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Welcome

Welcome to the Special Member Conference Edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter.

The Bowls NSW Member Conference was held at Cabra-Vale Diggers and brought together members from across the State to share ideas, collaborate and hear from industry experts on the future state of our sport. It was fantastic to see over 200 attendees engage in our panel sessions, headlined by John Eales AM and Karen Murphy AM, and to network with a range of industry partners at the Partner Expo.

Conference proceedings started with the Bowls NSW Awards Evening, where we were able to recognise and celebrate the achievements of players and the commitment of our invaluable volunteers and administrators. Congratulations to all our Award winners and nominees on their achievements throughout the past year.

Bowls NSW Awards Evening



Bowls NSW *Awards Evening*

Bowls NSW was thrilled to host our Awards Evening, the first of its kind under the unified Bowls NSW entity. It was a brilliant night held at Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, where we recognised the achievements of players over the past 12 months as well as the commitment and dedication of our selfless volunteers and administrators.

Two new inductions were made into the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame, Dorothy Roche OAM and Steve Glasson

OAM. The achievements of both Dorothy and Steve throughout their careers firmly place them as two of the best players to ever grace the greens, and it was fitting to be able to acknowledge these two greats of the game on the night.

In this special edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter, you can read about the achievements and success of our Award winners.

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Bowler of the Year

Lee Schraner, representing Raymond Terrace emerged as the deserving recipient of the Male Bowler of the Year Award. Schraner's stellar achievements throughout the year underscored his exceptional skill and determination in the sport. One of his notable triumphs was securing an historic double, the Bowls NSW Male State Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs titles, a testament to his prowess on the green.

His dedication, skill, and consistent excellence rightfully earned him the prestigious Bowls NSW Male Bowler of the Year award, a recognition well-deserved for his outstanding achievements in the sport.

Samantha Ferguson, representing Engadine has secured the Female Bowler of the Year Award, a testament to her exceptional achievements throughout the year. Ferguson's standout accomplishment was securing the title of Bowls NSW State Female Champion of Club Champions Singles title.

In addition to her success in singles, Ferguson was the Women's State Pairs runner-up and a quarter-finalist in the Open Pennant Grade 1 State Finals.

Ferguson thanked her family and friends for their continued support, inspiring her to continue to strive to be the best player she can be, and hoped that her success can inspire other bowlers aspiring for success.



Male Bowler of the Year | Lee Schraner (Raymond Terrace)



Female Bowler of the Year | Sam Ferguson (Engadine)



Senior Bowler of the Year

Joan Thomas from Forster emerged as the winner of the Bowls NSW Female Senior Bowler of the Year Award.

Thomas had a brilliant year on the greens, highlighted by her Women's State Senior Singles title.

Her success extended beyond the singles format, finishing runner-up in the Women's State Triples and Fours events. Thomas' consistent excellence across various formats of the game underscored her versatility and competitiveness, making her a deserving winner of the award.

Robbie Warren of Towradgi Park secured the Bowls NSW Male Senior Bowler of the Year award, Warren's remarkable accomplishments including clinching the title of Men's State Senior Pairs and Triples winner.

Additionally, Warren made a notable impact in the Bowls NSW Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship, where he and his Zone 16 teammates reached the semi-finals, further solidifying his status as a formidable force on the greens.



Senior Female Bowler of the Year | Joan Thomas (Forster)



Senior Male Bowler of the Year | Robbie Warren (Towradgi Park)

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Junior Bowler of the Year

Tim Thorning of Gunnedah has capped off a sensational year by winning the Bowls NSW Male Junior Bowler of the Year Award, a testament to his exceptional achievements throughout the year.

Thorning's remarkable successes included clinching the Bowls NSW State Junior Singles and Fours titles.

Thorning further solidified his reputation as a rising star in junior lawn bowls by claiming victory in the Bowls NSW Junior 7-a-Side Fours.

Reese Finn-Young of Merimbula stood out as a deserving winner of the Bowls NSW Female Junior Bowler of the Year. Finn-Young reached the semi-finals of the Bowls NSW State Junior Fours. Her success at Zone level was highlighted by victories in the Junior Pairs and Junior Fours disciplines.

