

KOOKA CALL NEWSLETTER

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New Lockers Installed in Men's Change Rooms

The Board is pleased to announce that **30 brand new lockers** have now been installed in the Men's Change Rooms. These lockers were **designed and built by current member Geoff Worsley**, who has generously contributed his time and craftsmanship to improve our facilities.

The new lockers have been purpose built **larger and deeper** than the existing units, making them ideal for storing **large bowls bags, bowling arms, shoes, jackets and other personal equipment**. This upgrade will help keep the change rooms tidy, safe, and easier for all members to use.

Members who would like one of the new lockers are invited to contact: **Rob Baker – Club Administrator** to arrange allocation and receive a locker key.

To maintain a clean and organised space, the **Bowls Committee and Board request that all bowls equipment be stored inside lockers**. Any bowls gear left out on benches, floors or on top of lockers **after 15 September** will be placed into a **Lost Property pile**.

Please note: Any items still remaining in Lost Property **after 30 September (two weeks)** will be **disposed of**, on the assumption they are no longer required.

Members are also asked to take home any bowls gear they **no longer use**, helping us keep the change rooms clutter free for everyone.



Indoor Bowls

Congratulations to Narelle and Archie Baker

Narelle and Archie Baker have recently become the Mixed Pennant Winners in the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association.

Well done to you both on your Achievement.



BALLARAT HIGHLANDS
BHBR

SUPER DOME SERIES 2026

Hosted by Sebastopol Bowling Club

2026

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OVER 6 WEEKS
FROM AUGUST 5TH TO SEPTEMBER 9TH**

**FORMAT: SETS PLAY FOURS
WITH POWER PLAY**

7PM START (OR FIRST FILL @ 6PM
& SECOND FILL @ 8PM)

**WINNERS \$400
RUNNERS UP \$200**

WEEK 6: FINALS FOR SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS
**WINNING TEAM RECEIVES: REGIONAL TITLE,
PERPETUAL SHIELD.**

**\$25 PER TEAM
+ \$8 GREEN FEES
PER PLAYER
PER NIGHT**

CLUB E.O.I. CLOSE: FRIDAY JULY 24TH
to Rob Baker on 03 5336 4601 or
bowls@sebasbowlingclub.com.au
WAYNE MORGAN – BHBR SECRETARY

Indoor Bowls —Finals Results

Congratulations to Div 3 Men's Indoor team who have made it to their **Grand Final**. Well done to the whole team!

Congratulations must also go to our three Ladies Indoor sides

Div 1—Preliminary Final

Div 2—Preliminary Final

Div 3—Semi Final

Ladies Indoor Pairs Champions!

Congratulations to **Trish Lovell & Beryl Flynn** who took out the Club's Ladies Indoor Pairs Championship for 2026. Well Done Ladies! Great Effort!

MEET THE BURRA BOWLERS

NAME: Anthony Beacham

NICKNAME: AJ

HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED: 3 Years

FAVOURITE POSITION: 3rd - Keeps me involved

ACHIEVEMENTS IN BOWLS: Playing Div 1 & Making GF's

FOOTY SIDE: Collingwood

FAVOURITE FOOD: Satay Curry

FAVOURITE SONG/BAND: Tenacious D

WHAT BOWLS DO YOU USE: XGs Size 4, Gripped, Grapevine

JOIN THE SEBASTOPOL SPIRIT!

**GREAT PEOPLE.
GREAT SPORT.
GREAT CLUB.**

VISIT US TODAY – ALL WELCOME!



The Blue/Yellow Corner Flags

The Bowls Section Committee has purchased 16 new corner flags and poles. We will have 12 flags for the three greens. We also have 4 spare flags.

Sean Bryce will work with Scott Roberts our Greenkeeper on the final positioning of the flags.

It is planned the flags will remain in position on the greens from Round 1 of the Pennant Season until the end of the season under the Dome but will be brought in each week on the grass greens.



TRIVIA NIGHT

The Ballarat East Bowling Club warmly invites your club to take part in the **BHBR Charity Trivia Challenge** on **Friday, 25 September 2026**, commencing at **7.00 pm** at the **Ballarat East Bowling Club**.

