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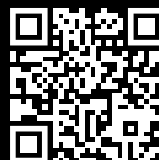
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Monthly Update WITH FLETCH

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our District members who attended the recent Bowls Queensland Annual General Meeting. Your engagement, insight and ongoing support play an important role in shaping the direction of our organisation, and it was encouraging to see such strong representation from across the state. Opportunities to come together in this way are invaluable as we continue to strengthen our foundations and work collectively towards the future growth of our sport.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Junior State Championships and extend our heartfelt thanks to the City of Moreton Bay Regional Council for their ongoing support in helping us deliver an exceptional event for our young bowlers. These championships provide a fantastic opportunity to showcase emerging talent, while also creating a welcoming and enjoyable environment for players, families and supporters alike. Events like this are vital in nurturing the next generation of bowlers and ensuring the long-term strength of our sport.

April is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month for bowls, with the highly anticipated ANZAC Test just around the corner. This event continues to hold a special place on our calendar, bringing together players and the broader community in a spirit of respect, reflection and competition. It is always a privilege to see our sport play a role in honouring our history while also providing a platform for high-quality play and connection.

From 12th to 16th April, the Taylor Bowls Road Trip will travel from Cairns to Brisbane, with Bowls Queensland and TBSC officials visiting regions along the way to host a series of group information sessions. These sessions will provide an overview of plans for the 2026/27 Taylor Bowls State Challenge season, share practical insights on BowlsLink administration, and offer clubs the chance to ask questions and provide feedback. Just as importantly, it provides me with a valuable opportunity to meet and connect with our members face-to-face, listen to their experiences, and better understand how we can continue to support clubs and players across Queensland.

I am also delighted to officially welcome Chris Edwards as Bowls Queensland's new Head of Finance. Chris brings extensive expertise, strong leadership and a fresh perspective to our team, and I look forward to the positive impact he will have as we continue to strengthen our financial position and support the ongoing development of the organisation.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank Stu Taylor for more than 20 years of dedicated service to Bowls Queensland. Stu's expertise, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our financial operations have been invaluable over a long period of time, and his contribution has played a significant role in supporting the organisation to where it is today. Stu, you will be truly missed, but the world of Bowls Queensland will be richer for having your presence.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers and supporters for your continued dedication. Your passion for the sport and willingness to contribute your time and energy is what drives bowls forward across Queensland. Together, we are continuing to grow the sport we love and create more opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved and enjoy bowls.

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COMBINED 181 YEARS ON THE GREEN: A MATCH TO REMEMBER IN MAREEBA

Sometimes, the true value of our sport is found in moments that don't make headlines but leave a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to witness them.

A recent trip to Mareeba Bowls Club proved exactly that.

Travelling a 300km round trip, one spectator made the journey to watch the Men's A Grade Singles Final between Victor Tiraboschi and Elio Crema. At first glance, it may seem like just another club final. But this was anything but ordinary.

Victor, aged 91, and Elio, aged 90, took to the green with a combined 181 years of life experience. It is an extraordinary figure and one that would be hard to match at this level of competition anywhere.

What followed was a contest that lived up to the occasion.

Elio made a strong start, building an early lead and showing the class that has defined his decades in the game. But Victor, displaying the resilience and determination that has clearly carried him through a lifetime in bowls, fought his way back into the match.

In a thrilling finish, Victor claimed the title 25–23 in a game that was competitive, skilful, and played in great spirit. Both players bring remarkable histories to the green.

Elio began his bowls journey at the age of 25, playing with Dimbulah Bowls Club as far back as 1963. His contribution to the sport spans generations, including representing Queensland from age 28 through to 50. He was instrumental in organising the first District side to travel to Brisbane and remained a consistent presence in District competition until the age of 70. Even now, having stepped away from skipping after turning 80, he continues to contribute as a lead. Elio is also a Patron of Tropical Far North Queensland bowls and a life member, reflecting his lasting impact on the game.

Victor's path into bowls came later, taking up the sport at 45 after 15 years playing bocce. That background no doubt contributed to his renowned driving ability in his early years. He earned District selection in 1985 at the age of 51 and went on to skip teams for nearly two decades, from 1987 to 2004. Like Elio, he stepped back from District representation at 70, but his involvement in the sport has never slowed. Still playing several times a week, Victor gave up skipping at 85 and now regularly plays lead, often alongside his son Ettore. Most recently, he was part of a winning side at the West Cairns Classic.

Beyond the result, this match served as a powerful reminder of what makes bowls so unique.

Longevity, community, and the ability to compete and contribute well into later life are hallmarks of our sport. Seeing two players of this calibre, still competing fiercely and enjoying the game, offers inspiration to players of all ages.

For those who made the journey to witness it, it was more than just a final. It was a celebration of dedication, passion, and the enduring spirit of bowls.

And for the rest of us, it is a timely reminder that in this sport, age is no barrier to excellence.



Above: L to R - Victor, Elio & Mareeba Club President Peter Soda.

DAY ON THE GREENS FOR JUNIOR BOWLERS

BROADBEACH BULLS V PARADISE POINT DOLPHINS JUNIOR CHALLENGE – 15 MARCH 2026

March marked an exciting milestone for junior lawn bowls, with the inaugural Junior Challenge between Broadbeach Bulls and Paradise Point Dolphins held at Club Broadbeach, Home of the Broadbeach Bulls. Recognising that Paradise Point also had a great academy, the idea of running a Junior Challenge between two of the healthiest Junior Academy's on the Gold Coast was raised at a Broadbeach Bulls committee meeting in late 2025. The goal was to provide meaningful match play opportunities for young bowlers eager to take their skills beyond regular training sessions. Jay Globits, Club Broadbeach Bowls Operations Manager, reached out to Paradise Point, and from there Broadbeach Bulls Head Coach John Traynor, Paradise Point Junior Committee Members, Paula Nunn (President), Mick Masotti (Head Coach) and Troy Corba (Committee Member) all collaborated to bring the inaugural Junior Challenge to life.

