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Welcome

Welcome to the State Championships Special Edition of the Bowls NSW Newsletter!

As we wrap up a huge few weeks of bowls, we're excited to bring you all the highlights from the TAB State Championships, hosted across Cherry St Sports Ballina, Club Lennox, and Plateau Sports Alstonville.

We're also into the action of the TAB Platinum Pennant, with Rounds 1, 2 and 3 completed. And with the launch of the new TAB Platinum Pennant Hub, it's easier than ever to stay up to date with results, news and match highlights throughout the season.

Plus, don't miss the return of the fan-favourite Platinum Pennant Tipping Competition, where you can put your bowls knowledge to the test and win some great prizes.

Re-live the highlights from the TAB Platinum Pennant and our biggest and best TAB State Championships yet! Read on for the latest updates.

Exciting Action at the TAB State Championships



We're pleased to share a wrap-up of the 2024/25 TAB State Championships, held across Cherry St Sports Ballina, Club Lennox in Lennox Head, and Plateau Sports in Alstonville. The competition kicked off on March 25th and wrapped up on April 9th, with over 40 new State Champions crowned along the way.

Our State Championships special edition newsletter will take you through all the event results from the All-Abilities through to our final event, the Fours State Championships.

Alongside the on-green action, this year's event featured a range of social activities for players and spectators to enjoy. Players and locals alike enjoyed taking part in the TAB Closest to the Jack Competition and the TAB Twilight Bowls Night, a social spectacle like no other!

A huge thank you to our wonderful host clubs and the many volunteers who helped bring this event to life—your support and hospitality were outstanding.



TAB Platinum Pennant

Cougars Lead the Pack After Thrilling Opening Rounds of Platinum Pennant

The 2025 Platinum Pennant is off to a strong start, with Rounds 1, 2 and 3 played over 11-13 April. Clubs brought their A-game right from the outset, with high-quality bowls on display and several close finishes keeping fans on the edge of their seats. Bowls NSW live streamed quality matches from each Round which are available to view on the Bowls NSW YouTube channel.

After the first three rounds, Engadine Cougars have taken an early lead, sitting undefeated at the top of the ladder. Hot on their heels are the Merrylands Magic, who have also impressed with consistent performances. Defending champions Cabramatta Bullants are in third.

Warilla Gorillas and East Maitland Griffins round out the top five, both showing grit and early promise. Wenty Leagues Magpies and Raymond Terrace Jets sit mid-table in sixth and seventh, still well within striking distance of the top spots. Carlingford Koalas, St Johns Park Saints and Mt Lewis Lions are close behind, with plenty of time left to climb the ladder.

At the lower end, Belrose Bulls and Taren Point are still searching for their first win, but with eight rounds to go, there's every opportunity to turn things around.

With the standard of play already sky-high, every round promises to deliver more big moments. Make sure to follow all the action, match replays, and team updates via the TAB Platinum Pennant Hub.



TAB Platinum Pennant

TAB		PLATINUM PENNANT						
LADDER AFTER ROUND 3		P	W	D	L	RW	+/-	PTS
	ENGADINE COUGARS	3	3	0	0	7	+48	28
	MERRYLANDS MAGIC	3	3	0	0	5.5	+28	26.5
	CABRAMATTA BULLANTS	3	3	0	0	5	+17	26
	WARILLA GORILLAS	3	2	1	0	5	+28	22.5
	EAST MAITLAND GRIFFINS	3	2	0	1	6	+11	20
	WENTY LEAGUES MAGPIES	3	2	0	1	5	+19	19
	RAYMOND TERRACE JETS	3	1	0	2	4	-14	11
	CARLINGFORD KOALAS	3	1	0	2	3	5	10
	ST JOHNS PARK SAINTS	3	0	1	2	3	-42	6.5
	MT LEWIS LIONS	3	0	0	3	4	-24	4
	BELROSE BULLS	3	0	0	3	3.5	-43	3.5
	TAREN POINT SCORCHERS	3	0	0	3	3	-33	3

TAB		PLATINUM PENNANT	
ROUND FOUR			
	Saturday 26th April 1:00pm at East Maitland		
	Saturday 26th April 1:00pm at Belrose		
	YouTube Saturday 26th April 2:30pm at Mt Lewis		
	Saturday 26th April 4:00pm at Carlingford		
	Saturday 26th April 6:00pm at Merrylands		
	Saturday 26th April 6:00pm at Warilla		



TAB Platinum Pennant

Welcome to the TAB Platinum Pennant



The Platinum Pennant Hub is a site specifically designed to be your one-stop destination for everything you need to stay connected with the TAB Platinum Pennant competition. With a clean, user-friendly layout and intuitive navigation, the new site makes it easier than ever to access the latest updates, track your favourite teams, and immerse yourself in all the Platinum Pennant action.

