

# BOWLS NSW newsletter



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## Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

The Men's and Women's State Pennant Finals are just around the corner, and we're taking the opportunity to showcase the eleven incredible venues hosting our state finalists.

Following the Bowls NSW AGM, two new directors and several new committee members have been appointed. Bowls NSW welcomes Michael Howard and Marina Deluchi who both bring a wealth of experience with them into these positions.

There are multiple NSW Government Grants currently open, with opportunities for local bowling clubs to utilise the available funding and upgrade their facilities. Read on to find out more!

## State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



Eleven bowling clubs across New South Wales are set to host the Men's & Women's Division 1 – 4 State Pennant Finals.

Run between 18 – 20 November, hundreds of bowlers will take to the greens to battle it out for the chance of winning a coveted State Pennant.

In the lead up to the event, we've delved in to showcase each host venue and what they have to offer for all players and spectators heading to the State Pennant Finals.

Make sure you take the opportunity to go and watch some of the best bowlers in New South Wales live and free!

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# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Men's & Women's Division 1

### Port City Bowling Club

Port City Bowling Club is one of the premier clubs in the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, boasting three and a half bowling greens and a first-class clubhouse.

Since its inception in 1937, the club has gone from strength to strength and now has excellent facilities including modern bars, to KENO/TAB facilities and the

newly renovated Drift Bar Café Restaurant. With specials and events on every day of the week, it's always a great time to visit Port City Bowling Club!

Port City are excited to have the opportunity to host the Men's & Women's Division 1 State Pennant Finals.



## Men's & Women's Division 1

### Club Lake Cathie

Club Lake Cathie provides three fantastic greens for its members, rivalling any of the best bowls facilities in the state. Complimenting this is a comfortable licenced venue with a modern Australian menu, an outdoor deck with water views and ample parking.

There's also plenty of weekly entertainment including live music on Friday nights from 6pm and Bingo on Wednesday's from 11am. PLUS five weekly raffles on Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights, tickets on sale 6pm and drawn 7pm. Enjoy a cold schooner during Happy Hour for only \$5, Monday to Friday 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

Why not join the club and take advantage of their membership benefits while you're here. Memberships start at \$10 for one year.

The club is part of this perfect recreational destination. Surrounded by nature reserve, sporting fields, skate parks and of course Lake Cathie itself, the club provides its community one of many spaces to be active or just to relax and enjoy.

Located just across from Lake Cathie Foreshore Reserve, it is a popular destination for both locals and visitors alike. If you're in the area, why not pop in and say hello!



# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Women's Division 2

### Taren Point Bowling Club

Taren Point Bowling Club was formed in 1950, after many years of hard work by voluntary labour, Number 1 green was completed by June 1954. The first Bowls Day was 24th July 1954 when President Mall Wallis rolled the bowl, and the Club was officially open on the 21st July 1956.

Taren Point Bowling Club has been very successful over many years on the greens. They have won State Pennant Flags; many players have won NSW Championships, many NSW representatives and have had Australian representatives and other International players play for Taren Point.



'The Point' as it is now well known, has three and a half world class greens with top facilities including function areas, Bistro at the Point, café and bars plus host a number of weekly events for all its members and guest. The club is actively involved in the promotion of bowls hosting constant events of all levels from participation events through to State and National events. This promotion of bowls also includes a growing Youth Squad and school bowls activities. Along with supporting bowls, the club continues to support and sponsor a range of sporting clubs, organisations and groups.



## Men's Division 2

### Cabramatta Bowling Club

Cabra Bowls prides itself on great culture, enjoyable experiences and providing elite bowling facilities. The club has a long history of supporting bowls events and engaging participation opportunities, all while maintaining its goals of consistently competing at the highest level.

One of the three playing surfaces available at Cabramatta is a state of the art, undercover synthetic green. This major investment allows the club to deliver bowls 365 days a year.

Engaging the community and providing opportunities to



play bowls is a priority for the club. Social bowls is run four days per week.

Their Barefoot Bowls Parties are high in demand as the party is guaranteed to be on, rain, hail or shine! Plus, the Club offers Try Bowls free of charge to the public every Thursday from 5pm.