While some of the participating juniors had previously experienced interclub competitions, for many it was their first time taking part in a competitive match. "It's one thing to have a Junior Academy that gets coaching each week, but to fast track development and truly learn the etiquette of the game, nothing beats competitive match experience," said Jay Globits, reflecting on the standout weekend for junior bowls on the Gold Coast.

A total of 18 juniors took to the greens, with nine players representing each club. The competition format ensured a variety of match experiences, beginning with a morning session of three rinks of triples. This was then followed by five singles matches and two pairs games, allowing players to test their abilities across different formats of the game.

The highly anticipated day showcased not only talent, but also the future of the sport among the next generation of players. Jay added "The level of bowls played by both clubs' juniors was exceptional, with onlookers thoroughly enjoying and witnessing our next group of superstars. The sportsmanship demonstrated by the juniors was nothing short of outstanding which added to the spectacle."

While Broadbeach Bulls Juniors ultimately secured victory across all games, the results only tell part of the story. Several games were closely contested, with tight margins reflecting the evenly matched skill levels of both teams, and positive the Paradise Point Juniors will be up for a rematch when the visit is reciprocated later in the year.

Beyond the scoreboard, the true success of the event lies in what it represents. The Junior Challenge provided a valuable platform for young players to experience competitive bowls in a supportive environment, bridging the gap between coaching and competition. Thank you to everyone involved in making the inaugural Junior Challenge a huge success, from the players and coaches to the volunteers, families, clubs, and committees who supported the day. We can't wait for the next event and to watch these talented juniors continue to grow and shine on the greens.

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As the 2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge season comes to a close, Bowls Queensland would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in making this year such a success.

To our players across all leagues, thank you for your commitment, passion and competitive spirit throughout the season. The standard of play, sportsmanship and pride shown in representing your clubs has been outstanding, and it is this energy that continues to drive the growth and strength of the competition.

To our team managers and club administrators, your organisation, communication and behind the scenes efforts have been invaluable. The time you invest each week to ensure teams are prepared, results are submitted and players are supported does not go unnoticed, and we thank you for your dedication.

To the many club volunteers who give their time so generously, whether it be preparing greens, managing facilities, assisting on game days or supporting players and visitors, you are the backbone of this competition. Your contribution plays a vital role in delivering a professional and enjoyable experience for all involved.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our host venues throughout the season. Your hospitality, presentation and willingness to support the Taylor Bowls State Challenge has helped create a high quality competition environment across the state.

To our valued sponsors and partners, including Taylor Bowls, thank you for your continued support of this competition. Your investment enables us to grow the game, enhance the player experience and deliver a competition that continues to evolve each year.

A highlight of the season was the Taylor Bowls Road Trip, which provided a fantastic opportunity to connect directly with clubs and members across Queensland. The engagement, feedback and conversations shared throughout the journey were incredibly valuable, and reinforced the strength and passion that exists within our bowls community.

As we look ahead, an organisational review meeting will be held to capture the insights and feedback received through our end of season survey. This process will play an important role in shaping the future of the Taylor Bowls State Challenge, ensuring we continue to improve and build towards an even bigger and better 2027 season.

To everyone involved, thank you once again for your contribution to the 2026 season. It has been a year defined by growth, strong competition and community spirit. We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together, and we look forward to building on this success in the years ahead.

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EDGE OF GREATNESS: DIAMOND LEAGUE DELIVERS A FINALS SERIES TO REMEMBER

The inaugural Taylor Bowls State Challenge Diamond League has concluded in fitting fashion, delivering a finals series that matched the ambition, quality and intensity that the competition set out to achieve. From a tightly contested regular season through to a grand final decided by the finest of margins, the Diamond League has firmly established itself as a premier stage for elite bowls in Queensland.

A Regular Season Defined by Pressure and Precision

Across both sections, the race to the finals was anything but straightforward.

In Section 1, the Pine Rivers Pirates set the benchmark early, finishing atop the ladder with six wins and a commanding +223 shot margin. Their consistency across all disciplines made them the team to beat. Close behind, the Algester All Stars and Kawana Thunder both recorded five wins, with only percentage and key moments separating their campaigns.

The battle for fourth proved one of the stories of the season. Windsor Wombats secured their finals berth in dramatic fashion, needing just one rink in the final round against Kawana to stay alive. With Drayton Outlaws, Red Hill Rollers and Maroochy Swans all finishing on identical 3–4 records, it ultimately came down to rink points. A four-way fight for a single finals position underlined just how fine the margins were.

Section 2 delivered its own twists. Musgrave Hill Pelicans were dominant, finishing 6–1 with a +139 margin, while Helensvale Hawks followed closely with five wins and a strong percentage. Coming into this competition after winning the 2025 QLD Division 1 State Pennant Flag, the Broadbeach Bulls built their season around resilience, competing in five tie-breaks across the campaign. Proving they are never out of any contest.

The final spot came down to one of the defining moments of the season. Paradise Point Dolphins clinched their place in the finals through a last-round tie-break thriller, highlighted by a remarkable bowl from Sam White that will be remembered as one of the plays of the year. In contrast, the highly credentialed 2025 Queensland Premier League champions, Burleigh Dragons, were left on the outside looking in despite a positive shot margin, reinforcing the unforgiving nature of the competition format.



