



**AUSTRALIA DAY
HONOURS**

Page 1



**STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
TO HEAD SOUTH**

Page 3



**INDOOR
SINGLES
QUALIFIERS**

Page 5

Welcome

Welcome to the January edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

It has been a great start to 2023 with the Australian Indoor Singles Qualifying event held across eight venues. Congratulations to the twenty-three qualifiers who will now compete at the Australian Indoor Championships at Tweed Heads later this year.

In exciting news, the 2022-23 State Championships are heading to Wollongong, with Figtree Sports headlining the list of three clubs that have secured the hosting rights.

Entries are open for the Women's State Carnival! One of our favourite events, the State Carnival is once again in the Shoalhaven region and promises to be a great event.

Read on to find out more.

Bowlers Among 2023 Australia Day Honour Recipients



More than 1,000 Australians have been recognised with Australia Day honours, with a handful of people from the bowls community among the recipients.

Several bowlers from across the country were recognised with Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to their community, including work they have done with bowls clubs.

Ronald Palmer was directly recognised for his work within bowls, with his honour awarded to him for his 'service to lawn bowls'.

Mr Palmer has served in key roles at several clubs, including Eastwood Bowls Club president for six years, Ryde Eastwood Bowling Club president for seven years and vice-chairman at Brush Park Bowling Club for three years.

He was won countless titles, served as a national umpire and coach for 30 years and received the Australian Sports Medal in 2001.

Congratulations to Mr Palmer, and to all the recipients from the Australia Day honours.

Bowls NSW Proudly sponsored by

AustralianSuper

2023 Australia Day Honours Recipients Bowls Contributors in NSW

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

Ronald Palmer

For service to lawn bowls
Lawn Bowls

- President, Eastwood Bowls Club, 6 years
- President, Ryde Eastwood Bowling Club, 7 years
- Vice-Chairman, Brush Park Bowling Club, 3 years
- National Bowls Umpire and Coach, 30 years
- Bowler, since 1976. Won 20 singles titles, 35 pairs finals, various district singles and fours events, and a State's Sides Fours event

Awards and Recognition include:

- Australian Sports Medal, 2001

Kevin Clifton

For service to the community of
Tamworth

South Tamworth Bowling Club

- Former President
- Club Coach and Chairman of Coaches, Zone 3, since 2015
- Level 2 Coach, 2002-2015
- Former District Association Delegate
- Life Member

Garry Leo

For service to rugby league, and to
the community

Former Chief Executive Officer,
Dubbo Railway Bowling Club, 2005-
2009.

Henry Meskauskas

For service to the community of
Maitland.

Club Maitland City (Maitland City
Bowls Club)

- Chairman, since 2015
- Board Director, since 2010
- Life Member

Elizabeth Nalder

For service to the community of
Gilgandra

President, Women's Bowling Club,
2005-2007.

Joan Ryan

For service to the community
through a range of organisations.

Manly Women's Bowling Club

- President, 2017-2020.
- Secretary
- Coach
- Umpire
- Match Committee
- Member, since 2003
- Life Member, 2012
- Club Person of the Year, 2016

Manly Men's Bowling Club

- Coach
- Umpire

*Story courtesy of Lachlan Williams
– Bowls Australia*



2022-23 State Championships Head to Wollongong



The 2022-23 Bowls NSW State Championships will take place in Wollongong with three venues confirmed to host the 13-day event. Figtree Sports, Towradgi Park and Wiseman Park Wollongong City have secured the hosting rights, which will see hundreds of Zone and Regional qualifiers take to the greens from 20 July – 1 August 2023. Each venue will host sectional play matches, with all finals to be played at Figtree Sports.

In what is an historic first for the sport in New South Wales, all Men's and Women's State Championship events will be run simultaneously across the venues, where 52 new state champions will be crowned!

Bowls NSW is excited to partner with Destination Wollongong in running this prestigious event. From beautiful beaches to pristine parklands and an array of activities and events, you'll be

spoilt for choice when you visit Wollongong for the 2022-23 State Championships!

For more information
go online to
bowlsnsw.com.au

WOLLONGONG
press play



BOWLS
NEW SOUTH WALES





ALEXANDRIA ERSKINEVILLE BOWLING CLUB Ltd

GREENKEEPER

Alexandria Erskineville Bowling Club is currently seeking a Trade Qualified Greenkeeper for an immediate start to maintain the greens and surrounds.

This is a permanent position with above award remuneration for the right candidate.

In this full time role you will report directly to the CEO and be responsible for the renovation and maintenance of the clubs 3 bowling greens and maintenance of the clubs gardens and surrounds.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate the following:

- Qualified greenkeeper with at least 5 years experience in the trade
- Comprehensive knowledge of bowling green renovation and maintenance
- An eye for detail to consistently enhance the standards of the greens.
- Ability to work independently and self-manage
- Ability to lead staff
- Experience in chemical and fertilizer applications
- Ability to develop and maintain an annual greens maintenance programme

This is a great opportunity for the right person to join our small but dedicated team.