Gather a team of **up to eight people** and join us for a fantastic night of fun, laughter, friendly rivalry, and community spirit. Entry is **\$20 per person**, with **all proceeds** going to **BRICC (Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre)** to support the outstanding care, treatment, research, and wellness services they provide to people across our region.

The evening will feature:

- An entertaining trivia competition
- Games throughout the night
- Great raffles
- Exciting auctions
- Plenty of prizes and fun

To add to the friendly competition, a **Perpetual Charity Challenge Shield** will be presented to the winning team. The winning club will also earn the honour of hosting next year's Charity Challenge, with the opportunity to nominate the charity they wish to support.

We hope every bowling club in the Ballarat region will be represented and help make this an annual event that brings our bowling community together while raising much-needed funds for a worthy local cause.

Please gather your team and join us for what promises to be a memorable evening.

For bookings or further information, please contact the Ballarat East Bowling Club on **0437313888** or **Maureen Peach** on **0417326636**





5 August – 9 Sept 26 BHBR Super Dome Series , Sebas BC

31 August 26– Memberships not paid may need to reapply

6 Sept 26—Weekend Practice Matches—Dome Derby @ Colac (Top 16 available for selection)

12 Sept 26—Weekend Practice Matches vs Kingsbury + Buninyong @Sebas

13 Sept 26—Weekend Practice Matches Sebas vs Sebas @ Sebas

13 Sept 26—Regional Bowls Committee Meeting—Gisborne BC Sculley & Bryce

15 Sept 26- Bowls Section Committee Meeting—Sept 2026

15 Sept 26—Midweek Practice Matches—Sebas vs Sebas @ Sebas

17 Sept 26– Information & Pie Night 6pm Sebas BC

19 Sept 26—Practice Matches Sebas vs Bacchus Marsh @ Sebas

19 & 20 Sept 26 BPL Cup Regional Finals

20 Sept 26—Practice Matches Sebas vs Sebas @ Sebas

22 Sept 26– Bowls Vic – Doug Kneebone Junior Tourn. – Deer Park

22 Sept 26—Midweek Practice Matches Sebas vs Buninyong (Likely home)

24 Sept 26– BHBR Super Veterans Day – TBA

26 Sept 26—AFL Grand Final Day—No Organised Bowls

27 Sept 26—Practice Matches—Sebas vs Sebas @ Sebas

29 Sept 26—Opening day for Midweek Pennant (confirmed with Region) - No draw as yet

3 & 4 October 26 BPL Cup - VIC State Finals

3 October 26– Proposed Summer Pennant Season Start Date—No draw as yet

29 Nov 26 – Provincial Shield

1-3 January 27 – Great Southern 20k – Sebas Bowling Club

8-10 January 27 Region Sides Championship, Ballarat (Bowls Victoria)

20 January 27 Flapper Shield/Junior Provincial , Sebas Bowling Club (Bowls Vic)

15-24 March 27 Vic Open , Morwell/Traralgon (Bowls Vic)

6-11 April 27 Under 18 State Championships – Deer Park (Bowls Vic)

13-21 April 27 State Championships – Bendigo (Bowls Victoria)

24-27 April 27 State Pennant Championships, Moama (Bowls Vic)

29 Apr – 4 May 27 State Novice Carnival, Shepparton (Bowls Vic)

SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB

LET'S KICK OFF THE 2026/27 PENNANT SEASON!



THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

PIE AND INFORMATION NIGHT
FROM 6PM



HAPPY HOUR PRICES
4.30PM - 6PM

FOLLOWED BY A GAME OF
SPIDER
WITH PRIZES!



