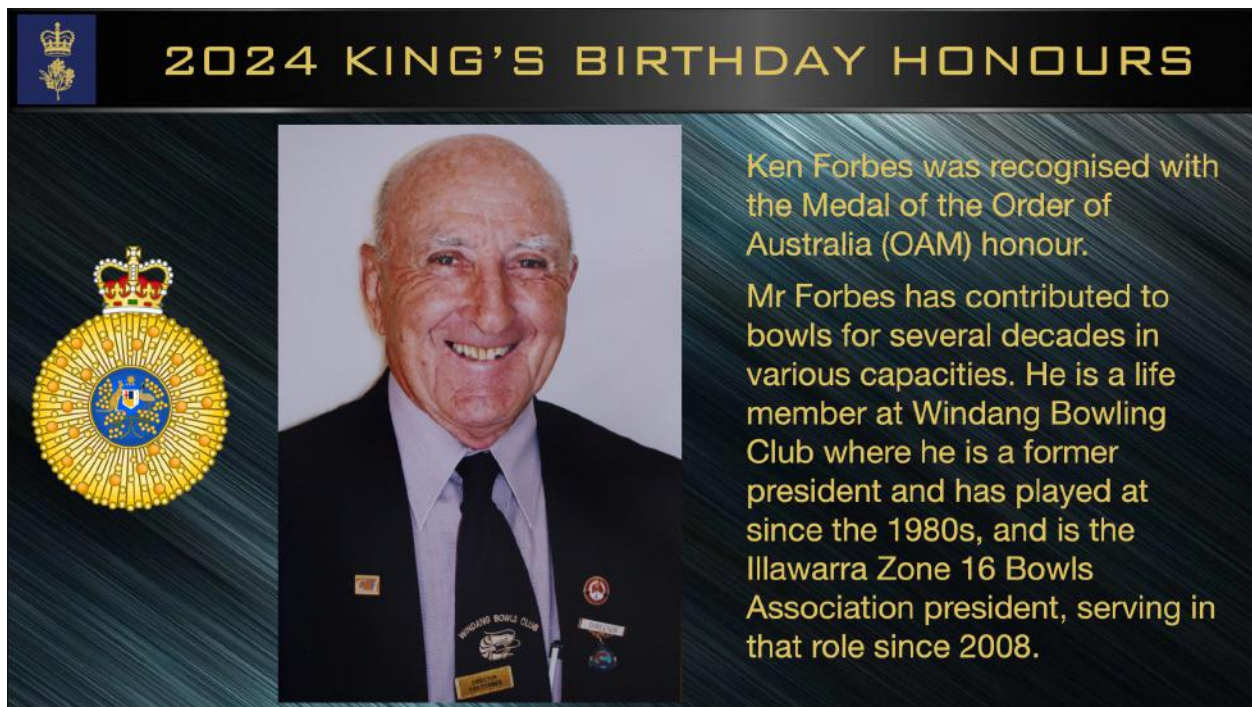


# WELCOME

Welcome to our June edition of Windang Bowling Club Newsletter! The last Newsletter for the 2023-2024 bowling season. We wrap up the 2023-2024 season and highlight the commencement of the 2024-2025 season. We also celebrate several outstanding achievements from our bowling members. One of those achievements was our Life Member and President Of Illawarra Bowls, Mr Ken Forbes awarded with the Order of Australia Medal for Service to Lawn Bowls.



**2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

Ken Forbes was recognised with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) honour.

Mr Forbes has contributed to bowls for several decades in various capacities. He is a life member at Windang Bowling Club where he is a former president and has played at since the 1980s, and is the Illawarra Zone 16 Bowls Association president, serving in that role since 2008.

Congratulations Ken and thank you for your outstanding service and contribution to our club, the Illawarra, and to our sport. A record of Ken's service appears below.

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**Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division - For Service To Lawn Bowls.**

**Mr Kenneth James Forbes**



**Illawarra Zone 16 Bowls Association**

- President, since 2008.
- Delegate, Bowls NSW, since 2008.
- Vice President, 2005-2007.
- Delegate, 2000-2005.

