



"KOOKA CALL NEWSLETTER"

"HOME OF THE SEBASTOPOL BURRAS"

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This newsletter will be released on the last Friday of each month. Editor Sean Bryce, Bowls Secretary bowlsec@sebasbowlingclub.com.au Ph: 0413054483

Our Bowls Section Newsletter brings you the latest updates, highlights, and behind-the-scenes happenings from around the Sebastopol Bowling Club.

Keeping our members informed, connected, and part of the story — every month.

What's on at the Club

While the outdoor bowls season has concluded for autumn, the Sebastopol Bowling Club remains a vibrant hub of activity with a wide range of sporting and social events taking place throughout the week.

Monday

- Social/Pennant Bowls + Ladies Indoor Pennant – 1.00pm
- Gold Diggers (Juniors) – 4.15pm

Tuesday

- Men's Indoor Pennant 7.15pm

Wednesday

- Scroungers + Disability Bowls (by Scope Disability Services) – 1.00pm
- Quoits 7.30pm

Thursday

- Scroungers + Indoor Social -1.00pm

Friday

- Friday Night Social/Trivia – 5.00pm

Saturday

- Saturday Social Bowls – 1.00pm

2026/27– Bowls Calendar

- 6 July** (Mon) Winter Pennant starts
- 10-11 July** (Fri – Sat) VBL 5 – Club Barham
- 5 August – 9 Sept** Super Dome Series , Sebas Bowling Club
- 31 August** – Memberships not paid may need to reapply
- 19 & 20 Sept** BPL Cup Regional Finals
- 22 Sept** – Bowls Vic – Doug Kneebone Junior Tourn. – Deer Park
- 3 & 4 October** BPL Cup - VIC State Finals
- 3 October** – Proposed Summer Pennant Season Start Date
- 29 Nov** – Provincial Shield
- 1-3 January 2027** – Great Southern 20k – Sebas Bowling Club
- 8-10 January 2027** Region Sides Championship, Ballarat (Bowls Victoria)
- 20 January 2027** Flapper Shield/Junior Provincial , Sebas Bowling Club (Bowls Vic)
- 15-24 March 2027** Vic Open , Morwell/Traralgon (Bowls Vic)
- 6-11 April 2027** Under 18 State Championships – Deer Park (Bowls Vic)
- 13-21 April 2027** State Championships – Bendigo (Bowls Victoria)
- 24-27 April 2027** State Pennant Championships, Moama (Bowls Vic)
- 29 Apr – 4 May** State Novice Carnival, Shepparton (Bowls Vic)
- 17-25 May** State Over 60 Carnival, Barham (Bowls Vic)

2026/27 Board of Management

On Sunday 31st May the Board of Management held it's AGM at the Club. The BOM has changed. Jeff Sculley and Will Matthews come onto the Board.

They replace Darren Meade and Kerry Ann Parnell.

Board of Management 2026/27

Warren Bedggood – Chair, **Joe Hayes** – Deputy Chair, **Ian Clyne** – Treasurer, **Neil Lloyd Jones** – Secretary, **Mick McDonnell** – Director A, **Alan Jones** – Director B, **Jeff Sculley** – Bowls Rep, **Will Matthews** – Bowls Rep, **Rod Beckwith** – General Manager

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bowssec@sebasbowlingclub.com.au

Memberships are now Due

At the Board AGM it was announced that the Fees for 2026/27 financial year will be as follows. Fees are due as of **30 June 2026**.

Fee Membership Structure
Junior \$25, Social \$75, Dual \$130, Full \$170

The Board have not increased the cost of Fees due to the cost of living

NEW LIFE MEMBER – ROB ANNING

Every club has those special people who quietly shape its culture, lift its spirit, and make it a better place simply by being part of it. At Sebastopol Bowling Club, one of those people is Robert Anning — and it is with great pride that we recognise his nomination for Life Membership.

Rob has been a valued member since 2011, and in that time he has become the kind of contributor every club dreams of. Whether it's rolling up his sleeves for Barefoot Bowls, helping school groups discover the game, coaching new players, or supporting the smooth running of tournaments and events, Rob is always one of the first to put his hand up. His commitment extends onto the green as well, having represented Sebastopol in almost 200 Pennant games — a milestone that speaks to both loyalty and passion.

But what truly sets Robert apart isn't just the hours he gives — it's *how* he gives them. He is efficient, reliable, sensible and unfailingly club-minded. He consistently puts the needs of the club before his own, never seeking praise, never expecting recognition, and always acting with generosity and good spirit. It's no surprise he is so deeply respected by members, visitors and the wider bowls community.

