknowledging the quality of play.

Miller Park skip Glen Cliff commented after the game how proud and emotional he was with the win and that words could not describe how he felt. Miller Park was closed down

for two years before being taken over and sponsored by the Miller Park Hotel. Only reopening on 29th December 2021. When they won the Zone pennant this year it was the club's first ever pennant in their 65 years of existence, and now they have a State flag to add as another first in the proud club's history!



Tea Gardens



# State Pennant Finals



Austral

## Women's Division 4

### Austral Too Good for Bourke in Decider

Valentine and Marks Point Bowling Clubs played host to the Women's Division 4 State Pennant Finals, and after two days of play it was Austral and Bourke who were left to battle it out in the final.

After losing to Narrabri in sectional play, Austral faced them again in the semi-finals where they were able to turn the tables on their opposition and record a narrow four shot win. It was a similar semi-final for Bourke who managed a six shot win over Woonona.

In the final, Austral kept up their good form to jump out of the blocks against Bourke, and never let up from there. Two strong rink wins from Lynne Langfield and Michelle Mullaney led Austral to a 50-26 win. The match was enjoyed by a strong crowd of supporters at Valentine Bowling Club and played in great spirits.



Bourke



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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.

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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



# Host Venues Confirmed For 2022/23 State Events

Host venues for the majority of the 2022/23 Bowls NSW State Events have been confirmed, and Bowls NSW thanks all clubs who submitted Expressions of Interest to host. With most events receiving EOIs from multiple clubs it was a difficult decision to confirm the host venues.

We encourage those clubs who have not been allocated to host upcoming events, as well as clubs who are considering hosting future events, to ensure they reapply when the next EOI's are opened.

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce the following host venues:

## **State Open Pennant Finals (30 June – 2 July 2023)**

Grade 1

**Forster**

Grade 2

**Ballina & Byron Bay**

Grade 3

**Club Charlestown &  
Club Lambton**

Grade 4

**South Tamworth, West Tamworth  
& North Tamworth**

Grade 5

**West Dubbo &  
Macquarie Dubbo**

Grade 6

**Warilla**

Grade 7

**NBC Sports (Northmead) &  
Dundas Sports**

## **State Champion of Champions (1 June – 8 June 2023)**

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce that the following clubs will co-host the State Champion of Champions for the next 5 years:

**Cabramatta**

**Cabra Vale Diggers**

**Merrylands**

**Mount Lewis**

**St Johns Park**

Sectional matches will be played at each of these venues with the finals to be hosted in 2022/23 season by Cabramatta and rotating to each other club throughout the 5-year deal.

## **Women's State Carnival (1 May – 5 May 2023)**

Bowls NSW acknowledges and thanks the support of Shoalhaven Council to once again sponsor the 2022/23 Women's State Carnival.

Host venues for 2022/23 Women's State Carnival will be:

**St Georges Basin** – Main Host & Sectional Venue

**Milton Ulladulla** – Sectional Venue

**Culburra** – Sectional Venue

**Sussex Inlet** – Sectional Venue

**Greenwell Point** – Sectional Venue

**Nowra** – Sectional Venue

**Bomaderry** – Sectional Venue





# Host Venues Confirmed For 2022/23 State Events

## State O40's Pairs Finals (October 2023)

### *Grandviews*

## State Inter-Zone & Senior Inter-Zone Series (Men) (23 May – 29 May 2023)

### *Club Maitland City*

### *Lorn Park*

The Senior Inter-Zone is scheduled from 23 – 25 May 2023, and the Open Inter-Zone is scheduled from 27 – 29 May 2023.

## State Championships (20 July – 31 July 2023)

Further information will be released on the venues for our 2022/23 State Championships.

The following events host venues remain unchanged from the previous season:

## State Junior 7-A-Side (18 April – 20 April 2023)

### *West Dubbo*

## State Junior Championships (11 July – 14 July 2023)

### *Warilla*

## State Rookies Finals (4 February – 5 February 2023)

### *Raymond Terrace*

## State Selection Series (6 July – 9 July 2023)

### *Cabramatta*

Host venues for 2023 Interstate Test Series' will be released once dates have been confirmed with participating STA's.



For more information go online to [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)





# Rookie Pairs Qualifiers Confirmed

Qualifying for the 2022/23 State Rookie Pairs was conducted over the weekend, with sixteen teams successful in qualifying for the State Finals from 4-5 February 2023! Congratulations to the following teams.

## Zone 1

Timothy Arndell & Joshua Arndell (Maclean)

## Zone 2

David Henderson & Anthony Priestley (Raymond Terrace)

## Zone 3

Leanne Martin & Jacob Martin (Gunnedah Services & BC)

## Zone 4

Reed Heterick (Trangie) & Daniel Stanley (Macquarie)

## Zone 5

Roger Sewell & Samuel Murray (Campbelltown City)

## Zone 6

Stephen Jones & Keegan Jones (Dungog Memorial)

## Zone 7

Joseph Duffy & David Sanson (Huskisson)

## Zone 8

Josh Eyles & Artie Stacey (Temora)

## Zone 9

Scott Burrows & Gregory Smith (St Ives)

## Zone 10

Roger Newman & Andrew Weaver (Castle Hill)

## Zone 11

Peter Hickman & Colin Morley (Old Bar Beach)

## Zone 12

Bradley Clark & Rick Lucey (Cabra Vale Diggers)

## Zone 13

Nicholas Lowe & David Hynes (Marrickville)

## Zone 14

Todd Davey & Beau White (Wauchope)

## Zone 15

Scott Webster & Warren Parkes (Terrigal)

## Zone 16

Michael O'Reilly & Graeme Hand (Kiama)

Rookie Singles qualifying will be held from 10-11 December 2022. To view all Bowls NSW 2022/23 Rookies draws and results, go online to [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)



## Vale Robert (Bob) Oliver

Bowls NSW passes on its condolences to the family and friends of Robert (Bob) Oliver who passed away on Monday 22nd November at the age of 83.

Bob was a long time member of Kahibah Bowling Club and a Representative Player for the Newcastle District Bowling Association. He also represented NSW on 53 occasions (cap number 860).



*Bob Oliver with the 1995 NSW Representative side.*



# Congratulations Ken Andrews

Putney bowler, Kevin (Ken) Andrews, celebrated his 103rd birthday on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

Ken's bowling career started at the tender age of 92 at Gladesville Sporties and over the last 8 years Ken has bowled at Putney, playing in the clubs top grade as a lead in 2017. Ken enjoys playing once or twice a week.

Ken still drives his car to bowls, shops at Gladesville and lives at home with his son.

Ken has a very interesting history as a Squadron Leader in WWII.

Ken flew in New Guinea during World War II and later served with one of two flying units with 78 Fighter Wing RAAF in Malta.

On retirement from RAAF Ken was a Group Captain.

He became one of the RAAF's most experienced instructors at Point Cook, Victoria, and remained an active pilot until he retired several years ago.



He was an avid surfer and windsurfer and enjoys snorkelling. He also broke in horses with his wife as another business venture.

Ken is a man of great achievements and a thorough gentleman.

Congratulation Ken!



*Story and photos courtesy of Jock Cunningham*

## Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program



Applications are now open for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program. The program is aimed at improving availability and access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in community sporting and recreational facilities, for use in emergencies involving cardiac arrest.

An AED is a device that is used in conjunction with Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and delivers a

controlled shock to an individual experiencing cardiac arrest, increasing their chances of survival.

Program closes: 1:00pm, Friday 10 February 2023

For more information go online to:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

