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## Welcome

Welcome to the April Edition of the  
Bowls NSW Newsletter!

As we move into the heart of the 2025 season, this month's edition is packed with highlights from across the state. We celebrate the rising stars of our sport with a wrap-up of the 2025 Junior State Championships, where the future of bowls in NSW was on full display.

You will also find updates from the Champion of Champions Pairs finals, the ever-exciting TAB Platinum Pennant competition, and now underway, we look ahead to one of our most popular events—the Women's State Carnival.

Plus, we share powerful outcomes from our ongoing partnership with Skin Check Champions, and spotlight two of our junior athletes receiving Commonwealth Games NSW Athlete Grants.

Whether you're on the green or cheering from the sidelines, thank you for being part of the Bowls NSW community. We hope you enjoy reading this month's edition!

## Rising Stars Shine at 2025 Junior State Championships in Merimbula



The 2024–25 Bowls NSW State Junior Championships came to a close on Thursday 17 April, following four days of high-quality competition and impressive displays of emerging talent. Held across the beautiful greens of Club Sapphire Merimbula and Tathra Beach Bowling Club, the event brought together 82 junior bowlers from across New South Wales.

From the first bowl to the final delivery, players showcased not only their growing skill sets but also great sportsmanship and camaraderie. Across all disciplines – Singles, Pairs and Fours – the standard was incredibly high, with many close contests and exciting finishes throughout the week.



**Club  
Sapphire**  
MERIMBULA

# Junior State Championships

## Fours Final

Zach Moran (Warilla), Blake Perry (Windang), Zoe Davies (Windang) and Travis Moran (Warilla) delivered a dominant performance to claim the Open Fours title, defeating Arianni Winter (Cabramatta), Jack Barclay (Padstow), Jasmine Smith (St Johns Park) and Chanel Chakouch (St Johns Park) 19–7.

## U15 Boys Singles Final

Zach Moran (Warilla) backed up his Fours success by securing the U15 Boys Singles title, defeating Joshua Potts (Taren Point) 21–9.

## U15 Girls Singles Final

Charli Cameron (Gunnedah) was in outstanding form, taking the U15 Girls Singles title with a commanding 21–1 win over Alice Winter (Cabramatta). Congratulations must also go to

Alice for an outstanding campaign making it all the way to the final!

## U18 Girls Singles Final

Chanel Chakouch (St Johns Park) held her nerve in a close contest to defeat Zoe Davies (Windang) 21–17.

## U18 Boys Singles Final

Tim Thorning (Gunnedah) has etched his name in the Bowls NSW history books, securing a third-successive Boys U18 Singles title after edging out Harrison Conroy (Wagga Rules) 21–18 in the final.

Tim now joins Cameron Curtis (1986–1988) as the only players to secure three-straight State Junior Boys Singles crowns.

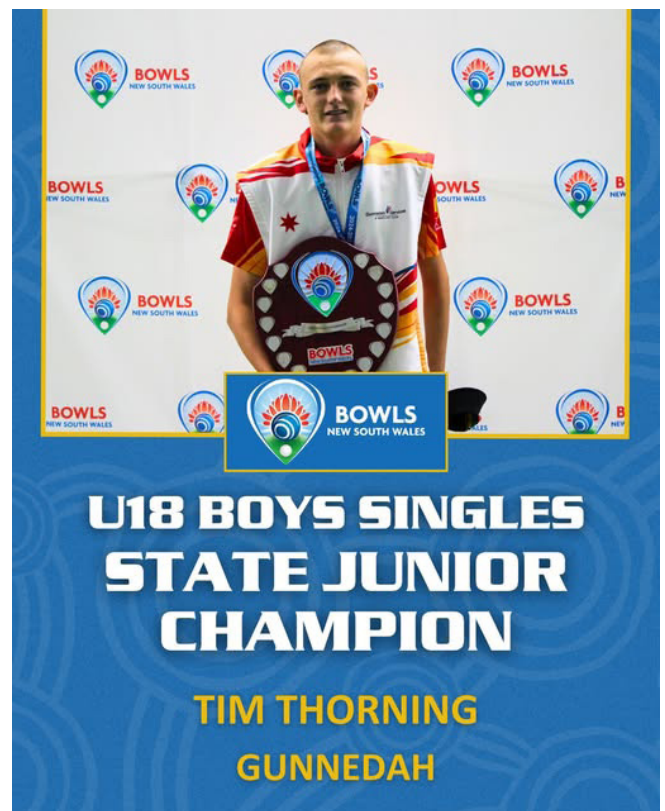
## Boys Pairs Final

Cooper Jack Flidner (Manildra) and Cooper James Dart (West Dubbo) put in a powerful performance to take the Boys Pairs title, defeating Cooper Appleby and Xander Jay Webber (both Kurri Kurri) 24–6.