Finals Series: Where the Best Rose Higher

The finals series elevated the competition to another level, with every match carrying weight and momentum shifting with every end.

Both sectional deciders delivered high drama. Pine Rivers Pirates and Helensvale Hawks entered their final clash with identical records, setting up a winner-takes-all encounter that ultimately required a tie-break to separate them. Pine Rivers held their nerve to secure their place in the grand final.

A similar storyline unfolded in the opposing section, where Musgrave Hill Pelicans and Algester All Stars battled in a top-of-the-table showdown that also went to a tie-break. Once again, the top seed prevailed, with Musgrave Hill confirming their place on the biggest stage.

Fittingly, the two most consistent teams of the regular season advanced to the grand final.

Grand Final: A Finish Worthy of the Stage

The grand final between Pine Rivers Pirates and Musgrave Hill Pelicans delivered a spectacle that showcased the very best of the sport.



Pine Rivers controlled much of the contest, holding the upper hand across the fours, triples and 4 bowl pairs for the majority of the match. Their composure and execution had them within touching distance of the title. Yet finals are defined by moments.

Musgrave Hill's Ryan Bester produced one of the great individual efforts of the series, rallying from an eight-shot deficit to win his rink and force the match into a tie-break. It was a turning point that shifted both momentum and his team's belief.

Then came a moment that will live long in Diamond League history. Last end, last bowl, with the game on the line, Pine Rivers triples skip Chris Rosanes played a decisive shot, striking Bester's bowl cleanly. For a brief moment, the title seemed certain. But in a twist befitting the occasion, the bowl spun in place, refusing to fall. Time stood still as players and spectators watched in disbelief, the outcome hanging by the smallest of margins.

From there, Musgrave Hill seized their opportunity. In a tense tie-break finish, the Pelicans completed the comeback to claim victory and be crowned the inaugural Diamond League Champions, securing the Brian Stewart OAM Perpetual Trophy.

A Competition That Has Arrived

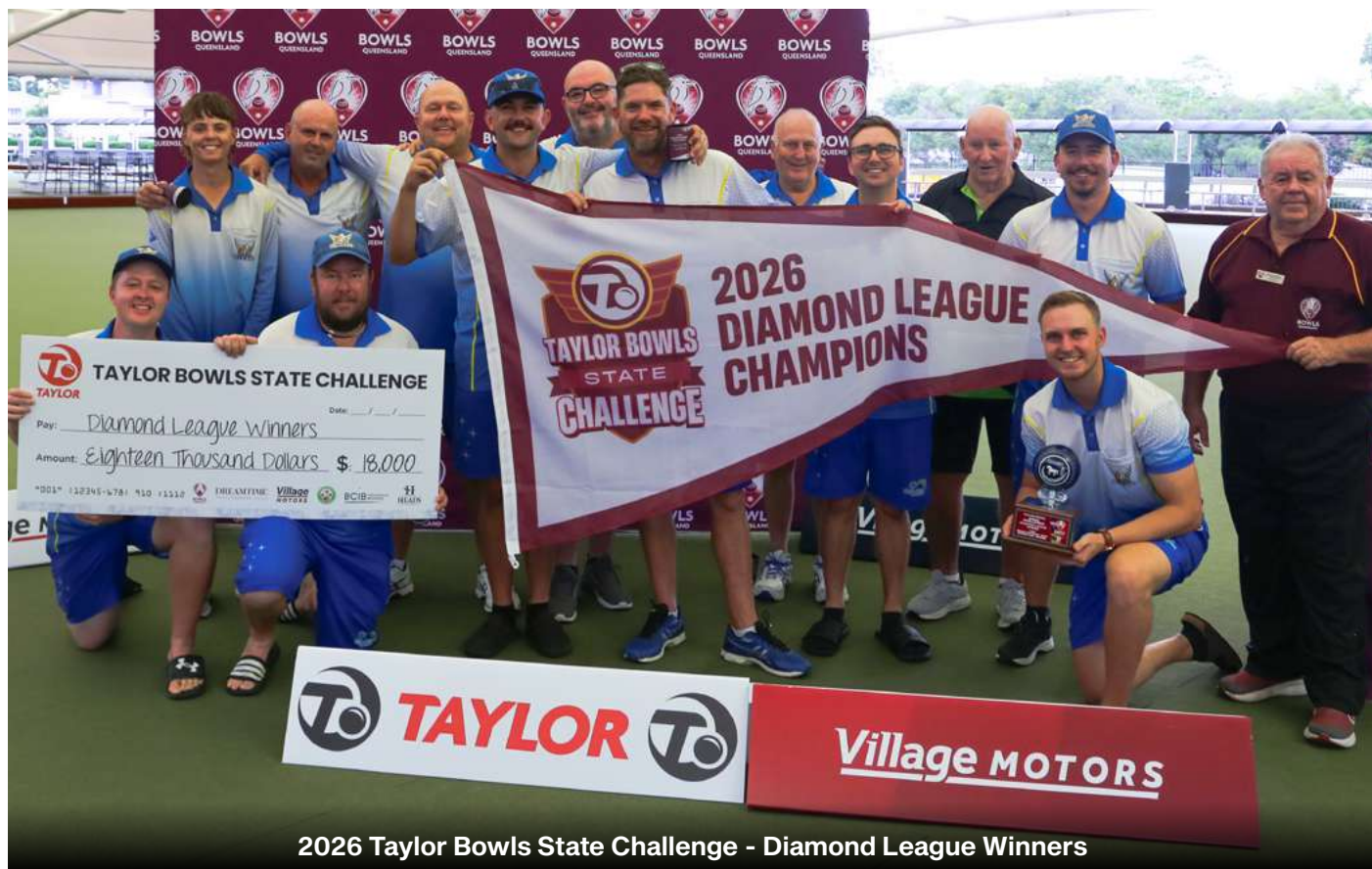
The 2026 Diamond League has set a new benchmark for elite competition in Queensland bowls. High-quality matches, emerging storylines and unforgettable moments have combined to create a competition that players, clubs and fans have embraced from the outset.

