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Pennants Special Edition

Congratulations

Well done to all the sides who competed in the 2022-23 Open Gender BCiB State Pennant Finals! Congratulations to the following winners and runners-up:

BCiB Open Gender State Pennant Finals

Grade 1

Winners – Raymond Terrace
Runners-up – Soldiers Point

Grade 2

Winners – Raymond Terrace
Runners-up – Mudgee

Grade 3

Winners – Wagga Rules
Runners-up – Tathra Beach

Grade 4

Winners – St Johns Park
Runners-up – Wingham

Grade 5

Winners – Quirindi
Runners-up – Merimbula

Grade 6

Winners – South Tamworth
Runners-up – Warilla

Grade 7

Winners – Ballina
Runners-up – Gerringong



Welcome to the 2022-23 Open Gender BCiB State Pennant Finals Special Newsletter.

The Open Gender BCiB State Pennants is a tradition that brings together players from across New South Wales, fostering camaraderie, competition, and the pursuit of excellence.

We extend our congratulations and appreciation to each and every participant, for your outstanding contributions to this year's exhilarating BCiB Bowls NSW Pennant competition.

A special acknowledgment goes out to the host venues that have graciously opened their doors and greens to accommodate the fierce battles and exhilarating encounters. Your hospitality, meticulous organization, and dedication to ensuring a seamless tournament experience have been instrumental in the success of the 2022-23 Open Gender BCiB State Pennant Finals.

We also extend our deepest appreciation to BCiB for being the sponsor of the 2022-23 Open Gender BCiB State Pennants.

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Grade 1

It was a brutal series to make it to the final, but two combatant teams consisting of the best Port Stephens had to offer emerged to battle it out for the crown.

And it must be said, the best that Port Stephens has is amazing. Both teams having beaten star-studded metropolitan teams to progress through to the final. Raymond Terrace defeating the perceived favourites in Cabramatta after losing two out of three rinks. The winning margin on the third rink was big enough to send them through.

Soldiers Point comprehensively took down the might of Taren Point in a comprehensive win leaving them with their cross-town rival as the only obstacle to claiming the pennant.

Suddenly, a victory looked likely for Soldiers Point.

Two of the three rinks scratched and clawed at each other in a way that only our sport can. The battle ebbed and flowed with neither side managing to kick away to a massive advantage. Nick Cahill's team tied the game up on the last shot of the game to Matty Baus's hard fighters with a draw on 14 all.

Next door a similar, nail-biting game came to life as the teams led by Cohen Litfin and Lee Schraner drew at 20 all.

It was down to the final rink. The final teams battled it out valiantly and were the last team to finish. The massive crowd at Forster Bowling Club clustered around the



Grade 1 Winner Raymond Terrace

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Grade 1

last remaining rink while Michael Beesley's team fought valiantly but it was the best bowler in Australia that broke the back of the Soldier's Point attack as only Aron Sherriff can.

It was a remarkable game to end an extraordinary BCiB Grade One Open Gender Pennant Finals Series at Forster Bowling Club. Point Stephens will be erupting for some time about this game and Raymond Terrace's victory in both the ones and the twos! A fitting end to a brilliant pennant season.

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Grade 1 Runner-up Soldiers Point

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Grade 2

Ballina and Byron Bay Bowling Clubs were the locations for the 2023 Grade 2 State Pennant finals. Near perfect weather and first class bowling greens greeted the participants at both venues for roll up Thursday and competition days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Full marks go to the greenkeepers in this regard and the quality of bowls witnessed by the many spectators was outstanding.

The final between Mudgee and Raymond Terrace resulted in a convincing win 75-47 to Raymond Terrace. A tremendous effort by Mudgee to make the final but it was

just not their day. Nevertheless, they took home the runner's up flag, and a great deal of pride in representing their club. Raymond Terrace were deserved winners and Shane Evans, who wore two hats as manager and one of the 3 skips, delivered a proud yet humble speech at the concluding presentation ceremony.

Special mention must go to the organisation of the Ballina and Byron Bay Bowling Club's officials, volunteers and staff all of whom rolled up their sleeves and contributed to the smooth running in all aspects of the three to four days.

The commitment of Ballina club member Evelyn Fox to the planning and detail required to ensure all possibilities were covered was superb. It was particularly special to have Sharon Cadwallader, the Mayor of Ballina Shire, and Ballina club CEO Tere Sheehan, participate in both the opening and closing ceremonies.

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Grade 2 Winner Raymond Terrace



Grade 2 Runner-up Mudgee



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Grade 3

The Rules Club Wagga Wagga stood alongside the giants in state pennants after clinching their first state flag with a brilliant victory in the BCiB Open State Pennant Grade 3 finals.

