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Welcome

Welcome to the May Edition of the **Bowls NSW Newsletter!**

In this edition, we're bringing you a wrap-up of some of the most exciting events on the bowls calendar. Congratulations to Merrylands Magic for their impressive performance in the TAB Platinum Pennant Grand Final, where they clinched the title in a thrilling match against Warilla.

We have wrapped up the inaugural Inter-Region Championships that were held at Cabramatta Bowling Club. This exciting new event featured excellent competition as players from across New South Wales took to the greens in a showcase of skill.

Plus, we're proud to announce the NSW upcoming State Selection Series — an

Pure Magic! Merrylands Triumph in TAB Platinum Pennant



The Merrylands Magic are TAB Platinum Pennant Champions after delivering a scintillating display of bowls across the Finals Series held at Cabra Bowls. The Magic have been the team to beat all season, going 10-straight rounds unbeaten and losing only two matches all season on their way to the title.

The final 'Magic Round' of the



regular season saw all 12 clubs converge at Cabra Bowls, with teams fighting it out for finals positions or to avoid relegation. Top of the table Merrylands had already secured the Minor Premiership, but faced defending champions Cabramatta in the final round knowing that a win would knock the powerhouse club out of finals contention. Led by an



inspired performance from Aaron Wilson and his rink, the Bullants won 57-52 and secured their place in the Top 5.

Interestingly, wins to Engadine over Mt Lewis and Raymond Terrace over Taren Point meant that the match up between 2nd place Warilla and 3rd place Maitland East would very likely see the loser of the match drop out of finals contention - due to the incredible logiam of teams at the top of the





table! A powerful Gorilla side proved too strong for the Griffins, winning 67-48, and despite winning 7 of 11 matches this season East Maitland missed out on the finals by a mere 1.5 points. At the other end of the table, Mt Lewis and Taren Point were unable to lift themselves out of the

relegation zone, finishing 11th and 12th respectively. The finals stage was then set for Merrylands, Warilla, Raymond Terrace, Cabramatta and Engadine to go head-to-head for the coveted TAB Platinum Pennant title. Courtesy of their first place finish, Merrylands enjoyed a direct path to the Major Semi-Final, leaving Warilla to play Raymond Terrace in the Qualifying Final and Cabramatta to play Engadine in the Elimination Final. Buoyed by their Round 11 win over the Magic, the Bullants continued their form, overcoming the Cougars 66-40 and marching on to the minor





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semi-final. Warilla's Qualifying Final against Raymond Terrace was one of the matches of the Finals Series, going down to the wire with the Gorillas clinching a 55-52 win, Gary Kelly's 25-11 rink win was enough to carry the masterboard.

Friday evening saw the Major and Minor Semi Finals play out, Merrylands v Warilla for a spot in the Grand Final and Cabramatta v Raymond Terrace playing for survival. The Gorillas once again put on a show, beating Merrylands 66-51 and booking their ticket to the Grand Final. For Merrylands, after going 10 rounds unbeaten they were in unfamiliar territory having lost two in a row and suddenly were facing a finals exit. Their opponent would be the winner between Raymond Terrace and Cabramatta – and early on it was the Jets looking the favourites to win as they jumped to an 18-4 lead on the masterboard. From there, the Bullants kicked up another gear and showed why they were a force to be reckoned with, storming to a 65-48 win, securing three rink wins in the process.

A tantalizing Preliminary Final awaited fans on Saturday afternoon – Minor Premiers v Defending Champions, Merrylands v Cabramatta. Those looking into form and momentum would likely have tipped



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GATH PLACE RAYMOND TERRACE JETS