Here's what you'll find on the TAB Platinum Pennant Hub:

- Platinum Pennant Tipping Competition: Join the fun and take part in the Platinum Pennant Tipping Competition today for your chance to win a Drakes Pride Player Prize Pack worth over \$1,000!
- Live Streamed Matches: Watch every second of Bowls NSW live streamed matches live on YouTube in stunning quality.

We've partnered with our friends at Spacequake Sports to continue bringing viewers the best quality bowls production in the world.

- Round Fixtures and Results: Stay on top of every match-up and outcome throughout the season.
- Full Season Draw: Keep track of every team's path to the Finals with the full season draw.
- Team Lists: Get to know the players hitting the greens each round with detailed team information.

And this is just the beginning. The TAB Platinum Pennant Hub will be constantly updated to bring you all the latest news, features, and insider information you won't want to miss.

The action continues with Round 4 on April 26, featuring a showdown between St Johns Park and Raymond Terrace, live streamed from 2.30pm, follow us on YouTube to see all the action!



Visit the Platinum Pennant Hub online at www.campaignware.com/bowlsnsw/platinumpennant



TAB Platinum Pennant

TAB Platinum Pennant Tipping Returns

TIPPING COMPETITION

WIN A DRAKES PRIDE PLAYER PRIZE PACK WORTH OVER \$1,000!



Bragging rights are on the line with the TAB Platinum Pennant Tipping Competition returning in 2025!

Register now and enter your tips for Season 2 of the TAB Platinum Pennant- the best sides event in the world. Top the table at the end of the regular season and win a Drakes Pride Player Prize Pack valued at over \$1000, including your own set of Drakes Pride bowls with colours, sizes and logos of your choosing!* Multiple minor prizes will also be randomly drawn at the end of the competition.

How To Enter

Entering the competition is easy, simply follow the link below to our dedicated Platinum Pennant Tipping Competition site, click the red SIGNUP button, fill in your details and start tipping.

Our new site provides great functionality and access allowing users to sign up and submit their tips with ease.

Follow this link to enter the Platinum Pennant tipping competition <https://www.campaignware.com/bowlsnsw/platinumtipping2025>

WIN A DRAKES PRIDE PLAYER PRIZE PACK WORTH OVER \$1,000!

Personalised Set Drakes Pride Bowls, Low Roller Lawn Bowls Trolley Bag, Renegade Lawn Bowls Shoes and much more!



All Abilities Open Pairs State Championships

We're thrilled to announce the champions of the 2024/25 All Abilities Open Pairs State Championships, held at Cherry St Bowling Club, Ballina, from 25th to 28th March. The competition showcased exceptional talent and camaraderie among our bowlers, emphasizing inclusivity and sportsmanship.

Winners:

Richard Rombouts from Bangalow and John Gibson from Nelson Bay emerged victorious.