**Windang Bowling Club**

- President, 2001-2007.
- Former Vice President, two years.
- Former Director.
- Life Member, since 2019.
- Member, since mid 1980s.

**● Bowls - Other**

- Former Secretary, Wollongong City Bowling Club, two years.
- Former President, Illawarra Mercury Bowls Committee, two years.

**Community**

- Former Justice of the Peace, 25 years.
- Former President, Illawarra Police Boys Club, two years.

**St Patrick's Primary School, Port Kembla**

- Former President, Football Committee, two years.
- Former Secretary, Parent and Friends Committee, two years.





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## NSW CHS SA - SECONDARY BOWLS - CHAMPIONSHIP



The NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association Lawn Bowls Championships were recently held over the past few weeks at Warilla Bowling Club. Our own Juniors, Blake Perry & Zoe Davies taking part and representing the South Coast. With representatives in three disciplines - Fours, Pairs and Singles. Some great results from our juniors and well done!







Zoe has also been selected to take part in the upcoming CHS State Selection Trials.  
Congratulations Zoe!



## 2024 WINDANG MIXED SIX-A-SIDE

We recently ran our Mixed 6-A-Side Tournament on a Tuesday. It was well supported by our bowlers with full teams from Camden, Thirroul & Woonona joining us. Our bowling members were also joined by bowlers from other clubs in the Illawarra. 12 teams in total with Fours & Pairs played in the morning and 2 x Triples in the afternoon. Well done to everyone who played and congratulations to those bowlers in the winner's circle. Judging by the response, I'm sure you had fun!



**Windang 6-A-Side  
First Place  
Team Ellem & Co (L to R)**

*Daniel Ellem  
Jessica Ellem  
Joyce Sawers Christine  
Ellem  
Tom Ellem  
Stuart Ellem*

**Windang 6-A-Side  
Second Place  
Team Stevens(L to R)**

*Rob Jordan  
Janelle Jordan  
Wendy Stevens  
Peter Grogan  
Nicolle Grogan  
Steve Sprod*







**Windang 6-A-Side  
Third Place  
Team Fellows**

*Michelle Fellows  
Sandra Connor  
Vicki Bott  
Rob Baker  
Steve Connor  
Brian Bott*

**Windang 6-A-Side  
First Game Winners  
Team Taylor**

*Damien Lateo  
Kerrie Taylor  
Rhonda Fisher  
Andrew Metcalf  
Adele Morell  
John Hull*



**Windang 6-A-Side  
Second Game Winners  
Team Robinson**

*Ted Robinson  
Steve Purcell  
Ann Clarke  
Kerry Vickery  
Graham Allard  
Wendy O'Loughlin*



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## 2023-2024 MAJOR MINOR PAIRS

Our last Championship for the season was completed on Sunday 30th June. The finalists of the Major Minor Pairs were Russell Connell & Rick Montgomery up against Peter Bright & Paul Cable.

The game started off fairly even with the score 8-9 on 9 ends with team Cable just in front. On end 17, with the score at 13-19 to team Cable, team Montgomery were hanging on to a possible count of 5 after Rick's last bowl, only to have that snatched away with an absolute draw by Paul Cable on his last bowl. Team Cable hung on for the win with a final score of 16-22. Well done to our finalists and congratulations to our 2023-2024 Major Minor Pairs Champions - Peter Bright and Paul Cable.



***2023-2024 Major Minor Pairs Finalists  
Paul Cable & Peter Bright, Russell Connell & Rick Montgomery***

All results of our 2023-2024 Club Championships can be found on our website on the link below.

[2023-2024 Club Championships](#)





2023-2024 MAJOR MINOR PAIRS WINNERS



PAUL CABLE & PETER BRIGHT

2023-2024 MAJOR MINOR PAIRS RUNNERS UP



RUSSELL CONNELL & RICK MONTGOMERY







**A New Chapter - Welcoming the New Region Administrations**

For information regarding Bowls NSW Regional Associations click on the header above to a communication from Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe. The document includes the following:

[Illawarra Bowls Region - Clubs](#)

[Bowls NSW Region Boundaries \(Metro\)](#)

**Region Management Committee**

Every Region has a Management Committee comprising six positions, equal male/female gender representation, and dedicated email addresses outlined below.