If this opportunity sounds like you then we invite you to email a resume and cover letter to justin@aebowlingclub.com.au

Location:

Alexandria Erskineville Bowling Club, 1 Fox Avenue Erskineville

How to Apply:

Contact Justin Carroll by email at justin@aebowlingclub.com.au

*A.E.B.C., 1 Fox Ave. Erskineville, NSW, 2043, Ph.(02) 9557 5749, Fax (02) 9517 1291
info@aebowlingclub.com.au www.aebowlingclub.com.au*



NSW Qualifiers Confirmed for Australian Indoor Championships

Congratulations to the twenty-three NSW qualifiers who have won their way to the Australian Indoor Championships at Club Tweed from 14th – 17th August 2023! Over 300 competitors took part in qualifying across a record eight host venues, and Bowls NSW would like to thank all the volunteers who helped ensure another smooth and successfully run event!

Well done to the following 2023 Australian Indoor Championships qualifiers:

Men's Qualifiers

- Phil Baker (Port City)
- Michael Beesley (Soldiers Point)
- Christopher Couchman (Austral)
- Peter Davies (Moruya)
- Shane Evans (Raymond Terrace)
- Barry Mungoven (East Maitland)
- Jesse Noronha (Cabramatta)
- Ray Pearse (Taren Point)
- Damian Robb (Cardiff)

Women's Qualifiers

- Kate Carriage (Nowra)
- Jessie Cottell (Cabramatta)
- Kayla Courtin (Cabramatta)
- Louise Cronan (Taren Point)
- Ellen Falkner (Cabramatta)
- Carolyn Glen (Kurri Kurri)
- Terrie-Ann Jones (Cardiff)
- Kay Moran (Figtree Sports)
- Leisa Morgan (Kurri Kurri)
- Oosh Muncaster (Kurri Kurri)
- Margaret Parker (South West Rocks)
- Jacquie Short (St Johns Park)
- Michelle Weekes (Cabramatta)
- Carol White (South Tamworth)



BOWLS
AUSTRALIA



Australian Pathways Program Bolstered

Bowls Australia's (BA) pathways program has been bolstered by the full-time appointment of five pathways coaches, as well as two satellite coaches that will lay the foundations of success for the future generations of bowlers across the country. The appointed pathways coaches are Lynsey Clarke (Queensland), Matthew Northcott (South Australia/Northern Territory), Ian Ewing (Victoria), James Reynolds (New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory) and Therese Hastings (Western Australia) with Tasmania remaining vacant for the time being.

Working in conjunction with the pathways coaches will be satellite coaches in Ben Twist and Claire Turley, who will be appointed to specific areas of the country that consist of a larger cohort of athletes to ensure all bowlers are receiving a high level of servicing.

The pathways program focuses on six



key areas of development, including one-on-one coaching and technical support, sports psychology, increased competition opportunities, athlete wellbeing and engagement, coach development, opportunities for the workforce and an individualised training program.

BA's High Performance Manager and former Jackaroo Rebecca Van Asch is buoyed by the bolstered program and looks forward to seeing the group in action with their respective squads.

Story and image via Bowls Australia

State Carnival Entries Open



State Carnival entries are now open! The Shoalhaven Region will play host to the 2023 Carnival, which takes place from 1 – 5 May 2023. Click here to enter now through BowlsLink.

<https://bowlslink.com.au/member/competitions/entry/new/dd07cd25-cdaa-43f3-9b40-05311b624890>

Vale Ron Wiggins OAM



Cronulla Bowling Club members were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of an invaluable lifetime member, Patron, and dear friend Ron Wiggins OAM.

Commencing lawn bowls in 1955 Ron achieved over 67 years continuous club membership, including 40 years grade one competition pennants and was, until covid intervened, still an integral player in the lower grades providing invaluable tactical awareness and support.

Players at the club continue to strive for his tenacity and highly competitive determination.

Many recall, with great pride, when under his tutelage if you delivered a poor bowl, you were met with a foreboding stare or, a withering scowl, as well as a kind word for redirected

concentration. Your future proficiency was always assured under his leadership and guile.

Mr Wiggins, or “Wiggo” to fellow bowlers, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours for Service to Lawn Bowls in 2019.

The Royal Australian Air Force, in which Ron served, honoured his service to the Force, on his 100th birthday. Ron was also the first recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award from Bowls NSW and Zone 13 Sydney Central & Southern Association.

During a remarkable lifetime Ron held every position at the Cronulla Bowling Club from Barman to Chairman, while being truly proud to be the Club Patron.

Ron loved Cronulla Bowling Club and said it was a privilege to be a member. Ron enjoyed his time in the premier grade as equally as he did playing grade 7, valuing the opportunity to coach and mentor “younger” members. Lawn Bowls, he said is a wonderful sport, everyone needs relaxation and exercise and there is no better exercise than bowls. “Everyone should have a go of it” he would say.

At Cronulla Bowling Club Green number 3 is named in his honour.

Ron, born 9th July 1921 lived a remarkable 101 years.

Bowls NSW passes on its sincere condolences to Ron’s friends, family and the Cronulla bowling community.

*Story courtesy of
David Gall – Cronulla*

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/

PRODUCT  REVIEW
COM.AU

★★★★★ 4.7 from 1,087 reviews

Sorted by **best** reviews

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