Finn-Young's achievements reached new heights as she claimed the Australian Open U18 Girls Singles title, and an impressive runner-up finish in the Australian Indoor Singles against some of the best players in the country. Finn-Young showed great humility when accepting her Award, thanking her family and her coach, Michael Wilks for their continued support.



Male Junior Bowler of the Year | Tim Thorning (Gunnedah)



Female Junior Bowler of the Year | Reese-Finn Young (Merimbula)

Breakout Bowler of the year

Vacie McIntyre from Soldiers Point was recognised as the Bowls NSW Female Breakout Bowler of the Year. McIntyre's successes included clinching victory in the Bowls NSW State Senior Triples and State Senior Fours.

Her win in the Newcastle District Senior Singles further emphasized her skill and determination. McIntyre's standout year, achievements and rapid ascent made her a deserving recipient of the Female Breakout Bowler of the Year Award.

Jack Lewis of Engadine earned the title of Bowls NSW Male Breakout Bowler of the Year. Lewis's standout accomplishment was securing the Bowls NSW Men's State Singles title.

His success extended to team competitions, reaching the semi-finals of the Bowls NSW State Triples and finishing runner-up in the Open Inter-Zone Sides Championship. Finally, he contributed greatly to Engadine's quarter-final finish in the Bowls NSW Open State Pennant Grade 1 Finals, highlighting his impact across all disciplines.



Female Breakout Bowler of the Year | Vacie McIntyre (Soldiers Point)



Male Breakout Bowler of the Year | Jack Lewis (Engadine)



Disability Bowler of the Year

Geoff Seton of Leichhardt has won the Bowls NSW Disability Bowler of the Year Award, after a series of outstanding achievements and results over the past year. Seton's accomplishments during the year were nothing short of remarkable, winning the NSW Disability State Championships Open Singles, and finishing runner-up in the Pairs discipline.

On the national stage, Seton made a significant impact at the Australian Multi-Disability Championships, earning a Bronze medal in the Men's Singles B5/6 category and a Silver medal in the Men's Pairs B5/6 category. Seton's success continued at the Australian Open Para Singles, where he reached the semi-finals, further solidifying his standing as a constant performer at the top level of the sport. His accomplishments not only exemplify his personal success but also contribute to the broader recognition and growth of disability bowls in Australia.

Geoff was not able to attend on the night, but his good friend and Leichhardt clubmate Mark Latkowski accepted the Award on Geoff's behalf.



Disability Bowler of the Year | Geoff Seton (Leichhardt)



Mark Latkowski (Leichhardt)

Club of the Year



Club of the Year | Raymond Terrace



Raymond Terrace Bowling Club has earned the distinguished title of Bowls NSW Club of the Year for the 2022/23 season. The club's exceptional achievements in various competitions reflect a culture of dedication, skill, and camaraderie among its members. Their triumphs in the Bowls NSW Open Gender State Pennant Finals, clinching both Grade 1 and Grade 2 titles were highlights

amongst the club's impressive list of achievements.

The club also had success in the Bowls NSW Men's State Pennant Finals, winning the Division 1 State title.

Beyond sides events, the club also secured the Women's State Triples, Men's Champion of Club Champion Singles and Men's Champion of Club Champion Pairs titles.

In accepting the Award, the club noted their commitment to excellence and to fostering a culture of success across all aspects of the

club. Competing against consistent performers in Cabramatta, Warilla, Engadine and Forster highlights the competitive nature of the Award and validates the success of Raymond Terrace as Club of the Year.

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Volunteer of the Year

Glenn Morrison has been recognised as Volunteer of the Year at the Bowls NSW Awards Evening.

Glenn has a remarkable and extensive history of involvement in lawn bowls and community engagement. He has been a dedicated bowling club member since 1990 and has held significant leadership roles, including past chairman and current board member of Club Dubbo, and current president of the West Dubbo Bowling Club.

In 2022, he played a crucial role in the amalgamation of West Dubbo Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs.

Glenn's contributions extend to coaching, serving as a Bowls Australia Club Coach and coaching junior and new members at Club Dubbo. Glenn also shares his coaching expertise to various clubs in the region, showcasing his commitment to sharing knowledge of the sport. He actively participates in junior programs and serves on the Zone 4 Coaching Committee and Junior Selection Committee, contributing to the development of young talent. Additionally, he plays a vital role in attracting new junior bowlers to the sport through school outreach programs.

