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## Jack Hi Editorial

with **Clive ADAMS**



What a massive few weeks it has been. WA proudly presented the Nationals 2023, with Sorrento, Joondalup and Warwick all doing an amazing job hosting the showcase of bowls, attracting the best players from all over Australia to our wonderful greens.

In this edition we take a look at the successes from the Nationals as we give you a full rundown of a huge fortnight of bowls.

In addition, we've had another staging of the BPL, we've had State Titles decided and the season is well and truly underway.

Westonia has an expanded green and a brand new roof – what a brilliant achievement for a small club – read all about it in this edition, and if you are heading out that way, make sure you drop in to take a look.

We also celebrate Emu Point's 50th Anniversary and take a look at the Firies Bowling Club that are doing great things in the community.

Updated Player Rankings plus the opportunity to highlight some great stories and event results all form part of another huge edition of Jack Hi!

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## Submissions

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• **Cody Packer – Australian Singles Champion.**

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# Congratulations to our Bowling Community



## The Nationals 2023

A massive congratulations to our bowls community for hosting the Nationals to such a high standard.

Warwick, Joondalup, Sorrento, their respective President's, organizing committees and members a job well done.

To the volunteers from other clubs who generously gave their time to make this event so successful, we say thank you. I saw volunteers from Dowerin to Safety Bay. The generosity of our bowls community never ceases to amaze me.

Bowls WA also had a massive input into preparation and behind the scenes tasks to make it a memorable and successful event.

As President I received many glowing comments on how well WA had played their part in hosting this event.

Of course, on the greens, WA had some outstanding performances.

Our own Cody Packer defeating former WA star Trystan Smallacombe in the final of the Australian Championships Singles, was one of the highlights of the fortnight.

Add to that our wonderful medal performances across other events, and the great effort of our representative sides, and it was two weeks to be very proud of for WA.

All bodes well for the return of the Nationals to WA in 2026.

## Great facility for WESTONIA

I was privileged to participate in the opening of the new bowls facility in Westonia.

They have extended to six rinks with a cover, lights and new sound system. A great facility for a great community.

Assets such as these are great for bowlers and the wider community. Well done to the Shire, CEO Bill Price and the entire Westonia community for embracing and achieving this magnificent result.

## Regional Men's Health Initiative

Our successful partnership with RMHI will continue for another two years, hopefully longer.

As a country person I know the importance of this organization and the power of bowling clubs as a vehicle to deliver these messages.

I have attended many of these presentations and understand the impact and assistance they deliver, an important community service that we are proud to assist with.

RMH along with the CBH Group will assist with the live stream of the Men's Country IZRR to be held in February 2024.

Tune in and listen to RMH Chairman Ross Ditchburn and other special guests commentate this seasons event and detail the great work the Talk to a Mate program is delivering to regional WA.



• Westonia's new stadium project.



# Extreme weather to test all players

As we enter into the summer months already we are seeing the predicted hot, dry conditions that are expected for the foreseeable future.

The changes to the Extreme Weather (Heat) conditions of play will no doubt be tested this season, so all players, but in particular club officials should ensure they are up to speed with the requirements.

They have been designed to provide appropriate rest when required, but also seek to ensure, where appropriate, matches can continue. As always, they will be reviewed both during and post season, with input welcomed from clubs.

## The Nationals

What a wonderful fortnight experiencing the very best our sport can offer. A massive congratulations to our three host clubs in Joondalup, Sorrento and Warwick, their professionalism and attention to detail has been nationally acknowledged, with accolades still being received for the warmth of welcome received by the players and administrators.

Elsewhere in this edition we can see the excellent results achieved by our teams and representatives.

Much was learned over the fortnight which will be put to good use in the lead-up to 2026 when The Nationals roadshow returns to WA. Certainly, the yet to be announced venues for 2024 and 2025 will have much to look up to.

Finally, a big thank you and well done to our coaches and selectors. Significant hours were put in over the winter months in trials, training sessions and eventually selection.

Contracts for our coaches and selectors expired following The Nationals and the process of appointments will again begin for the next period of time.

All members are encouraged to consider a role in our high-performance team with applications now out.

## Board Opportunity

An opportunity currently exists for a qualified member to become a Bowls WA Board Director.

At present a vacancy exists on the Board following the retirement of Deputy President Judy Flanagan.

Without wishing to be sexist, the position would preferably be filled by a female in order to cover off state government requirements on board gender equality.

If you believe you can positively influence the administration of the sport, please make contact with myself or President Doug Kelly to have a confidential discussion on the role and requirements of a Board Director.