★ CELEBRATE THE START OF OUR NEW SEASON TOGETHER! ★

#SebasBowlingClub #2026Season #PennantSeason #ClubSpirit

\$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



Ballarat Region's Sebastopol Bowling Club presents:

GREAT



\$outhern 20,000 2027

\$20,000 IN PRIZES + TWO NATIONAL RANKING POINT EVENTS

JAN 1 & 2-3 FRI-SUN TOP CLASS FOOD, COMPETITION & FACILITIES
3 EXCELLENT GREENS - CARPET & 2 TIFDWARF

\$3,000 PRELUDE PAIRS (TIER 4) MAX 63

Friday 10am Welcome - Pays to 5th place
Top 16 teams gain 1 Sweep Singles entry per team

\$1,000 SWEEP SINGLES

Friday Evening - Pays to equal 3rd place
All entries via best 16 Prelude Pairs teams
Enter the player sweeps & try your luck!
Sponsored by VISION RADIOLOGY

\$16,000 MAIN EVENT (TIER 3) MAX 42

Saturday & Sunday 10am Welcome
Open Fours with Pairs over lunch
1st (\$7K) down to 11th + best games Team entry confirmed upon payment
Sat Night - Bendigo Bank Music Bingo! Sat-Sun = \$320, Fri = \$70 per pair

ENTRANTS MAY GAIN FUTURE PREFERENCE!

First 32 entries receive priority in the event of inclement weather
- 32 entries yields \$15,000 prize pool - Pairs \$3,000 & Fours \$12,000

Rob Baker - Bowls Administrator 03 5336 4601 #2 bowls@sebasbowlingclub.com.au
www.sebasbowlingclub.com.au 213-219 Albert Street, Sebastopol, VIC 3356

Seniors Lite Lunch \$23.90

ROAST OF THE DAY

SAUSAGES

FISH OF THE DAY

VEGE RISOTTO

CORNER BEEF

SEAFOOD PLATE

Available Mon to Fri - Lunch Only

Seniors Discount / Members Discount
does not apply!

Sebastopol Bowling Club



VALE

Jim Van Raaphorst

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Jim Van Raaphorst**, a valued member of the Sebastopol Bowling Club.

Jim joined our club on in 2024 and, although his time with us was relatively short, he quickly became a well-liked and respected member of our bowling community. At **84 years** of age he played just **37 games** with our Club.

One of Jim's proudest achievements at Sebastopol came in **2024/25 was winning a Premiership** and in **2025/26 they were Runners up in Division 6**.

Statistics tell only part of the story, Jim's contribution to our club was much more than the games he played. He was always a welcome presence around the greens and clubhouse, and his involvement enriched the spirit of our bowling community.

On behalf of the members of the Sebastopol Bowling Club, we extend our sincere condolences to Jim's family and friends. We thank Jim for his contribution to our club and for the friendships he formed during his time with us. He will be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Rest in Peace Jim

Observations from the Green—by A Bowler The Green Experts

One of the great mysteries of lawn bowls is how a club can have one official Greenkeeper... and twenty-seven unofficial ones.

The official Greenkeeper arrives before most of us have finished breakfast. The unofficial Greenkeepers arrive just in time for morning tea. They gather along the bank, hands in pockets, studying the green as though they're judging the Wimbledon Centre Court.

"It was running much better last Tuesday."

"They've cut it too short."

"No, too long.", "Needs another roll.", "Too much fertiliser.", "Not enough fertiliser.", "Should've watered it."

"Definitely shouldn't have watered it."

By now there are six experts, seven opinions and absolutely no agreement. The official Greenkeeper strolls past.

"Morning, everyone."

Silence.

"Beautiful job on the green," someone says politely.

The Greenkeeper smiles and heads off.

As soon as he's out of earshot...

"I still reckon it's a bit heavy on the forehand."

The amazing thing is that our volunteer Greenkeeper keeps coming back every week despite receiving enough free advice to fill a textbook.

Mind you, if unsolicited opinions could be spread on a green, we'd never have to buy fertiliser again.

So here's a salute to the person who quietly does the work while the rest of us explain how it should be done.

After all, it's much easier to grow opinions than couch grass

2026 Preseason Practice Matches

Preseason Practice Matches will soon get underway. The Bowls Committee and Board would like to wish all our players all the best for the coming season.

Listed below are the following Weekend and Mid-week Practice Matches.