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Cabra to win the match. they had already beaten Merrylands and were coming off three do-or-die victories in a row in front of their home crowd. Merrylands on the other hand were coming off two-straight losses after having been unbeaten all season. Whatever was said between the playing group at Merrylands between rounds, it worked wonders as they put Cabra to the sword from the outset and never let off, surging to a 67-52 win and ending Cabra's incredible run for back-to-back titles. And so it came down to two, the form teams of the competition, 1st v 2nd on the ladder. Warilla got the better of Merrylands in the Major Semi Final only a day earlier, but the Magic know how to bounce back from losses and were confident of doing so again in the biggest match of all. Wedlock v Ferguson. Teys v Lewis. Kelly v Sherriff. Superstars everywhere you looked. From the

outset, the Magic were a team on a mission, putting constant pressure on their Illawarra rivals. Led by an incredible performance from the rink of Tony Wood, Jack McShane, Nathan Rice and David Ferguson who accumulated a 19-0 lead at the halfway stage of the match, Merrylands had put themselves in the box seat to win the Grand Final. A second half flurry from the Gorillas got them to within 11 shots with 11 ends to play, but they couldn't keep pace with the Magic who went on to win 65-50, reversing the 15shot deficit that was inflicted on them in the Major Semi Final. As the final bowls were delivered, the Merrylands team embraced each other on the green as the reality sank in – they were the TAB Platinum Pennant Champions!

Congratulations to Merrylands on the win and an emphatic season,

and to all teams who competed in the TAB Platinum Pennant. We'll be bringing the action again for Season III in 2026, get ready for more of the best bowls action in the world!

Go to **bowlsnsw.com.au** for the full results.

To re watch the action go online to the Bowls NSW YouTube channel youtube.com/@BowlsNSW









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Inaugural Inter-Region Sides Championships Wrap Up at Cabramatta

The inaugural Inter-Region Sides Championships took place at Cabramatta Bowling Club, marking a thrilling new era for bowls in NSW!

This event has replaced the Interzone Sides competition and, for the first time, includes a Women's discipline.

Inter-Region The Senior Championships ran from 20-22 May, while Men's the Women's and Inter-Region Championships delivered more nail-biting action from 24-26 May. In the Senior Men's final.

Illawarra triumphed over Mid North Coast 65-55.

The Men's final saw Metro South-West deliver a commanding performance, outplaying Metro North-West 64-46.

For the first-ever Women's final, Metro South-West etched their name into the history books, overcoming Metro North-West 61-54.

A promotional video capturing all the excitement has also been produced and can be viewed here. Bowls NSW congratulates all teams on their incredible efforts and extends our thanks to Cabramatta Bowling Club for their hospitality and support!