## Utilise the Club Support Program

Clubs are urged to find time to consider a raft of new opportunities provided by Bowls Australia (BA) under the Club Support Program.

Three new external providers have been secured by BA to supplement the work done by our Club Support Managers, in WA Troy Kinnane. ClubMap, Sport Community and Kinetica have been appointed to provide specialist advice on matters ranging from Club Health checks, Volunteer attraction and retention, sport community grants and targeted marketing in the vicinity of your club.

Initially the opportunities and base information is being offered through a series of webinars that have already attracted a number of clubs from around the country into areas of specific need.

The specifics on the various programs are available from our Club Support Manager in Troy Kinnane who may be contacted via the Bowls WA office.

## Denise deservedly wins Stamina Award

Bowls WA staff member Denise McMillian has been working on inclusion both within and outside of our sport for the past 13 years.

This hard work was recognized recently by the CAPE Ability Network in their inaugural awards ceremony held at the Town of Rockingham City Hall.

Nominees from across the country were acknowledged and awarded for their inclusion efforts in the community.

Denise was nominated for both the Stamina and Inclusion Categories and was a Finalist in both – on the night winning the Stamina Award and coming second in the Inclusion Award!

The activities that Denise was nominated for include: (1) twelve years Chairing the State Sport Inclusion Network and running the **BowlAbility** program at Kardinya (2) ten years running the State All Abilities Championships (3) seven years administrating the state bowling arm side (4) and six years organising the metropolitan women's Inter Region Round Robin event.





## National Bowling Arm Sides championships

Tasmania was the host of the 2023 National Bowling Arm Sides Championships – the first time the championships have been hosted here!

Event host Devonport Country Club did a wonderful job throughout the event ensuring that everyone was looked after from start to finish.

Bowls Tasmania also did a great job with results posted through the Bowlslink portal (with help from state team managers), live streaming daily, and great event management from the Tasmania Armed Bowlers.

The event started on the outdoor greens in cold inclement weather resulting in some rinks pace estimated at between nine and twelve seconds.

- Below (left to right): Eddie Gollan, Nick Hosking, Bill Taylor, Gail Ecclestone, Gary Moore, Bianca Taylor, Ashley Armstrong, Graham Nottle, Kim Ward, Richard Passmore, Kerry Ward, Warwick Glenister, Richard Young, Roy Jones, Gary Giblett, Jamie Parker, John Lysaght and Ray Bairstow.

This was a test to players who normally play on synthetic, and it showed – WA lost both days against South Australia and New South Wales, although the first day loss to SA was very close at 174 points to 177.

Wednesday was a better day, as the event was moved indoors, with WA grabbing a win over Tasmania.

Unfortunately, we did not build from our Wednesday win on Thursday and Friday going down to Victoria and Queensland respectively.

The Sandgropers look forward to recouping and refreshing for the 2024 Championships to be hosted at East Maitland Bowling Club in New South Wales.





# Australian Para-Nationals at Warwick

**Bowls Australia hosted the 2023 Para Nationals at Warwick Bowling Club who were declared super hosts for their first event of this magnitude.**

While Eddie Gollan stood out as the one player to reach semi-finals in the men's B7/8 Singles the rest of the WA para side performed well in their respective disciplines achieving best performed status to date.

In the Women's Open pairs Jodie Nikolic and Diana Nixon had two wins against Victoria and Tasmania but the combined aggregate wasn't high enough to enter the quarter finals.

In the Women's Open Singles Diana Nixon came out with two wins out of four games against South Australia and Victoria – so close Di!

Jodie Nikolic won her game against Queensland with very close losses to Victoria and Tasmania, while Maud Taylor was close to being a quarter finalist with two wins against Victoria and South Australia and only one loss against Queensland's Serena Bonnell who went on to win the event.

In the Mens B7/8 pairs Clem Nottle and Eddie Gollan came through with a win against Tasmania and two losses of only 1shot against Victoria and Tasmania – luck was not on their side.

In the Mens B7/8 singles David Stephen came away with two wins against New South Wales and South Australia, while Wayne Allsopp also came away with two wins against Queensland and South Australia.

Despite having two wins of three games the player aggregate was not enough to get them over the line and into quarter finals.

***Well done to the WA Para Side ... may next year bring more chances at medal glory!***



• (Left to right): Back Row: Lara Symons, Diana Nixon, Maud Taylor, Eddie Gollan, Travis Ellison, Mick Garrett. (Front Row): Clem Nottle, Jodie Nikolic, Wayne Allsopp.