The Fields is Cabra Bowls dining facility and offers a lunch and dinner menu featuring Club classics as well as an array of fresh and tasty Asian dishes. Daily specials and combo meals are on offer, plus a café full of tasty treats and fresh hot barista made coffee. The Fields is open 7 days a week lunch and dinner.

# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Men's Division 2

### Club Mt Lewis

Club Mount Lewis has undergone some major refurbishment over the last 4 – 5 years to upgrade its facilities for the convenience of all members and guests.

Club Mount Lewis has three separate lounge areas with the Main Lounge & Auditorium section of the Club seating, in its day to day set up, over 180 patrons and up to 250 people in its function mode. This area also has a five-metre Giant Screen together with numerous large screen TV's for patrons to view all sports & news shows as well as TAB/Keno; a lounge area; adjacent outdoor non-smoking dining terrace and outdoor

smoking terrace area. The Sports/TAB area of the club has the capacity for up to 80 patrons to relax and enjoy watching all types of sport through our dedicated Foxtel and Sky Sports channels.

The club also offers three first class bowling greens with suitable viewing areas for all patrons and visitors. The Club prides itself on its wonderful customer service and family friendly environment. Club Mt Lewis can't wait to welcome the teams competing in the Men's Division 2 State Finals!



## Women's Division 3

### Bomaderry Bowling Club

#### *Worth Going Out Of Your Way For*

Located in the Northern region of the Shoalhaven, Bomaderry Bowling Club prides themselves on being a premier club on the South Coast of NSW.

As a community club with over 8,000 sporting and social members, the club boasts three grass greens with lighting, two bars serving 12 beers on tap, the Oasis Room; a modern cocktail lounge, TAB & Keno facilities, two gaming rooms, sports lounge with big screen TV, cafe

and a Bistro with seating for over 150 patrons.

Their Bistro offers value dining in a relaxed setting so come along and experience our great menu. All the innovative menu items you have come to expect are available seven days a week for your dining enjoyment.

Bomaderry Bowling Club is part of the itsmyclub group which operates Berry Bowling Club & Nowra Golf Club.





# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Men's Division 3

### Club Dubbo

Club Dubbo has been operating since 1957. Members and their guests are provided with one of the best views in town, overlooking the Macquarie River and the majority of Dubbo. The Riverview Bistro has established itself as one of the best dining venues in town, offering an extensive menu to please even the fussiest of eaters!

The club has undergone major renovations to the tune of \$5 million, and the club has up-to-date facilities including TAB / KENO / ATM / FOXTEL, as well as spacious lounge areas, escalators and a lift, and sections where children are allowed. Club Dubbo is easily

accessible from the Newell Highway and there are three motels within 100 metres of the club, two of which are owned by the club. There are a further five motels within walking distance of Club Dubbo, as well as a Caravan Park offering cabins.

The club has three excellent turf greens as well as immaculate surrounds. Club Dubbo employs two full time greenkeepers, as well as a bowls manager to ensure the smooth operation of bowls.



## Men's Division 3

### The Macquarie Club

The Macquarie Club is situated just 500 metres from Dubbo's city centre, on the riverbank in South Dubbo.

Lawn Bowls has been played here since 1960, and at the Macquarie Club, they do have a lot more to offer than just the beautiful greens!

With full TAB facilities, FOX & SKY Channels, KENO, VIP Gaming Room, and an Undercover Outdoor Area with a BBQ overlooking the top bowling green, the Macquarie Club is always a hive of activity!

Their facilities are very popular for functions, parties, and events. With their main bar area, Dubbo's premier Chinese Restaurant and expanses of outdoor grassed entertaining areas, they really do have a hospitable space to suit patrons' needs.

The bar has eight beers on tap, an extensive wine list, spirits, bottled beers, and soft drinks. To further cater for patrons, full ATM and EFTPOS facilities are available.





# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Women's Division 4

### Valentine Bowling Club

Valentine Bowling Club is located just off the main arterial road surrounding the eastern side of Lake Macquarie. Here you'll find one of the lake's best kept secrets.

The club was founded in 1963, beginning with a single green and simple clubhouse. Valentine BC quickly became an established part of the community and expanded to add a second green in 1965. With a picturesque outlook and relaxing surroundings, the members of Valentine are very proud of their current two synthetic greens and fabulous outlook.

