

Presidents News – September 2026

Hi Members,

Welcome to another newsletter from the Bowls Committee. Our meeting this month was full of important information as we start our new Bowls and Pennant season. Our first tryout last Saturday against Hastings, was a challenge and tested our players. Our selectors are working hard on our next tryout at Dromana Bowls Club. Look for more news from our Selection team.



This year we will have Scroungers playing on Friday afternoons as a part of our Pennant training and practise. This was a good solution as Scroungers is a game focused on improving draw bowls.

The direction of play on our Greens has been adjusted for the new season. In general, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be East/ West as well as barefoot bowls. All social bowls including Saturday social will be played East /West.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be played North /South. All our Pennant games will be played North/ South. This includes Tuesday Pennant. We anticipate that this setup will provide a more even spread of wear and tear on our greens. If you are having a roll up, please follow the board indicating which way to play.

This Wednesday is the start of our new Red Snapper Jackpot. A dollar from each player's green fees will be put into the Jackpot. To win, a disc drawn at the end of the day will need to match your team's aggregate. Scores can be negative or positive to win. If more than one team has the same aggregate as drawn, then they all share the jackpot. The Red Snapper Jackpot is on the 2nd and 4th nominated Wednesdays of the month. The goal is to increase the number of players using our fantastic facilities.



Footy finals are upon us! On Wednesday 23rd of September we have a footy theme day. Be prepared and wear your footy colours. We hope your team is in the Finals but if not there's always next season. It was decided we will not have Saturday Social Bowls on Grand Final Day.

The list of MPBR State events is on the white board. If you would like to enter any of these events you need to go through your members entry in Bowls Link. Events available are Over 60 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Entries can be paid through your Bowls Link Member's form.

All members should access Bowls Link to update personal details and occupation. If you have any difficulty, please speak to either Martin or myself to assist you.

Our Try Bowls Day is set for Sunday 4th October. Anyone who can assist on the day would be most welcome. We would need some people to help on the green, cook some sausages on the BBQ and make some scones for morning tea. If you can assist, please contact me. We will hopefully be setting up our gazebo on Wednesday, 30th September in Main St. to promote our club and 'Try Bowls Day'. We will close the gazebo in time to play social bowls!

Our Novice Championship commences on Sunday 20th. Wayne and I will do the draw on Thursday 17th which will then be published to our Novices and placed on the whiteboard. If any Novice does not want to enter this competition, please remove your name from the list before Thursday afternoon. Our Ladies and Men's Pairs Championships commences 27th of September. We need a minimum of eight teams for each event to go forward.

There was some discussion regarding how to manage player illness during games. Our members' health and safety are of paramount importance. Generally, small cuts and abrasions can be dealt with on site, but an ambulance should be called for anything requiring medical intervention. A Committee or Board Member should be notified immediately to make the call. Our defibrillator is on the wall near the entry to the club rooms. This is used only in special circumstances. **Brian Pyne** will be providing an instruction session on how and when the defibrillator is to be used, after bowls today, Wednesday 16th Sept. I'm sure this will give you some good information and an opportunity to ask any questions.

Once again, I ask for more assistance with our Barefoot Bowls. We still need a **BBQ coordinator** and some more members to step up as barbecue helpers. If you feel you can assist in any other way, please speak to Ian Muir as he still needs some members at the gate.

I mentioned last week at our Opening Day that before COVID started, we looked at how to change our club from 'good to great'. This was a programme to consider how we could improve what we did. How could we become great as a club? Our facilities are only one aspect of the whole process. We have great facilities, greens and people. The aspects of our relationships and how we treat others was highlighted at the time. It is still highly important that we look at ourselves and how we deal with others. We make our club great by our actions and words. How do we treat each other? How do we speak to each other? Are we respectful? We are a great club. Let us continue to improve.