## International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships

The 9th International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships was held in September at Colinton Bowling Club, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Countries represented were England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Australia and, for the first time, India.

WA was well represented in the medals with Cockburn's David Ravlich snaring bronze. Ravlich went through the sectional rounds undefeated and top of his group.

The semi-final however against Adam Baillie from New Zealand went against him leaving him to fight it out for bronze. Success there for Ravlich and Baillie went on to take the gold.

Eaton's Kate Leese also brought home a medal, silver, with her triples teammates Janet Hogan (QLD) and Robyn Larkin (VIC). The trio weren't far away from the gold medal, but certainly come home proud of a silver medal performance.

**For information on Inclusive Practices please contact Denise McMillan on 0449 619 841 or [denise@bowlswa.com.au](mailto:denise@bowlswa.com.au)**



## To the umpires – a job well done!

The World Championships were held in Queensland from the 28th August to September 8th. Four International Technical Officials from Western Australia were selected by World Bowls to officiate at this event, and all performed well.

Congratulations to Ryan Havercroft, Vicki Eva, Sharon Lynch and Sue Hogg.

Ryan was also selected as the Marker for the Men's Final – a memorable achievement. Well done, Ryan!

The Nationals 2023 were held in Perth from October 6th -20th. Seven ITOs from Western Australia together with around fifty of our Umpires and Markers from numerous clubs in the Metro and Country areas officiated during the event.

Our sincere thanks to all who officiated in some capacity throughout the two weeks – a job well done.

### Courses and Forums

Members of the Umpires Committee and other Presenters and Assessors have conducted 'Reaccreditation' courses and 'Face to Face' courses for New National Umpires since the Nationals in September.

In recent months, the Umpire's Committee experimented with online presentations using Zoom to communicate with Country Presenters and Assessors.

It was subsequently decided to conduct Online Forums for Country Players and Umpires. These have been held recently for players and umpires across the four country Zones and have been well received.

### Law Books and 'The Bowls Australia Officiating Manual'

As you are all now aware, the Displacement Laws 37.1.3 and 37.1.5.3 introduced in Crystal Mark 4th Edition, have now been rescinded.

There has been a reprint of the law book in recent months and whilst the numbering 37.1.3 and 37.1.5.3 remain in the reprinted version the text has been deleted.

The Bowls Australia Officiating Manual has been revised and an updated version will be available in the very near future.

As soon as the manuals are available, 'Face to Face' and 'Self-Paced Learning' courses for Markers, Measurers and National Umpires will be able to proceed.

### Law Interpretations

Common Sense and Fair Play (Introduction Page 8 of the law book). Unusual situations occur often, and it is sometimes

difficult to find the correct law in the law book within a reasonable amount of time.

What is often referred to as the 'Common Sense and Fair Play' law is probably the most important law in the book. All disputes should be resolved with common sense and fair play in mind. If this happened, we would not need as many laws as we have.

### Practice

Law 4 - Page 18 Law Book and Domestic Regulation 1 Page 110 Law Book

### Events and Tournaments other than Pennant

On the day of any tournament, players should not practise before the event has commenced unless the Controlling Body allows the players to practise (or warm up) on a green that will not be used for the tournament.

After the commencement of the tournament, it is always up to the Controlling Body to give permission for players to practise and to allocate the rinks where they can practise. (if there are rinks available)

It should be noted that Domestic Regulation on Page 110 of the Law Book clearly states that a player must not practise on a rink in which they are drawn to play in another game that day. If players are allowed to practise on a green, they are due to play on later in the day, they will usually forfeit their right to trial ends. They are given a choice by the Controlling Body – they can practise for as long as they wish OR they can have trial ends before the game.

This would not apply if it was clearly stated in the Conditions of Play that there are two trial ends before each game. The players could then practise, and have trial ends.

### Pennant Play

Domestic Regulation 1.1.4 Page 110 – A Controlling Body can decide whether players in a side game (pennant) can practise on the same rinks in which they are drawn to play later in the day. Once the draw for rinks has been made, Law 3.3 applies.

### Interpretation

The Controlling body for pennant competitions can decide on the conditions for practice for their pennant competitions. In the Metropolitan Pennant competition, players can practice on the same green up to 30 minutes before the start of trial ends. They can practice on any rink but if the draw for the rinks has been made, they can then never practice on the rink they are drawn to play on.

Practice is always determined by the Controlling Body.



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## League Round Robins to be played soon

Well Christmas is fast approaching again, were does the time go? Most pennant tables are taking shape and league sides getting picked ready for our League Round Robins. This year's Mens inter zone is at Manning. We have once again lost a few country stars to the Metro comp but there will be others to take their place in the Annual Country vs Metro clash just before country week. We hold the trophy at the moment and I would love to win two in a row.