In many ways, Robert embodies the very best of what a club member can be. We are fortunate to have a great club — but it could never be a perfect club, because there is only one Robert Anning.

His contribution, character and unwavering commitment make him thoroughly deserving of Life Membership, and we are proud to honour him

COACHES CORNER

If you've been wanting to iron out a few quirks in your delivery, tidy up your timing, or simply boost your confidence on the green, now is the perfect time to jump into some coaching.

Our coaching team is ready to help you fine-tune your action — whether you're chasing more consistency, better rhythm, or just a little extra polish before next season rolls around.

And here's the best part...

- Coaching is **FREE** for all Sebastopol Bowling Club members!

That's right — it's a members-only service, and we don't coach full members from other clubs. It's one of the great perks of being part of Sebas.

If you'd like a session, simply pop your name on the Coaching Request Form on the Members' Room pinboard. Easy, friendly, and tailored to you.

Give your game a little love — future you will be glad you did.

Club Coaches: Rob Baker & Scott Roberts



New Training Tool on the Green: The 5-ft Bowls Bumper

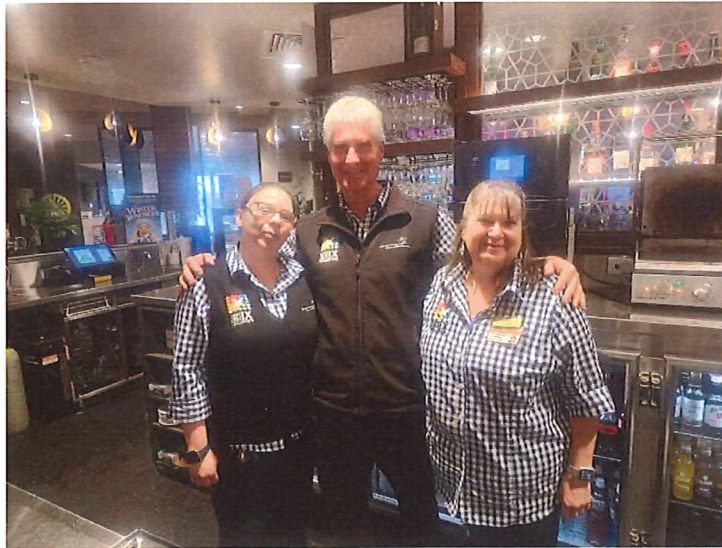
Our coaching kit just received a smart new upgrade approved by the Bowls Section Committee on 19 May 2026 — the 5-ft Bowls Bumper is now part of Sebastopol Bowling Club's training equipment, and it's already proving to be a game-changer for practice sessions, school groups and skill development.

Designed to make training smoother, safer and far more efficient, the Bowls Bumper brings a whole list of benefits to the green:

- Improve your accuracy and speed with consistent, repeatable deliveries
- Sharpen rhythm, timing and tempo without constant interruptions
- No sand on your bowls — keeping them clean and ready for play
- No marks on your bowls and no damage to the plinth
- No loud thuds — the bumper absorbs impact quietly
- No more walking end-to-end to collect bowls, as they rebound straight back to you

It's a simple piece of equipment, but it makes a big difference — especially for beginners, juniors and anyone looking to fine-tune their technique.

PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE CLUB



Chair of Selectors, Full Selection Committee and Player Advocates

Congratulations **Mick McDonnell** who was appointed by the Bowls Section Committee to be **Chair of Selectors** for 2026/27

The two additional members who have been appointed to the Selection Committee are **Graeme Britt and Cec Deans**. They will join **Mick McDonnell, Darren Meade, Neil Brown and Derek Wren** who were appointed at the Bowls AGM in April. Player Advocates appointed for this season are **Peter Shaw and David Demeye**

Boyd Browning Heads Back to the Gold Coast!

Sebastopol's own Boyd Browning is gearing up for another crack at the Australian Open Bowls on the Gold Coast in just a few weeks' time — and the whole club is cheering him on!

After a strong showing last year, Boyd is returning with renewed focus and determination to go one better. His goal this time? To improve on last year's results and take out his section. With plenty of experience under his belt and a great attitude on and off the green, he's ready to give it everything.

Boyd's preparation has been boosted by coaching from Australian representative Sophie Kurzman, whose guidance is helping fine-tune his game ahead of the big event.

The Sebastopol Bowling Club community is right behind you, Boyd — we wish you all the very best for the Australian Open. Go get 'em!

#Editor's Note – This article was written prior to the Aus Open which is now concluded. Results from the Aus Open are available via Bowls Link. Congratulations also to Jarrod Evans and Greg Brown who also were playing in the Aus Open.