In addition to his coaching involvement, Glenn dedicates many hours to assist with club events and operations, writes a weekly bowls column for a local newspaper, and is an active member of the City of Dubbo International Fours Committee, demonstrating his unwavering passion to lawn bowls and its growth.



Volunteer of the Year | Glenn Morrison (West Dubbo)



Club Administrator of the Year

David Tyrrell was recognised as Club Administrator of the Year at the Bowls NSW Awards Evening. David has made significant contributions as an administrator at Windang Bowls Club.

He created an online booking system for social bowls events and twilight events, attracting bowlers from across Australia and significantly increasing participation for people of all abilities.

He actively manages the Bowlslink site, the digital honour board, and provides promotional support for all club and several Illawarra Zone events. Additionally, he encourages club members to be involved in bowls as players and officials, organizes training courses, and engages with community groups, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the club and the sport's growth.

His dedication to promoting teamwork, inclusivity, and good governance sets him apart as a remarkable Bowls Coordinator.



Club Administrator of the Year | David Tyrrell (Windang)



Community Engagement Award



Northern Beaches Vision Impaired Bowling Group



Old Bar Beach Bowling Club

Congratulations to Old Bar Beach and the Northern Beaches Vision Impaired Bowling Group/Avalon Bowling Club who were both recipients of the Community Engagement Award.

Old Bar Beach have developed a Junior Bowls Development Pathway called the 'Junior Dolphins' program which has revitalised their engagement with the local community.

Early in 2023 the club introduced a Rookie Rollers program designed for junior bowlers, and it was an immediate hit, engaging over 100 children. Working off this initial success, the club expanded the program to become a pathway into their 'Junior Dolphins' program aimed at getting kids into bowls.

The initiative has been a huge success for the club, who have found a way

to promote the sport of lawn bowls in a fun and relaxed environment to juniors and the broader local community. The success of Old Bar Beach can be attributed to the commitment of over 20 volunteers in running the program, headed by Jan Wallace. Jan and her team have put together templates, instructions and marketing plans for use by the club and other clubs in the area, with their ultimate goal to increase participation in the sport of bowls.

The success of the club's new initiatives serves as a prime example of how a bowling club can redefine the way they engage with their community.

In 2005, the **Northern Beaches Vision Impaired Group**,

a volunteer support network, decided to start up a lawn bowling group for vision impaired and blind

people. They approached Avalon Bowling Bowling Club for assistance, and the club was more than willing to share their facilities and services. Out of this the Avalon Vision Impaired Bowls Group was born.

Over the past eighteen years the group have met every Tuesday, providing people with vision impairment the opportunity to participate in lawn bowls. The group has shown the true accessibility of lawn bowls as a sport for

people of all ages and abilities, as well as the social and physical benefits it provides.

Through the work of Maureen Eves, Peter Ward and a large group of dedicated volunteers, the Avalon Vision Impaired Bowls Group has made a huge impact on the lives of its participants and volunteers in the community, keeping everyone active and connected.

Hall of Fame Inductees



Steve Glasson OAM has been inducted into the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame. His career achievements include:

First Australian to be World Number 1 in Men's Singles (2004)

- Three-time World Outdoor Championships Medallist
 - Men's Singles Silver (Johannesburg, 2000)
 - Men's Triples Silver (Johannesburg, 2000)
 - Men's Singles Gold (Ayr, 2004)
- Eight-time Asia Pacific Championships Medallist
 - Men's Triples Gold (Kuala Lumpur, 1999)
 - Men's Triples Gold (Melbourne, 2001)
 - Men's Pairs Silver (Dunedin, 1995)
 - Men's Fours Silver (Warilla, 1997)
 - Men's Fours Bronze (Dunedin, 1995)
- Men's Singles Bronze (Melbourne, 2001)
- Men's Pairs Bronze (Brisbane, 2003)
- Men's Singles Bronze (Melbourne, 2005)
- Nine-time Australian Indoor Singles Championship Winner (1994, 1997–1999, 2001–2005)
- Four-time NSW State Champion
 - 2 x Men's State Pairs (2003, 2007)
 - 2 x Men's Champion of Champion Singles (2006, 2008)
- Two-time NSW Bowler of the Year (2002, 2004)
- Played 245 Tests for the KENO NSW Blues- Sixth on all-time Men's capped list
- Awarded the Australian Sports Medal (2000)
- Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (2012)