## Girls Pairs Final

Sophie Payne and Annabelle Teague (both Merrylands) combined brilliantly to win the Girls Pairs title, overcoming Tahlia Kennedy (East Maitland) and Charlotte Hayman (Raymond Terrace) 18–13.

Bowls NSW extends its thanks to the host clubs for their outstanding hospitality and to the volunteers, officials, and supporters who made the event such a success. Congratulations to all our champions, finalists and participants – the future of bowls in NSW is bright.





# Junior State Championships



A young man with curly brown hair, wearing a green polo shirt, stands against a backdrop featuring the Bowls New South Wales logo. He is holding a large, ornate wooden trophy with both hands.

**U15 BOYS SINGLES  
STATE JUNIOR  
CHAMPION**

**ZACH MORAN**  
**WARILLA**



A young woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a red and white jacket, stands against a backdrop featuring the Bowls New South Wales logo. She is holding a large, ornate wooden trophy with both hands.

**U15 GIRLS SINGLES  
STATE JUNIOR  
CHAMPION**

**CHARLI CAMERON**  
**GUNNEDAH**



Two young women, Sophie Payne and Annabelle Teague, stand side-by-side against a backdrop featuring the Bowls New South Wales logo. They are both wearing blue polo shirts with yellow and green accents. They are holding a large, ornate wooden trophy together.

**GIRLS PAIRS  
STATE JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONS**

**SOPHIE PAYNE & ANNABELLE TEAGUE**  
**MERRYLANDS**



Two young men, Cooper Fliedner and Cooper Dart, stand side-by-side against a backdrop featuring the Bowls New South Wales logo. They are both wearing polo shirts, one green and one light blue. They are holding a large, ornate wooden trophy together.

**BOYS PAIRS  
STATE JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONS**

**COOPER FLIEDNER & COOPER DART**  
**MANILDRA & WEST DUBBO**





# Junior State Championships





# 2025 Commonwealth Games NSW Athlete Grant Program



We are thrilled to announce that two outstanding athletes from our community, Annabelle Teague and Tim Thorning, have been selected as recipients of the prestigious 2025 Commonwealth Games NSW Athlete Grant Program! This program celebrates and supports athletes who have demonstrated exceptional commitment

and dedication to their sport.

Annabelle and Tim are among the 36 talented recipients who will each receive a \$1,000 grant to further their sporting journeys. This grant not only recognizes their hard work but also provides crucial support as they continue to excel in their respective disciplines.

Join us in congratulating Annabelle and Tim on this well-deserved recognition! Their achievements are a testament to their perseverance and passion for bowls, inspiring all of us in the Bowls NSW community.

Well done, Annabelle and Tim!

## From Toddler to Talent

Here's a throwback to 2010, featuring a very young Travis Moran—just two years old—already showing a natural interest in the sport of bowls. Even at that age, he was drawn to the green, giving us an early glimpse of the passion that would shape his sporting journey.

Fast forward to today, and Travis is now one of the most promising junior bowlers in New South Wales. Representing Warilla Bowling Club, he continues to impress with his skill, dedication, and sportsmanship on and off the green.

Bowls NSW is proud to support the next generation of athletes through



our junior programs, and stories like Travis's inspire us all to continue investing in the stars of tomorrow.



Who knows — the next champion could be rolling their very first bowl at your club right now.



# Jack McShane - 2025 World Bowls Indoor Championship Men's Singles Champion

Australia's Jack McShane has been crowned the 2025 World Bowls Indoor Championship Men's Singles Champion after a superb week at the Aberdeen Indoor Bowls Club.

As the youngest player in the field at 19 years of age, McShane put his name on the map with a scintillating display of bowls.

In his semifinal against South Africa's Jason Evans, the New South Welshman was immediately put on the back foot with the South African scoring on the first five ends of the first set.

However, McShane was able to secure a two and a three on the final two ends to draw the set 5-5.

In a tight second stanza, the Right at Home Emerging Jackaroo gained the upper hand to defeat Evans 6-5.