<b>ILLAWARRA BOWLS REGION</b>		
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Ken Forbes	President	<a href="mailto:illawarra1@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra1@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>
Annette Nicholls	Secretary	<a href="mailto:illawarra2@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra2@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>
Brian Huttley	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:illawarra3@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra3@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>
Brian Gibson	Chair of Match	<a href="mailto:illawarra4@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra4@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>
Deb Waldron	Vice President #1	<a href="mailto:illawarra5@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra5@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>
Brenda Cairney	Vice President #2	<a href="mailto:illawarra6@bowlsnsw.com.au">illawarra6@bowlsnsw.com.au</a>

[illawarrabowls.com.au](http://illawarrabowls.com.au) - Illawarra Region Website - Still Under Construction!



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To provide clarity in relation to Event Coordination and player pathway eligibility, Clubs and Individual Members may utilise the Competition Pathways Document.  
Click on the “Competitions Pathway” for more info.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?



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A forum for Region Match Chairs in reference to changes to Conditions of Play for the 2024-25 Season was hosted online. The link to the document that was presented as part of this online forum appears below. Click on the Overview for more info.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?





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## REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following Regional Championships are now in play:

- Women's State Fours
- Women's Senior Fours
- Men's State Triples
- Men's Senior Triples
- Open Reserve Triples
- Men's State Pairs
- Men's Senior Pairs
- Open Reserve Pairs

### ENTRY FEES

For Windang players, please ensure you pay your \$20 entry fee for each event over the bar prior to the competition, and ensure you take note of your venues, dates & start times. All info is posted on the Notice Board at the Club.

Good luck everyone!

### DRAWS

At the moment, all draw's can be found on the [Illawarra Zone Website under the Events menu](#). The new Illawarra Bowls Region Website should be up and running in a few weeks.

### WOMEN'S REGIONAL TRIPLES

For our players involved in the Women's State & Senior Triples, please be aware that the Illawarra Region has several female players selected for NSW in August. This event clashes with the Women's Regional Triples. Under C.O.P those players get dispensation for our triples, so we will have to move our triples to another date. This has been put back a week, commencing on Tues 13th August.



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## BOWLS NSW STATE EVENTS

### OVER 40'S QUALIFYING

The Over 40's Pairs is back again for another year, with entries into Qualifying Rounds now open!  
Click on the pic for more info.....**Closing Wednesday, 24th July!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE? 



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### STATE MIXED PAIRS ENTRIES OPEN

Entries are now open for State Mixed Pairs Qualifying taking place from 2-3 November 2024.  
Click on the pic for more info.....**Closes on Wednesday, 25th September!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE? 





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# Bowls Coordinator's Message

*Firstly, thank you to our Life Member Judy King, acting Women's Bowls Organiser, Suzanne Tyrrell and Umpire Daryl Davidson for their assistance over the entire day during the Mixed 6-A-Side Tournament. It was a great day with several teams looking forward to coming back next time. They especially liked the choice of music!*

*It was great to see our old mates from Lithgow join us for the weekend recently. This gave us 72 social bowlers on a Saturday arvo which is something we haven't had for a while. I'm sure you had a good time!! I know "cos" there were several "dusty" bowlers that turned up on Sunday morning! Thank you to Brian Battersby and Jim Sellars for your organisation as well.*