For the full results please go online to **bowlsnsw.com.au**

To catch up on the live streamed action visit the Bowls NSW Youtube channel

youtube.com/@BowlsNSW

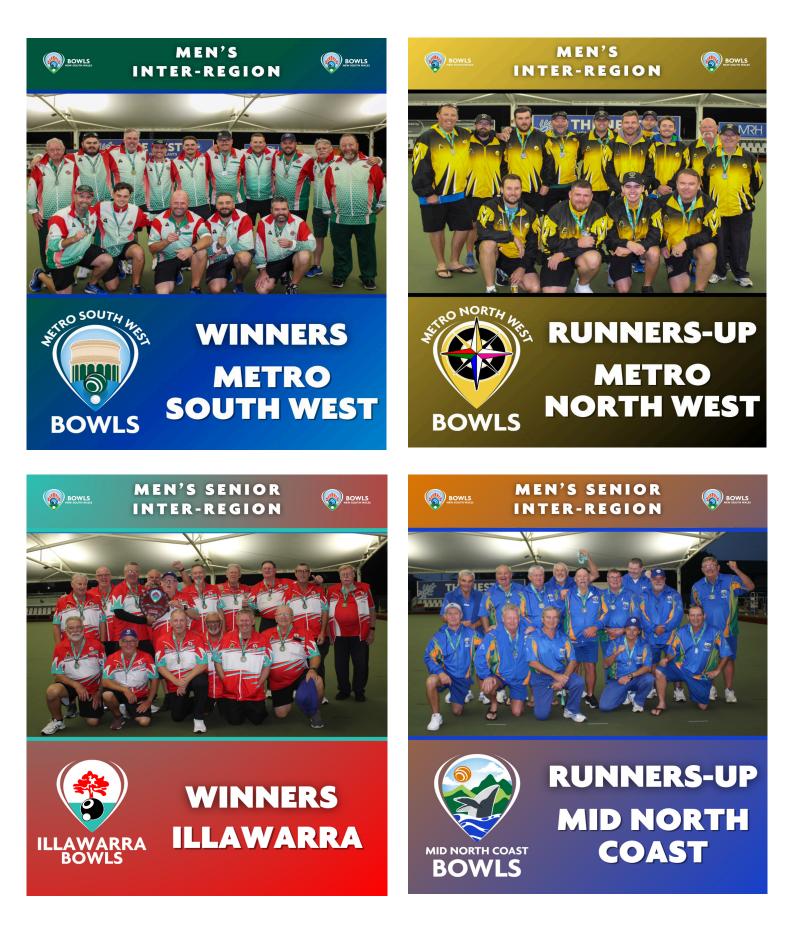








Inter-Region Championships



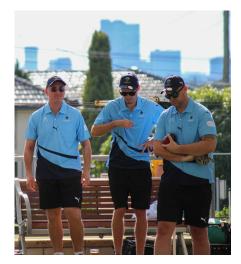






Inter-Region Championships

























NSW State Squads Announced

Following the conclusion of the Inter-Region Sides Championships, Bowls NSW is pleased to announce the squads selected for the upcoming State Selection Series, to take place at Cabramatta Bowling Club this June.

The Men's and Women's Open, Under 25s and Over 40s squads will take to the greens on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June, and the Senior squads will compete on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 June.

The State Selection Series is a key event in the representative pathway, bringing together some of the best talent from across the state. It also serves as the main selection trial for the sides that will represent New South Wales in the upcoming Interstate Test Series. Thank you to our host venue Cabramatta Bowling Club for their continued support.

A big congratulations to all players chosen to compete in the upcoming State Selection Series.

STATE SELECTION SERIES

Open Men's Squad

JAY BREUST - ENGADINE DAVID FERGUSON - MERRYLANDS DANIEL HILL - CHARLESTOWN MASON LEWIS - MERRYLANDS JACK MCSHANE - MERRYLANDS LEE SCHRANER - RAYMOND TERRACE PETER TAYLOR - ALSTONVILLE COREY WEDLOCK - WARILLA





NICK CAHILL - CABRAMATTA

CARL HEALEY - CABRAMATTA

JACK LEWIS - ENGADINE

DARREN MORRISON - CARLINGFORD

CODY PACKER - MERRYLANDS

BRETT SPURR - MT LEWIS

BEN TWIST - ST JOHNS PARK

AARON WILSON - CABRAMATTA

MARK ALEXANDER - HARBORD

JEFF GALLAGHER - WENTY LEAGUES

TONY HINTON - SOLDIERS POINT

MALCOLM LYONS - CORRIMAL

WARREN SHIPLEY - SOLDIERS POINT

MICHAEL TAYLOR - PORT CITY

STATE SELECTION SERIES

Open Women's Squad

SARAH BODDINGTON - FORSTER ELLEN FIFE - CABRAMATTA JODIE FRUEND - PORT CITY ANNE JOHNS - ENGADINE KATE MATTHEWS - RAYMOND TERRACE SAMANTHA NORONHA - MERRYLANDS ERIN SWATRIDGE - ST JOHNS PARK JAMIE-LEE WORSNOP - CABRAMATTA JESSIE COTTELL - CABRAMATTA JESSICA FISHER - MAITLAND CITY DAWN HAYMAN - ST JOHNS PARK NATALIE LEWIS - MERRYLANDS KAY MORAN - TAREN POINT BRIANNA SMITH - ST JOHNS PARK KATE WALKER - TAREN POINT NATASHA VAN ELDIK - RAYMOND TERRACE



BOWLS NEW SOUTH WAL

STATE SELECTION SERIES

Senior Men's Squad

WILLIAM AHOY - SOLDIERS POINT MICHAEL CLARKE - MERRYLANDS JOHN GREEN - CORRIMAL PAUL JOPSON - TUNCURRY BEACH RICK ROPER - WAVERLEY BRIAN SUCKLEY - TOWRADGI PARK PETER TAYLOR - KEMPSEY MACLEAY ROBBIE WARREN - TOWRADGI PARK