McShane's opponent in the final was England's Dominic McVittie, who was in fine form after beating Wales' Ross Owen.

However, McShane was simply sensational in the final.

After losing the first end, the Club Merrylands product never looked back and put in a commanding performance to defeat the Englishman 9-4 7-2.

McShane joins Aron Sherriff who won the men's singles discipline for Australia in 2023.

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# Warilla Lead Platinum Pack with Teams on their Tail

With eight rounds now complete in the 2025 TAB Platinum Pennant, the competition is reaching a thrilling crescendo as clubs jostle for finals contention.

**Warilla Gorillas** continue to lead the charge with six wins from eight games and an impressive +107 shot differential, sitting firmly on top with 65 points. However, they're closely trailed by an undefeated **Merrylands Magic**, who have a game in hand following a Round 5 washout. With a perfect record and a +89 differential, Merrylands sits just half a point behind the leaders and poses a real threat once their catch-up match is played.

**East Maitland Griffins** and **Cabramatta Bullants** have both won six of their eight matches and are well poised for finals contention, with the **Raymond Terrace Jets** rounding out the Top 5 on 47 points.

In the mid-table mix, **Engadine Cougars** (40.5 pts) and **Wenty Leagues Magpies** (35.5 pts) remain competitive, while **St Johns Park Saints**, **Belrose Bulls**, and **Carlingford Koalas**—who also had their Round 5 match washed out—will be looking to capitalise on the remaining rounds. Carlingford in particular will be hoping to climb from their current total of 22 points with that additional match still to come.

At the foot of the ladder, **Mt Lewis Lions** and **Taren Point Scorchers** both have just one win so far but remain determined to shake up the standings in the closing rounds. With plenty still to play for, and finals spots on the line.

Stay tuned for the latest updates and livestreams via the TAB Platinum Pennant Hub. <https://www.campaignware.com/bowlsnsw/platinumpennant>



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	WARILLA GORILLAS	8	6	2	0	16	+107	65
	MERRYLANDS MAGIC	7	7	0	0	15.5	+89	64.5
	EAST MAITLAND GRIFFINS	8	6	0	2	15	+36	57
	CABRAMATTA BULLANTS	8	6	0	2	13	+65	55
	RAYMOND TERRACE	8	5	0	3	12	+35	47
	ENGADINE COUGARS	8	4	0	4	12.5	+5	40.5
	WENTY LEAGUES MAGPIES	8	3	1	4	11	+22	35.5
	ST JOHNS PARK SAINTS	8	2	1	5	11	-70	28.5
	BELROSE BULLS	8	2	0	6	10.5	69	24.5
	CARLINGFORD KOALAS	7	2	0	5	8	-65	22
	MT LEWIS LIONS	8	1	0	7	9	-78	16
	TAREN POINT SCORCHERS	8	1	0	7	7.5	-77	14.5



# 2024/25 Champion of Club Champions Pairs Crowned



The Champion of Club Champions pairs has officially concluded on Friday, May 2nd, with Corey Wedlock and Aaron Teys of Warilla emerging victorious with a convincing win against Barry Mungoven and Michael Abel from East Maitland in the men's final, while Cabramatta's Selina Goddard and Jessie Cottell were crowned champions of the women's pairs, having a decisive victory against Condobolin's mother-daughter duo Cathy and Danielle Thompson.

The Warilla duo showcased unwavering dominance across the whole competition, displaying why they are both Australian Jackaroos, with Corey Wedlock being a former world champion, and Aaron Teys coming fresh from winning the Everest of Bowls.

Both men's sides showed a great display of skill to reach the finals, with Barry Mungoven and Michael Abel experiencing a nail-biting finals series that came down to the last end against Cabramatta's well-credentialed duo, Ben Morthorpe and Carl Healey, winning 16–15 in the quarter-final, followed by another tough match in the semi-final against West Dubbo's Darren Connolly and Tim Farrell.

In the women's final, Cabramatta proved too strong on the day, with three-time Commonwealth Games medallist for New Zealand, Selina Goddard, and Emerging Jackaroo Jessie Cottell claiming the win. On their way to the title match, the Cabra duo overcame rising stars Charli and Ella Cameron from Gunnedah in the

semi-final, and Figtree RSL in the quarter-final.

The Thompson's also battled hard throughout the finals series, edging past Gerringong in a challenging semi-final and overcoming Soldiers Point in the quarter-final.