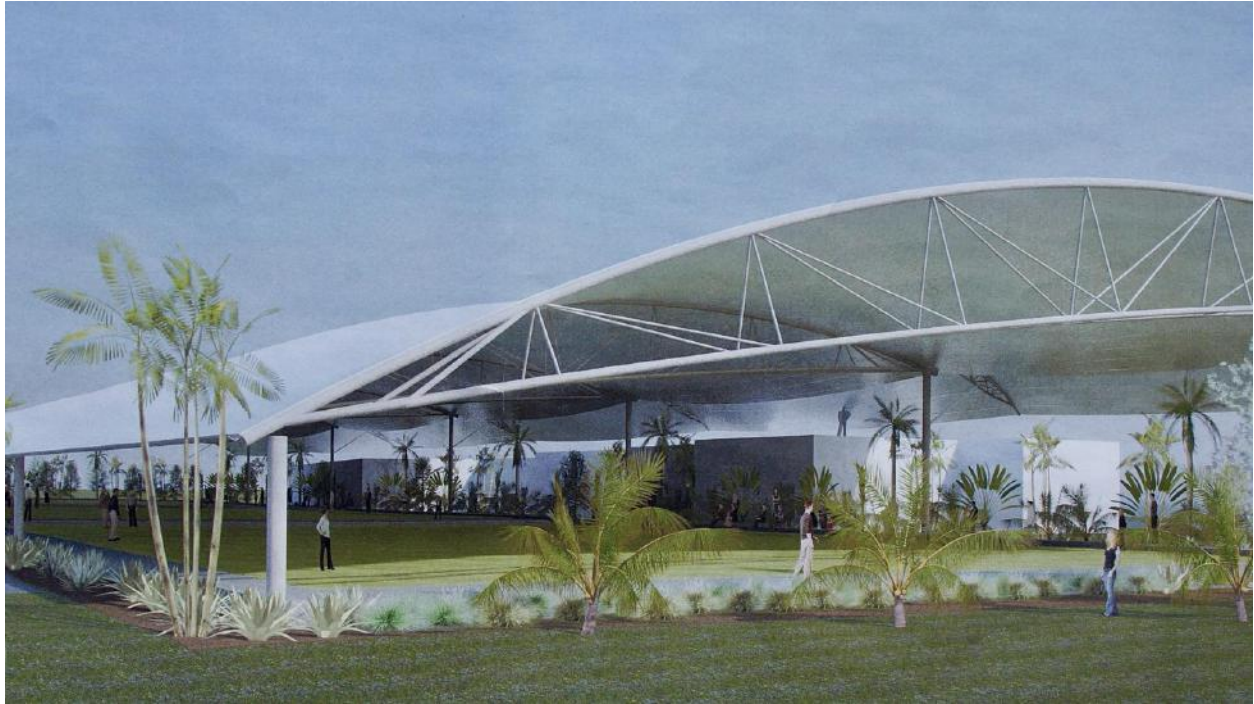
*Events like this can't run without volunteers and your help is greatly appreciated.*

*It's good to see our Windang Resort finally taking shape. View the link for the most recent update*

[Club Windang Resort](#)

*Below is an artist's impression of how the resort might look, including the covered greens.*