The Zone 8 champions recovered from blowing a huge lead against Leichhardt in a 63-59 opening sectional game loss, to then win their next five matches; capped off with a 66-52 victory over Tathra Beach (Zone 7) in the final at Club Charlestown.

Former two-time Zone 16 Singles champion Brett Pieper and his rink took command of the final with a 35-14 victory over John Chalker, while the gutsy Tathra Beach won the other

two rinks as Lynton Riddell beat John Harriott 19-16 and Dylan Cuthbert edged out George Jackson 19-15.

Meanwhile, hosting the BCiB Open State Pennant Grade 3 finals was especially memorable for Club Charlestown with the official unveiling of their new \$3.5 million refurbishment at the finals.

The club co-hosted the three day event with sister club, Club Lambton and won widespread praise from bowlers and supporters for the new look facilities which took centre state in the semi-finals and final.

And while some bowlers were playing on a carpet green for the first time the Rules Club Wagga improved with every match and were worthy

champions.

"To be here on a day when the club makes history is incredibly special," Rules Club Wagga team manager Chris Neaves said.

"The team bonded superbly and played as a united group the whole weekend.

"We have a team first ethos which was a key factor in our success and has been a feature for the whole season. The guys get along on and off the green and it showed in the way we played the whole weekend."

Well done to all competing sides, and congratulations Tathra Beach on a well deserved win.



Grade 3 Winner Wagga Rules



Grade 3 Runner-up Tathra Beach



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Grade 4

After three full days of Bowls action at Tamworth, St Johns Park are the BCiB Grade 4 Open State Pennant Champions after defeating Wingham 57-56 in a nail biting Final.

The lead changed multiple times during the final keeping the crowd of spectators on the edge of their seats.

The vocal band of team supporters

urged their teams on, in what has been a match fitting of a State Final.

St Johns Park defeated Young in the Semi Final, and Wingham defeated Halekulani to face each other in the Final.

The 2022-2023 Grade 4 Open State Pennant Finals proudly supported by NSW Government Office of Sport,

were co-hosted by South Tamworth Bowling Club,

West Tamworth Bowling Club and North Tamworth Bowling Club, with all finals played at South Tamworth.



Grade 4 Winner St Johns Park



Grade 4 Runner-up Wingham



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Grade 5

Quirindi, in the North West Slopes and on the rich Liverpool Plains, are the 2022/23 Bowls NSW Open Grade 5 Pennant Champions, following a hard-earned win over Merimbula at Club Dubbo last Sunday afternoon. Their 57 to 51 victory was played in ideal conditions, following the previous two days of extreme cold.

After 25 ends, the Merimbula Dolphins held a one shot lead (24 to 23), but as the match entered the second half, Quirindi began to take the upper hand, getting out to a 15 shot lead with just ten ends

to play. Despite a late burst from Merimbula, they were unable to claw back the margin, with Quirindi holding on to a well-deserved win.

At the presentation ceremony, Bowls NSW representative, Marina Deluchi, 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.



Grade 5 Winner Quirindi



Grade 5 Runner-up Merimbula

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Grade 6

South Tamworth Bowling Club clinched a state pennant flag with a hard-fought 66-53 victory over Warilla in the Grade 6 final at Warilla Bowls.

The Zone 3 champs beat Warilla by eight shots in their sectional match on the Friday and two days later were triumphant in all three rinks in a very competitive final.

Facing their opponent on their home green, Scott Sweeney had a tight 23-18 win over Wayne Moore; Brett Goodchild edged out Ken Stopher

22-21, and Kevin Thomson beat Alex Hamilton 21-14.

South Tamworth emerged as one of the teams to beat after three wins to take Section 3 and then posted a 60-49 win over Section 4 runners-up East Maitland, before making it five straight victories by beating Section 1 winners Picton 63-60 in the semi-finals.

"It's an incredible result," South Tamworth BC Grade 6 manager Jeff Myers said.

"Whatever happened in the final we were going to be proud but to win it feels extra special. We're not going home tonight, we're going to celebrate this long and hard.

"When we get home we're going to put the winning team photo up at the club and it'll be there forever to mark this occasion."

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Grade 6 Winner South Tamworth



Grade 6 Runner-up Warilla

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Grade 7

The third day of Grade 7 at Northmead BC saw the semi-finals played between Gerringong Vs Old Bar Beach, and Northmead Vs Ballina.