Boasting extensive renovations with updated Bar Facilities, a Commercial Kitchen, Dining areas and a full Function Room, Valentine Bowling Club continues to provide the local community with an important hub in which to totally relax. Featuring also are weekly entertainment activities, TAB, Gaming Machines and Keno.

Valentine Bowling Club is looking forward to hosting the 2022 Division 4 Women's State Pennant Finals.



## Women's Division 4

### Marks Point Bowling Club

Marks Point is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the east and Lake Macquarie to the west, situated on the strip of land between Belmont and Swansea, New South Wales.

The Club was founded in the early 1960's, with the clubhouse being opened in 1966. They provide two bowling greens, one being synthetic, the other being Greenlees Park Couch. Weekly bowls events include Men's and Ladies galas, plus mixed Thursday night,



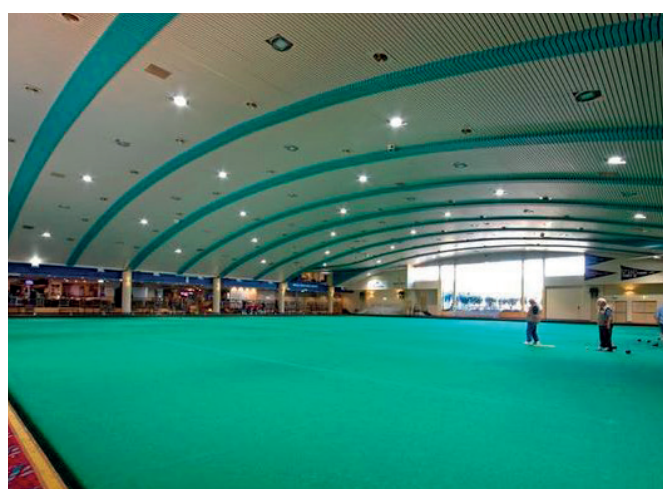
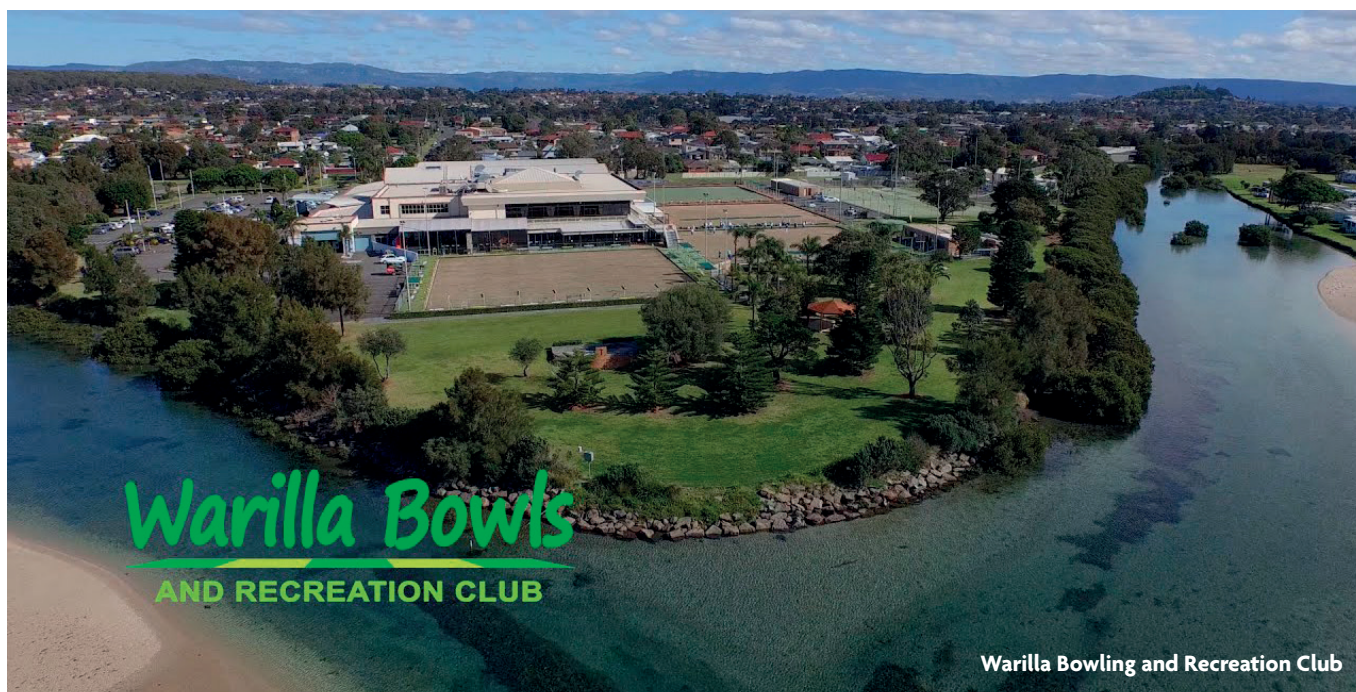
Scroungers Saturday afternoon, and Championships usually on Sundays.