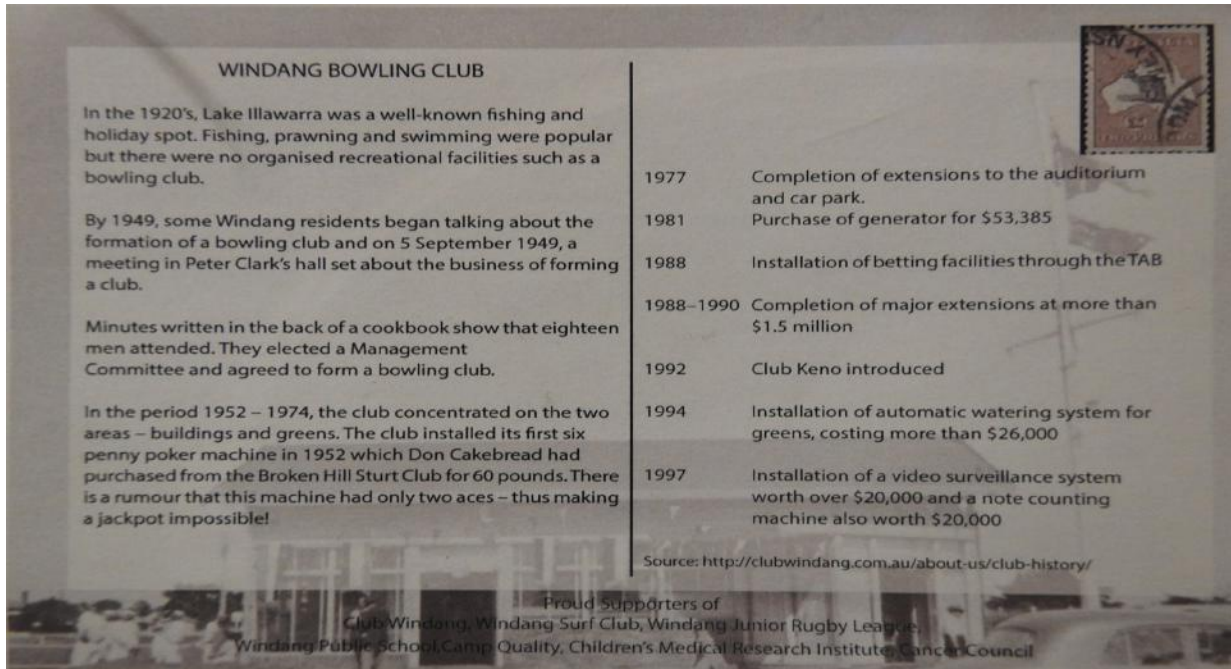






*I'd like to wish Windang Bowling Club and its members a happy 75th Anniversary this year. We've certainly come a long way. I'm sure we'll come up with celebration events for our members over the coming months, so keep an eye out!*

*Below are some snippets from our historical records.*



**WINDANG BOWLING CLUB**

In the 1920's, Lake Illawarra was a well-known fishing and holiday spot. Fishing, prawning and swimming were popular but there were no organised recreational facilities such as a bowling club.

By 1949, some Windang residents began talking about the formation of a bowling club and on 5 September 1949, a meeting in Peter Clark's hall set about the business of forming a club.

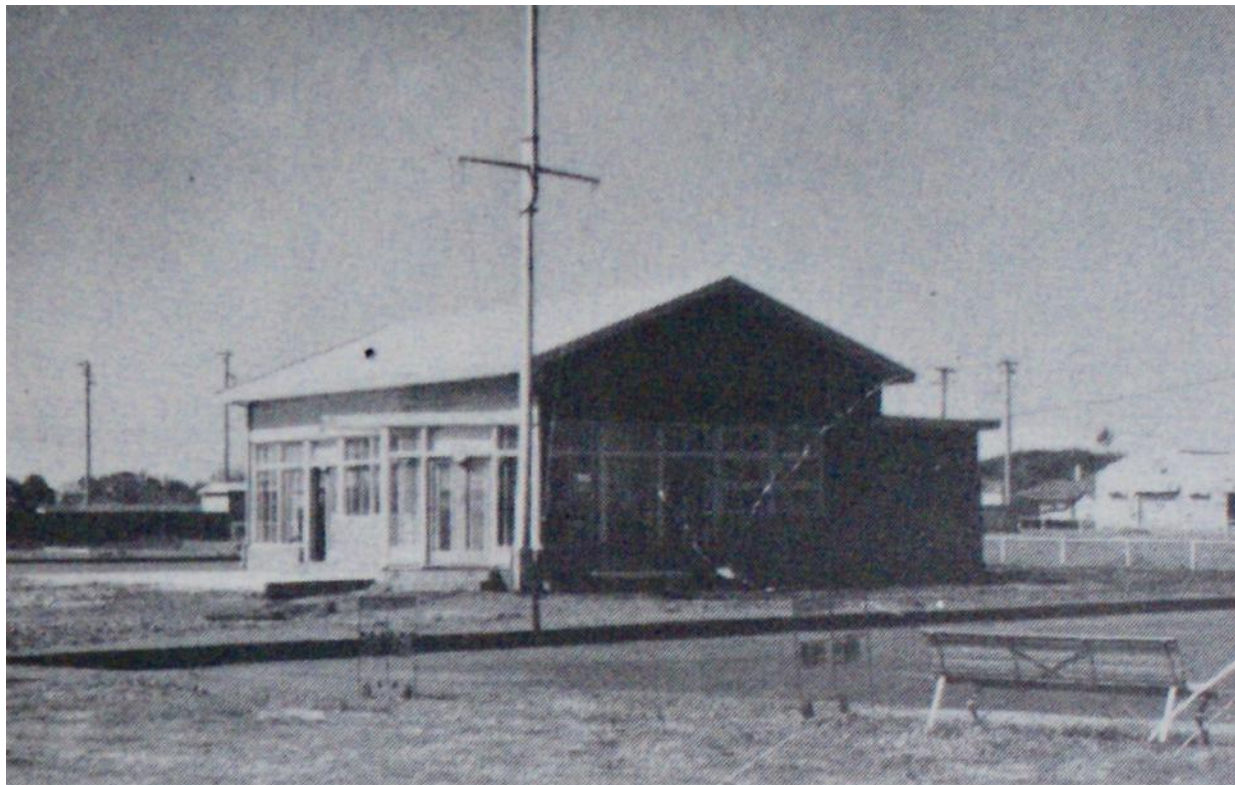
Minutes written in the back of a cookbook show that eighteen men attended. They elected a Management Committee and agreed to form a bowling club.