STATE SELECTION SERIES

Senior Women's Squad

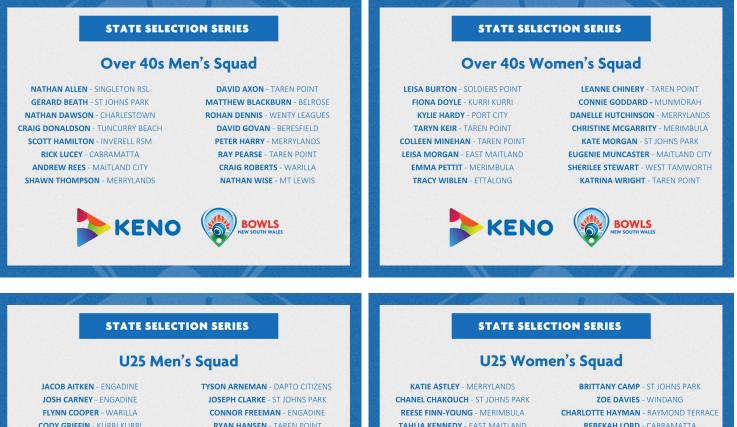
TANYA CHAFFEY - TEMORA EX SERVICES CAROLYN GLEN - KURRI KURRI BETTY HERBERTSON - SOLDIERS POINT SHARON MCREYNOLDS - RAYMOND TERRACE SUSAN MOORE - ENGADINE RAWEANG NAMUTWONG - CHARLESTOWN SHARYN RENSHAW - MERIMBULA VICKI TURNER - WARILLA LEANNE CHENOWETH - KURRI KURRI MAREE GRANT - BALLINA CLAIRE KELLY - FORSTER SUE MOORE - FIGTREE CHRISTINE MYERS - SOUTH TAMWORTH MARYANN PARCELL - ST JOHNS PARK LEANNE SMITH - OAK FLATS CAROL WHITE - SOUTH TAMWORTH







NSW State Squads Announced



CODY GRIFFIN - KURRI KURRI **MATTHEW LONG-SWAN** - CHARLESTOWN **TOM RICH** - MERRYLANDS JORDAN THOMPSON - ENGADINE BILLY WAITE - CABRAMATTA



RYAN HANSEN - TAREN POINT MICHAEL PHILLIPS - CABRAMATTA BRENDAN STOKES - RAYMOND TERRACE TIM THORNING - GUNNEDAH XANDER WEBBER - KURRI KURRI

TAHLIA KENNEDY - EAST MAITLAND CHELSEA MCKAY - ST JOHNS PARK **ZOE NICHOLLS** - RAYMOND TERRACE

JASMINE SMITH - ST JOHNS PARK

ANNABELLE TEAGUE - MERRYLANDS

REBEKAH LORD - CABRAMATTA **SHAKIYA MURRAY** - GRIFFITHS EX SERVICES **SHELBY POWELL** - RAYMOND TERRACE **ZOE STEWART** - WEST TAMWORTH DANIELLE THOMPSON - CONDOBOLIN











Congratulations to our NSW Nominees for the 2025 Sport NSW Community Sports Awards!



We're proud to celebrate two incredible nominations for year's NSW this 2025 Sport Community Sports Awards!

First, a huge congratulations to Alan Clarke, Chair of the Bowls NSW Umpires Committee, who has been named a finalist for Community Official of the Year. Alan has dedicated countless hours to our sport over the years, and this recognition is a welldeserved honour for all that he does.

We're also thrilled that the Women's State Carnival has been named a finalist for Community Event of the Year. This year's carnival was a true celebration of women's bowls, bringing together over 1,000 players from across NSW and beyond. Matches were played across 10 clubs in the Manning Great Lakes Region, with fantastic support from our event sponsors, Barrington Coast and MidCoast Council, and the wonderful volunteers and host clubs who made it all possible. Bowls NSW is thrilled to be a finalist in this category for consecutive years, where last year we took out the major prize for our 2024 State Championships event in Dubbo.

