

"KOOKA CALL NEWSLETTER"



"HOME OF THE SEBASTOPOL BURRAS"

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The Burras are buzzing! This brand-new revamped monthly newsletter endorsed by the new Bowls Section Committee on 19 May 2026 is here to keep everyone in the loop — news, events, achievements, and all the good stuff happening in and around our great club. Your editor is Sean Bryce, Bowls Secretary, and he'll be bringing you fresh updates on the last Friday of each month.

Your 2026/27 Bowls Section Committee

Firstly a big thank-you to last year's committee — and a warm welcome to the new crew steering the ship for the 2026/27 season:

Executive

- Jeff Sculley (President)
- Bob Jenkins (Vice President)
- Sean Bryce (Secretary)
- Narelle Baker (Assistant Secretary)

General Committee Elaine Pitts, John Kidney, Will Matthews, Rob Pelchan, Glenda Densley and Rod McQuinn

Board Representatives from the Bowls Section Committee Jeff Sculley & Will Matthews

Selection Sub-Committee Mick McDonnell, Darren Meade, Neil Brown, Derek Wren (+ **two more to be appointed on 16 June at the next meeting**)

Front Green Redevelopment - Update

By Scotty Roberts, Club Green Keeper



The club's front green has undergone a full conversion from bent grass to Tiftdwarf couch, changing from a cool-season surface to a warm-season green better suited to our climate and playing conditions.

After more than 10 years of service, the old bent grass green had reached the end of its effective life due to significant thatch build-up. With the club regularly hosting major events during the warmer months, Tiftdwarf will provide a faster, more reliable and consistent playing surface well into the future.

The new turf was planted in late January and has established extremely well. Growth has naturally slowed during the cooler months, as Tiftdwarf requires warmer soil temperatures to actively grow. The yellowing currently visible is simply the remaining bent grass being removed as part of the conversion process.

Importantly, there have been no major setbacks during establishment. While some areas in the centre have developed more slowly than others, healthy growth is present and we are confident the surface will continue to improve as temperatures rise in spring.

At this stage, the green will not be ready for Round 1 of the coming season, as further topdressing and warmer conditions are required before reopening. While operating with two greens for a short period may be frustrating, this redevelopment is a long-term investment that will greatly benefit the club in future years.

The club sincerely thanks all members and volunteers who assisted with the planting on Australia Day, including Dave and Ethan Ellis, Neil Lloyd-Jones, Doug Gordon, Kevin Lynch, Tom Brooks, William Mathews, Mick McDonald and Mark Firman.

Special thanks also go to contractor David Gudgeon for his professionalism, ongoing support and guidance throughout the project. Thanks also to Kevin Lynch who is putting up the drone weekly and providing me with photos on the progress.

Division 1 Midweek Pennant – What a Run!



Our Div 1 crew hit the road to Moama for the State Midweek Pennant Finals and came home with 2 strong wins from 5 games against some of the toughest competition in the state. The grit. The teamwork. The fight. You did our club proud.

💛💙 **To our amazing spectators** who travelled all the way to Moama or watched them on TV — your support was loud, loyal and absolutely appreciated.

👏 **And to our volunteers...** you're the heartbeat of this club. Every bit of organizing, helping, driving, cheering — it all matters, and we're grateful.

What's On at the Sebastopol Bowling Club

Now that the bowls season has wrapped up here in Autumn at the Sebastopol Bowling Club, things are still full steam ahead. We've got plenty happening each week:

Monday: Social/Pennant Bowls + Ladies Indoor Pennant both at 1pm. Gold Diggers 4.15pm

Tuesday: Men's Indoor Pennant at 7.15pm

Wednesday: Wednesday Scroungers at 1pm + Quoits 7.30pm

Thursday: Thursday Scroungers 1pm + Indoor Social Bowls at 1pm

Friday: Friday Night Social/Trivia Night from 5pm

Saturday: Open Saturday Social Bowls from 1pm

There's something for everyone — come along and stay involved.

Monthly Bowls Results and Winners

These scores are also now updated weekly on the TV Screen in the Members

MONDAY AUTUMN PENNANT WINNERS

4/5/2026 Rod McQuinn, Steve McQuinn, R, McGloin
11/5/2026 Ian Edwards, Brian Dickers and Steve Martin
18/5/2026 Bill Evans, Ron Worleoke, S Botrell
25/5/2026 Finals over three weeks just started. Winners announced on **15 June**

MONDAY LADIES INDOOR BOWLS PENNANT SCORES

4/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 31–Invermay 11, **Div 2** Creswick 23, Sebas 20, **Div 3** Sebas 23-Central Wend 20, **Div 4** Sebas 18-Learmonth 28
11/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 22 - Midlands 21, **Div 2** Sebas 28, Webbcona 17, **Div 3** Sebas 28 – Creswick 20, Div 4 Sebas 16 – Central Wendouree 24
18/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 27 – City Oval 14, **Div 2** Sebas 36- Midlands13, **Div 3** Sebas 14 – Learmonth 27, Div 4 Sebas 8 – Linton 48
25/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 20, Buninyong 18 **Div 2** Sebas 27 Buninyong 25, **Div 3** No Result, **Div 4** No Result