In the period 1952 – 1974, the club concentrated on the two areas – buildings and greens. The club installed its first six penny poker machine in 1952 which Don Cakebread had purchased from the Broken Hill Sturt Club for 60 pounds. There is a rumour that this machine had only two aces – thus making a jackpot impossible!

1977	Completion of extensions to the auditorium and car park.
1981	Purchase of generator for \$53,385
1988	Installation of betting facilities through the TAB
1988–1990	Completion of major extensions at more than \$1.5 million
1992	Club Keno introduced
1994	Installation of automatic watering system for greens, costing more than \$26,000
1997	Installation of a video surveillance system worth over \$20,000 and a note counting machine also worth \$20,000

Source: <http://clubwindang.com.au/about-us/club-history/>

Proud Supporters of  
Club Windang, Windang Surf Club, Windang Junior Rugby League,  
Windang Public School, Camp Quality, Children's Medical Research Institute, Cancer Council





**NOW DOWN TO THE BUSINESS END!**

**REMINDERS**

*Memberships are due for renewal. Please make sure you are financial before taking part in any Club or State Championships.*

*If you intend to play your championship game prior to the scheduled date/time, you must complete the Match Variation Form and submit it to the Match Committee. Once the change has been approved, the Match Committee will update the draw in the space provided.*

*The attire for all Club Championships is the current pennant uniform. Allowances will only be made if we are low in stock and cannot provide a uniform.*

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**MAJOR MINOR PAIRS**

*During the Major Minor Pairs, I received a written concern from a member regarding the substitution rules in club Championships. This concern has been brought to the attention of the Match Committee, Management and Board of Directors. The Match Committee has discussed the matter and a response is forthcoming, once the Board Meeting has taken place. As a courtesy, a written response will be*



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forwarded to our member and then any outcomes that relate to changes to our Club COP will be published in a subsequent Newsletter.

Below is the State COP regarding appeals.

### **1.29. Appeals and Disputes**

Disputes or appeals arising out of the application of these Conditions of Play should be resolved by the relevant Controlling Body.

A decision taken by a Controlling Body shall be binding in all respects if any immediate result is required.

An appeal may be made to the next highest authority:

- to Club, then
- to Region, then
- to the State Match Committee, then
- to Bowls NSW Board/Appeals Tribunal. Any appeals to Bowls NSW Board must be in accordance with the Bowls NSW Appeals Policy. Appeals must be accompanied by all relevant information.

A reminder to our members that if you do have a concern over the management of our Bowls Section, please forward the concern in writing to myself, our Bowls Organiser, or a member of the Match Committee. This will then be forwarded to our Management and Board if required. Matters arising prior to, during, or after a game will be dealt with by the Controlling Body on the day.

What has become apparent is a minority of our members are not happy with the direction that our club is taking with regards to the management of our bowls section. This is obvious by the recent influx of opinions that have been expressed lately.

In our [May Newsletter](#) there were several items that summarised some of the changes that our Match Committee have implemented for the 2024-2025 Season. Please take the time to go through them.