### State Fours Champions



I'm a one-eyed county boy so with that in mind I must congratulate the new State 4's champions.

Three lads from the Northern Zone who I play with and against each year. Great guys and great bowlers.

Well done to Shane Giudice-Nairn, Joel Leeson, Jon Trotter and one city slicker Ben Leggett from Joondalup. Awesome effort against some top shelf teams.

### Regional Men's Health

Once again, I want to mention Regional Men's Health. A reminder that Bowls WA has a wonderful partnership here and we have access to funds to help run all sorts of physical and mental wellbeing days.

This can include having a roll, a chat or just a blokes get together. We are well sponsored and can cover lots of the costs along with organising speakers.

Do not hesitate to contact the BowlsWA office at any time.

### Staying Safe in the heat

The recent hot weather has prompted Pennant cancellations, including men's Thursday competition.

This was a brave but good decision as we had had 3 or 4 continuous days of extreme temperatures.

At home we had last weeks game abandoned in the Central Midlands League for the first time ever.

Not taken lightly as we all think we are pretty tough when it come to heat but our administrators have the responsibility of every one's health on their heads, so to say.

Smaller clubs have to play every available player and many are in their 70's and 80's and a few even older. Something that may happen more often, I think.

The game will go on so if we have to miss one, don't panic, there's always next week.

With that, stay safe, enjoy the game, and have a Merry Christmas. Take a break, and see you on the green next year.

## Leeuwin League looking the goods

Alun Legge, member of the Dunsborough Bowling club, made a generous donation to the Leeuwin League which has resulted in the purchase of new shirts and a flag for the ladies. In doing so he acknowledged the dedicated work and involvement all the ladies make within their own clubs throughout the bowling seasons.

The league has adopted the logo of a lioness in honour of the Dutch galleon that discovered and mapped some of the southwest corner of WA in 1622.

Leeuwin means lioness in the Dutch language and a lioness is strong, committed, faithful and proud, all symbols well-liked by the members.

Keeping the assigned colour red, but in different shades, the league has also paid homage to the world-renowned wineries within the Leeuwin district.

The new shirts were unveiled at the first pennant game for the 2023-24 season with Alun Legge in attendance.

Three current South-West zone champions from Leeuwin were the models for the occasion and were met with great applause.



• Leeuwin's new club shirts.

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# Local clubs host outstanding event



**Warwick, Sorrento and Joondalup can take a bow following the very successful running of the Nationals 2023 – the Showcase of Bowls that celebrates everything that is great about our sport.**

A big congratulations and thank you to the huge number of volunteers involved in bringing the event together, and of course to all the players that put on a great show, we also say thank you.

Finally, to **Tourism Western Australia**, the **Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**,

including **LotteryWest**, and to the **City of Joondalup** thank you for your amazing support in bringing the Nationals 2023 to Western Australia.

Let's take a look through everything that happened in a massive fortnight of bowls...from a WA viewpoint of course!

## Australian Under 18s Championships

WA's biggest under 18 team for many years did battle at Sorrento, with our five boys and three girls joined by two ACT representatives to form a full girls team.

Our boys team of **Callum Alberti**, **Cam Wellington**, **Zac Parker**, **Dante Burnham** and **Jarrold Steele** did us proud, as did **Charlotte Byfield**, **Drew Gunson** and **Sophie Hays**, joined by **Telara Edwards** and **Abbey Boardman**.

Callum's effort in winning his three sectional matches and then pushing Queensland's Riley Gerick all the way in an enthralling final shows the experience he has gained from another year in the sport. Alberti will have another big year under his belt next year and is sure to be one of the favourites for the title.

Other highlights included bronze medal playoffs for our combined WA/ACT girls fours team of Edwards, Gunson, Boardman and Hays, as well as the all-WA triples team of Byfield, Gunson and Hays. While neither came away with the medal, it was a wonderful effort for the team to feature in the medal rounds, and augurs well for future events.

A big thank you to Under-18's **Coach Kelli Wray** and Assistant Coach **Anthony Burnham**. A fantastic job done by both of them leading this wonderful group of young people.



## Australian Champion of Champions Singles

**Jack East** and **Chris Ace-Watson** took to the greens for the first event of the Nationals, and with the Champions of Champions being a full round robin event, it is a marathon not a sprint.

East started slowly, trailing 13-3 in his first match against Queenslander **Glen Pitts**, but turned it around to charge back narrowly going down 21-20 to open the tournament.