Congratulations also to Brian Gibson, who is among 19 recipients of the Sport NSW Distinguished Long Service Honour, recognising his decades of invaluable service the sport of lawn bowls. to

Congratulations Alan, Brian to and evervone involved in the Women's State Carnival on this fantastic achievement!

The 2025 NSW Community Sports Awards will be presented on the evening of Monday, 30 June 2025 at CommBank Stadium, where Alan and Brian will join delegates from Bowls NSW to further recognise their achievements.



If you would like to nominate anyone from your Club or Region who you feel worthy of recognition for their services to the sport of Bowls, please contact the Bowls NSW office via communications@bowlsnsw.com.au



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Club Coach Accreditation Course at Taren Point Bowling Club



On Sunday, May 25th, Taren Point Bowling Club hosted a cohort enthusiastic who of bowlers successfully completed the Club Coach Accreditation Course. Ten participants from various clubs across demonstrated Sydney their competency, completing both the online and practical components the course. of

Throughout the day, participants engaged in diverse activities aimed

at enhancing their knowledge and communication skills. The collaborative atmosphere fostered lively exchanges of ideas among members, contributing to a rewarding learning experience for all involved.

As the presenter and assessor, I was delighted to witness the group's camaraderie and commitment from start to finish. Each participant displayed dedication deserving of their club coach accreditation. For bowlers looking to contribute to their clubs, consider embarking on the Club Coach Course—it's a fulfilling opportunity to grow personally and support your club's development.

For more information on upcoming coaching courses please go online to the Bowls NSW website bowlsnsw.com.au/get-involved/ coaching/

By Marg Sheean Bowls NSW Coaching Presenter and Assessor





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Leichhardt Bowlo's Sh*t House Fundraiser



Leichhardt Bowling Club is home to one of the biggest outdoor beer gardens in Sydney's inner west, a fully equipped children's playground and a stage that has been graced by several popular punk bands and even Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

But the Club's bathroom facilities have seen few upgrades since the venue's inception in 1923, and while the bowlo's popularity is booming, the refurb fund isn't exactly flush with cash.

So, Chairman Alistair Scott and Secretary Manager Baz Compton — the Club's trusted loo-tenants came up with the idea for the Sh*t House Fundraiser.

Saturday, 24 May saw the Club welcome more than 200 guests through the doors, including Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and Councillor Philippa Scott. The venue's new restaurant, Hannah's Kitchen, served up a Middle Easternstyle feast while locals Jennifer and Shannon Hunt, the duo behind the award-winning Lily Fields Distilling Co., mixed up a creative selection of cocktails.

The evening kicked off with a few welcoming words from Darcy Byrne and Philippa Scott, who emphasised the integral role that the Club plays in the local community, followed by a few rounds of trivia, a game of bowls (with toilet rolls in place of traditional lawn bowls), a paper plane throwing competition (where the paper planes were required to land in a toilet bowl) and live music from 'Bash'.

The Club also auctioned off a vast array of items, from signed lan Thorpe memorabilia and a personalised Leichhardt Bowlo jersey to a 'schooner a day for the rest of your life' prize and even a candlelit dinner with the boys in charge, Baz and Alistair.

All up, the sold-out event saw the Club raise over \$35,000 to give the loos the glow-up they deserve.

"We are absolutely blown away by the result," said Alistair, who recently took home a prestigious Inner West Community Volunteer Award.

"We were really hoping to hit the \$20,000 mark — so to have \$35,000 in the bank means we can now get to work on a more ambitious face-lift for the Club's bathrooms, starting with the ladies, of course."

Baz said he can't wait to get the restroom renovation project up and running.

"We're excited to deliver the type of dunnies that our dedicated members deserve," he said. "A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made the fundraiser a success, and to those who donated to the cause."

Story and Images from ClubLIFE Written by Michelle Rumery, ClubsNSW Media & Marketing Manager. clublife.com.au





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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

NAME: CLUB: LEAD: SECOND: SKIP: MOBILE: Come join us on Friday 24th october prior to the Coast Carnival for our social bowls from 12:30. Contact Martine on 0410 521 994 or let us know when you send your entry form. Afterwards we have a bowlers meat raffle and 100 club until 7pm, then live music until late.