The game between Gerringong and Old Bar Beach was neck and neck throughout, with the scores level at 54 shots each after 56 ends and still anyone's game. After some great shots in the last few ends, Gerringong prevailed to progress into the final.

In the other semi-final Northmead were looking to secure a home ground final in their match against Ballina, however a slow start from

Northmead saw Ballina move to a big advantage early on. Northmead managed to claw back to within 6 shots at the halfway point but dropped some consecutive scores in the third quarter making it too big of a challenge to overcome the in-form Ballina team who progressed into the final.

In the final game Ballina maintained their solid form and led early on with some great draw bowls from the leads setting up the heads. The big board was skewed towards Ballina with one of their rinks gaining a big

margin but Gerringong showed they weren't going down without a fight and picked up the scores on the other two rinks to narrow the margin to 6 shots with 5 ends to go.

It looked like it was going to go down to the wire however Ballina had other thoughts and some great lead bowls and final shot conversions saw them maintain their lead to become Grade 7 State champions.



Grade 7 Winner Ballina



Grade 7 Runner-up Gerringong



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Bowls England Director of Development Australian Visit

On June 14, Bowls England Director of Development, Adam Tanner, visited Club Merrylands accompanied by Bowls NSW President Dilys Kindleysides.

Adam had been in NSW for a few days visiting Clubs of different sizes and demographics. In his role, Adam was looking for any insights into attracting players to the game of bowls, as well as sharing his experiences. He spoke passionately with Bowls Coordinator, Tony Wood, and Bowls Development Coordinator, Gavin Holburn, for over an hour.

Adam has very different development issues to tackle in Bowls England than we have here in NSW, yet there are enough similarities that a sharing of resources between Club Merrylands and Adam in his Bowls England role will benefit both entities.

There were many interesting comparisons between Adam's role and what would be expected here in NSW. Whilst NSW and England have similar numbers of Bowling Clubs, NSW has far higher membership numbers. Whilst Bowls England's men and women amalgamated about 15 years ago, the indoor and

outdoor associations still remain separate entities. And how much does Adam earn in his role of Director of Development for Bowls England? Nil!

When Adam arrived, it coincided with players from the Sydney West Schools representative side training for the NSW Combined High School Championships. Adam was impressed with the concept that there existed a representative pathway in the schools system all the way up to selection in a School Sport Australia Merit side. Nothing like this exists in England. Club Merrylands presented Adam with a folder they have put together for school teachers to assist with the implementation of a bowls program in their physical activity programs. Whilst tailor made for the NSW school curriculum, Adam was thankful for a starting point.

The students present loved hearing about bowls in England. Like the shortened season due to the cold weather and even snow, and how slow their greens run. They asked lots of questions and Adam loved the interaction.

Dilys, meanwhile, engaged the parents in conversation for an extensive period of time. It was an enlightening and engaging conversation with both parties greatly benefiting from the interaction. Overall, it was a great experience for all involved.

Story and photos by Gavin Holburn



Super Guarantee Is Increasing To 11%

On 1 July, a super moment is happening for Australia. The Superannuation Guarantee (SG) is increasing to 11%. This means most employees will receive more super each year.

What the rise in the SG means for your business

While the rise is a huge help for people's retirement, we understand it may be an additional financial commitment for some businesses.

The key change to your business is that you will need to pay workers 11% super. This may impact your payroll. You can still pay super via a clearing house if that's your preferred method.

Some employees may be concerned the SG increase means lower wages, and because there are a wide range of employment agreements, this can vary. Providing clarity to employees around the SG increase and what it means in respect to their employment agreement and wages will help them to understand the changes.

Helping inform your employees

- Tell them about the change from 10.5% to 11% super.
- Encourage them to check their payslips and super contributions. If your employees aren't sure where their super is paid, they can log into myGov and go to the ATO section.

- Remind employees that if they use the AustralianSuper app they will receive a notification every time a contribution is made into their super account, and it makes it easy to keep track.

