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BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2026

Celebrating our Champions and Events Winners

On Friday June 6 we gathered for our annual Presentation Night.

An excellent attendance celebrated our Club Champions and Events Winners.

Bowls President John Crawford, assisted by Sandra Woodhouse, presented the trophies.



Our 2025/2026 Club Champions Steve Beggs and Joy Ryan with Bowls President John Crawford.



Enid Tonks Memorial Award for Most Improved (Lady) Fin Ross.



Jill & David Dennison Award for Most Improved (Men) Rod Bridgborn.

Celebrating our Champions and Events Winners



Ladies' Club Pairs Champions
Bev Yeates and Judi Hogan.



Ladies' Club Fours Champions
Joy Ryan, Rose Watkins, Bronwyn Thwaites (absent)
Julie Beggs (sub) and Bev Yeates.



Men's Club Pairs Champions
Steve Beggs and Paul Sampson.



Mixed Fours Champions
Lui Mosele, Lyn Baldwin and Eric Yeates. (Pat Elliott absent).



Men's 100 Up & 21 Up Events
Lui Mosele.



Men's Novice Singles Event
Rod Bridgborn.



Ladies' 100 Up Event
Jan Dodson.



Men's Minor Singles Champion
Tony Dodson.

Celebrating our Champions and Events Winners



Men's Club Fours Champions
John Crawford and Paul Sampson.
(David Formby and Peter Sutton absent).



Ladies' Handicap Pairs Event
Joy Ryan and Jan Dodson
(absent).



Ladies' Minor Singles Champion
Pam Boucher.



Men's Handicap Pairs Event
John Crawford and Eric Yeates.



Sue Middleton, Joy Ryan and Jo Mee.



Mixed Pairs Champions
Paul Sampson and Natasha Zosko
(absent) Angela Boyd (sub).



Maree Sampson, Julie Beggs, Jenny Holter, Steve Beggs,
Sandra Woodhouse, Stuart Chapman and Paul Sampson.

Celebrating our Champions and Events Winners



Eric Yeates, Rod Bridgborn, Tony Dodson,
Alan Taylor and Lesley Taylor.



Jill Dennison, Margaret Timmins, Janet
Liddell and Bowls Pres. John Crawford.



Bev Campbell and Dorothy Slater.



Geraldine and John Atkins with David Slater.



Brian and Audrey Hinkley with Mark Holter.

MANAGER'S REPORT - JUNE 2026

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

Some great news to start the Financial Year.

For some time we have been working with [Lincoln Place](#) on a major sponsorship agreement and I am chuffed to say we are ready to launch in 2026-27. The team at Lincoln Place have been fantastic to work with and have impressed me with their professionalism and intent to support local community clubs.

The sponsorship agreement includes:

- 10 days of golf competition sponsorship
 - 1 advertising sign at the carpark entrance
 - 1 advertising sign at the end of the breezeway
 - Newsletter (up to A4 size) advertising
 - Naming rights sponsor of the Team Golf season for 2027
 - Drink coasters in the clubhouse
 - Golf Scorecard (full panel)
 - BGC to provide each Lincoln Place resident with an introductory 3 month membership
- Lincoln Place is an over-50s neighbourhood that offers peace of mind, genuine connections and the everyday joy of life's simple pleasures and it's located near-by the course in Eagle Point. If you have any queries about Lincoln Place, feel free to contact local representative

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Strategic Plan update.

IN PROGRESS

Perform minor renovations to the female change rooms. UPDATE. Approval has been provided for the replacement of the carpet in front (with vinyl planks) of the vanities along with a vanity refresh (new countertop, taps and basins).

The aim is to have this complete by Marion Dwyer day on Friday May 29th.

UPDATE: **COMPLETE** The freshen-up was completed last week with a big thanks to Janine Newell and the Women's Committee, David Turner, Daryl Newell, Wood St Style & Floors and 5 Star Joinery.



MANAGER'S REPORT - JUNE 2026 (CONT.)

Change the sand in seven bunkers. Repair the drainage and change the sand in four others, fill in and grass two others (perform 50% of).