A narrow loss to the near unbeatable **Lee Schraner** (NSW) was East's only other blemish for the series, claiming a very well deserved SILVER medal.

Ace-Watson burst out of the blocks with two solid wins over Queensland's **Julia Brownie** and NT's **Elisa Rigoni**, however losses to the three key movers in the event, **Sam Ferguson** (NSW), **Cassandra Millerick** (VIC) and eventual champion **Laini McGorman** (SA) ended Ace-Watson's run for a medal.

## National Championships Wrap

# Packer finishes Nationals in style

### Australian Championships

**Cody Packer's** victory in the Australian Championships Singles event was an amazing way to finish a wonderful fortnight of bowls here in WA.

Packer didn't have it all his own way throughout the event, having to survive a thriller against NSW's **Jack Lewis** just to make the final. With everything on the line, the game went down to the final bowls, with Packer getting a conversion with his third bowl of the final end, and that being enough for a 25-24 victory.

That setup an enthralling encounter with former WA representative **Trystan Smallacombe**, now of NT fame. Another quality affair, with all the shots on display saw Packer home 25-19, scoring 7 shots in the final four ends of the match.

The Women's Fours combination of **Laura Butler, Therese Hastings, Kaitlin Tyrrell** and **Lisa Smith** narrowly missed playing for a gold medal, but made amends in fine style getting off to quick start in the bronze medal match and despite a comeback from Queensland, it was our WA crew that took the bronze.

Other teams to play off for bronze were the Men's pairs combination of **Warren Holt** and **Mark Wunnenberg**, and also the Men's Fours team of **Bruce Eagles, Murray Hulbert, Peter Flack** and **Peter Morgan**.

Despite neither of them tasting success, making the medal rounds of an Australian Championships is still a fine effort.

### Australian Senior Sides

The Women's Senior Side flew out of the blocks, recording three big wins in the first three matches of the tournament, however three losses from the final four matches put a dent in WA's final finishing position.

The team's rink wins show they were very much in the mix for a top three finish, however 4 wins just wasn't enough to get there. Best performing rink for WA was **Noelene Abe**, who with **Irene Leahy, Jill Adam** and **Lee Poletti** claimed 5 wins from their 7 matches to finish 6th on the event rink table.

The Men's Side was quite the opposite – a slow start with losses to South Australia and Tasmania on day one, but then solid performances against Queensland (for a draw) and New South Wales (a last bowl victory) saw the team finish 4th on the final standings.

In an even performance across the rinks, WA's best performed quartet was **John Goddard**, with **Gary Caffell, Kevin Pickering** and **Steve Cerff** who collect 4 wins with an 18 shot margin across the tournament.

The **Roger Barns/Jim McKenzie Medal** for the Best Male Player at the Senior Sides Series went to **Kevin Pickering**, and the **Beryl Brennan Award** for Most Outstanding Female Player went to **Noelene Abe**.



• Cody Packer and Lisa Featherby – 100 games for WA.

### Australian Sides Championships

A fine display at Sorrento saw our Men's Open Side achieve it's best results for many years, with a third place finish, and 5 wins from 7 outings.

Losses to New South Wales and Queensland the only sides to finish above WA precluded a higher finish, but the performances across the board were very impressive.

**Cody Packer's** 100th game, with many more to come, was another highlight.

**Blake Nairn's** crew of **Clive Adams, Bill Brandsma** and **Scott Walker** were WA's best rink with 4 wins and a very healthy 62 shot margin.

The Women's side was a case of so close, but so far with two narrow losses to Victoria and Queensland curtailing what was a great display by our side. A one shot loss to Victoria and then a three shot loss to the Maroons were the difference between a gold medal finish and 4th on the table.

A highlight for WA came in the first round with a big 67-55 over the powerful New South Wales team – particularly special as it was **Lisa Featherby's** 100th game for WA.

**Kristina Krstic's** rink of **Chris Ace-Watson, Lisa Brannan** and **Lisa Smith** won 6 matches from the 7 outings to finish second on the overall rink tally, and WA's best.

**Kristina Krstic** collected the **Beryl Godfrey Trophy** as WA's best female player in the Series – an award that Kristina has now won 7 times since 2014 with two series not played due to Covid. **Blake Nairn** won his first **Allan Eddy/Rod Wishart Medal** as the WA's best male player.



• Western Australia's Men and Women Australian Championship Side.

## Australian Para-Nationals

### Great effort by Eddie Gollan

Eddie Gollan's performance to narrowly miss a medal in the Men's B7/8 Singles event was a highlight, even if unrewarded with a medal.