Opinions that have been expressed so far relate to Double Headers, & Open Triples / Fours. I believe there have been some written concerns forwarded to management, but I'm not aware of the contents yet as nothing came through the Match Committee. (Hint #1)

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## **DOUBLE HEADERS**

We have the dates, including scheduled start times on each entry sheet. These dates are also included in the yearly program on the noticeboard, and on our website. The Match Committee will utilise am and pm games where it sees fit. With regards to the recent Major Pairs draws. Several weeks before the entries closed, we were approached by some of our male and female members. They were involved in the Decky Robinson Indigenous Weekend, which clashed with our pairs that were scheduled early in July. This was overlooked by the Match Committee during programming of our schedule. Rather than disadvantage any players, it was easier for the Match Committee to remove that weekend from our Championship calendar and run the pairs over the remaining two days in the calendar, with the final played at a later date. We're also aware that several players will be involved in either a State or Regional event at the same time as our Major Pairs. These players will get dispensation and the games can be rescheduled to an appropriate date. Players are free to utilise the spare days leading up to the competition to complete their first round game to avoid a double header.

Running the competition this way gets us down to the finalists for both the Men's & Women's events. The finals for the Major Pairs must be completed prior to the closing date for the Champion of Champion Men's and Women's Pairs. This is in March next year. The Major Singles and Pairs come under the State COP as below.

### **2.5. Dates of Play**

Clubs must conduct their 2024/2025 Singles and Pairs Championships after 1 July 2024 and concluding before the closure of Champion Club Champions Singles and Pairs.

The Major Singles and Major Pairs provides a pathway for both men and women to continue on to State, National and even World Champion of Champions. All these events are double headers, with 3 games scheduled on one day in the singles. If you intend to win our Major Singles and Pairs, you'll be eligible for the Champion of Champions. Please ensure you can manage playing two to three games in a day for the Champion of Champions.

We have both Men's & Women's Major Singles and Major Pairs scheduled in our program. This is to give our players the best opportunity to be eligible for the Champion of Champions and represent our club at the next level and possibly beyond. Unfortunately, last season the Bowls NSW State Women's Champion of Champions was not entered by either of our winners from Windang.

If there is no support for the State Champion of Champions, there is no reason to have single gender singles and pairs competitions. (Hint #2)

Our players are well accustomed to double headers as they play in Tournaments, Carnivals, Gala Days, District Championships, District Carnivals, District Champion of Champions Singles, Zone Championships, Regional Championships, State Carnivals, Women's State Pennants Finals, Men's State Pennant Finals, Open Gender State Pennant Finals, State Interzones Championships, Men's



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*Inter-Regional Sides Championships, Women's Inter-Regional Sides Championships, State Mixed Pairs Championships, State Over 40's Pairs Championships, State Rookies Championships, Australian Indoor Championships, BPL Cup Events, Australian Open Championships which are all double headers, and in some cases more.*

*Our Major Pairs competition has more entries than last season so it appears to be well supported. Our Major Singles has an unprecedented number of entries so it looks like our rounds may have to be split to accommodate the number of matches as we don't have enough rinks even with the 3 greens in play.*

*When a player enters any of our competitions they agree to the T's & C's of the competition. In our case these are the [State COP](#) and any guidelines or conditions that the club has in place at the time.*

*The bottom line is - If you don't agree with the T's & C's.....it's not that complicated, don't enter the event in the first place! (Hint #3)*

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## **OPEN TRIPLES & FOURS**

*As a Match Committee we pride ourselves in the way we manage bowls at Windang, and we always endeavour to align our principles with that of BA and Bowls NSW, creating an environment that supports diversity, equity and inclusivity. When we have to manage both men's and women's events at club level, it's always wise to refer to the principles outlined in the Bowls Australia [Open Bowls Position Statement](#)*

*The following statement from the Bowls NSW COP refers to Triples & Fours.*

### **2.4. Triples & Fours**

*Clubs may determine their own Conditions of Play to conduct Triples & Fours Championships. Any Conditions put in place for Club Triples and Fours should be aimed at maximising participation in these events and must be clearly displayed on the entry form for these events.*

*In the 2022-2023 Season, all of our Championships were classed as Open events. Each discipline was split into Major and Minor categories. This was well supported and was very popular with our members. The table below shows the figures.*