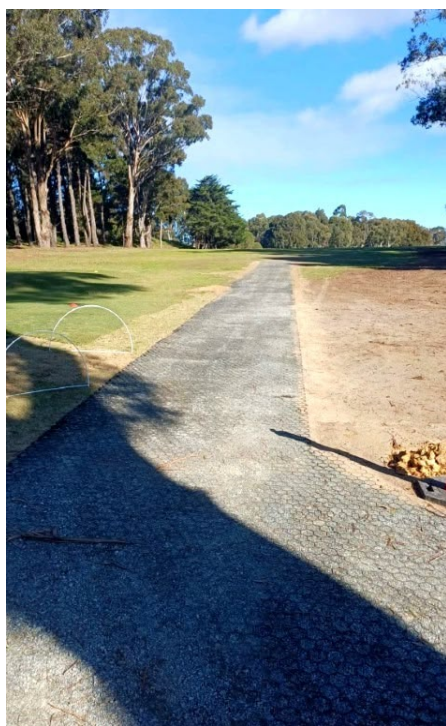
In accordance with our Bunker audit, we will be fully renovating the 1st. hole left greenside. The 17th. hole left greenside, 8th.hole front right greenside. We will also replace the sand in the 2nd. hole, 3rd. hole x 2, 5th. hole, 8th. hole and 14th.hole. **NO UPDATE** since last report.

Repair or reconstruct the golf course paths rated a high priority (perform 50% of).

UPDATE: We are close to finishing the 18th. path with the hex grid and crushed rock installed. We need to lay some sod grass on the 10th. tee and finish off a few rough areas but other than that it's complete. Whilst we are very happy with the outcome, we won't be entirely satisfied until we have a significant downpour of rain to test the path and new drainage.

The course team will then finish the 18th. green bunker and surround works before moving onto the 15th. green to 16th. tee path. Lastly, the team will address the path on the 17th. hole which will take a new direction on the opposite side of the women teeing ground. **UPDATE:** The 15th. to 16th. path has been completed and works have commenced on the 17th. The new path on the 17th. follows a different path around the left side of the red tee box to assist with safety.

Members may also notice that pathways are being considerably shortened (16th. and 17th. are examples of this). By keeping the path short of the fairway the exit is less likely to effect the Intended area of play (fairway grass) by dispersing carts from the path at an earlier point.



Until next month, play well,
Jeff Graham



PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JUNE 2026

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

Another Financial Year goes by.

Hope you are all enjoying your golf and bowls. Several members have left or about to leave for warmer weather (hope you travel safely and enjoy your break).

We are busy finalising year end results together with finalising the 2026-2027 Budget. Our accounts will be audited in the coming month.

Vale We acknowledge the passing of Joe Bugeja and on behalf of all club members send our sincerest condolences to Phyl, Simon and all their family.

Course

Our great course team have constructed some great news paths on the 10th, 16th and 17th fairways. This will make a huge difference when we eventually get heavy rain. Well done team.

Big Working Bee - Sunday 2nd. August 2026

Some of the tasks to be completed are listed below. All volunteers most welcome to assist.

- Paint walls in entrance way
- Prep and paint kitchen passway to women's toilets
- Carts detail cleaned
- Signs erected in carpark and new Lincoln Place signs
- Chair covers removed and washed
- Shipping container interior prepped and painted
- Flag pole "who died" box affixed

WE ♥ OUR
volunteers



Winter Fire Lighter

A huge thanks to Arthur Petersen who ensures our open fire is alight each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Matt Brunt, and Jack, assist by starting the fire, however Arthur is always in control and very happy to discipline those who let the fire go out.

Regards

STEPHEN MANN (President)



BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JUNE 2026

John Crawford



We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Bugeja, after a long illness, he was devoted bowler and club man. Our sympathies to Phyl and family.

I bet one of Joe's saddest days was when he had to give up bowling.

Things are motoring along well with good weather, and good numbers on our three days of bowls.

The shed has been lined and by the time this is read will have been painted. Thanks to all those who helped achieve this improvement.

The 'rolling' saga has been fixed with improvements made to the ramps. Nevertheless, due diligence must apply.

The Committee has ruled that on Mondays the prize money must be one third of the entry fees. So winners will notice a slight increase in their winnings, not enough to affect Pensions.

Not a lot more to report, stay safe and healthy and good bowling.

John C.