06 Sept 26—**DOMERBY** (between Colac, Warnabool, Sebastopol, Ocean Grove) - Top 16 available for selection

Weekend Matches

12 Sept Sebas vs Kingsbury @ 12pm @ Sebas

12 Sept Sebas vs Buninyong @ 1pm @ Sebas

13 Sept Sebas vs Sebas @ 1pm @ Sebas

19 Sept Sebas vs Bacchus Marsh @1pm @Sebas

20 Sept Sebas vs Sebas @1pm @ Sebas

26 Sept AFL Grand Final Day—No organised Bowls

27 Sept Sebas vs Sebas @1pm @Sebas

Midweek Matches

15 Sept Sebas vs Sebas @1pm @ Sebas

22 Sept Sebas vs Buninyong @1pm (Likely Home)

Put your name on the signup sheet if you are available to bowl. Times may change please check the board each week.



MEET THE BURRA STAFF

NAME: Angela

POSITION @ THE CLUB Reception

HOW LONG EMPLOYED @ SBC 18 Months

FAVOURITE HOBBY / SPORT Horseriding

FOOTY SIDE Collingwood

FAVOURITE FOOD: Parma

FAVOURITE SONG/BAND: Dirt on my Boots

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Schitts Creek

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MEET THE BURRA STAFF

NAME: Preska

POSITION @ THE CLUB Chef

HOW LONG EMPLOYED @ SBC 2 Years

FAVOURITE HOBBY / SPORT Dancing/Make Up

FOOTY SIDE Spain (Soccer)

FAVOURITE FOOD: Stir Fry

FAVOURITE SONG/BAND: All Music

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Friends

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WANT \$300? WEEKLY!

**SIMPLY REPRESENT SEBAS
IN SATURDAY PENNANT
(BEFORE CHRISTMAS) THAT DAY**

**BE THE RANDOMLY DRAWN
PLAYER IN ATTENDANCE
AT 7PM THAT NIGHT**

EASY!

- Recipient must be in Members Lounge within 1 minute
- Sponsored **WEEKLY** by **DAILY GREYHOUNDS**
- Every playing position is assigned a number. Numbers are drawn until a winner is found

SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB

JOKER POKER

The Joker Poker will be returning again for the 2026 season.

However, this season it will be run on Saturday Night's only.

The Joker Poker will be organised by Rob Baker and tickets will be sold by Division 1 and Division 3 players during the season and is fully supported by Bowls Section Committee,

The Club would also like to thank **George Dailly** from **Dailly's Greyhounds** who is kindly donating **\$3000 total (\$300 per week) over 10 weeks until Christmas**. Simply represent Sebas in Saturday Pennant (Before Christmas) that day and still be there in Attendance at 7pm to have a chance to win!

The Joker Poker Board will be returned to the Members area Area with the Rules of Entry at the start of the season.

Did You Know?

The Sebastopol Bowling Club employees approximately 50 Staff!

This includes staff working in Administration, Bowls, Cleaning, Gaming, Bistro, Kitchen, Maintenance and Grounds

JOKER POKER

★ SATURDAY PENNANT NIGHTS 6:30pm-7:00pm ★

Rules:

- Tickets sold in Members Lounge prior to draw: \$2 = 1, \$5 = 3
- 2 draws occur
- 2 winning ticket holders reveal 1 card each in turn
- If revealed card is a:

 JOKER the player will receive the Jackpot*	OR	 ACE OF HEARTS the player can draw again	OR	 \$15 VENUE VOUCHER Different card the player receives a \$15 Venue Voucher
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* JACKPOT: Consists of initial sponsorship and that sessions ticket sales prior to that week, less the cost of any vouchers.

If Jackpot is won, that night's ticket sales will become the new Jackpot (this includes for the second drawn ticket that night).

Sponsored by DAILY GREYHOUNDS



LADIES SPRING SERIES 2026



Entries are now open!