Congratulations to Musgrave Hill Pelicans, worthy inaugural champions, and to Pine Rivers Pirates for a performance that defined excellence across the season.

A sincere thank you must also be extended to the Taylor Bowls State Challenge partners; Taylor Bowls, Village Motors, Dreamtime Resorts, Heads of Noosa Brewing Co., Bowlers Paradise and Domina BCIB Insurance Brokers – whose support has been instrumental in bringing this competition to life.

A special mention must also go to Club Pine Rivers for hosting this year's Diamond League Finals, delivering outstanding facilities and a fitting stage for the competition's showpiece event. We also acknowledge Graeme Hooper and Phil Keats, whose tireless work and vision have been instrumental in bringing this competition to life.

If the inaugural season is anything to go by, the Diamond League is only just getting started.



PIRATES PUSH HARD BUT EAGLES SOAR: GOLD LEAGUE CROWNS ROBINA CHAMPIONS

The Taylor Bowls State Challenge Gold League State Finals have produced some of the most compelling bowls of the season, delivering drama, tension and no shortage of memorable moments across two sections before Robina Eagles claimed the ultimate prize with a commanding grand final victory over Pine Rivers Pirates.



Hosted at Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club, the Gold League finals brought together eight of Queensland's premier sides across two sections, with every match carrying genuine consequence from the opening end.

Section 1: Eagles Set the Standard

From the outset, Robina Eagles announced themselves as the team to beat in Section 1. Opening against Boonooroo-Sandy Straits in Round 1, the Eagles went down in a tie-break thriller, with Boonooroo claiming a narrow 2-1 decision after the match finished locked at two rinks apiece. It was the only blemish on what would become a dominant section campaign.

Robina responded with authority. A 3-1 victory over Kawana Thunder in Round 2, winning 83 shots to 53 in a clean, composed performance, served notice that the Eagles were hitting their stride. Their Pairs combination of Simon Brown and skip Reed Burgess, along with Dennis McDonald and skip Latif Karim, were particularly influential, while the Triples unit of Brett Whittaker, Darren Young and skip Michael John Brennan contributed to a four-rink sweep that left Kawana scoreless on the day.

By Round 3, Robina Eagles delivered a 3-1 defeat of Bribie Island to confirm their place at the top of the section. Their 4's rink of Shaun O'Toole, Patrick Barton, Andrew Hodge and skip Euan Rea was a consistent performer throughout, while the Triples unit proved difficult for any opposition to contain across the campaign.

Meanwhile, the battle behind them was fierce. Bribie Island opened their campaign with a gutsy tie-break win over Kawana Thunder, two rinks apiece before claiming the singles shootout 2-1, before backing that up with a 3-1 victory over Boonooroo-Sandy Straits in Round 2. Despite winning three rinks to one, Bribie finished the match on the wrong end of the shot count 65-78, illustrating just how fine the margins were throughout the section. Their campaign ultimately came undone against the Eagles in Round 3, falling 3-1 in a match that underscored Robina's class.

Boonooroo-Sandy Straits showed resilience of their own, claiming a tight tie-break win over Kawana Thunder in the final round to finish third, while Kawana competed hard throughout but were unable to convert their performances into victories when it counted.

Section 1 Final Standings: Robina Eagles advance to the Grand Final.

Section 2: Pirates Never Say Die

If Section 1 was defined by Robina Eagles' consistency, Section 2 belonged entirely to Pine Rivers Pirates and the remarkable story of a team that refused to be beaten, winning all three of their sectional matches via tie-break.

Not once across the entire section did Pine Rivers wrap up a victory inside regulation. Every single match went the distance, and every single time, the Pirates held their nerve when it mattered most.

They opened against Logan City in Round 1, the match finishing locked at two rinks each before Pine Rivers claimed the tie-break 2-1 in a contest that was impossibly tight on shots, 76 to 74. Round 2 brought a similarly tense encounter against Edge Hill Gold, again finishing two rinks apiece before Pine Rivers once again won the tie-break 2-1.



Then came the section's defining match. The Waves Bundaberg had been imperious throughout, sweeping Edge Hill Gold 4-0 in Round 1 and defeating Logan City 3-1 in Round 2, entering their final round clash with Pine Rivers as the section's form team and yet to taste defeat across the entire competition. When the match again finished two rinks each, it marked the first time all season that The Waves had been pushed to a tie-break. Under the weight of that pressure, Pine Rivers delivered once more, claiming the shootout 2-1 to send The Waves Bundaberg home and advance as section winners.

Three matches. Three tie-breaks. Three wins. It was a campaign that will be long remembered in Pine Rivers folklore.

Section 2 Final Standings: Pine Rivers Pirates advance to the Grand Final.

Grand Final: Eagles Too Strong on the Day

The stage was set for a fascinating contest, the composed and clinical Eagles against the never-say-die Pirates who had made a habit of winning ugly. In the end, Robina Eagles produced their most complete performance of the finals to claim the Gold League title.