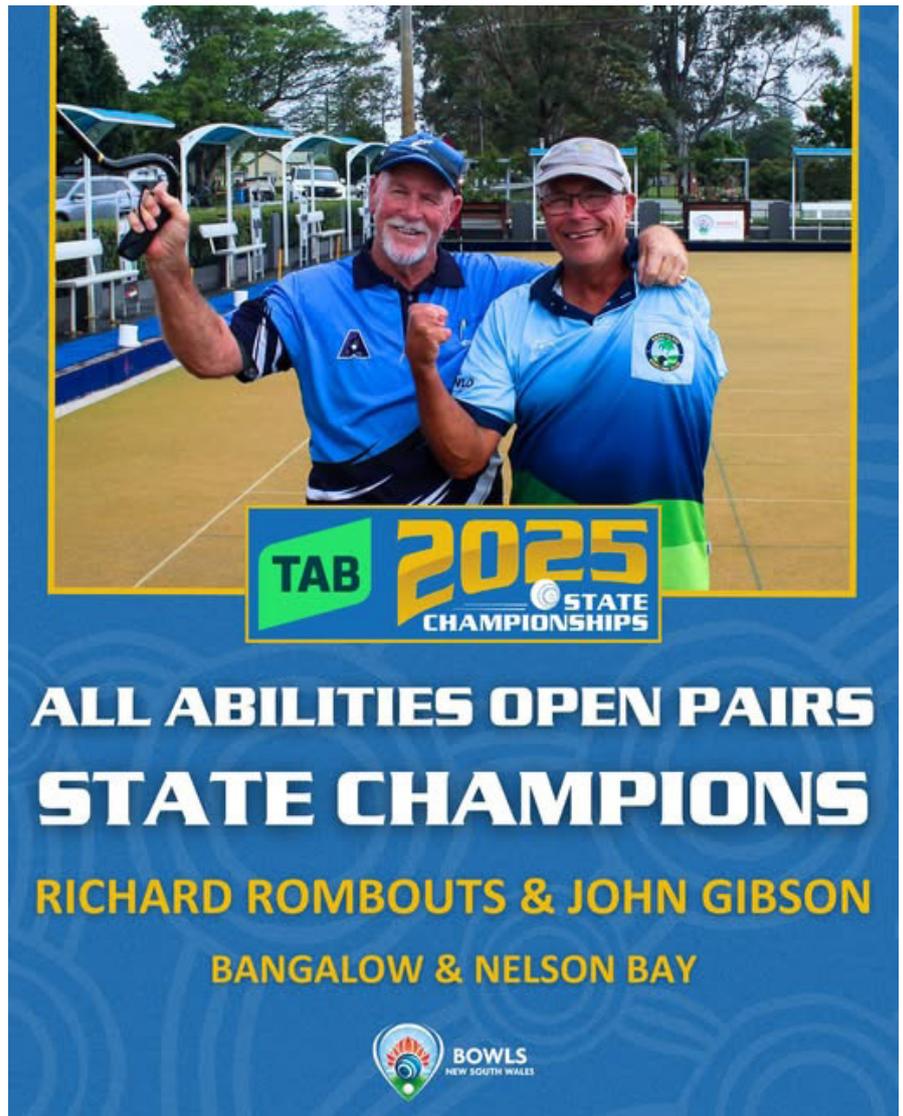
Runners-up:

Desmond Cross representing South Tamworth and James Reynolds from Cabramatta

Bronze Medallists:

Geoff Seton and Ryan Wood, both from Cabramatta, claimed the bronze medal, getting the better of Aaron Kelly (South Tamworth) and Brad Gilbert (Casino RSM)

Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding efforts.



Aaron Kelly (South Tamworth), Brad Gilbert (Casino RSM), Geoff Seton (Cabramatta) & Ryan Wood (Cabramatta)



James Reynolds (Cabramatta, Desmond Cross (South Tamworth), Richard Rombouts (Bangalow) & John Gibson (Nelson Bay)