Dorothy Roche OAM was the second inductee of the night into the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame. Her career achievement include:

Three-time World Outdoor Championships Medallist

- Women's Triples Gold (Melbourne, 1985)
- Women's Fours Silver (Melbourne, 1985)
- Women's Fours Gold (Auckland, 1988)
- Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist
 - Women's Fours (Auckland, 1990)
- Three-time Asia Pacific Championships Medallist
 - Women's Triples Gold (Victoria, 1993)
 - Women's Fours Silver (Suva, 1989)
 - Women's Pairs Bronze (Suva, 1989)
- Australian Champion of Champion Singles Winner (1979)
- Twelve-time NSW State Champion
 - 4 x Women's State Singles (1978-79, 1980-81, 1986-87, 1991)
 - 2 x Women's State Pairs (1990, 1991)
 - 1 x Women's State Triples (1985-86)
 - 2 x Women's State Fours (1984-85, 1988)
 - 3 x Women's Champion of Champion Singles (1978-79, 1989, 1992)
- NSW Cap #118, representing NSW from 1978 – 1997
- Wolinski Shield Winner (1986-87)
- James Wall Shield Winner (1982-83, 1983-84)
- Awarded the Order of Australia for services to bowls (1990)

2022-23 Awards Evening





Member Conference & Partner Expo

9 November 2023 | Cabra-Vale Diggers

The Bowls NSW Member Conference & Partner Expo held at Cabra-Vale Diggers was a fantastic day of networking and information sharing for attendees.

The Conference kicked off with a welcome from Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe and introduction of our keynote speaker John Eales AM, one of the greatest rugby players Australia has ever produced. John's inspiring keynote address was a highlight for all attendees, and set the tone for the great day ahead.

Attendees then had the choice of sitting in sessions across four streams, covering important bowls industry topics including Membership Engagement and Growth, Junior Development, the Roles of Club Executive and BowlsLink Basics sessions. Bowls legend and superstar Karen Murphy AM hosted her personalised Bowls Technical Masterclasses throughout the day, offering valuable insights and advice into the sport.

Bowls NSW shared Umpires and Match updates which were particularly popular sessions amongst the attendees. In between sessions, attendees took part in the Partner Expo, engaging with P&O

Cruises, Drakes Pride, Badges and Medals and a range of other bowls industry partners.

In the afternoon, Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe and the Zone and District Unification Committee provided an update on Zone & District Unification and the ongoing reform of the sport's governance structures. Attendees were then given the chance to participate in a Q&A session.

The day concluded with an 'On the Couch' panel discussion featuring Bowls Australia CEO Matthew Kenedy and Club Support Managers Brett Hughes and Jayson Pinnock.





Member Conference & Partner Expo

9 November 2023 | Cabra-Vale Diggers

Matthew, Brett and Jayson shared key updates from Bowls Australia and the future direction of the sport on a national scale.

After a huge day, the Conference wrapped up with social drinks and networking. Attendees enjoyed complimentary drinks, mingled with presenters and industry colleagues, and explored the stalls presented by conference partners.

The Conference delivered a day filled with learning, inspiration, and networking opportunities. Over 200 attendees took part, and we would like to thank attendees for contributing to a fantastic event!



Bowls NSW Board & Committees Announced

The Bowls NSW Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 10th November. The four elected male directors were announced. We welcome back incumbent Directors Owen Walker, John Ellison and Michael Howard and we very warmly welcome newly elected Director Rick Roper to the Board.

Nominated Female Directors were announced and received at the AGM. We welcome back incumbent directors Dilys Kindleysides, Lesley Swales, Marina Deluchi and Sandra Jowett.

Bowls NSW would like to thank outgoing Directors Brett Duprez and Mike Skeggs. Brett Duprez has been an incredible asset to the Board of Bowls NSW for many years and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. In addition, Mike Skeggs has significantly contributed to the Bowls NSW Board throughout his tenure and we wish him all the best.