It was a great finish to the Champion of Champions Pairs, with strong efforts from all teams throughout the week—well done to all the players who competed. A special thanks to our host clubs for providing excellent facilities: Club Merrylands (main host club), Cabramatta, Cabra-Vale Diggers, Club Mt Lewis, and St Johns Park.



# Champion of Champion Pairs





# Women's State Carnival

Get excited, because the Women's State Carnival is upon us!

One of our favourite festivals of bowls is back again with record numbers of teams set to compete across 5 days and 10 wonderful host venues.

**Forster Bowling Club** will once again be the main host venue, holding sectional matches and the post-sectional knockout rounds on the final two days. Remaining sectional play will be spread across

- **Hallidays Sports Club**
- **Pacific Palms Bowling Club**
- **Club West Taree**
- **Taree Leagues Bowling Club**
- **Tuncurry Forster Sports**
- **Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club**
- **Old Bar Bowling Club**
- **Taree Railway Bowling Club**
- **Bulahdelah Bowling Club**

We'd like to extend our thanks to Barrington Coast Council for their support as event sponsor of the Women's State Carnival.

For those looking to follow the action and get involved, the full program is available to view on the Bowls NSW website.

<https://bowlsnsw.com.au/state-carnival/>

For those who can't make it in person, select matches will be live-streamed and available to watch on the Bowls NSW YouTube channel, so you can follow all the action from anywhere!

<https://www.youtube.com/@BowlsNSW>



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# Shape the Future of our Sport – Join Bowls NSW as General Manager

Bowls NSW, the peak body for lawn bowls in New South Wales, is entering an exciting phase of growth, and we're looking for a dynamic, strategic leader to help guide us into the future. A rare and impactful opportunity has emerged for a General Manager to join our leadership team, working closely with the CEO to help steer strategic operations, drive innovation, and make a meaningful impact on the sporting community across the state.

## WE'RE HIRING! GENERAL MANAGER

### A Game-Changing Leadership Role

Based in the heart of Sydney at Level 5, 309 Pitt Street, the General Manager will be a key executive leader within Bowls NSW. This full-time position is ideal for someone ready to roll up their sleeves and make a genuine difference. As GM, you'll lead across multiple portfolios—including Sport, Membership, Communications, and Commercial—to deliver outcomes that grow participation, enhance member value, and future-proof our sport.

Your leadership will directly impact over 600 affiliated clubs and more than 45,000 members throughout NSW. You'll be a driving force behind initiatives aimed at expanding the reach of the sport, increasing revenue streams, and fostering inclusion across the bowls community.

### What Makes This Role Unique?

This is more than just a management role – you'll work shoulder-to-shoulder with the CEO, manage high-performing teams, and lead some of our most critical projects, from inclusion programs and national governance compliance to commercial innovation and membership expansion.

This is your chance to take the lead in shaping a modern, inclusive, and community-first sporting organisation.

### Who We're Looking For

We want to hear from leaders who are:

- Experienced in sport administration, project delivery, governance, or commercial operations
- Passionate about community, inclusion, and high-performance cultures
- Able to balance strategic execution with operational excellence
- Ready to step up and leave a lasting legacy in the sport sector

Whether you're currently working within sport or bring experience from a broader professional background, if you have the drive, vision, and leadership credentials, you could be the perfect fit.

### Key Perks of the Role:

- High-impact leadership opportunity in a respected sporting organisation
- Strong support from a

collaborative and progressive executive team

- Opportunity to influence meaningful change in the sporting landscape

### How to Apply

To express your interest in this opportunity, please submit your CV and a short one-page cover letter outlining what excites you about the role.

Please also submit a separate document addressing the selection criteria. If you don't meet every listed criterion but believe you bring relevant experience to the role, we highly encourage you to apply.

Please contact Bowls NSW CEO, Tim Rowe, for a confidential discussion or to submit your application directly – [tim@bowlsnsw.com.au](mailto:tim@bowlsnsw.com.au).

**Applications close on Sunday 25 May 2025** however, candidates will be reviewed upon receipt and interviews will be coordinated accordingly – therefore, early applications are encouraged.





# Step Into a Key Leadership Role with Bowls NSW: Become Our Manager – Membership Services & Office Operations

Are you an organised, detail-driven professional with a passion for delivering exceptional member service? Do you thrive in a fast-paced environment where no two days are the same? Bowls NSW is seeking a motivated and capable individual to join our team as the Manager – Membership Services & Office Operations — a pivotal leadership role at the heart of our organisation.