The air-conditioned club has full bar facilities, TAB, Keno, Sky and Fox Channels, Big Screen LED wall, Deck and Kids Playground. Catering is provided in-house through Findons Bistro, with specials nights and a black board.

So when you are next in our neck of the woods, pop in and meet the locals at The Friendliest Club on the Lake.



# State Pennant Finals Venue Previews



## Men's Division 4

### Warilla Bowling & Recreation Club

Located in the Illawarra 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 have had a strong tradition of supporting bowls through hosting several State, National and International events and are home to some of the best lawn bowlers in the country.

The club is thrilled to be hosting the Bowls NSW Men's Division 4 State Pennant Finals.





# The 19-Year-Old President Bringing His Bowling Club Into A 'New Era'



We all know the saying 'records are made to be broken', although some can seem to withstand the test of time. The members of Gosford City Bowling Club know this all too well, as the proud Central Coast club can boast many achievements in its history including State champions, back-to-back State No. 1 Pennant winning sides and a record 17-straight wins in the Central Coast No. 1 Pennant competition from 1962 – 1978.

As of 2022, the club has another record to add to their already impressive list – youngest president in bowling club history. 19-year-old Brandon Willmette was elected as president of Gosford City Bowling Club in September and, subject to some fact checking, would undoubtedly be one of the youngest elected officials in any bowling club across the country.

Brandon is an avid bowler who first joined Gosford City when he was 13 after his grandfather persuaded him to give the sport a try. After a few practice sessions he quickly became hooked, playing in any junior

and open event he could enter. In particular, it was how bowls could be both relaxing and competitive that took Brandon's interest, but it wasn't enough that he could enjoy playing bowls – he wanted to share it with everyone he knew.

This passion for the sport is the driving force behind Brandon's decision to take up his role as club president. He loves his local club, he loves the sport and he wants both to thrive in his local community. Brandon has stated that the mission and focus of the club will be to promote bowls to current and future members, "Bowls is integral to the club, and we want to create a positive and happy environment for our members. We also want to encourage new members to take up the sport and we are working with disability groups, local schools and businesses to engage the local community."

Brandon also has an ambitious plan to bring Gosford City back to it's former glory as a powerhouse club in the Central Coast. It's a slow process, but the youthful president knows that all great plans have to

start somewhere. "We want to start up training sessions for members and have set a goal to win a pennant flag which the club hasn't done in a while."

The impact that Brandon is making on the club is made all the more impressive knowing that he is juggling his role with his commitments at work as well as Macquarie University where he is studying a Bachelor of Arts and Secondary Education. His ambition is to become a high school teacher, where he can give back to the local community which has served him so well. Seeing such a positive mindset and demonstrated leadership skills from someone so young is what makes Brandon so impressive. When asked if he had any advice for anyone wanting to take up the sport, his response was simple, "Bowls is for the young and the young at heart, so come give it a try."

[Want to give bowls a try at Gosford City? Visit the Gosford City Bowling Club Facebook page for more info!](#)





# NSW Local Sport Grant Applications Open

The latest round of funding for the Local Sport Grant Program run by the NSW Office of Sport has opened! The Local Sport Grant Program aims to support grassroots sporting clubs to increase participation, host events, improve access and enhance sport and recreation facilities. Up to \$4.65 million is available in 2022/23 to support sporting organisations across NSW with grants of up to \$10,000 available for individual projects.