At the meeting, Bowls NSW announced the appointment of a new auditor moving forward. We'd like to thank PKF for their services and we welcome Wessels & Co Chartered Accountants for our future audit services.

Following the AGM, a meeting was held to elect a President and Vice President of the Board, which is announced below.

Bowls NSW Board of Directors

Dilys Kindleysides (President)
John Ellison (Vice President)
Marina Deluchi
Michael Howard
Sandra Jowett
Rick Roper
Lesley Swales
Owen Walker

Following the Board Meeting, Bowls NSW has released its Annual Report and Financial Statements which are now available to view online.

Bowls NSW is pleased to announce the members of our Selection, Junior and Umpires Committees. We thank those members who applied and look forward to continuing our work with these Committees.

Junior Committee

Madison Hazell
Gavin Holburn
Kyle Langley
Rebekah Lord
John Rodis
Michael Wilks

Selection Committee

Jillene Bird
Peter Foster
Greg Harris
Pam Hockings
Trevor Imer
Rex Johnston – Chair
Jennifer Palmer
Clay Parker

Umpires Committee

Alan Clarke – Chair
Gerry Miechels
Maureen Randell
Robert Reeve
Gaye Scarfe
Sue Thurley

Please note the State Match Committee is appointed at an alternate time, and the Committee remains as published.

I would like to thank outgoing Committee Members Sharyn Renshaw (Juniors), Paul Sullivan (Juniors) and Bruce Goldsmith (Umpires). You have all contributed greatly to your respective committees and they are in good stead as a result of your commitment.

The AGM was the final event of the broader Bowls NSW Member Conference that included the Awards Evening and Partner Expo. It was an incredible few days full of knowledge sharing and connection between clubs. I'd like to thank all members who attended and especially my small and hardworking team who have gone above and beyond to deliver this event.

Tim Rowe

**CEO & Company Secretary
Bowls NSW Ltd**



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BowlsLink with Ben



Exciting times in the world of BowlsLink this week with the release of a new version! But what does this mean? The biggest change is the introduction of SMS for two-factor authentication. No more waiting for an email for your six digit code, it will be sent straight to your phone once you sign up for it.

There are lots of competition updates including custom ladders, auto-mapping of finals for competitions and a bunch more for all of you bowls coordinators and administrators.

There's also a new support website for BowlsLink with videos and tutorials from every state in Australia as well as Bowls Australia.

So, some really excellent upgrades in there for everyone. There's a full rundown of the updates and a video from Bowls Australia about it all at the below website:

<https://www.bowls.com.au/bowlslink-updates-announced-for-november-2023/>

To sign off, a quick word about the Bowls NSW Member Conference

from last week. Thank you so much to every single person who attended one of my BowlsLink Workshops or stopped me to chat about BowlsLink. It was a brilliant event and I hope everyone got something out of it.

As a follow on from that, in the new year I'll be continuing to travel around our state and visit all of the Zones/Districts and Regions to teach you about our BowlsLink system. If you'd like to book in some dates, send an email to bowlslink@bowlsnsw.com.au to arrange a meeting.

As always, if you're experiencing issues with BowlsLink or would like any assistance, you can also send an email to bowlslink@bowlsnsw.com.au and we'll give you a hand.

Our system is growing and improving all the time and big things are happening! See you soon.

Ben Krikstolaitis

Live Streaming & Bowls App Coordinator



State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear



Chocking the Jack

When using the orbital, the jack is secured by three screws, this allows the orbital to be used without the jack moving. No doubt the approval by Bowls Australia was a result of extensive testing and we gather from senior umpires that the orbital was approved prior to 2010. There is no evidence available that by approving the use of the Orbital that, by extension, sanctions the chocking of the jack.

The following laws we believe support "No Chocking of the jack:

1. From the Laws of the Game of Bowls in Australia July 1995:

- **Law 11 Measuring Equipment**
 - (i) Suitable equipment shall be provided for the umpire or measurer to enable them to carry out their duties including, as a minimum, the following:
 - (i) Wedges for supporting leaning bowls.
- **Law 11**
 - (ii) Optional equipment may include such other equipment as shall be approved by the National Authority.

- **Law 34D Inadvertent displacement**

If a jack be displaced at the time of measuring it shall be restored to its former position by the opposing director or opponent. If such displacement is caused by a marker or an umpire the marker or umpire shall replace the jack to its original position, of which the marker or umpire shall be the sole judge.