Beryl Flynn and Narelle Baker have success at BIBBA Intergroup Championships

Celebrating success at the Ballarat Intergroup Championships 2026

Narelle Baker – Silver Medal, Ladies Singles

A huge congratulations to Narelle Baker, who claimed the Silver Medal after finishing Runner-Up in the Ladies Singles Event. Narelle continues to demonstrate exceptional skill, consistency, and competitive spirit, proudly representing our club at every level. This is a brilliant achievement and a testament to her hard work and dedication.

Beryl Flynn – Silver Medal, Ladies Fours

We also extend our congratulations to Beryl Flynn, who secured a Silver Medal as Runner-Up in the Ladies Fours Event. Beryl's teamwork, experience, and steady leadership on the green were key contributors to this fantastic result.

Both Narelle and Beryl have done Sebastopol Bowling Club proud, well done to you both — outstanding achievements.

See a Maintenance Issue?

To help keep our club safe, clean, and running smoothly, we rely on everyone's eyes and ears. If you notice **any maintenance issue** — big or small — please report it **directly to the Front Reception**. The staff will record the item in the **Maintenance Register**, ensuring it reaches the right people quickly.

Our Maintenance/Cleaning Supervisor, **Sean Bryce**, oversees general cleaning and maintenance inside the building and outside around the car parks. Sean works **Monday to Friday, 4.30am–12.00pm** and will action items **logged through the register**.

For **urgent issues**, especially anything involving **electrical or plumbing**, please notify **Rod Beckwith** or the Front Reception immediately so the matter can be handled without delay.

By reporting issues as soon as you see them, you help us maintain a safe, welcoming, and well-presented club for everyone. This is for all staff, members and other visitors

SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB'S

WINTER PENNANT 2026

MONDAYS @ 1PM • JULY 6 to AUG 31
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY JUNE 29

Over \$2500 in prizes!

HOW TO ENTER	LIKELY FORMAT & CONDITIONS OF PLAY
Enter as a team (Individual entries considered) Sign up at the club or contact ROB BAKER – 5336 4601 #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Bowl Triples • 2 Games of 10 Ends • Winners decided by Points System
	COMPETITION STRUCTURE
	Weeks 1-6: Round Robin \$1000 total weekly prizes & jackpot
	Weeks 7-9: Sectional Play • Teams split into 4 graded sections
	SECTION PRIZES (Based on 16 teams)
	Section 1: \$660 Total \$360 Winners • \$300 Runners-Up Section 2: \$480 Total \$270 Winners • \$210 Runners-Up Section 3: \$300 Total \$180 Winners • \$120 Runners-Up Section 4: \$150 Total \$90 Winners • \$60 Runners-Up

*The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter conditions of play at any time.

Welcome Donna Leeson

Sebastopol Bowling Club is delighted to welcome Donna Leeson, who joined us this season after transferring from the Victoria Bowling Club. Donna has already thrown herself into club life and is proudly representing Sebas on the national stage.

This month, Donna travelled to Queensland to compete in the Australian Open, one of the biggest events on the bowls calendar. She will be taking part in both the Ladies Singles and the Ladies Fours, showcasing her skill, determination, and competitive spirit.

Donna is also giving back to the sport in a wonderful way — she has volunteered as a Marker in the Disability Singles, supporting bowlers with additional needs and helping ensure the event runs smoothly. It's a fantastic contribution and reflects the values we're proud to see in our members.

We wish Donna all the very best for her matches and thank her for representing Sebastopol with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

BPL Cup Qualifying – Sunday 24 May

Sebastopol Bowling Club was proud to host a Bowls Premier League (BPL) Cup Qualifying event on Sunday 24 May.

Our winning team from this qualifier now progresses to the next stage, joining around 60 other qualifying teams from across the country on the road to the National Final.

What's Next?

VIC Regional Finals *Venue TBC* | **19–20 September** and VIC State Finals *Venue TBC* | **3–4 October**

From there, the top two Victorian teams will earn a place in the BPL Cup National Final.

The National Final

State and Territory finalists will be flown and accommodated to compete at the BPL24 venue (to be confirmed), with the National Final played in parallel with BPL24 from **10–13 November 2026**.



Observations from the Bowling Green – Mr A Bowler (A contributing anonymous member)

Welcome everyone to what we hope will become a light-hearted look at the curious, amusing and occasionally puzzling world of lawn bowls.

This section is not about perfect technique, pennant strategy or how to draw the perfect shot. We have people far more qualified for that.

Instead, these are simply observations from around the green — the little moments, personalities and gentle humour that somehow make our club what it is.