Pine Rivers won the Pairs 4 Bowl through Aaron Wall and skip Wendy Wilson, claiming an 18-17 victory in a rink that went right to the wire. But Robina Eagles controlled the remainder of the contest. Simon Brown and skip Reed Burgess were outstanding in the Pairs 3 Bowl, winning 19-10, while the Triples unit of Brett Whittaker, Darren Young and skip Michael John Brennan continued their finals form with a 22-20 victory. The 4's rink of Shaun O'Toole, Patrick Barton, Andrew Hodge and skip Euan Rea closed the match out emphatically, winning 18-7 to seal a 3-1 victory and the Gold League championship.

For Pine Rivers, it was a second runners-up finish of the season, having also fallen just short in the Diamond League, a record that speaks to a team of genuine quality that has consistently performed at the highest level throughout the Taylor Bowls State Challenge.

For Robina Eagles, the Gold League title is the first of what would prove to be a historic double. Deserving champions, and a team that set the standard from the moment the finals began.



2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge - Gold League Winners

EAGLES SNEAK THROUGH ON POINTS BEFORE CLAIMING SILVER LEAGUE CROWN

The Taylor Bowls State Challenge Silver League State Finals delivered its own brand of drama at Logan City Rec and Sporting Club, with Robina Eagles emerging as champions in a campaign that required every point, every rink and every shot to go their way.

Section 1: The Finest of Margins

Algerster All Stars entered the Silver League finals as the competition's form side and looked every bit the part through the opening rounds. A 2-1 victory over Robina Eagles in Round 1, with Frances Craig and skip Debbie Logan and the Triples combination of John Bailey, Mark Dixon and skip Gary Cosier both delivering, set the tone before a second consecutive 2-1 win over Aspley in Round 2 appeared to put Algerster firmly in the driver's seat.

Robina Eagles, meanwhile, were quietly building. After their Round 1 defeat, they responded with a dominant 3-0 sweep of Camp Hill in Round 2, with Kerry Brown and skip Stephen Rice, the Triples unit of Heather Hayward, Alan Law and skip Michael Lewis, and the 4's rink of Laurie Stahlhut, Stephen Bradley, Troy Perdue and skip Peter McBrierty all winning, before backing that up with a 2-1 victory over Aspley in Round 3.

The section was ultimately decided not on the final round, but by arithmetic. When Algerster All Stars fell to Camp Hill in the final round, a 2-1 defeat that nobody had anticipated, the door swung open for Robina Eagles. With one more rink point accumulated across the section, Robina leapfrogged Algerster on the ladder to claim the section by the narrowest possible margin. All three teams finished on two wins and one loss, with Robina's superior rink points proving the difference.

It was a reminder, if one were needed, that in bowls every end counts.

Section 1 Final Standings: Robina Eagles advance to the Grand Final.

Section 2: Burnett Unbeaten and Unstoppable

While Section 1 went down to the wire, Section 2 produced a dominant performer in Burnett, who went through the section undefeated and left no doubt about their credentials as grand final contenders.

Burnett opened with a 2-1 win over Tewanin Noosa Silver in Round 1, with the Pairs 4 Bowl pairing of Brendan Whalley and skip Mark Mizzi delivering a stunning 27-5 victory to set the

platform, before backing that up with a 2-1 defeat of Macleay Island in Round 2. A comprehensive 2-1 win over Chermside in Round 3 completed a perfect section campaign, with Burnett finishing on 42 points and a shot differential of +54.

The story of Section 2, however, was not just Burnett's dominance but the extraordinary campaign of Macleay Island. Despite finishing third on the ladder, the Island side scored a remarkable 194 shots across the section and showed glimpses of brilliance, including an emphatic 3-0 destruction of Chermside in Round 1, winning 91 shots to 29 in one of the most one-sided results of the entire finals series. Their inability to convert shot dominance into consistent rink victories ultimately cost them, but they leave the competition having made a considerable impression.

Tewanin Noosa Silver also showed resilience, bouncing back from their Round 1 defeat to win their remaining two matches and finish second on the ladder.