All Abilities Open Pairs State Championships



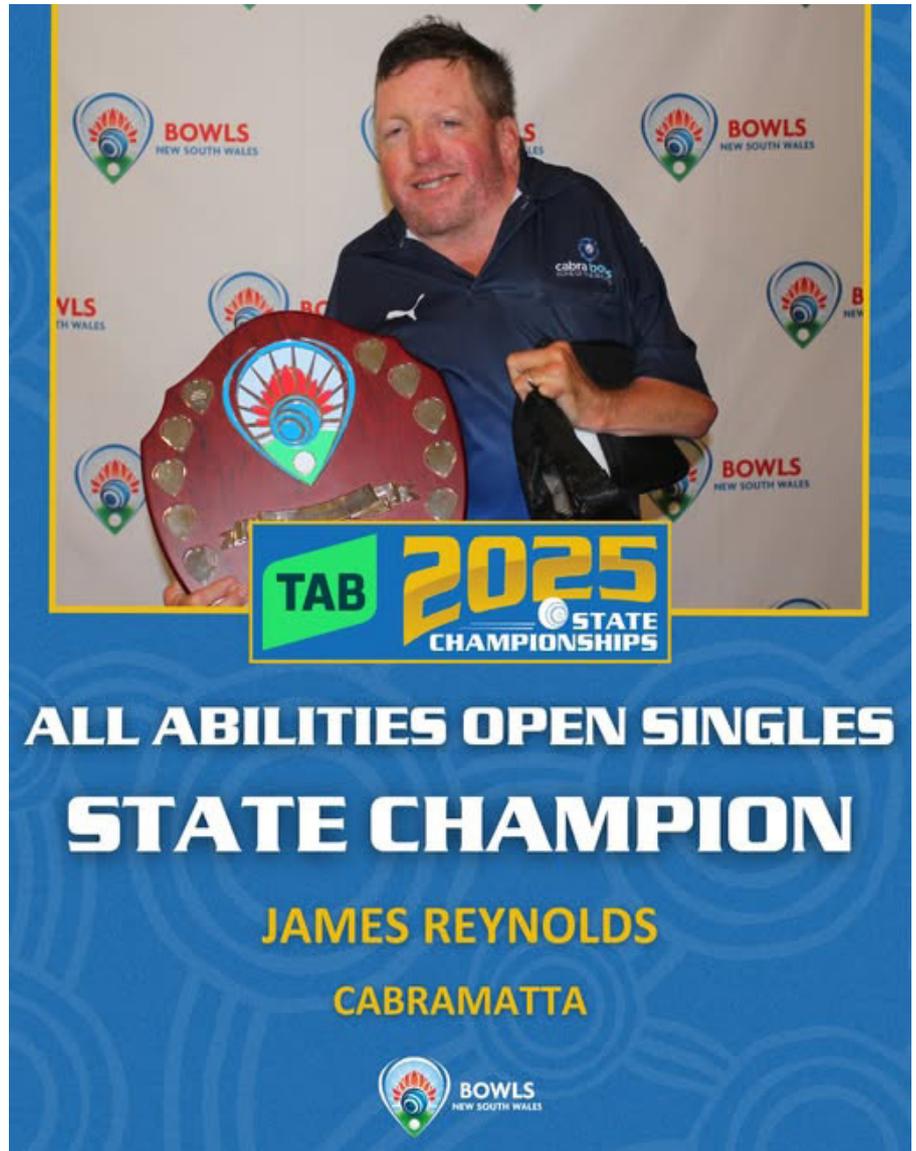
All Abilities Open Singles State Championships

The All Abilities Open Singles State Championships concluded on 29th March at Cherry St Bowling Club, Ballina, following four days of outstanding competition.

James Reynolds from Cabramatta claimed the title of State Champion, demonstrating exceptional skill and determination. Ray Douglas from Hazelbrook finished as the runner-up, putting in a strong performance. Aaron Kelly from South Tamworth secured the bronze medal.

The singles win capped off a stellar campaign for James Reynolds in the All-Abilities State Championships after finishing runner-up in the Open Pairs days earlier.

Congratulations to all competitors. Bowls NSW is proud to support and celebrate the achievements of our All Abilities bowlers



CHERRY STREET SPORTS

For full results Go online to
Bowlsnsw.com.au

Rewatch all the live streamed matches from the TAB State Championships on the Bowls NSW YouTube channel