GREENS DIRECTOR - JUNE 2026

Steve Beggs



Good news bowlers, the top green will be ready for bowls in a couple of weeks! The rest from bowling has done what Craig required for the recovery so now he will work to prepare it for bowling.

But we must change direction, and rink numbers, and bowl on top and bottom greens alternately to spread the wear over both greens and alternate rinks by changing to six rinks when bowler numbers permit.

I will instruct all roller operators how to change the green to play both as seven rinks and six rinks, this makes us all walk in a different path every time we change ends thus spreading the wear over the whole green.

The shed painting will be completed this week, so that is another project finished, thanks to all involved, a great job.

Steve B.



BOWLING GREENS - JUNE 2026

Craig Rimington Course Superintendent



The top green is currently being rested, multiple herbicide applications have been applied for Hydro Cotyle, Moss and broadleaf weed control.

All Bowls machinery will be serviced during July/August including mowers (reel grinding and bed knife replacement), rollers (service and belts), ride on surrounds mower (service and belts) and all small petrol tools.

Craig.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2026

David Pollard



Hi all!

I was somewhat surprised to get Bev's email reminding us all to get our reports in. I was sure I had not only sent it but had read it in the actual Newsletter! Alas, it turns out a month had passed and we're ready for another report.

Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 31.05.26

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is over by \$58,300 (good)

- Quite simply, all income areas are travelling very well.
- Subscriptions are the only area that has any real downturn, and that is only \$3,200 for these past 11 months, equating to \$290 per month.

Expenses are over \$61,446 (not so good)

- Our staffing costs are up \$29,000 for the year, as per last report, not a surprise but a considered decision to provide more staff in the clubhouse as well as on the course.
- House costs continue to track over budget due to some unforeseen repair costs as well as unforeseen damage from the break in. Course costs continue to track over budget.
- We continue to monitor them and are satisfied that it is the result of unforeseen costs and cost increases. Craig continues to monitor his budget very closely and I have no concerns.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is under \$13,600 (while not so good, it is \$8,700 better than where we were at on 30 April).

Considering the impactful events we have all endured of late, to claw back \$8,700 against budget in this last month is a terrific result. From a Financial position, the work Jeff, Jodie and Steve do is without a doubt both top notch and incredible.

David.



BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - JUNE 2026

Jan Dodson



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our Club presentation evening, unfortunately I was unable to attend but from all the reports it was a wonderful evening.

Congratulations to all our Club Competition winners also very well done to everyone who participated in the events without you all there would be no winners.

I hope to see everyone having a go next year, the more entries the more fun and you never know it just might be your name on the next trophy

We have had such beautiful weather for our Monday, Thursday and Saturday games lets hope it continues so we can enjoy many more games over the winter period

Keep up the great bowling

Cheers

Jan.

THE BIG WORKING BEE



SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

8am to 12pm Followed by a FREE BBQ

Tasks include

- Painting walls
- Prepping walls for painting
- Signs erected
- Chair covers washed
- Chair frames cleaned
- Wash down deck
- Stain deck (if dry)
- Fill potholes in gravel paths
- Install storage hooks
- Lots of general cleaning
- and more.....

Register you attendance with Jeff or Jodie in the office

Coaching and Pennant Practice Sessions



Mira Faithfull.



Helen Everett.


There has been good interest
in the Thursday morning
Coaching and Pennant
Practice sessions.
Thank you to all our Coaches
for giving their time to help
and newer, and more
experienced, players.



Karen Thorburn.

Women IN **BOWLS**



— Inaugural — **GIPPSLAND WOMEN IN BOWLS Challenge**



**SUNDAY
4 OCTOBER 2026**



**2026/27
BOWLS SEASON OPENER**



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WINNING CLUB**



*Put the date in
your diary!*

Monday & Saturday Bowls



Brian Hinkley.



David South (Howitt Park).



Steve Beggs (keeping you up?)



Meg Sutton.



Brian Halpin (Paynesville).



Noel Wishart (Howitt Park).



Dorothy Slater.



Pieternella Lawson.



Fin Ross.



Monday & Saturday Bowls



Pauline Judd and David Slater.



Roy Pike (Paynesville).



Judy Rosevear (Lakes Ent.).



Rod Bridgborn and Pam Boucher.



John Rosevear (Lakes Ent.).