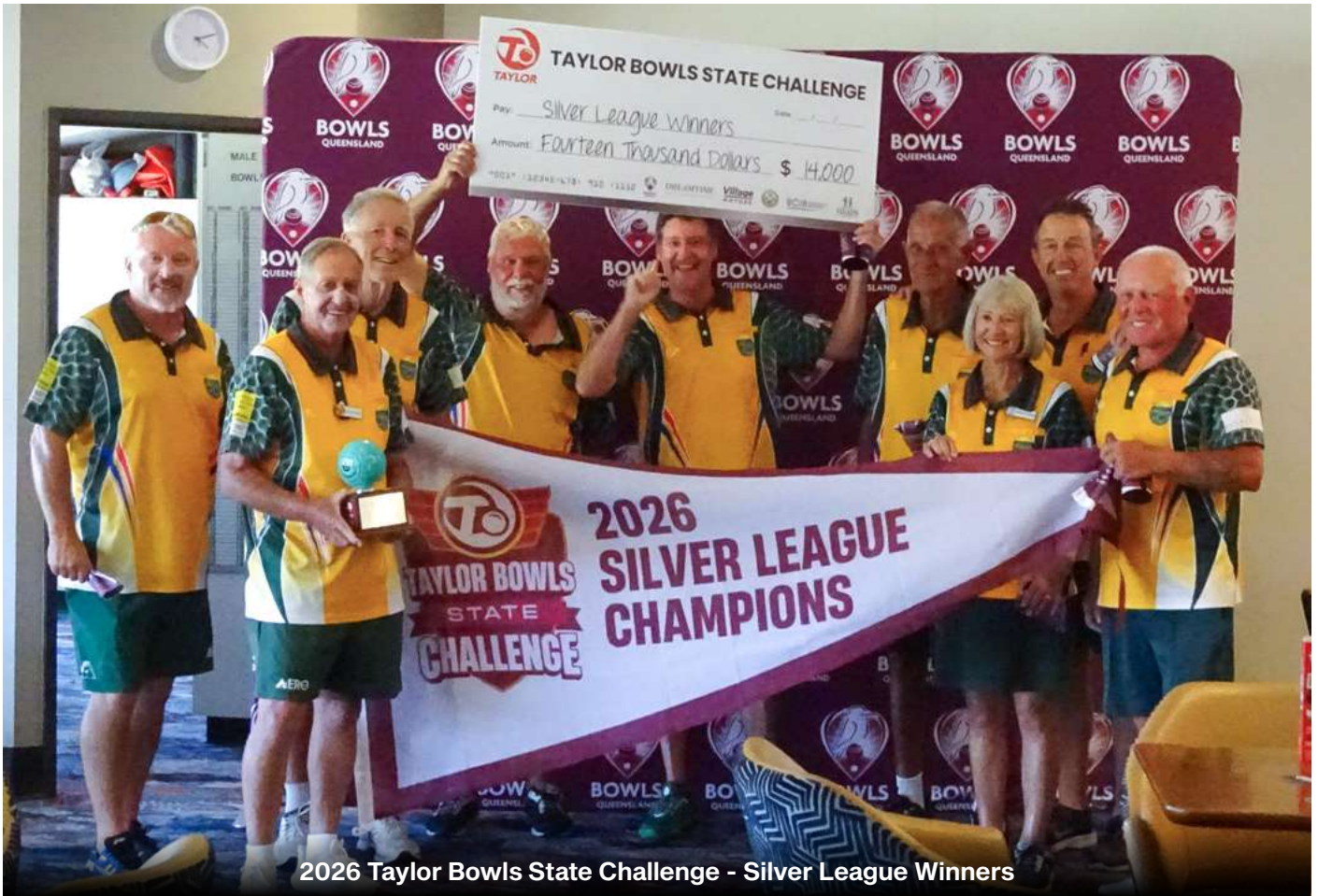
Section 2 Final Standings: Burnett advance to the Grand Final.

Grand Final: Eagles Find Another Gear

Burnett arrived at the grand final having not lost a match all section. Robina Eagles arrived having barely survived theirs. What followed was a final that confirmed class rises to the top when the pressure is highest.

Burnett drew first blood, with Brendan Whalley and skip Mark Mizzi winning the Pairs 4 Bowl 24-11 to give the northern side early momentum. But Robina Eagles responded with conviction. The Triples unit of Heather Hayward, Alan Law and skip Michael Lewis won 24-16 to level proceedings, before the 4's rink of Laurie Stahlhut, Stephen Bradley, Troy Perdue and skip Peter McBrierty delivered the knockout blow, a commanding 24-8 victory that sealed a 2-1 win and the Silver League championship for Robina Eagles.

It was a performance that belied the difficult path they had taken to reach the final, and confirmed that Robina Eagles are not a team that wilts under pressure. They thrive in it.



2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge - Silver League Winners



2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge - Silver League Runners Up

CALLIOPE CROCS DELIVER FLAWLESS CAMPAIGN TO CLAIM BRONZE LEAGUE TITLE

The Taylor Bowls State Challenge Bronze League State Finals produced a worthy champion in Calliope Black, who completed one of the most dominant campaigns of the entire finals series to claim the Bronze League title at Coolumb Beach Bowls Club.

Section 1: Calliope Black Perfect from Start to Finish

Calliope Black arrived at the Bronze League finals and never looked back. Three matches, nine rinks contested, nine rinks won. It was a performance of remarkable consistency and quality across the board.

They opened their campaign with a 3-0 victory over Narangba Green in Round 1, with Lester Schelbach and skip Sam Lunck, the Triples unit of Shane Cummings, William Sophios and skip Warren Jones, and the 4's rink of Kurt Ferris, Tina Hammond, Cameron McCrohon and skip Robert Hammond all winning, though notably each rink was decided by a tight margin, highlighting the competitive nature of the section from the outset.

Round 2 brought a 3-0 sweep of Cunnamulla Red, with Calliope Black producing their most complete performance of the section, winning 65 shots to 38. By Round 3 the title was there for the taking and Calliope Black took it emphatically, defeating Elliott Heads 3-0 and winning 71 shots to 35 in a dominant display that left no question about who deserved to advance.

Narangba Green were the section's second strongest side, recovering from their Round 1 loss to claim two consecutive wins and book their place behind Calliope Black on the ladder. Cunnamulla Red showed fight throughout, their Triples rink of Robert Williams, Cameron Mitchell and skip Leslie Martin in particular delivering some outstanding performances across the section.

Section 1 Final Standings: Calliope Black advance to the Grand Final.

Section 2: Macleay Island's Historic Campaign

Section 2 produced a fascinating story in its own right. Three teams finished the section on two wins and one loss, with Macleay Island claiming the section on score percentage ahead of Musgrave Pelicans and Edge Hill in one of the tightest three-way finishes of the entire finals series.

It was also a section that carried a piece of Queensland bowls history. Macleay Island's

Bronze League side became one of two Macleay Island teams to reach the TBSC State Finals, with a second Macleay Island outfit competing in the Silver League simultaneously. It is a remarkable achievement for the club and a testament to the depth and commitment of their bowls community.

Edge Hill opened the section strongly, defeating Windsor Wombats 2-1 in Round 1 before falling to Macleay Island in a remarkable Round 2 result that saw both sides finish on 53 shots each, with Edge Hill taking the match on rinks alone. Macleay Island bounced back from their Round 1 loss to defeat Windsor Wombats 2-1 in Round 2 and then close out the section with a composed 2-1 win over Edge Hill in Round 3, finishing on top by the narrowest of margins.