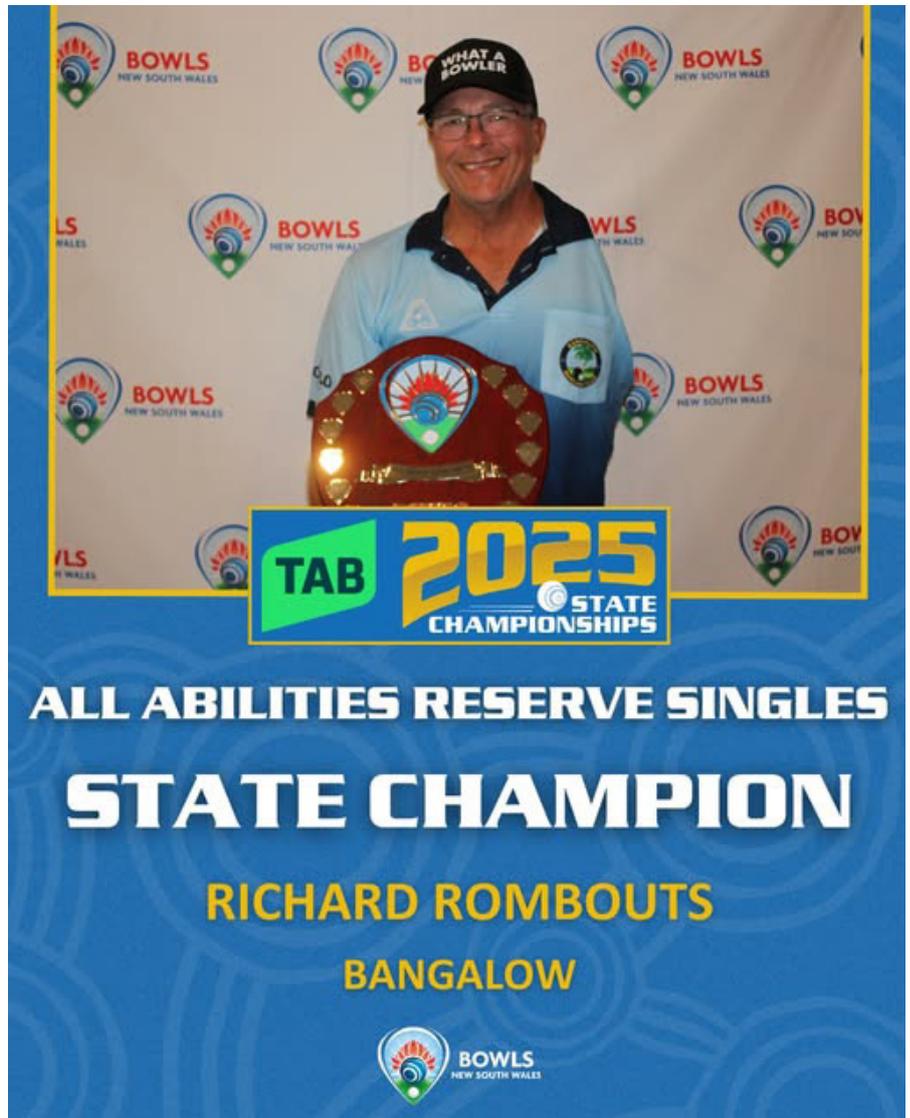
All Abilities Reserve Singles State Championships

The 2024/25 All Abilities Reserve Singles State Championships was a standout event this year, with players showing an incredibly high level of skill across the Championship..

Richard Rombouts (Bangalow) was particularly impressive throughout the event, winning seven-straight matches on his way to the title. His 18-15 final victory over Stuart Kidd (Fingal Bay) was a cracking match from start to finish.

Fred McConnell from Cudgen Leagues secured the bronze medal after an outstanding campaign.

Congratulations to all competitors!



Mixed Pairs State Championships

The Mixed Pairs competition was a highlight event of the Championships, bringing countless classic matches and tight finishes!

Held at Cherry Street Bowling Club Ballina from March 29 to 31, the event brought together top bowlers from across the state, all vying for championship glory.

In a nail-biting Final, Ben Twist and Brianna Smith from St Johns Park emerged victorious. Heading into the last end they led Kate Morgan and Josh Berry by three shots and looked set to secure a win, when their opposition put together a brilliant end to hold match with one Ben Twist bowl remaining. After removing one shot with his second-last bowl, Twist was staring down defeat, but produced arguably the shot of the championship with a forehand runner that clipped the jack to the corner of the rink, leaving them holding shot and the State Mixed Pairs title. A fitting end to a spectacular match!

Some may argue Twist had good practice for delivering match-winning shots after he produced an equally impressive bowl in the semi-final against Katie Astley and Cody Packer, sitting a bowl out to make 5 shots and secure a 1 shot win.

Congratulations to Ben Twist and Brianna Smith on their well-deserved victory, and commendations to all participants.

[Rewatch all the live streamed matches from the TAB State Championships on the Bowls NSW YouTube channel](#)



Mixed Pairs State Championships



Singles State Championships



The finals of the TAB Singles State Championships were played on 6th and 7th April at Cherry St Bowling Club, Ballina, capping off a fantastic 2 days of sectional play.

Cody Packer from Merrylands was crowned the Men's State Champion, while Brianna Smith from St Johns Park took out the Women's title. In the Senior Singles, Warren Shipley (Soldiers Point) and Lynn Briggs (Iluka) claimed the Men's and Women's titles respectively. Joshua Ingram (Australia) was the winner of the Open Reserves Singles.