Through this program the Office of Sport is working towards their goals to achieve:

**Participation:** Everyone in NSW participating in sport and active recreation throughout their life.

**Places and Spaces:** Everyone in NSW having access to places and spaces for sport and active recreation.

**Sustainability:** The sector continues to grow sport and active recreation across NSW.

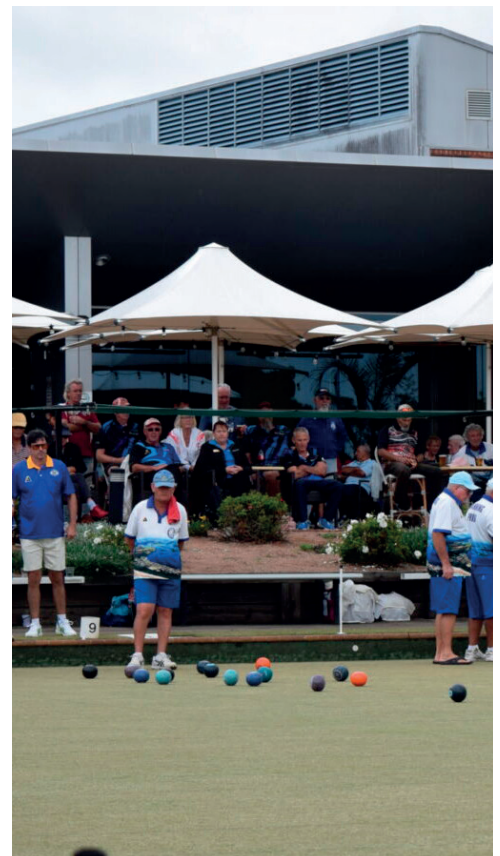
Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Organisational and community development projects
- Sport events
- Barriers to participation
- Create, upgrade or repair sports facilities

Applications are open as of Monday 17 October 2022 and close 1:00pm Monday 21 November 2022.

Bowls NSW encourages clubs to apply, and any clubs needing assistance with their applications can contact their local Bowls Australia Regional Bowls Manager (RBM).

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit the Local Sport Grant Program webpage.



## Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program



The NSW Government has committed up to \$25 million to the Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program (the Program). The Program investment will revive sport facilities by providing new and redeveloping existing sport facility bathrooms and change rooms. Funding will also support the provision of new and upgraded lighting that will enable

more women and girls to train and compete in sport in a safe and inclusive environment.

Go online to

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>

for more information.



# Bowls Development Coordinator – Bargo



From the top of the Southern Highlands of NSW and across the Wollondilly Shire, Bargo Sports Club has been proudly servicing our local community for decades.

Our mission is to create a sense of belonging where people gather no matter the reason.

Bargo Sports Club is excited to introduce a new role of a Bowls Development Coordinator to join our vibrant, hardworking and efficient team. The aspiration of the new role will be to develop our bowling program, which will drive Bargo Sports Club to be one of the premier clubs in Australia.

Bargo Sports Club has grown strength to strength over the years and with a freshly renovated venue and a progressive group, the goals are well within reach for the new candidate.

A measure of success will be growing our fantastic team of team members, to provide an excellent bowls program in addition to what will be outstanding hospitality service.

An opportunity to create a position of Bowls Development Coordinator for our progressive Club has arisen and we look forward to this exciting development, along with the opportunities it will bring.

The right candidate will have a positive outlook, a confident personality, and a desire to grow within the business.

## Duties Of The Bowls Development Coordinator:

- Promote Lawn Bowls within the Club including zone, district, state, club, juniors and social bowls.
- Assist with the delivery of the annual Bowls program and daily running of the Open gender, single-gender and social Bowls events.
- Assist with the coordination of club coaches, umpires, and committees to meet Bowls NSW regulations.
- Assist with the coordination of the Open and Single gender pennant selection committees.
- To assist in the organisation and delivery of both Open and Single gender tournaments.
- To assist with negotiating sponsorships.
- To liaise with the Greens Keeper manager to coordinate the use of the green space.
- To establish and participate in the recruitment committee.
- Assist in the maintenance of the greens and grounds as requested in conjunction with the head Greens Keeper Manager
- Any other duties as directed by the Operations Manager, Bowls

Coordinator, or delegate from time to time. This may include work hours in service and functions.

- First Aid, RSA and RCG certifications are required.