Because if there is one thing lawn bowls teaches us, it is that sport and friendship seem to sit rather comfortably alongside cheerful advice and occasional confusion.

Which brings me to a fellow I played with recently. We shall call him Norm (purely fictional, of course).

Now Norm was wonderfully encouraging.

Every bowl I delivered was met with enthusiastic approval.

“Good bowl!”

“I like your grass!”

“Weight’s spot on!”

At first, I felt quietly encouraged. Perhaps after all these years I had suddenly discovered hidden bowling talent.

Then reality slowly crept in.

It became apparent that Norm’s standards for success were refreshingly broad.

If the bowl remained on the correct rink:

“Great bowl!”

If it avoided the ditch:

“Well played!”

If it travelled in roughly the intended direction:

“Beautiful weight!”

By the end of the afternoon, I began wondering what exactly constituted a bad bowl.

Possibly one that ended up in the clubhouse. Still, there is something rather lovely about bowls people — generous with encouragement and forever optimistic that the next bowl might be the perfect one. Until next month, may your bowls stay on the rink and your advice remain encouraging.

NEW CARPET FOR SEATS ALONG THE GREEN UNDER THE DOME

Special Thanks to Steve Cassells who came down recently and organised the carpet for the aluminium benches. These pieces of carpet have been Velcroed so they can be lifted when we have inclement weather. The plan is also to roll up and store the carpet behind the seating when they are not in use. This is still to be organised.

5 Benches along the southern end will have the carpet. That will be 30m of carpet! Please note the other benches on the Carpark side (West Side) and the Northern Side will not have carpet as they are directly impacted by weather when it rains.

NEW CORNER FLAGS PLANNED FOR THE GREENS

For the coming pennant season the Bowls Committee has committed to purchasing new corner flags for each of our three Bowling Greens.

It is planned to have the Flags designed with our Club Logo. The final design will be approved by the Committee once designed, and it is hoped they will be ready for the commencement of the season. The funding for the flags will be paid for from the Social Club Account and was approved by the Bowls Committee.

FRIDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Special Thank You must go to Rob Pelchen who has managed to organise a Friday Night Roster for the Friday Night Raffle/Trivia Nights until the end of December...Well Done!

The Bowls Section Committee would also like to thank all those volunteers who have offered to help out on some Friday Nights.

MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

It was raised at our last Bowls Section Meeting about looking at ways to improve the attendances on Friday Nights heading into the coming season.

If you have any ideas what you would like to see please email the Bowls Secretary at bowlsec@sebasbowlingclub.com.au or by phone on 0413054483 otherwise please contact Rod McQuinn our Communications person on 0431237473.

THE BOOK NOOK

Did you know you can loan out Books and Games from the Club's Book Nook which is situated near the stairwell to the Balcony. The have books going back as far as 2000. At this time the Club is not receiving any new books as the library is **FULL** but if you have some books you wanted to donate some quality books please contact Julie Brown before you drop them off. Julie is currently looking after the Book Nook.

THANKS TO CORY VAN PUTTEN

Special Thank you from the Bowls Section Committee to Cory Van Putten for donating a set of great bowls to the Club. (See below)



Monthly Bowls Results and Winners

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

MONDAY AUTUMN PENNANT WINNERS

15/6/2026 Autumn Winners and Runners Up are as follows:

Section 1 Winners	P Lovell	Runners Up S Botrell
Section 2 Winners	M Storey	Runners Up D Meade
Section 3 Winners	M Giles	Runners Up J Heard
Section 4 Winners	A Jones	Runners Up D Demeye

22/6/2026 Monday Social Winners – N Giles, C Woo, D Demeye, J Van Raaphorst

MONDAY LADIES INDOOR BOWLS PENNANT SCORES

1/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 22 Cent Wend 25, Div 2 Sebas 26 City Oval 22, Div 3 Sebas 20 Midlands 19, Div 4 Sebas 13 Bun'yong 31
8/6/2026	Public Holiday – No Bowls
15/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 19 Invermay 15, Div 2 Sebas 32 Creswick 17, Div 3 Sebas 13 Central Wend 32
22/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 22 Midlands 26, Div 2 Sebas 26 Webbcona 18, Div 3 Sebas 32 Creswick 27

TUESDAY MEN'S INDOOR BOWLS PENNANT SCORES

2/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 29 Learmonth 44, Div 3 Sebas 46, Victoria 28
9/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 48 VRI 40, Div 3 Sebas 35 VRI 39
16/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 37 Midlands 38, Div 3 Sebas 32 Learmonth 34
23/6/2026	Div 1 Sebas 46 Webconna 36, Div 3 Sebas 54 C Wendouree 29