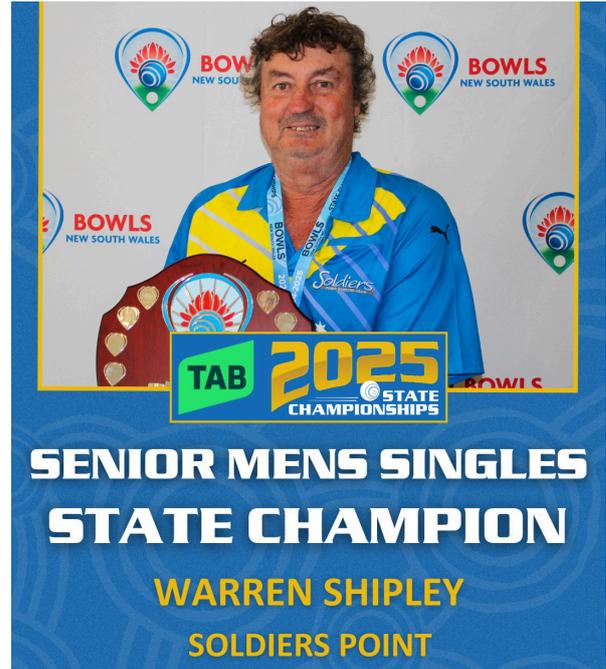
Cody Packer (Merrylands) has etched his name in the Bowls NSW Honour Rolls for the first time, winning the blue-ribbon Men's Singles event. In the semi-final he overcame Darren Morrison (Ettalong) 25-21 and booked a final match-up with fellow KENO NSW Blues rep Ben Twist. Twist had gotten the better of Packer in the Mixed Pairs final earlier in the Championships, but on this occasion it was Packer who proved too consistent, winning 25-8 and claiming the title.



Brianna Smith from St Johns Park continued her outstanding form to claim the Women's Singles State Championship title, adding to her recent success in the State Mixed Pairs. In a strong performance during the final, she faced Sarah Boddington from Forster and secured the win with a convincing 25-12 scoreline.

Full event results are available now on BowlsLink.

Singles State Championships



Pairs State Championships



TAB 2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WOMENS PAIRS
STATE CHAMPIONS**

KARIN BALMFORTH & KAY MORAN

FIGTREE

The finals of the TAB Pairs State Championships concluded April 4 at Cherry St Sports.

In the Men's Pairs, Ray Pearse and David Axon from Taren Point took home the title, while Karin Balmforth and Kay Moran of Figtree claimed victory in the Women's Pairs. Ettalong Memorial's Stephen Smith and Philip Westcott secured the Men's Senior Pairs title, and Susan Moore and Christine Keep from Engadine were crowned Women's Senior Pairs champions. In the Open Reserve Pairs, Joshua Ingram and Jordan Mullaney of Austral took out the title. This was an outstanding Championships for Josh who took home the Reserve Singles and Pairs double.

The Men's Pairs final was a thrilling contest between Taren Point duo Ray Pearse and David Axon and the Merimbula pair of Michael Wilks and Rohan Wilson. Both teams showed exceptional skill in a tightly contested match. In the end, Pearse and Axon edged ahead to secure a narrow 21-19 victory and claim the Men's Pairs State Championship title.

In the Women's Pairs final, Karin Balmforth and Kay Moran from Figtree delivered a composed and confident performance to take out the title. They faced strong opposition from Caroline Hooker and Jessica Fisher of Club Maitland City, but held their nerve in the closing ends to finish with a 20-15 win and secure the Women's Pairs State Championship.

Full event results are available now on BowlsLink.



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**MENS PAIRS
STATE CHAMPIONS**

RAY PEARSE & DAVID AXON

TAREN POINT



Pairs State Championships



SENIOR WOMENS PAIRS STATE CHAMPIONS

SUSAN MOORE & CHRISTINE KEEP

ENGADINE



SENIOR MENS PAIRS STATE CHAMPIONS

STEPHEN SMITH & PHILIP WESTCOTT

ETTALONG



OPEN RESERVE PAIRS STATE CHAMPIONS

JOSHUA INGRAM & JORDAN MULLANEY

AUSTRAL



Triples State Championships



TAB 2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MENS TRIPLES
STATE CHAMPIONS**

**JACK SMITH, BEN MORTHORPE
& AARON WILSON**

CABRAMATTA

The State Triples Finals were held across two action-packed days on the 1st and 2nd of April, Cabramatta dominated the Open categories, with Jessie Cottell, Jamie-Lee Worsnop and Karen Murphy taking out the Women's title, and Jack Smith, Benjamin Morthorpe and Aaron Wilson claiming victory in the Men's. The Senior Women's crown went to Lake Cathie's Shauna Proctor, Jennifer Roberts and Suzanne Wood, while the Senior Men's title was secured by Bowral's Stephen Della, Kevin Stafford and Michael Spong. In the Open Reserve division, West Dubbo's Steven Ryan, Jarrod Palmer and Lloyd Peirce emerged as champions.