PLAYING IN FRIDAY SOCIAL TRIPLES AS A TEAM: YES / NO

Payment must accompany entry form For payment please use the following details: EFTPOS BSB: 062 767 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 28008766

Reference to include: Coast Carnival & Skip Name

RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATIONS TO HSCBOWLS@WYONGLEAGUES.COM.AU SUBJECT: COAST CARNIVAL IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING YOUR ENTRY WITHIN 7 DAYS OF SUBMITTING IT, PLEASE CONTACT MARTINE ON 0410 521 994. NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS WITHOUT 48 HOURS NOTICE Thanks to our Sponsors



State Umpires Committee

Keeping things Crystal Clear

Law Question.

Situation - 1: Fours Game.

Halfway through an end, player A notices that their opposite number (player B) is using two different bowls, which contravenes law 2.4. Player A calls the umpire.

Answer:

The umpire needs to ascertain whether player B started with the 2 bowls or changed one of them during the game.

1.

If player B changed his bowls during the game without seeking permission then he would be dealt with in accordance with law 29.3.1.

2.

If player B started the game with the 2 different bowls, they would be a defaulting player. However, would it be acceptable for the umpire to instruct the player to get a bowl from their bag that is identical to one of the bowls they are using and continue the game with the two bowls from the same set.

3.

If the player refuses, then the player would be dealt with as a defaulting player, and the team player B is in would forfeit to the opposing team.

Situation - 2

As umpire you are called to determine a shot. On arrival at the rink you are asked to measure three bowls. The jack is perilously close to the boundary line. The first bowl appears to be outside the rink of play with the second bowl leaning heavily against it. The third bowl is well inside the boundaries of the rink. What action should you take before determining the shot?

Answer:

With the scenario described above, there would be a number of things the umpire would do before determining shot:

1. The umpire would determine, using a Boundary scope or Liner siter if the jack was in play. - If the jack is still in play, the umpire would go to step

2.

If the jack was out of play, then the end would be declared dead, as per law 19.1.1, the end would be declared dead or the jack would be re-spotted, depending on the Conditions of Play. 2. If the jack was still in play the umpire would then determine if the first bowl was in play.

If the bowl was in play, then the umpire would commence to measure to determine the number of shots.-If the first bowl was out of play, the umpire would remove the bowl from the green, law 17.1.6, with upmost care so to minimise the movement of the bowl resting against it. If the bowl that was leaning against the bowl that was declared dead, has moved the umpire would then determine if the bowl in its new position was in play, using the appropriate instrument. If the bowl is in play, then the umpire would go onto step

3. If the bowl was out, the umpire would remove the bowl and then go onto step 3. 3. The umpire would then determine the number of shots The reason the umpire would not chock the leaning bowl is the umpire is determining if the bowl is in or out of play before starting the process of measuring to determine the shot(s).

Information

Although most clubs have an up to date Umpire's Kit, the most noteable item missing or not included is an Umpire's Folder containing Bowls Australia Policies and Bowls NSW Policies. Listed below are the essential documents that must included in an Umpire's Kit:

• The current edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Current Documentation:

- Bowls Australia Policies:
 Instantaneous Penalties
 - Bowls Testing
 - -Personal Electronic Devices
- Artificial Devices
- Bowls NSW
 - Current Conditions of Play
 - Uniform Policy
 - Extreme Weather Guidelines
 (Clubs can have their own
 Extreme Weather Guidelines)
 Bowl and Jack Displacement
 Chart

Current Policies can be obtained from the Bowls Australia website or Bowls NSW website.

The Officiating Webpage also has links to BA and Bowls NSW Policies & Bowls NSW Conditions of Play:

Click on the Get Involved > then click on Officiating > Scroll down and click on Resources > then click the Bowls Australia tab or the Bowls NSW tab.

If you have any further questions, please direct them via umpires@bowlsnsw.com.au







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