## Be the Backbone of Membership Excellence

With more than 600 clubs and 45,000 members across New South Wales, our membership base is the lifeblood of everything we do. As Manager – Membership Services, you'll be the central point of contact for clubs and members, overseeing everything from player transfers and interstate clearances to managing our membership CRM (BowlsLink). You'll ensure smooth day-to-day operations while maintaining the highest standards of responsiveness, professionalism, and accuracy.

Your keen eye for detail and structured approach will allow you to navigate busy seasonal peaks and support the Executive and Board with critical reporting and strategic insights. From processing reimbursements to guiding clubs through compliance and affiliation, your work will directly shape the experience of our community.

## Lead Office Operations with Confidence

In this diverse role, you'll also take ownership of our office operations, ensuring everything runs like clockwork. From supervising a direct report to managing IT issues, coordinating travel bookings, and maintaining a safe, well-resourced workplace, your organisational talents will shine through. You'll be hands-on and adaptable, ready to roll up your sleeves and keep the gears turning — while continuously improving our systems and processes.

## What You'll Bring

We're looking for someone who blends exceptional people skills with technical know-how. You'll need experience in membership administration or customer-focused operations, along with a demonstrated ability to manage complex or sensitive member issues. Strong communication, time management, and system administration skills are essential, and experience in a sporting, not-for-profit, or membership-based organisation is highly valued.

## Key qualifications include:

- Proven ability in CRM/database management (experience with BowlsLink is a bonus)
- Strong IT and Microsoft Office skills, with comfort in troubleshooting and cloud systems

- Supervisory experience and a team-first attitude
- A professional, composed manner under pressure — and a commitment to continuous improvement

## Why Work With Bowls NSW?

At Bowls NSW, we're proud to be values-driven and member-focused. You'll join a passionate, tight-knit team that believes in the power of sport to build community. We offer flexible working arrangements, professional development opportunities, and the chance to play a critical role in shaping the future of bowls in NSW.

This is more than an operational role — it's a career-defining opportunity to lead, support, and make an impact.

## Ready to take the lead?

Apply now and help us deliver excellence to every club, every member, every day.

To apply, please submit a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria along with your resume to [communications@bowlsnsw.com.au](mailto:communications@bowlsnsw.com.au)

Applications will close midnight **Sunday 18 May 2025** however we encourage you to apply immediately as applications will be reviewed based off merit and interviews conducted accordingly.





# Skin Check Champions at Bowls NSW State Championships: A Life-Saving Initiative

Bowls NSW extends its deepest gratitude to Skin Check Champions for their outstanding contribution during this year's State Championships. Over an intensive 13-day period, their dedicated team delivered 283 free, educational skin checks, emphasizing the critical importance of early detection and prevention.

The impact of these screenings was remarkable, with 83 potential skin cancers identified. Among them, 13

cases exhibited signs of melanoma, while others presented basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and Bowen's disease. These early discoveries are not only a testament to the importance of regular checks but could ultimately save lives.

Our partnership with Skin Check Champions, through their state-of-the-art mobile clinic and expert team, has proven invaluable in safeguarding the health of our community. In