Thursday October 15th for ~7 weeks

Clubs may enter up to 3 Sides
Each Side requires 6 players - 2 Triples teams

WEEKLY FORMAT

2 Bowl Triples
2 Games of 10 ends
Thursdays 10am Start
\$10 Weekly Green Fees per player to your Club
\$60 Registration per Side (becomes Prize Money)

FINALS WEEK

Sides fall into divisions based on ladder positions
3 Games of 10 Ends
Prize money is awarded to division winners

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Players to wear Club uniforms
Clubs to take turns hosting rounds of the event, providing tea/coffee facilities and an Umpire or competent individual

HOW TO ENTER

Contact Narelle Baker
Club: Phone - 0407 899 267 or
Email - rob_ral@hotmail.com



JOIN THE FUN

BALLARAT HIGHLANDS GOLD DIGGERS



Between 10 and 18 years old and looking to meet new friends while playing a fun and challenging, non-contact sport? The Ballarat Highlands Gold Diggers Lawn Bowls Squad is for you.

Run by experienced and enthusiastic coaches, our squad members have opportunities to take their game to elite levels in a fun, inclusive and encouraging environment.



For more information, please contact:

bhbjuniors@gmail.com
Marc Oswin - 0407 452 252

Training sessions every Monday

5pm - 6:15pm

★ BHBR BALLARAT ★ SUPER VETERANS' DAY

Thursday, 24th September, 2026.

Sebastopol Bowling Club

1.00pm.

FORMAT



12.45pm Registration



1.00pm Welcome



1.15pm 2 Bowl Triples (10 ends)



2.45pm Afternoon Tea / Presentations



If you are over 80 years of age you will be eligible to receive a Super Veteran's Badge on the day (if you have not previously received one).

If you are eligible and would like to receive a badge, please contact your club Secretary to forward an application form.



RSVP: Wayne Morgan
(with numbers attending)
to bhbrsec@gmail.com
by Friday, 18th September

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W.E. PRACTICE MATCHES 2026 - 2027 SIGNUP AT CLUB

DAY	EVENT	Max.	Other Info:	Start	Depart	Ends	Break	Dress	Rank	Cost	Food	Bus?	Prior No.
Sat. 5-Sep	Social Bowls	64		1:00									-
Sun. 6-Sep	DOMESTIC (Fathers Day)	16	@ Colac: Top 16 selected	10:00	8:30	3 x 15	Lunch	Uniform	No	\$20pp	Yes	TBA	-
SAT 12-Sep	Vs Kingsbury + Buninyong	90	Biscuits + Cheese after match	12:00	-	21	No	Uniform	Yes	No	After-Sn	-	79
SUN 13-Sep	Sebas Vs Sebas	112		1:00	-	21	No	Casual	Yes	No	No	-	47
THU 17-Sep	Info Night @ 6:00pm			6:00	-	-	-	Casual	-	No	PIES	-	83-99
SAT 19-Sep	Sebas Vs Bacchus Marsh	76	Biscuits + Cheese after match	1:00	-	21	No	Uniform	Yes	No	No	-	83
SUN 20-Sep	Sebas Vs Sebas	64+		1:00	-	21	No	Casual	Yes	No	No	-	46
SAT 26-Sep	AFL Grand Final	-	No Bowls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUN 27-Sep	Sebas Vs Sebas	112		1:00	-	21	No	Casual	Yes	No	No	-	81

ALL PRACTICE MATCH DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

M.W. PRACTICE MATCHES 2026 - 2027 SIGNUP AT CLUB

DAY	EVENT	Max.	Approx. DIVS & GREENS	Start	Depart	Ends	Food	Dress	Rank	G. Fee	Other Info	Prior No.
TUE 15-Sep	Sebas Vs Sebas	64		10:00	-	21	BVO	Casual	Yes	No	-	38
TUE 22-Sep	Vs Buninyong (Likely Home)	64	Sausage Sizzle after match	10:00	-	21	At End	Casual	Yes	No	S.Sizzle @ 1PM	40

BLUE = Home
RED = Away

Likely surface:

Blue = Carpet
Green = Grass
BOTH

NOTES:

- Positions, greens & venues dependant on weather
- Players who are unfinancial or have not signed up for pennant may not be selected



MONTHLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Date	Winners
1/8/2026	P.Orr, R Hotl, T Bond
8/8/2026	F Toohey, B Cassells, D Quinlan, S Bottrell
15/8/2026	P Gilbert, C Palmer, D Quinlan, B Beek
22/8/2026	

MONDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Date	Winners
3/8/2026	D Leeson, J Reus, P Lovell
10/8/2026	C Van Putten, D Edwards, D MacGregor
17/8/2026	Finals
24/8/2026	Finals

WEDNESDAY SCOUNGERS

Date	Winners
5/8/2026	B Cassells
12/8/2026	D Leeson
19/8/2026	D Davidson
26/8/2026	

THURSDAY SCROUNGERS

Date	Winners
6/8/2026	M McDonnell
13/8/2026	M Storey
20/8/2026	J Hayes
27/8/2026	

MONDAY INDOOR

Date	Winners
3/8/2026	D Leeson, J Reus, P Lovell
10/8/2026	C Van Putten, D Edwards, D MacGregor
17/8/2026	
24/8/2026	

THURSDAY INDOOR

Date	Winners
6/8/2026	Trish Lovell & Beryl Flynn (Club Pairs)
13/8/2026	P Edwards, T Lovell, T Speechly
20/8/2026	Results not provided
27/8/2026	





MONDAY INDOOR PENNANT BOWLS

TUESDAY INDOOR MEN'S PENNANT

DATE	TEAMS
4/8/26	P/Final Div 3 Sebas 40 vs Learmonth 36
11/8/26	G/Final Div 3 C/Wendouree 32 vs Sebas 31
	Season Completed

MONDAY LADIES PENNANT RESULTS

DATE	TEAMS
3/8/26	S/F Div 1—Sebas 24 vs Midlands 18 S/F Div 2—Creswick 24 vs Sebas 14 S/F Div 3— Sebas 8 vs Invermay 28
10/8/26	P/Final - Div 1 Sebas 13 vs B'yong 31 P/Final— Div 2 Sebas 19 vs B'yong 21
	Season Completed

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL BOWLS – COMING SOON?

Imagine finishing the working week with a roll-up on the green, some friendly competition, great company and then enjoying Friday Night Social from 5.00pm with fellow members.

The Bowls Committee is currently exploring the possibility of introducing a **Friday Night Social Bowls Competition** during the bowls season. The concept is to provide members with another enjoyable opportunity to get out on the green, particularly once the popular Thursday Scroungers competition finishes at the start of the Pennant season.

Several formats are currently being considered to make the competition fun, welcoming for all and suitable for bowlers of all abilities. Whether you're a regular pennant player, a social bowler, or someone looking to spend more time at the club, we'd love to gauge your interest.

We're also seeking members who may be interested in helping organise and run the competition. If you'd like to be involved, either as a player, volunteer or both, please speak with **Rod McQuinn**, who is overseeing club communications this season.

More details will be provided in the next newsletter before the start of the season, but in the meantime, start thinking about spending your Friday evenings at the club enjoying bowls, friendship and a great social atmosphere.

Interested? Let Rod McQuinn know! The success of the competition will depend on member support.





CLUB COACHES ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON

The Club is pleased to announce that the following coaches will be available to assist members throughout the 2026/27 season:

- **Rob Baker**
- **Scott Roberts**
- **Ian Andrews**

Whether you're new to bowls, looking to improve a particular aspect of your game, or aiming to take your bowls to the next level, our coaches are available to provide guidance, advice and practical coaching sessions.

Coaching is one of the best ways to build confidence, improve consistency and develop your skills on the green. Every member, regardless of experience or ability, can benefit from some time with a coach.

Members wishing to receive coaching are asked to place their name on the **Coaching Sign-Up Sheet** located on the club notice-board and you can nominate your preference on who you would like to be coached by.

Please note that coaching will be **member-driven** this season. Coaches have been asked not to approach members directly, so if you would like assistance, simply add your name to the list and take advantage of the expertise available within our club.

Don't miss the opportunity to improve your game and get the most enjoyment from your bowls this season.

COURTESY MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Our club is fortunate to have members who take pride in our facilities and help create a welcoming environment for everyone.

As we head into another busy bowls season, members are kindly reminded that before leaving the Members' Area, please take a moment to:

- Return your coaster to the plastic containers provided.
- Place any used glasses on the Members' Bar rather than leaving them on tables.