Gollan pushed Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist **Josh Thornton** all the way in the semi-final eventually going down 21-19 in a high quality match.

There were plenty of notable performances from the entire team with many combinations and individuals only missing medal round matches by margin countbacks.

Warwick, as host, can be very proud of its volunteers and members, for putting on a wonderful show for the Para-Nationals with plenty of praise heaped on the club both during and after the event.



## Australian Senior (060s) Sides Results

Vs	RESULT	IRENE ARNDT ROBYN O'BRIEN RHONDA PROSSER KAYE BLACKWELL	KERRY ANDERSEN LEXIE WEBSTER PAM CHALMERS KATHY GOBBART	LEE POLETTI JILL ADAM IRENE LEAHY NOELENE ABE
SA	WIN 64-36	LOSS 14-16	WIN 24-10	WIN 26-10
TAS	WIN 67-37	WIN 23-11	WIN 22-14	WIN 22-12
NT	WIN 73-45	LOSS 14-16	WIN 33-12	WIN 26-17
QLD	LOSS 56-58	WIN 23-17	LOSS 19-21	LOSS 14-20
NSW	LOSS 58-67	WIN 18-16	LOSS 20-27	LOSS 20-24
ACT	WIN 68-47	WIN 20-16	WIN 26-15	WIN 22-16
VIC	LOSS 54-67	LOSS 21-22	LOSS 14-29	WIN 19-16
	4 wins 440-357	4 wins 133-114	4 wins 158-128	5 wins 149-115

Women's Senior Sides Series - Results Summary

Vs	RESULT	JEROME CLAYTON NEVILLE STEVENS AJ HEAL BRAD KING	STEVE CERFF KEVIN PICKERING GARY CAFFELL JOHN GODDARD	GREG TAYLOR ROSS BOLTON PAUL KNIGHT CHRIS LANDER
SA	LOSS 57-59	LOSS 19-23	WIN 19-16	LOSS 19-20
TAS	LOSS 64-81	LOSS 12-34	WIN 32-20	LOSS 20-27
NT	WIN 77-53	LOSS 19-26	WIN 25-10	WIN 33-17
QLD	DRAW 55-55	WIN 25-10	LOSS 18-20	LOSS 12-25
NSW	WIN 68-65	WIN 26-25	LOSS 18-20	WIN 24-20
ACT	WIN 62-40	WIN 28-12	LOSS 10-19	WIN 24-9
VIC	LOSS 59-66	WIN 23-20	WIN 17-16	LOSS 19-30
	3½ wins 442-419	4 wins 152-150	4 wins 139-121	3 wins 151-148

Men's Senior Sides Series - Results Summary

## Australian Sides Results

Vs	RESULT	LINDA WARBURTON KAITLIN TYRRELL DONNA BLACKWELL HAILEY PACKER	JENNY PARKER DENISE KELLY HELEN STEVENS LISA FEATHERBY	LISA SMITH LISA BRANNAN CHRIS ACE-WATSON KRISTINA KRSTIC
NSW	WIN 67-55	LOSS 21-22	LOSS 14-26	WIN 32-7
TAS	WIN 55-50	LOSS 15-17	LOSS 16-20	WIN 24-13
NT	WIN 71-37	WIN 22-12	WIN 20-12	WIN 29-13
SA	LOSS 51-68	LOSS 14-26	DRAW 20-20	LOSS 17-22
VIC	LOSS 55-56	LOSS 15-21	WIN 20-17	WIN 20-18
QLD	LOSS 53-56	LOSS 15-18	LOSS 15-20	WIN 23-18
ACT	WIN 64-55	WIN 22-15	DRAW 20-20	WIN 22-20
	4 wins 416-377	2 wins 124-131	2w 2d 125-135	6 wins 167-111

Women's Open Sides Series - Results Summary

Vs	RESULT	SCOTT WALKER BILL BRANDSMA CLIVE ADAMS BLAKE NAIRN	JACK EAST DAVID DOWNEY ANTHONY WILLIAMS CODY PACKER	BLAKE BUTLER WARREN HOLT SHANE KNOTT DANIEL TREWHELLA
NSW	LOSS 40-77	LOSS 15-24	LOSS 15-21	LOSS 10-32
TAS	WIN 57-43	LOSS 14-18	WIN 23-10	WIN 20-15
NT	WIN 61-35	WIN 28-5	LOSS 14-19	WIN 19-11
SA	WIN 58-48	WIN 18-15	WIN 27-15	LOSS 13-18
VIC	WIN 63-48	WIN 32-6	LOSS 13-24	DRAW 18-18
QLD	LOSS 41-59	LOSS 14-18	LOSS 17-21	LOSS 10-20
ACT	WIN 83-32	WIN 34-7	WIN 28-13	WIN 21-12
	5 wins 403-342	4 wins 155-93	3 wins 137-123	3½ wins 111-126