Musgrave Pelicans were competitive throughout, claiming two wins of their own, but ultimately fell just short of the section on percentage. Windsor Wombats, despite fighting hard in patches, could not find the consistency needed to progress.

Section 2 Final Standings: Macleay Island advance to the Grand Final.

Grand Final: Calliope Black Save Best for Last

Macleay Island arrived at the grand final as genuine contenders, having navigated a fiercely competitive section to earn their place on the biggest stage. Calliope Black, however, were in a different league on the day.

The Pairs 4 Bowl set the tone early, with Lester Schelbach and skip Sam Lunck winning 12-9 in a tight opening contest. From there, Calliope Black took complete control. The Triples unit of Shane Cummings, William Sophios and skip Warren Jones won convincingly 24-14, before the 4's rink of Tina Hammond, Kurt Ferris, Cameron McCrohon and skip Robert Hammond delivered a stunning 20-3 victory to complete a 3-0 grand final sweep.

Winning 56 shots to 26 on the day, it was a performance entirely befitting of a team that had not dropped a single rink across the entire Bronze League finals campaign.



2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge - Bronze League Winners



2026 Taylor Bowls State Challenge - Bronze League Runners Up

On the Lawn

ANZAC Day Trading: Key Compliance Points for Clubs

As ANZAC Day is coming up this month on Saturday, 25 April, it's a good time for your club to review its trading obligations, lodge applications for extended hours, and ensure all arrangements for Two-Up (for those who participate) are properly in place. In this article, we summarise considerations for your club before commencing trade on ANZAC Day, and specific conditions/exemptions for RSL and Services Clubs.

Playing Two-Up (Legally)

Two-Up is a cherished ANZAC Day tradition played in pubs and clubs across Australia, celebrating the service and sacrifice of military personnel while fostering camaraderie among patrons. Your club can legally host Two-Up on ANZAC Day provided the following conditions are met:

- **Conducting:** Two-Up must be conducted by an RSL or Services Club on their own licensed premises. If your club isn't an RSL or Services Club, you can still host Two-Up at the premises if it's part of an ANZAC Day function and the game is run by a person with written approval from an RSL sub-branch.
- **Rules:** Traditional Two-Up rules apply and must be made available for players to read before playing. Additional rules may be added so long as they are in the spirit of the traditional game.
- **Participants:** Must be 18 years or older.
- **Entry Fees:** Not permitted unless paid directly to the RSL or an RSL sub-branch.
- **Winnings:** All money wagered, apart from any entry fees, must be returned to winning players in accordance with the rules of the game.

General Restrictions on Trading

All clubs should note the sale and supply of liquor and gaming must cease at 12:00am midnight the night before ANZAC Day (i.e. immediately after 11:59pm on 24 April), subject to the usual 30-minute grace period for patrons to finish their drinks.

Gaming is not permitted between 12:00am and 1:00pm on 25 April.

Specific Liquor Trading Conditions

Clubs should be aware of the specific rules for trading on ANZAC Day, which vary depending on the type of licensee and the activities offered:

- **RSL and Services Clubs:** May sell and supply liquor from 5:00am as part of ordinary trading hours in association with dawn services, without needing an extended trading hours approval. Meals are not required for this period.
- **Other licensees:** To trade before 10:00am, a one-off extended trading hours permit specifically for ANZAC Day is required. Applications are subject to standard processing requirements and, generally, the requirement to provide meals – except where an RSL or Services Club is catering an ANZAC Day event at the venue.



- Between 10:00am and 1:00pm: Non-RSL/Services licensees must serve meals in the dining area to sell or supply alcohol. If meals are not served, other activities (such as lawn bowls) may proceed without the sale and/or supply of alcohol.
- Takeaway liquor: Not permitted before 1:00pm for any licensee.
- From 1:00pm: Normal liquor and gaming trading resumes for all licensees.

Conclusion

RSL and Services Clubs recognise the service of Australia's military personnel on ANZAC Day, a day also observed across clubs, pubs, and community venues nationwide. If your club will be open this ANZAC Day, adhering to all relevant liquor and gaming requirements will help ensure your events run smoothly.

For guidance on trading obligations, extended hours applications, or other arrangements, please contact me on 07 3224 0222.

GATEWAY JUNIOR DISTRICT SINGLES

The inaugural Gateway Junior District Singles was held at Wellington Point on Sunday, 22 March 2026, marking an important milestone for junior bowls within the district. The event brought together a strong field of young competitors aged between 8 and 16 from Wellington Point and Capalaba, all eager to test their skills in a competitive environment. While the results will be remembered, it was the attitude, sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown throughout the day that truly highlighted the success of the event. Every participant represented their club with pride and can be extremely proud of their efforts.

The final proved to be a fitting showcase of the talent emerging through our junior ranks. In an electrifying contest between Wellington Point's Hunter Crumblin and John Rusk, both players demonstrated composure,



resilience and skill well beyond their years. John made a strong start to the match, building a commanding 10–2 lead and placing Hunter under significant pressure. However, in a display of determination and focus, Hunter steadily worked his way back into the game, narrowing the margin and eventually levelling the scores at 16–16.

With the match on the line and John holding game, the final end delivered a moment that will be talked about for some time. With his last bowl in hand, Hunter produced a clutch shot, striking the head, picking up the jack and securing the two shots needed to claim an 18–16 victory. It was a remarkable finish to a high-quality contest, and one that drew a fantastic reaction from the crowd. The excitement and tension felt by players and spectators alike served as a reminder that bowls, at any level and at any age, can deliver moments of genuine drama and entertainment.