For more information, you can go online to the Australian Super website- www.australiansuper.com

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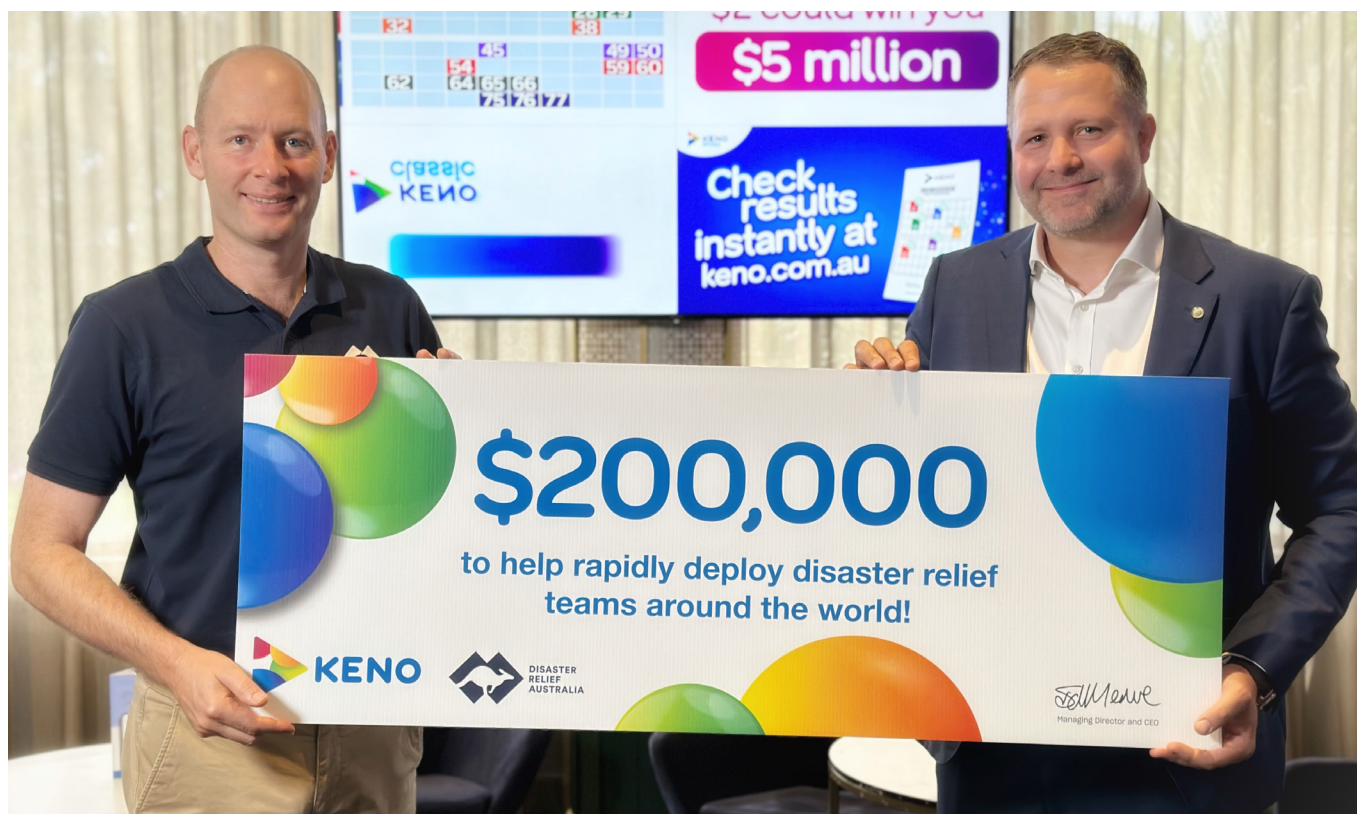


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Disaster Relief Australia to assist more communities thanks to \$200,000 Keno donation



With experts warning natural disasters are likely to increase in frequency and intensity in the future, on 5 June, Keno announced a \$200,000 donation to Disaster Relief Australia to allow it to deploy more relief teams when and where they are needed most.

Disaster Relief Australia is a not-for-profit organisation committed to supporting communities before, during, and after a natural disaster. It combines the skills of Australian Defence Force veterans, emergency responders and everyday Australians to rapidly deploy relief teams across the globe.

These teams provide various services, from debris management and home repairs to volunteer management,

aerial damage assessment and disaster preparedness training. Disaster Relief Australia Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Evans said he was grateful for Keno's ongoing support.

"Keno had always been there to assist us in bringing help and hope to communities impacted by disasters, whether it be through financial support or volunteering on the ground alongside us," Mr Evans said. "We are incredibly proud of our partnership with Keno and hope to see it continue into the future."

Keno General Manager Licensed Venue Operations Paul Malek said Keno was passionate about supporting the Australian community. "With natural disasters increasing in

prevalence and intensity, we know the work Disaster Relief Australia does is so important. But they can't do it alone," Mr Malek said.

"We want to play our part by supporting Disaster Relief Australia, so they can continue to assist more communities impacted by natural disasters.

"The total amount we've donated to this important not-for-profit organisation in recent years, including today's donation, amounts to a whopping \$600,000.

"We couldn't be prouder to continue that legacy of support today.