Men's Open Sides Series - Results Summary

# WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE



## The Importance of Fathers

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE  
December 2023

Our team at Regional Men's Health talk to a lot of blokes, the other important side to this is we also do a lot of listening. Comments that often come up, especially from men of the older generation is *I wish I had spent more time with my kids, or I spent my life busting my guts working and missed out on a lot of the little things.*

Life can sometimes be a double-edged sword and I personally have the utmost respect for men who saw their primary role as the breadwinner and gave precedence to their work, with the best interest of their family in mind. The downside to this, of course, was that these men were quite often too busy with work, or away from the family, to be able to commit time at home to do some of the little things that are now considered commonplace.

My partner did an amazing job giving birth to all three of our children at home (under the supervision of an experienced midwife) and I was actively encouraged to be involved through all stages of the pregnancy and birthing process. My experience, of course, is vastly different to that of men from my grandfather's era, who were told by the midwife *well you have done your job, we'll let you know when we need you!*






In modern society the family structure varies and there are no set rules on who does what. Women have historically been considered the carers and nurturers, but they may also have careers. The question I have is *are we as open and accepting of men who show a nurturing and caring side as well as a commitment to his working and professional career?* Is this balance possible?

Spending time with the kids is a priority for many blokes and I believe some of the most enjoyable and rewarding times come from being in their company. Don't get me wrong, we will all have times when we're challenged, tested (usually our patience) and sometimes even question our ability as a father, this is normal. In addition to this we need to be aware of and manage our work, spend time with our partner and make time to explore our own passions and interests (self-care).

A few tips for father and father/mentor figures out there:

- Don't be afraid of the everyday tasks when our child is born; changing nappies, bathing, feeding, they're all important bonding opportunities;
- As our kids grow get to know them and take an interest in their passions, interests, hopes, dreams and schooling;
- Talk to our kids, ask them how their day was, tell them about our day;
- Reading is one of the simplest beneficial things we can do with them;
- There is a saying if we spent twice as much time and half the amount of money on our children we and they would be better off. Keep it simple, time and presence are the most precious gift.

To those men out there who may carry feelings of regret, guilt or loss about what they missed out on with their children, don't forget that any guy can be a Dad, but it takes someone special to be a Father. Even if our children are now adults don't forget every child, no matter what their age, seeks the approval of their father. Tell our kids today that we're proud of them and we love them.

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• 2022-23 Bassendean 1 White Champions.

After seven rounds of Men's Metropolitan Pennant, we take a look at who is leading the way in each division and who the top skippers are. We will take a look at the Thursday competition in the next edition of Jack Hi.

## Premier League

Bassendean has been the surprise packet in the top grade, returning this year and currently sitting just one point off top placed South Perth.

The Millers and the Cambridge Knights are up there in contention and Mount Lawley has fourth position after a strong start to the season. Doubleview, Osborne Park, Manning and Sorrento all remain in contention for a place in the four.

**Top 4:** South Perth, Cambridge, Bassendean, Mount Lawley.  
**Top Skippers:** Daniel Trehwella (MtL), Sean Mawsdley (OP), Cody Packer (Mann).

## Ist Division White

**Top 4:** Kardinya, Bassendean, Safety Bay, Rossmoyne.  
**Top Skippers:** Brad Henley (Kard), Matt Allen (Kard), Daryl Radford (Kard).

## Ist Division Blue North

**Top 4:** Yokine, Quinns Rocks, Wanneroo, North Perth.  
**Top Skippers:** Rob Lawrence (OP), Paul Kelly (Yok), Chris Parr (QR).

## Ist Division Blue South

**Top 4:** Victoria Park Carlisle, Kalamunda, Warnbro, Rockingham.  
**Top Skippers:** Bill Brandsma (Kala), Graeme Wishart (VPC), Jesse Brown (Dalk-Ned).

## Open Gender 2nd Division

**Top Teams:** Leeming, Kwinana, Mount Lawley, Cambridge.  
**Top Skippers:** Justin Wright (Will), David Lister (Gos), Michael Erceg (MtL), David Hughes (Cam).

## Open Gender 3rd Division

**Top Teams:** Forrestfield, Leeming, Bassendean, Yanchep 1.  
**Top Skippers:** Stewart Gosstray (Arm), Ian Ashworth (Leem), Glenn Pinto (Morley), Gavan Ebsworth (Merriwa).