Beyond the final result, the day was a clear reflection of the positive work being done to develop junior bowls within the Gateway district. The commitment shown by clubs, volunteers and supporters to provide opportunities for young players is commendable, and their efforts are already

beginning to show through the standard of play on display. Gateway's continued support in fostering junior participation is greatly appreciated, and plans are already in motion to build on this year's success with an even larger and more inclusive event in 2027.

While entries this year came from two clubs currently running junior programs, there is strong optimism that this event will act as a catalyst for further growth across the district. The pathway is clear, and the benefits of investing in junior development are evident. Events like this not only provide valuable competition experience, but also help create a sense of belonging and enjoyment that encourages young players to stay involved in the sport.

As Gateway Junior Bowls Coordinator, I would encourage any clubs looking to grow the game at a grassroots level to reach out and be part of this journey. By working together, we can continue to expand opportunities for junior players and strengthen the future of bowls within our region. Juniors are not just participants in today's game, they are the foundation of its future, and their continued development is vital to the long-term success of our sport.

Leanne Grieve

Gateway Junior Bowls Coordinator



Above: (L) 2026 Champion - Hunter Crumblin with Gateway Junior Bowls Coordinator Leanne Grieve
(R) 2026 Runner-Up - John Rusk with Gateway Junior Bowls Coordinator Leanne Grieve



JANDOWAE CELEBRATES TWO IMPORTANT MILESTONES

Bowls Queensland recently travelled west to Jandowae to be part of a truly special occasion, celebrating the 100th birthday of Life Member, Mr Tom Davis. Milestones of this nature are rare, and it was a privilege to recognise not only Tom's remarkable age, but the extraordinary contribution he has made to the sport of bowls and to his local community over many decades.

Tom is a foundation member of the Jandowae Bowls Club, which was established in 1957, and his connection to the club runs even deeper than that. Alongside his brother Harry and cousin Ted, Tom played a hands-on role in shaping the club's beginnings, helping to plant the original grass green in 1956. That green became the foundation upon which the club was built, and it stands as a lasting symbol of the commitment and vision shown by those early members.

Over the years, Tom has become a central figure within the club, both on and off the green. His name appears frequently across the club's honour boards, reflecting a lifetime of achievement, consistency and dedication to the game. Whether competing, supporting fellow members or contributing behind the scenes, Tom has embodied the values that define bowls at its best. His Life Membership, awarded in 2015, was a fitting recognition of these contributions.

Graham Lewis

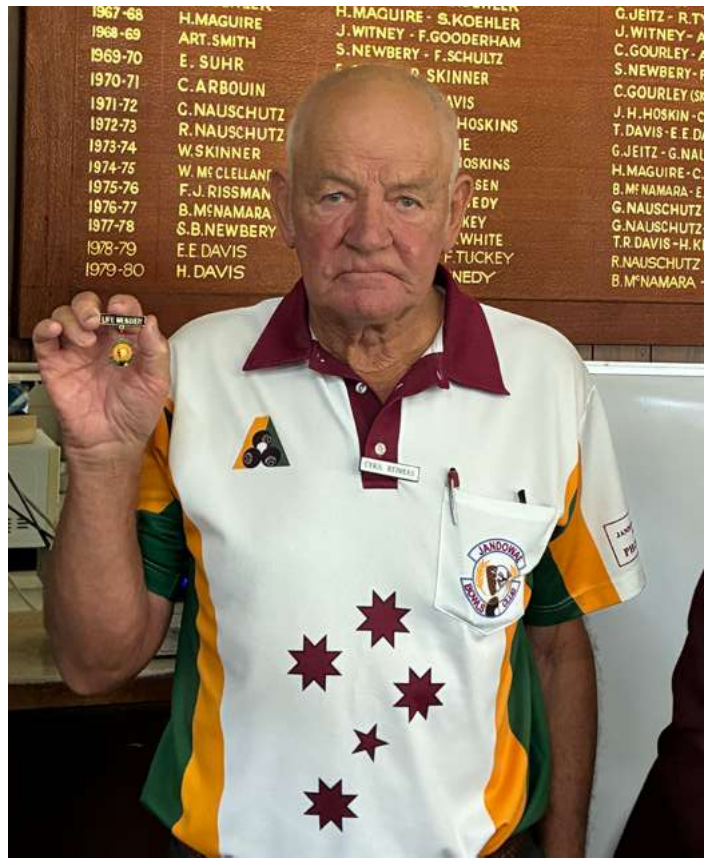
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Only recently stepping away from on-green competition, Tom continues to play an important role within the club as its Patron, a position he has proudly held for the past three years. His presence remains a source of inspiration for members young and old, and his story is a powerful reminder of the lifelong connections and enjoyment that bowls can provide.

Adding further significance to the day, the club also recognised another outstanding contributor, bestowing Life Membership on Cyril Reimers. Since joining Jandowae in 2002, Cyril has been deeply involved in the club across a wide range of roles, consistently giving his time and energy to support its operations and growth. This honour is a well-deserved acknowledgement of his ongoing commitment and the impact he has had on the club and its members.

Occasions like this highlight the strength of community that exists within bowls, particularly in regional areas where clubs play such an important role in bringing people together. The dedication of individuals like Tom and Cyril ensures that these clubs continue to thrive, providing opportunities for connection, competition and camaraderie for generations to come.

Congratulations to both gentlemen, and thank you for your outstanding service, not only to the Jandowae Bowls Club, but to the broader bowls community.



Above: (L) Centurian & Life Member, Mr Tom Davis

(R) Life Membership Recipient, Cyril Reimers

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