The Women's State Triples Final saw a dominant performance from Cabramatta who claimed the title with a commanding 32-14 win over Merrylands' Sophie Payne, Sharon Farrell and Katie Astley. Despite a strong effort from the Merrylands side, they were unable to match experience of their opponents.

The Men's State Triples Final was a hard-fought contest, with Cabramatta emerging victorious over Merrylands' Michael Clarke, Peter Harry and Shawn Thompson. The final scoreline of 26-17 reflected the competitive nature of the match, with both sides producing strong ends throughout.

Full event results are available now on BowlsLink.



TAB 2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WOMENS TRIPLES
STATE CHAMPIONS**

**JESSIE COTTELL, JAMIE-LEE WORSNOP
& KAREN MURPHY**

CABRAMATTA

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Triples State Championships



SENIOR WOMENS TRIPLES STATE CHAMPIONS

SHAUNA PROCTOR, JENNIFER ROBERTS
& SUZANNE WOOD
LAKE CATHE



SENIOR MENS TRIPLES STATE CHAMPIONS

STEPHEN DELLA, KEVIN STAFFORD
& MICHAEL SPONG
BOWRAL



OPEN RESERVE TRIPLES STATE CHAMPIONS

STEVEN RYAN, JARROD PALMER
& LLOYD PEIRCE
WEST DUBBO



Fours State Championships



TAB 2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMENS FOURS STATE CHAMPIONS

**SELINA GODDARD, JESSIE COTTELL,
JAMIE-LEE WORSNOP & KAREN MURPHY**
CABRAMATTA

The final day of the 2025 TAB State Championships wrapped up on Tuesday 9 April with the Fours State Championships – a fitting finale to an exciting series of events at Cherry St Sports, Ballina. The Engadine quartet of Dan Scanlan, Jack Lewis, Callum Murray and Jay Breust took out the title, while the star-studded Cabramatta team of Selina Goddard, Jessie Cottell, Jamie-Lee Worsnop and Karen Murphy claimed the Women’s crown. Warilla’s Vicki Turner, Julea Morgan, Lorraine Alaban and Leone Barnett were victorious in the Senior Women’s division, with Club Maitland City’s Mark Unicomb, Paul Chapman, Ronald Solomons and Clayton Parker winning the Senior Men’s title. In the Open Reserve Fours, the team of Gregory Mitchell, Max Sanbrook, Robert Marshall and Darren Walker from Wagga RSL took home the top honours.



TAB 2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MENS FOURS STATE CHAMPIONS

**DAN SCANLAN, JACK LEWIS,
CALLUM MURRAY & JAY BREUST**
ENGADINE

Cabramatta’s Selina Goddard, Jessie Cottell, Jamie-Lee Worsnop and Karen Murphy delivered a dominant performance in the Women’s Fours final, defeating the Merrylands team of Kerry Farrell, Jenny Clark, Sharon Farrell and Katie Astley 27–10. The win capped off a standout Championships for Jessie, Jamie-Lee and Karen, who also claimed the Women’s Triples title earlier in the week.

In a tightly contested Men’s Fours final, the Engadine team held their nerve to secure an 18–13 win over Warilla’s Jamie Mitchell (subbing in for Aaron Teys), Craig Roberts, Lee Stinson and Gary Kelly.

Full event results are available now on BOWLSLink.



Fours State Championships



SENIOR WOMENS FOURS STATE CHAMPIONS

VICKI TURNER, LORRAINE ALABAN,
JULEA MORGAN & LEONE BARNETT
WARILLA



SENIOR MENS FOURS STATE CHAMPIONS

MARK UNICOMB, PAUL CHAPMAN,
RONALD SOLOMONS & CLAYTON PARKER
CLUB MAITLAND CITY



OPEN RESERVE FOURS STATE CHAMPIONS

GREGORY MITCHELL, MAX SANBROOK,
ROBERT MARSHALL & DARREN WALKER
WAGGA RSL



Social Fun Takes the Spotlight at the TAB State Championships

The TAB Bowls NSW State Championships weren't just about elite competition on the green—there was plenty of fun off it too, thanks to some fantastic social activations proudly supported by TAB.

From Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 April, players took part in the popular Closest to the Jack competition. Held daily, it gave bowlers the chance to show off their precision for a daily prize pack valued at over \$200. All participants also went into the draw for the major prize—a set of TAB-branded bowls, that was won by Margaret Tarbit

On Friday 4 April, the green lit up again for a Twilight Barefoot Bowls Night. Open to everyone, including beginners, the casual event was a hit with locals and visitors alike. Bowls were provided, and spot prizes were handed out throughout the night, making it a relaxed and fun evening for all who attended.

Both activations were very well received, adding a social buzz to the championships and boosting spectator engagement across the event.



State Championships Skin Checks Have You Had Yours?



Skin Check Champions, in partnership with Bowls NSW, provided well over 100 FREE skin checks at the TAB State Championships to locals and visitors at Cherry Street Sports.!

Throughout the event, Skin Check Champions together with local doctors found the following early detections:

- 5 potential melanomas
- 11 Basal Cell Carcinomas (BCC)
- 4 Squamous Cell Carcinomas (SCC)
- 2 Bowen's Disease

We sincerely thank Scott, Dan and the team at Skin Check Champions for their support and for providing this life saving service to our members. It's a powerful reminder of how important regular skin checks are, especially for those who spend significant time outdoors.



All Abilities Bowls

Bowls NSW Seeks Expressions of Interest for Disability Bowls Classifiers and Classification Opportunities



Bowls NSW is seeking expressions of interest from individuals across NSW who may be interested in either becoming classified or becoming a classifier in the disability bowls space.

In 2025, we saw 30 individuals get classified and in doing so they have unlocked competition pathways to events like The All Abilities State Championships. Bowls NSW is in the process of seeking to build its support network in this space by increasing the number of Classified Bowlers in NSW to unlock pathways and develop a network of classifiers so we can continue to drive more participation within our sport.



For further information, contact Bowls NSW on 9283 4555 or email Lee Stinson at lee.stinson@bowlsnsw.com.au.



2025-26 Membership Affiliation Fees

Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees for the 2025-26 Financial Year will increase by 2%. This fee increase is based off expected Bowls NSW expenditure for the 2025-26 financial year.

Next Steps for Clubs

Invoices will be issued to all clubs from 1st July 2025 via email. Clubs are required to pay their affiliation

fees to Bowls NSW by 31st July 2025. Failing to do so will make a club unfinancial, meaning they are unable to participate in any Bowls NSW State events from 1 August onward.

We often receive questions when issuing fees each year, which is why we have prepared Q&A's to assist with some of the immediate queries

or concerns you may have, please see below.



Q&A – Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees

Question 1:

What Does Your Annual Fee Provide?

Answer 1: Your membership delivers significant value, ensuring your club and its members benefit from a wide range of services and opportunities, including:

- Access to Competitions & Pathways – Participate in State events and unlock pathways to National and International competitions.
- Club Support & Resources – Gain access to expert Club Support Managers and dedicated online club support tools through Bowls Australia.
- Administrative, Marketing & Governance Support – Receive direct assistance from Bowls NSW to help your club thrive.
- Exclusive Promotions & Discounts – Take advantage of exciting offers and benefits from Bowls NSW sponsors.

- Live Streaming Coverage – Enjoy free, high-quality live streaming of major bowls events across the State year-round.
- Representative Opportunities – Compete for your club, region, or even your State, embracing the passion and pride that comes with it.
- Sport Growth & Promotion – Benefit from dedicated marketing campaigns designed to attract new players and grow participation in the sport.
- Insurance Coverage – Enjoy coverage under State/Region-administered events.

These are just a few of the many benefits your club receives in return for its annual fee. Your membership ensures the continued success of our sport across NSW.

Question 2: Our Club has experienced some significant challenges and are not confident that we will be able to pay our fees

for the 2025-26 year. What are our options?

Answer 2: If your club has endured significant hardship, we encourage you to read through Section 4.2 of our Regulations and contact our office if you satisfy the criteria. Options available include the possibility of implementing a payment plan to remain financial or requesting direct fee relief. Applications for fee relief must be made from 1 July each year after fees have been issued and will be considered exclusively by Bowls New South Wales. It is not guaranteed that applications for fee relief will be approved

Question 3: Bowls NSW charges our Club a fixed fee for membership. What does this mean?

Answer 3: This fee can be compared to any other fixed cost for your Club such as a utility fee. The fee is not based off a 'per head' or 'capitation' figure.