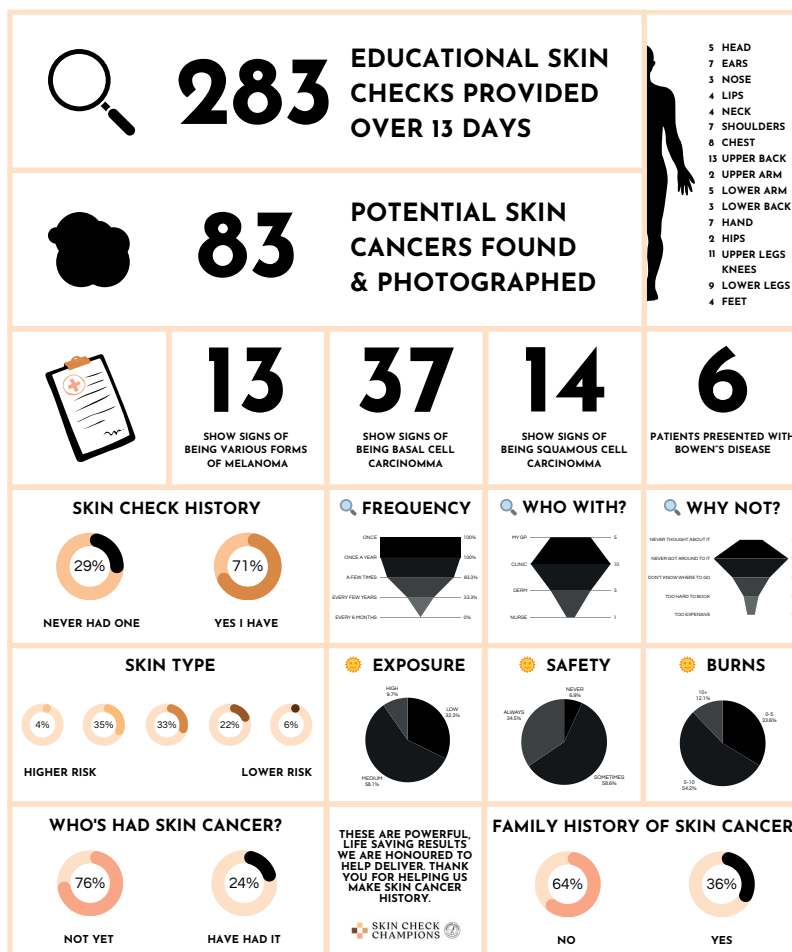
a sport that demands prolonged exposure to the sun, this service is absolutely essential in protecting our players' long-term well-being, ensuring that bowls remains a sport enjoyed by all for many years to come.

Thank you once again to Skin Check Champions for your dedication and life-saving work. We are proud to stand alongside you in making a meaningful difference.



## THE RESULTS FROM YOUR POP-UP SKIN CHECK CLINICS

Bowls NSW Championships  
Autumn 2025





# Thank You to Marina Deluchi & Board Vacancy EOI

On behalf of the Bowls NSW Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to Marina Deluchi for her outstanding service and contribution as a Director since 2022.

Marina has played a vital role in supporting Bowls NSW through one of the most significant periods of transformation in our organisation's history. Her dedication, insight, and leadership have been instrumental in helping guide the Board and executive team as we modernised our structures and operations. Marina has generously given her time and expertise well beyond the typical expectations of a Director,

chairing our Policy Committee and helping to shape a strong and contemporary policy framework that will continue to serve the sport well into the future.

As Marina steps down from her position, we thank her for her invaluable contribution and the lasting impact she has made on our governance and culture. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Marina's resignation creates a female casual vacancy on the Bowls NSW Board, and we are now seeking expressions of interest from women who are passionate about shaping the future of bowls in New

South Wales and contributing at a governance level.

Go online to [bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Expression-of-Interest-Bowls-NSW-Director.pdf](https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Expression-of-Interest-Bowls-NSW-Director.pdf) for the Expression of Interest document, outlining the responsibilities of the role and the skills and attributes we're seeking. We warmly encourage female candidates with the relevant experience and a strong commitment to the sport to consider applying.

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**Dilys Kindleysides  
Chair  
Bowls NSW**

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**Tim Rowe**  
**CEO**  
**Bowls NSW**



We are very excited to invite you to the next Bowls Australia x CLUBMAP webinar, which will focus on Improving Your Own Game (Coaching).

During this not-to-be-missed session on Tuesday, 13 May at 7PM AEST, you will hear from special guest presenters:

- Karen Murphy AM – National Assistant Coach and Para Head Coach, Bowls Australia
- Lynsey Clarke – Pathways Coach

Queensland, Bowls Australia  
These two former Right at  
Home Australia Jackaroos and  
Commonwealth Games Gold  
Medallists will take you through a  
number of ways to improve your  
game, including:

- How to practice with purpose.
- Strategies and tactics.
- Resources and drills.

This is a valuable opportunity to learn from some of the best coaches in Australia and take your bowls

game to the next level.

What's even more exciting is that anyone who registers for the webinar goes into the draw to win their club a free coaching clinic with the Bowls Australia coaching team and a signed Jackaroos shirt. The more members that register from a club, the higher their chance of winning!