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LOOKING BACK ON THE HISTORY OF OUR BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB. PART 16...

OUR BEGINNING

It is a privilege to look back through some of the Minutes from previous years. One letter which caught my interest was from Keith Murray, who was our 'Project Officer', sent to Mr. Bob Scott from Eastern Energy. It was a letter asking for Eastern Energy to contribute towards the cost of our sun shelters on the Harrap Green which had not long been open.

Dear Bob,

I enjoyed meeting with you at Riversleigh following the Angus McMillan Memorial Lecture last week.

My wife and I appreciated the opportunity to talk a little bit about East Gippsland and the earlier days of the rather primitive private power supplies at Orbost and Mallacoota. I'm glad to say it is a far cry from the present arrangement.

One incident which I recall, occurred at the Mallacoota pub when at about 6 p.m. the lights became rather dim. Everyone looked at Tom Davies, the proprietor of the local power station who spent a fair bit of time in the bar most days. Tom ignored the dimming lights and remarked, "They'll come good soon, it's just frying pan time for the next half hour."

Tom was right, of course, but one of the locals called out, "More likely someone's turned on an electric razor."

Tom was so wild that his power station had been criticized that he stamped out of the pub saying, "I'll show 'em," and he turned the power off for the whole town until he received an apology at a hastily convened public meeting about a day later. Of course it put an end to any adverse remarks about Tom's power station. Incidentally, the old power plant and shed has been preserved as a local memorial to Tom.

It's not very pretty, but it is certainly a valuable bit of local history.

I could go on a length about experiences with supply when I was Senior Technical Officer in Telecom at Orbost. We relied very much on the power with many small automatic exchanges and mountain top radio and T.V. repeaters to the east of Orbost. The frequent power failures during storms was a constant worry for me. I recall the longest break was about 65 hours. I was interested to hear from you last week of the greatly improved service.

The real reason for my letter, however, is not to reminisce but to ask if Eastern Energy could assist the Bairnsdale Golf-Bowls Club, please. I was interested to hear of the number of organisations which your company has encouraged with donations and felt that it may be worthwhile approaching you on behalf of our local Bowls Club.

We constructed a new green, mainly with volunteer labour, and funded greatly by Club members.

We exceeded our budget to finish the green but it is proving to be very popular with the increasing number of retirees who are now coming to live in this area. We are having difficulty in financing sun shelters above the seats around the new facility.

The Committee recognises the importance of sun protection for the Bowls members and has received some designs from a local supplier which would be most satisfactory. Unfortunately, the Club cannot afford the \$8,000 cost and are seeking sponsorship for whole or part of this item. *(This was a quote from 'Shadeworks' for sail-shaped shades).*

We feel that the provision of the shelters would be an opportunity for much favourable publicity of any corporation involved.

The Club would be most appreciative of any donation, and would ensure that a permanent record for the contribution to 'sun safe' sport would be displayed at the new green.

If any further information is required about the shelters, please do not hesitate to call me as I have been authorised by the Committee to promote this particular project and we would like to try to have the shade facilities in place before the hot summer months.

We would be pleased to show you the Golf and Bowls Club at Eagle Point during a future visit if you have time, and look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

Keith Murray - Project Officer, Bairnsdale Golf-Bowls Club.

The east side shades were funded mainly with a \$2,500 grant from VicHealth.



COOPERS TRAVEL

8 DAY GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL ESCORTED TOUR

DEPARTING 01ST DECEMBER 2026

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- Return Flights from Melbourne Airport.
- Return Airport coach transfers from Bairnsdale to Melbourne Airport
- Coopers Travel Tour Leader
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- Meals as specified in the Itinerary.
- Coach transportation as specified in the Itinerary



ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART BAIRNSDALE TUE 01 DECEMBER 2026

Our journey begins as we board our coach and travel to Melbourne Airport where we will stay the night at the Park Royal before our onward flight tomorrow. Tonight's dinner at leisure.