TUESDAY MEN'S INDOOR BOWLS PENNANT SCORES

5/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas22 Webbcona 45, **Div 3** Sebas 42 Midlands 39
12/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 39 Nth Ballarat 31, **Div 3** Sebas 47 Learmonth 32
19/5/2026 Div 1 Sebas 22 Creswick 33, Div 3 Sebas 38 BMS 31
26/5/2026

WEDNESDAY SCROUNGERS WINNERS

6/5/2026 Steve McQuinn
13/5/2026 AJ Beacham
20/5/2026 Tony Leslie
27/5/2026

THURSDAY INDOOR SOCIAL BOWLS

7/5/2026 P Edwards, S Opie, D Wasley (Sk)
14/5/2026 M Horne, J Dunn, A Hovey, N Thornhill (Sk)
21/5/2026 M Cassells, R Harris, A Hovey, I Long (Sk)
28/5/2026

THURSDAY SCROUNGERS WINNERS

7/5/2026 - Bill Beek
14/5/2026 – R Fisher
21/5/2026 – A Jones
28/5/2026

SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS WINNERS

2/5/2026 L Johannsen, J Moroney, I Clyne, P Lovell
9/5/2026 G Redford, Steve Dargavike & Trish Cole
16/5/2026 R Pelchen, R McQuinn, G Redford
23/5/2026 P Orr, J Ferris, T Walsh

Ballarat Rope Quoits

NEEDS PLAYERS ASAP FOR THEIR UPCOMING SEASON

CONTACT: Adam Giles President 0418 348 100 or Alison Harbridge 0428 388 058 if your interested. They usually play Wednesday Nights at 7.30pm in the Southern Star Room.

Important Coming Dates

31 May (Sun) BHBR AGM @ 11am
31 May (Sun) Board AGM @ 3pm
15 June (Mon) Autumn Pennant finishes
6 July (Mon) Winter Pennant starts
10-11 July (Fri – Sat) VBL – Club Barham

Congratulations Narelle Baker

Narelle Baker has been in Tasmania selected as part of the Australia Indoor Bowls Team between 14-16 May 2026 against New Zealand. Narelle was picked as an emergency player. Congratulations on being chosen in the Squad. New Zealand was very strong and won the event having now recorded their 20th win and they have had just six losses since 1975. Australia did win their last match in 2024 in Pukekohe — their first victory since 2009 and first on New Zealand soil since 1991.

BIBBA Life Membership issued to Ian Hedger

Our Club member Ian Hedger who has also been in Tasmania with Narelle (his daughter) has also recently been made a Life Member of the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association for his many years as BIBBA Secretary and long-term service to Indoor Bowls here in Ballarat.

On behalf of the Club Congratulations Ian on your recent achievement, it is very much well deserved.

Armed VIC's Tryouts

Kevin Lynch and Terry Bond have both recently been invited to try out for the Armed Vic's national team on Saturday 30 May 2026.

The Club would like to congratulate both Kevin and Terry for being selected for the trial which is great news after the great pennant seasons they both had. This is for the 12th National Championship to be held at Club Tweed – Tweed Heads in Queensland from 6-11 September 2026.

We wish you all the best Kevin and Terry!

Second Hand Uniforms Available

The Club's Bowling Section has a large number of **second-hand Uniform items** available hanging on racks in both the Men's and Women's Changerooms. These second-hand uniforms are available **free of charge** for members **BUT** you need to let Rob or Elaine know what you're interested in taking first. If there are any **second-hand Hoodies, vests and jackets** these may incur a small fee based on quality but see Rob for further details.

New Hoodies are still available

As we are heading into winter the Bowls Section still has some of the **new Players hoodies**. These are **\$70 and are available by contacting Rob**.

Recent Major Bowling Achievements

Vic Senior School Bias Bowls – A Baker & K Baker [State runners up]

Junior Ballarat Bias Bowls Singles – Winner - Archie Baker

Runner- Up in the State Junior Bias Bowls – Archie Baker

In the Final of the State Pairs Bias Bowls (Played in July)– Archie Baker/Rob Baker

State Novice Carnival G Wills & G Britt (Singles Last 16), D Ellis (Singles Last 4), D Ellis and AJ Beacham (Pairs) Last 4

Men's State Finals a couple of weeks ago W Matthews and Dave Ellis (Fours – Last 8), S Roberts & R Baker (Pairs – Last 8)

Over 60's Women's Pairs – Wanda Bourke-Finn (Last 16)

Over 60's State Singles – Paul Lovell (Last 16)

State Indoor Bias Bowls (4's) – Elaine Pitts – Runner-up

Well done to you all on your successful competitions. To be recognised in the newsletter bowlers need to achieve the Final 16 or better.