2022-2023 WINDANG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS											
MAJORS	TEAMS PLAYERS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MINORS	TEAMS PLAYERS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	TEAMS TOTAL	TOTAL PLAYERS
MAJOR FOURS	9	30	6	36	MINOR FOURS	4	9	3	12	13	42
MAJOR TRIPLES	12	31	5	36	MINOR TRIPLES	7	18	3	21	19	57
MAJOR PAIRS	16	31	1	32	MINOR PAIRS	16	27	5	32	32	64
MAJOR SINGLES	32	31	1	32	MINOR SINGLES	42	37	5	42		74

*We did not receive any written concerns about these open events. Quite possibly due to the fact that both clubs were still separate entities at the time and the women's club still had "women only" events available, and players were eligible to play in either event. During this season, "men only" events were not available. We had no written concerns regarding this fact either.*

*In the 2023-2024 season, our club was in the back end of our unification process. Our Women's Club had already formed their bowls program for the season, this included Women's Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours. As a unified club, we had no option but to go back to Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours, as continuing with the Major and Minor disciplines would have created too many competitions to run viably. A lot of our players were disappointed as they enjoyed the concept of open major and minor events. It created an even playing field and gave them an opportunity to win a team event that was relative to their playing ability.*

*In the 2023-2024 season we had a total of 22 teams (88 players) entered into our Fours competitions. The Fours were split into single gender events with 9 teams in the women's event and 13 teams in the men's event.*

*The Triples Competitions had a total of 26 teams (78 players) entered. The Triples were also split into single gender events. 10 teams in the Women's Triples and 16 teams in the Men's Triples.*

*Since the unification of our Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs, our Prize Money for Club Championships is now based on a 3 tier scale, reliant on the number of entries, not the number of players.*

*In none of these cases above did we reach the top tier prize category.*

*Bet you didn't know that!..... You'll know when you open up your prize money envelope! (Hint #4)*

*The women's events just scraped into tier 2, and the men's events were at the higher level of tier 2. It was obvious that combining both the triples and fours would help maximise the participation numbers. This in turn provides for a better competition, rather than making it into the Q/F's without playing a bowl. The prize money available would then reach the top tier.*





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*Our Social Bowls, for any day are open gender and there is no problem with any particular gender winning the game and/or the prize money. (These days it's more about who gets the loudest boo's when they're drawn out as winners - Gopher comes to mind here). Our Open Gender Pennants are the same. Regardless of what gender you are, it's always a great feeling to get a win with your teammates, or at the end of the game to get together with your opposition. The best feeling is to be holding a flag that you've earned for your club and with your teammates, and then head off to the State Finals. In the State Reserve Championships, it doesn't matter what gender you are. It's an absolute buzz to be holding that medallion in your hands after you've played your heart out for your club, your teammates and now your region.*

*If we chose to have a single gender Women's Competition in Triples and Fours, we'd be obligated to provide an opportunity for Men's Triples and Fours, and possibly Open Triples and Fours to take place. This principle has been applied to our Men's and Women's Major Singles and Pairs, coupled with the Open Minor Singles and Pairs. As well as an Open Singles event. This is plainly stated in the BA Statement.*

*Where only single gender competition is offered, it is desirable to provide an opportunity for Open Bowls to take place;*

*Wherever possible, promote and encourage Open Bowls at grassroots level;*

*With all these events in place, could you imagine how many double headers would be involved then. To manage all these events would quite possibly require a combination of sectional play and knockout, similar to the State Championship models, and attempting to free up space somewhere.*

*This could easily be achieved by Windang not supporting the Single Gender Pennants at all and concentrating on the Open Pennants only. This would give us the space required (Yes... that's Hint#5)*

*One thing that makes me laugh is when members tell us we should avoid scheduling events at a particular time of year as they've booked their holidays at that time. I suggest you provide your itinerary to Bowls NSW so they can let us know when to schedule our Championships around you.*

*Still feel like you can do a better job? I know you can, because you tell us nearly every day how wrong we are doing things. It's time to walk that talk. You are more than welcome to nominate for the Match Committee and Selection Committee positions at the next elections.*

*I thank our Match Committee volunteers for their commitment and diligence as it was quite challenging to form a program out of an already congested calendar. I commend them on their decisions that will ensure our club, and our sport, continues to grow well into the future.*

*Windang's Okayest Bowls Coordinator*

*Dave*