Overnight: Park Royal Melbourne Airport

DAY 2: TO ADELAIDE WED 02 DECEMBER 2026 (D)

This morning meet your tour leader in the Park Royal lobby, ready to walk over for your morning flight with Qantas from Melbourne to Adelaide. Upon arrival we are welcomed by our friendly coach driver and transferred to the remarkable Monarto Safari Resort. On arrival, we settle comfortably in before we embark on a memorable **Sunset Wildlife Safari** within the Monarto Safari Park, one of the largest wildlife parks in the Southern Hemisphere. Enjoy the experience

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Overnight: Monarto Safari Resort



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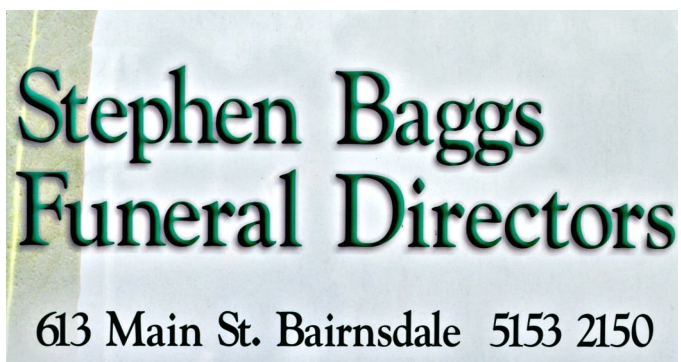


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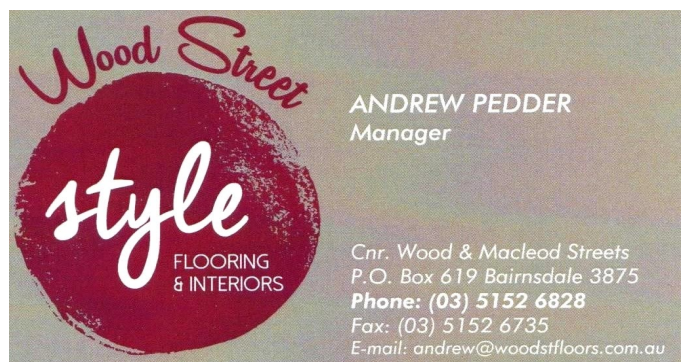
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DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS?

A player stands with his/her foot adjacent to the jack indicating 'jack high' or, where they would like the bowl to finish.
What happens next?

Section 1.3 POSSESSION OF THE RINK

12 Position of players

12.1.2.3

As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play from a position that is either level with or in front of the jack, must take their position as described in **Law 12.1.2.**

12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink.

BOWL KICKING PROCEDURE

The Lead makes much play of retrieving and cleaning the jack, then fussing meticulously with the placing of the mat. If it is not his jack then so much the better. He can extend his role by presenting same to his opponent with exaggerated courtesy - to the point of lightly polishing his opponent's bowl before handing it over with due ceremony.

The experienced Seconds feel a sudden impulse to fill in the score card in their neatest copperplate - carefully double check the running totals, and fumble endlessly with the numbers on the scoreboard.

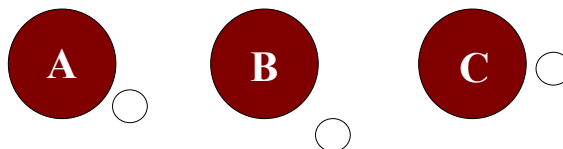
The Thirds - usually experienced campaigners and senior members - become deeply engrossed in a serious appraisal of the tactics of the previous end and/or pressing committee matters.

THE NOVICE KICKS BACK THE BOWLS.

The lead from the winning end should have the mat ready to place as soon as the result is declared, then help everyone to kick the bowls back. Doing the scorecard does not make the second immune from kicking bowls.

You are all part of the team.

Do you know the definition of a 'jack high' bowl?
If you are marking a game of singles, or controlling the head in any game, you must know.



Which bowl is 'jack high'?

MAT
END

Answer: A
The nearest part of a bowl is in line with and at the same distance from the mat as the nearest part of the jack.

WHERE'S WALLY?



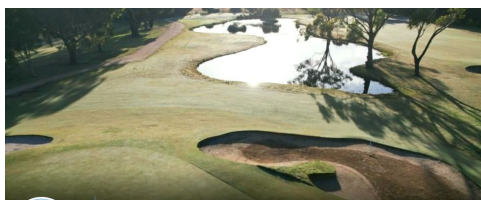
Can you find Wally in this edition somewhere?

He's back and on official warning!
Next time he doesn't turn up he's out!!

Don't forget to use your LOYALTY



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