- **Law 43 The shot (in part)**

At any time during the measuring process any bowl which is in danger of falling may be secured in its position by either director.

2. From the Laws of the Sport of Bowls CM 4th Edition May 2023

- **Law 23 Deciding the number of shots scored**

23.6 At any time during the process of deciding the number of shots scored:

23.6.1 if a bowl is likely to fall, either opponent can use the best available means to secure it in its position.

- **Law 38.4 Jack displacement during measuring**

38.4.1 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position.

38.4.2 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by the marker during measuring, the marker must put the jack back to a position agreed by the opponents. If the opponents cannot agree, the marker must put the jack back to its former position.

38.4.3 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by the umpire during measuring, the umpire must put the jack back to its former position.

- **Law 54 Measuring Equipment**

The umpire must bring or be provided with by the club on whose green the game is being played, suitable equipment to carry out the duties described in law 43.

54.7 wedges (for supporting leaning bowls);

54.9 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve the type of measuring equipment for carrying out umpires' duties.

State Umpire Committee

If you look at both the laws from the 1995 edition of the Law Book and the CM 4 (2023) Law Book, the laws relating to equipment (law 11 - 1995 edition & law 54- CM4) state that wedges should be included in the Umpires equipment to support leaning bowls, no mention of chocking a jack.

If you look at both laws relating to measuring (Law 43 – 1995 edition & law 23 – CM4), it is stated that whilst measuring if a bowl is likely to fall, the bowl can be secured in its position. Once again, no mention of securing the jack.

If you look at the above laws (Law 34D – 1995 edition & Law 38.4 – CM4) relating to displacement of the jack whilst measuring, there is once again no mention of securing the jack.

In fact, the only mention of chocking the jack is in the below extract from the Bowls Australia Memorandum 2011:

The Laws are quite clear and are based on “defined events” and if the Laws are silent on an issue, then you cannot assume that you can do it. The practice of chocking the jack during the process of determining the shot is not permitted under any circumstances in Australia.

Summary In the CM 4 edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the only mention of wedges and securing is in relation to bowls not jacks. This also includes law 54 where wedges (for supporting leaning bowls) are to be included in the umpires equipment. As there has not been any rescinding of the memorandum, the last sentence is still in force.



There may be laws in both the Law Book and the Bowls NSW COPs, that we may not agree with, however, as umpires we must uphold and where necessary enforce those laws and regulations, and as bowlers we must play the game as per the laws and regulations of the game.

I truly believe that as an Umpire, if an individual umpire does not wish to enforce or only selectively enforces the laws and regulations of the Sport of Lawn Bowls, I suggest that the individual umpire should rethink their commitment to officiating in the Sport of Lawn Bowls.

Equipment



Long Measure 30m



Long Measure 5m

When using either of the above tapes and both the jack & bowl are on the green then you must go from the bowl to the jack. The only situation when using the above tapes that you go from the jack to the bowl is when the jack is on the green and the bowl is in the ditch.

NSW Government Grants

Check out these two NSW Government Grants currently open to bowls clubs!
For more information, visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>



Level the Playing Field Program

The NSW Government has committed up to \$30 million to the Level the Playing Field Program (the Program). The Program investment will revive sport facilities by providing new or upgrading existing sport facilities, amenities and sporting fields. 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.
Important dates

- Applications open
Monday 16 October 2023
- Applications close
1pm, Thursday 30 November 2023
- Outcomes advised
Mid March 2024 onwards
- Funding agreements executed
for successful projects – within

3 months of notification of a successful application

- Approved Equitable Access and Usage Policy must be submitted by 30 June 2024
- Construction should commence by 30 September 2024.
- Projects must be completed by 30 September 2026

Local Sport Grant Program

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 2023/24 to support sporting clubs and associations across NSW with \$50,000 available in each electorate and grants of up to \$20,000 available for individual projects.

The Local Sport Grant Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport in NSW. Through this Program the Office of

Sport is working towards our 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.

Key Dates:

- Applications open Monday 23 October 2023
- Applications close 1.00pm Monday 27 November 2023
- Outcomes advised April 2024 onwards