WEDNESDAY SCROUNGERS WINNERS

3/6/2026	Phil Tolliday (City Oval)
10/6/2026	Neil Laxton (McLaren Vale)
17/6/2026	Warren Bedggood
24/6/2026	Ricky Evers

THURSDAY INDOOR SOCIAL BOWLS

4/6/2026	D Harris, T Lovell and D Dyer
11/6/2026	Joan Dunn, Bonnie Simpson, Annette Hovey, Ian Long
18/6/2026	Margaret Cassells, Shirley Corneille, Vicki Wilson, Des Dyer
25/6/2026	Dot Harris, Phillip Edwards, Annette Hovey, Beryl Flynn

THURSDAY SCROUNGERS WINNERS

4/6/2026	Brian Cassells
11/6/2026	Joe Hayes
18/6/2026	M Fothergill
25/6/2026	Mick Storey

SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS WINNERS

30/5/2026 Steve McQuinn, Ron Worladge, Bill Beek
6/6/2026 Rob Pelchen, Corey Van Putten, Warren Bedggood
13/6/2026 Brian Dickers, Mick McDonnell, Tony Walsh
20/6/2026 Bill Evans, Wanda Bourke-Finn, P Orr, Shane Bottrell

ELAINE PITTS WINS LADIES INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Elaine Pitts for winning the 2026 Ladies Indoor Club Championship. It is her 5th Club Singles Title in 6 Years!

ARCHIE BAKER

Congratulations to Archie Baker who was Runners Up in Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls Junior Singles Championship! Well Done Archie!

ELAINE PITTS

Congratulations to Elaine Pitts who was Runners Up at the Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls Ladies 4's Event. Her team included Lauris Franks, Shreya Miterani and Trish Speechley all from Midlands Bowling Club and Elaine was the Skip. Well Done!

MEN'S 2026 INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Rob Baker

Vs

Warren Bedggood

7pm, Monday 29 June 2026 Sebastopol Bowling Club, members welcome

THANK YOU TO BRETT MAHONEY

The Sebastopol Bowling Club is delighted to welcome Brett Mahoney, who will be running a series of Coaching Clinics for 18 of our Club members and the Coaching Clinic's are **FULL**.

Brett will be conducting his sessions over the next six weeks, giving participants a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills under the guidance of a highly respected coach.

If you missed out this time or would like to arrange coaching separately, please visit the Coaches Corner section of this newsletter or speak with our Club Coaches: Rob Baker or Scott Roberts. They'll be more than happy to help you organise a session that suits your needs.

VBL 05 – TEAM ANNOUNCED

The Sebastopol Bowling Club is delighted to announce our VBL 05 representatives for the upcoming Victorian Bowls League event. This team brings together experience, emerging talent, and the strong Burra spirit that continues to shine across all levels of our club.

Their selection is a credit to their hard work and the depth of skill within our club.

Singles • Rob Baker

Pairs • Jarrod Evans & Rob Baker

Triples • Tim Beacham, Will Matthews & Scott Roberts (Skip)

Fours • Tim Beacham, Jarrod Evans, Scott Roberts & Will Matthews (Skip)

Emergency: AJ Beacham

Manager: Mick McDonnell

 **Event: Club Barham 10 & 11 July**

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EXPIRE ON
THE 30TH
JUNE!
USE THEM
OR LOSE THEM

FOR ANY ASSISTANCE PLEASE
 SEE ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY STAFF




Seniors
Lite Lunch
\$23.90

ROAST OF THE DAY
 SAUSAGES
 FISH OF THE DAY
 VEGE RISOTTO
 CORNED BEEF
 SEAFOOD PLATE

Available Mon to Fri - Lunch Only
 Seniors Discount / Members Discount
 does not apply!



\$30.00
STEAK
Night



**CHARGRILLED 250G
 PORTERHOUSE STEAK**
 GRAVY • MUSHROOM SAUCE • PEPPER GRAVY

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
 FROM 5.30PM TO 8.00 PM**



Seniors Card Discount does not apply
 on Themed Meal Nights



**TUESDAY
 SPECIAL
 PARMI NIGHT
 \$25**



TRADITIONAL PARMA
 Napoli Sauce & Melted Cheese

ALOHA
 Napoli or BBO Sauce, Ham,
 Pineapple & Melted Cheese

PIZZA
 Napoli Sauce, Capsicum, Olives,
 Mushrooms & Melted Cheese

**OR
 CHOOSE FROM OUR WEEKLY
 PARMI SPECIALS**



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