Bowls Section Committee News – 19 May 2026

Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region (BHBR) Representatives

The Bowls Section Committee on Tuesday 19 May appointed Jeff Sculley (Bowls President) and Sean Bryce (Bowls Secretary) who will attend the BHBR Meetings going forward. Next Meeting: **BHBR AGM Sunday 31 May 2026.**

Junior Vice President

Will Matthews accepted a new role set up by the Bowls Section President to help with the progression of the Committee going forward. Congrats Will, it's nice to see a younger member jumping on the Committee.

Selection Committee 2026/27

The Finalisation of the 2026/27 Selection Committee and the nominated Chair of the Selection Committee will occur at the next Bowls Selection Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 June 2026. We will provide an update in the next newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for Various Activities

Rob Pelchen for the 2026/27 Season will be coordinating the Club's Volunteers Program. We are a huge Club and more people who can help out makes light work.

Rob has been busy engaging people and developing a pool of volunteers to help out. If you're interested in becoming a Volunteer please contact Rob Pelchen.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organisation.

Club Photographers Needed

The Club is looking for some members who would be keen to be Club Photographers at upcoming Club Bowls Events and During the Bowls season to be used in newsletters, social media or put on the TV in the Members Area. If you're interested, please speak to or email **Sean Bryce, Club Secretary at bowlsec@sebasbowlingclub.com.au**.

Multi 6's Winners

Congratulations to the winners below of the Sebastopol Bowling Club's Multi 6's which concluded on Wednesday 20 May 2026.

2026 Multi 6's Winners: BALLARAT NORTH

- Will Hodgetts (left)
- Amy Newman (middle)
- Glenn Mattei (right)
- Sam Newman (not pictured)

- Michael Clark (not pictured)



\$3,000 MULTI 6's 2026 FINALS WEEK

	TOTAL		TRIPLES		PAIRS		SINGLES		PRIZES			
	W	D	W	D	W	D	W	D				
BALLARAT NTH	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	5	1	0	\$1,000 Winner	
GOLD DIGGERS	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	1	0	\$400 Run-Up	
SEBAS Blue	1	0	-12	0	0	-3	1	0	1	0	0	0
BMS Red	0	0	-7	0	0	-3	0	0	4	0	0	0
VICTORIA	2	0	13	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	\$900 Winner
BMS Black	2	0	1	0	0	-0	1	0	6	1	0	0
COMBO	1	0	-7	1	0	3	0	0	-3	0	0	0
CLUNES	1	0	-7	0	0	-3	0	0	4	1	0	0
SEBAS Gold	3	0	15	1	0	4	1	0	5	1	0	\$200 Winner
CITY OVAL	2	0	9	1	0	6	0	0	-5	1	0	0
B'YONG Gold	1	0	-8	0	0	-4	1	0	4	0	0	0
WEBBCONA	0	0	-16	0	0	-4	0	0	-4	0	0	0
B'YONG Green	2	0	18	0	0	-4	1	0	4	1	0	\$100 Winner
BALLARAT	2	0	15	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MT XAVIER	2	0	-4	1	0	1	0	0	-4	1	0	0
SEBAS/WEND	0	0	-29	0	0	-0	0	0	-4	0	0	0

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Congratulations to Kip and Archie Baker

Two of our younger members Archie & Kip Baker, on Tuesday achieved **Runners Up in the state finals** of the **Secondary School Senior Bowls Championships, Well Done Boys!**

Archie has also become the Winner of the Junior Ballarat Bias Bowls Singles and Runner- Up in the State Junior Bias Bowls.





NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
of the Sebastopol Bowling Club Inc.
Sunday 31st May 2026

3p.m. In the Golden Plateau Room

Club Information Session to Follow AGM

AGENDA:

- **Acknowledgment of Past Members**
- **Presentation of Minutes** of the BOM Annual General Meeting held on May 26th, 2025
- **Presentation of 2025-2026 Annual Report**
 - **Chairman's Report**
 - **General Managers Report**
 - **Treasurers Report**
- **Election/Declaration** of BOM positions: *(Nominations have closed)*
 - **Chairman** : Warren Bedggood
 - **Secretary** : Neil Lloyd-Jones
 - **Director B** : Alan Jones

These nominations were the only nominations for these positions
- **Confirmation of the 2026-27 Board of Management**
- **Life Membership:**
 - **The Board has recommended that a Life Membership be awarded to this Member to reflect his selfless contribution to the Club.**
- **Appointment of Auditors**
- **Other Presentations:**
- **General Business:**
 - No Items have been presented to the Secretary by the due date.
- **Close AGM.**
- **Information Session on Club Matters will follow (Members are encouraged to raise matters For consideration by the BOM or Committees of the Club.)**

Neil Lloyd-Jones

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BOM Secretary

May 12th 2026

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