To register go online to  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/TMo\\_wAQ6T5-XDzn\\_3phOsQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/TMo_wAQ6T5-XDzn_3phOsQ#/registration)

# Position Vacant



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

 **Full-time Greenkeeper**  
**Eden Sports & Recreation Club**

**APPLY NOW**

 [Mark.Limon@programmed.com.au](mailto:Mark.Limon@programmed.com.au)

Eden Sports and Recreation Club, in partnership with Programmed Turnpoint, is seeking a full-time Bowls Greenkeeper to join their dedicated team. This role involves maintaining two pristine bowling greens and supporting the upkeep of the adjoining golf course.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Daily maintenance of the bowling greens, including mowing and rolling
- Operating landscaping equipment such as mowers, trimmers, and sprayers
- Ensuring customer satisfaction through excellent service

- Maintaining the visual appeal and functionality of the greens and surrounding areas

### What We're Looking For:

- Proven experience in greenkeeping and maintaining bowling greens
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to high standards
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Relevant qualifications and experience in the Greenkeeping industry

### What We Offer:

- Above award salary and benefits package
- Access to well-maintained equipment and resources  
Friendly, supportive team environment
- Opportunities for professional development and growth

For more details, please contact Mark Limon at-  
[Mark.Limon@programmed.com.au](mailto:Mark.Limon@programmed.com.au)

Join the team and help maintain top-tier greens at Eden Sports and Recreation Club!





# State Umpires Committee

## Keeping things Crystal Clear

### Law Question:

**1. Are you permitted to role a bowl prior to the start of a game to decided who has the mat?**

### Law 5.2

Tossing for opening play

**5.2.1** The coaches in a side game (or, in their absence, representatives of the sides), skips in a team game or opponents in Singles must toss a coin.

**5.2.2** The winner of the toss must choose whether to:

**5.2.2.1** place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl; or

**5.2.2.2** tell the opposing player to place the mat and deliver the jack and the first bowl (the opposing player cannot refuse).

**5.2.3** The option chosen by the coach or representative who wins the toss in a side game will apply to all teams or Singles players (or a combination of teams and Singles players) who make up the side.

**5.2.4** If the coin is tossed before the start of the trial ends, the option the winner of the toss chooses will apply to both the first trial end and the first end of the game.

### Answer

No you are not permitted to roll a bowl prior to the start of the game to decided who has the mat. . In accordance with Laws 5.2.1, “the coaches in a side game (or, in their absence, representatives of the sides), skips in a team game or opponents in Singles must toss a coin.

### Information:

#### 1.

In line with the Bowls Australia Policy – Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Bowls NSW State Umpires Committee recommended in August 2024 that all accredited National Officials (Markers, Measurers & National Umpires) should obtain a Work With Children Certification (WWCC). In January 2025 the State Umpires Committee mandated that as from 1st July 2025, it will be compulsory for all new National Officials Accreditation and Reaccreditation Applications to have a current WWCC. A copy of the applicant’s WWCC must accompany the member’s application. The application process will be altered as from 1st July 2025 so that the applicant can upload a copy of their current WWCC onto the application.

#### 2.

Measuring device. The State Umpires Committee has received information that National Officials at clubs, are using the “Golding Measure” to conduct measures. The Golding Measure is not approved by Bowls Australia for use as a measuring device at all levels of bowls within Australia. The Golding Measure is also not approved by World Bowls. The Golding Measure must not be included in all umpires kits. For those who are not familiar with the “Golding Measure, please see the picture below:



#### 3.

Marks (Lines) on the surface of the greens.

Below is an extract from a Bowls Australia Memorandum dated 22nd February 2025

“It has been noted and observed on live streaming and by umpire reports and observations that some bowls clubs are drawing/markings a continuous line across greens at the 2metre mark from the ditch. This is not permitted and contrary to the Laws of the Sport. The marks must be lines drawn in the form of a ‘T’.

Similarly, the centre line of the rink can be marked starting 2 metres from each end ditch and finishing at any point up to, but not less than 23metres (DR 1.3) from the opposite end. There cannot be a line drawn across the green at the 23metre mark and the end of the 23metre line cannot be marked with a T. The front ditch end of the centre line can be marked with a dot.

NOAG considers that in all situations a continuous line across a green must not occur.

The Laws of the Sport 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.”

If you wish to read the abovementioned memorandum, please follow the instructions below Go to the Bowls NSW Website > Click on Get Involved > Click on Officiating then scroll down to Resources > Click on Bowls Australia > Click on the Bowls Australia Memorandums link.

**If you have any further questions, please direct them via [umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au](mailto:umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au)**