Likewise, when finishing a game on the greens, please remember to:

- Put away mats and jacks after use.
- Bring any glasses or drink containers back into the Members Area Bar.

These small actions only take a minute, but they help keep our club tidy, reduce the workload on volunteers, and ensure that our facilities remain enjoyable for all members and visitors.

"Leave it as you'd like to find it" is a simple principle that helps us all enjoy our club even more.

BOWLS BUMPER ARRIVAL DELAYED

Members may recall that the Club recently purchased a **Bowls Bumper**, a training aid designed to help bowlers practise and improve their driving skills. Unfortunately, delivery has been delayed, and the equipment will not arrive as early as originally anticipated. The Club is still expecting the Bowls Bumper to be delivered before the start of the 2026/27 season. We look forward to making this valuable practice tool available to members and will provide a further update in the next newsletter.



SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB

SPONSORS DIRECTORY

	SPONSORS NAME	TYPE OF BUSINESS	TELEPHONE NO
1.	Automotive Body Solutions	Vehicle Repairs, Spray Painting, Detailing	5335 8860
2.	Avalon Nursery	Nursery, Café, Plants	5342 4519
3.	Ballarat & District Property Services	Mowing, edging, Weeding, Pruning, Rubbish Removal	0418 593 393
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5.	Bendigo Bank	Banking, Financial Instatution	5333 7600
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13.	Mesh & Masonry	Tradie Business Centre	5336 1066
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18.	Ringins Butchers	Butcher	5335 7700
19.	Rosebank Retirement Village	Retirement Village	1800450656
20.	Showbiz Cinema	Cinema	5326 2001
21.	Sleeps Plumbing	Taps, Toilets, Roof Leak, Hot Water Service, Sewer,	0418334995
22.	iBuild	Kit Home Supplier	1800679268
23.	T.J. Coutts Electrical	Electrician	5334 3444
24.	Tiger Turf	artificial grass and synthetic turf	1800802570
25.	UFS Dispensaries Ltd	Chemist	5327 7777
26.	Vision Radiology	X-Ray, CT Scan, Ultrasound, Cardiac CT, MRI	04313 2117
27.	VR Vending	Vending Machines	15014121544
28.	Whitey's Pet Food Supplies	Pet Food Supplies & Products	5335 6683

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PLAYER PROFILES

With the 2026/27 season kicking off on **Saturday 3rd October**, we're excited to introduce a new feature in our newsletter and across our social media — **Player Profiles**.

This will include players from **all Divisions**, because every bowler at Sebastopol contributes to the spirit, culture, and character of our club. Whether you're a long time pennant regular, a new member finding your groove, or someone who simply enjoys the social side of bowls, we want to share your story.

What are Player Profiles?

They're short, friendly snapshots of our members — who you are, why you play, what you enjoy, and the moments that have stayed with you. Think of it as a fun way for members to get to know each other better and celebrate the people who make our club special.

Why take part?

- Helps build connection across all divisions
- Showcases the diversity of our club
- Encourages new members to feel welcome
- Only takes a few minutes to complete
- Gives everyone a chance to shine
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How does it work?

We'll provide a simple set of questions — a mix of light hearted and meaningful — and you can answer in your own style. We'll then turn your responses into a polished profile for the newsletter and Facebook. You'll get to approve the final version before anything is published.

EMAIL YOUR PLAYER PROFILES TO US

If you'd like to be included, simply complete the short form that was sent out with the **August newsletter**. It's quick, relaxed, and a great way to help members get to know each other.

Once you've filled it in, please email your Player Profile (with a photo) to:

Sean Bryce, Bowls Secretary 
bowlssec@sebasbowlingclub.com.au

Hard copies of the Profile Forms will be provided in the Information Pinboard area near the pennant board.

Questions asked:

1. Name
2. Nickname
3. How Long have you Played?
4. Favourite Position?
5. Achievements in Bowls?
6. Favourite Footy Team?
7. Favourite Food?
8. Favourite Song/Band?
9. What Bowls Do You Use?

REMINDER: NO PROFILE WILL BE USED WITHOUT A PHOTO