## Hours Of Work:

- Part-time role ranging between 30-38 hours per week
- The ability to work additional hours including on weekends, nights and public holidays is essential to meet the needs of the role and the offer for our members

## Employee Benefits:

- Up to 4 weeks annual leave (pro-rata) in accordance with our Enterprise Agreement
- Daily Meal Allowance
- Club issued laptop

## How to apply?

Contact Ben McCall by email [benm@chprsl.com.au](mailto:benm@chprsl.com.au) or phone 0246841222

**Applications close on  
November 30, 2022**





**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

# Two New Directors Appointed At Bowls NSW AGM



At the Bowls NSW AGM, it was announced that two new directors were appointed to the Board of Bowls NSW Ltd. Marina Deluchi and Michael Howard were welcomed by those present at the AGM, with both bringing a wealth of experience into their roles as directors.

**Michael Howard** brings to his role over 35 years' experience in business management, specialising in the execution of strategic risk and opportunity outcomes, managing stakeholder relationships and project management. Michael has been an active bowler for over 20 years, serving as a club director for ten years in that time as well as chairman for five years. He currently bowls out of Northmead Bowling Club, and is excited at the prospect of helping promote, develop and ultimately expand the core activities of lawn bowls and Bowls NSW Ltd.

**Marina Deluchi** comes into her role with a breadth and depth of skills in business administration, having over 23 years' experience across the insurance, graphic design and legal industries. Marina has also held roles as treasurer and president of multiple bowling clubs, most notably her current club, Western Suburbs Bowling Club. In 2011, Marina initiated the re-opening of the Women's branch of the club, which now has multiple working committees and an active membership base. Marina has an active interest in promoting lawn bowls and is thrilled with the opportunity to sit on the Board of Bowls NSW.

## Bowls NSW Board of Directors

Dilys Kindleysides (Chair)

Brett Duprez (Deputy Chair)

Marina Deluchi

John Ellison

Michael Howard

Sandra Jowett

Suzanne O'Keefe

Mike Skeggs

Lesley Swales

Owen Walker



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# Bowls NSW Committees Appointed

Following the Bowls NSW Annual General Meeting, members of the operational committees were confirmed. Congratulations to the following members on their appointments.

## State Umpires Committee

Alan Clarke - Mudgee

Bruce Goldsmith - St Georges Basin

Pam Hockings - Engadine

Robert Reeve - Tura Beach

Gaye Scarfe - Everglades

Sue Thurley - Walla Walla

## State Selection Committee

Jillene Bird - St Johns Park

Peter Foster - St Johns Park

Greg Harris - South Tamworth

Pam Hockings - Engadine

Trevor Imer - Wenty Leagues

Jennifer Palmer - Neutral Bay

## State Juniors Committee

Gavin Holburn - Glenbrook

Sharyn Renshaw - St Johns Park

John Rodis - West Dubbo

Paul Sullivan - South West Rocks

Michael Wilks - Merimbula-Imlay

For more information on Bowls NSW Operational Committees please go online to [www.bowlsnsw.com.au](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)



# Order Your Keno Holiday Promos Now

Keno's venue-driven promotions are hugely successful, and the fast-approaching festive season is a fantastic time to drive product awareness and give your customers more reasons to play.

The new In Venue Promotion summer range will be available for order on Keno Connect from 4 November and Christmas Orders close on 13 November to allow time for delivery.

The Camping Pack is sure to be popular, with its Oztrail six-person tent, Weber portable BBQ, 26 litre cooler, camp wagon, and two

Coleman camping chairs.

Also new are Holiday and Hotel Gift Cards, which allow winners to choose from over 800,000 hotels in Australia and around the world, as well as flights, and experiences.

Top ongoing prizes are the Weber BBQ, Garden Care Kit, and DIY handyman kits – all with strong customer appeal and relevancy over the summer months.

To maximise customer engagement over the holidays, consider Recurring Prize Promotions – simply select one of several prize bundles that can be run over four weeks,

with one prize drawn weekly.

Another option is Major/Minor Prize Bundles, consisting of four minor prizes and one major prize run over five weeks, with the major prize given away in the final week. Gift cards are ideal to run as a bundle.

Visit Keno Connect to order today or work with your Keno Sales Executive to create a bespoke, holiday promotion plan.



# KENO

let's play!