## Open Gender 4th Division

**Top Teams:** Spearwood, Kalamunda, North Perth, Bayswater.  
**Top Skippers:** Paul Kelly (Spear), Peter Jones (Mann), Dean Brickell (NP), Malcolm Edwards (E/brook).

## Open Gender 5th Division

**Top Teams:** Thornlie, Perth & Tatts, Wanneroo, Nollamara, Hollywood-Subiaco.  
**Top Skippers:** Glenn Luton (Arm), Calvin Martin (Bullcreek), Michael Robinson (Scarb), Joseph McMillan (MidMorr), Rick Camins (Dalk-Ned).

## Open Gender 6th Division

**Top Team:** Sorrento 1.  
**Top Skipper:** Arthur Jennings (OP).





• The Mosman Park crew (with Linda Warburton) at the recent O60s Triples.

After seven rounds of Women's Tuesday Metropolitan Pennant, as we near the halfway point of the season, we take a look at how some of the teams are travelling. We will take a closer look at Saturday Pennant in the next Jack Hi edition.

## Premier League

The top three are threatening to break away with the usual power teams of Mosman Park and Manning looming large, although North Beach has been impressive so far.

Gosnells currently occupies fourth whilst Safety Bay has drifted after a very solid start.

Willetton and Mundaring are chasing wins to try and stay in touch with the group.

**Top 4:** Mosman Park, North Beach, Manning, Gosnells.

**Top Skippers:** Lisa Featherby (MosPk), Denise Kelly (MosPk), Rhonda Prosser (NB).

## 1st Division White

**Top 4:** Manning, Thornlie, North Beach, Warwick.

**Top Skippers:** Maureen Cooney (Thorn), Narissa Nilon (Leem), Robin Angel (Mann)

## 1st Division Green North

**Top 4:** Osborne Park, Mount Lawley, Wanneroo, Morley.

**Top Skippers:** Robyn Lester (Wann), Julie Cooper (Yok), Jeannie Gullotti (Scarb)

## 1st Division Green South

**Top 4:** Victoria Park Carlisle, Kalamunda, Warnbro, Rockingham.

**Top Skippers:** Kelli Wray (Cburn), Donna Blackwell (MtP), Lauris Gibb (Byford)

## 2nd Division

**Top Teams:** Leeming, Manning, Merriwa AFA, Warwick.

**Top Skippers:** Rini Balk (SB), Vicki Herbert (Mann), Ellaine Jopling (Joon), Nancy Sutton (Warwick)

## Open Gender 3rd Division

**Top Teams:** Mount Pleasant 1, Rossmoyne, Perth & Tatts, Yanchep.

**Top Skippers:** Diane Easton (EF), Kenneth Baines (Ross), Lisa Smith (P&T), Claire Ferguson (Yan).

## Open Gender 4th Division

**Top Teams:** Pickering Brook, Inglewood.

**Top Skippers:** Sylvia van Groningen (Pick Bk), Audrey Rayner (Ing).

## Friday Night

**Top Teams:** Willetton 2, Bayswater.

**Top Skippers:** Clare Taylor (Kwin), Patricia Jennings (Bed).

## Tweed Heads Ospreys win BPL 18

Club Pine Rivers in Queensland was once again full of passion, atmosphere and high level bowls as it hosted the 18th edition of the Bowls Premier League. The event features a fast, fun format of bowls whilst showcasing the amazing talent of the best players from around Australia and the World.

Kristina Krstic, Blake Nairn and Cody Packer represented the Bowls WA owned franchise of the Perth Suns, and were coached by debutant Bill Brandsma. Whilst the week's results didn't go the way of the Suns, they did collect wins over the top three teams in the competition during the 18 round qualifying period.

Finals night was as exciting as ever, commencing with the Adelaide Pioneers dispensing with the Gold Coast Hawks in the first elimination final, before the Tweed Heads Ospreys cast the Pioneers to elimination in the very next match.

The top two teams of the Moama Steamers and the Melbourne Extreme then battled it out for the first locked in place in the BPL18 Grand Final.



• Tweed Heads Ospreys victors.



• Barrie Lester in an ecstatic mood!

Ali Forsyth stepped up at the exact moment required as an accurate drive sent the semi-final into a one end tiebreak, where it was Forsyth once again who played the pressure bowl, drawing to the boundary to send the Extreme straight into the big dance.

The Steamers, left reeling after coming so close, fell victim to the charging Ospreys, who claimed a place in the final against the Extreme.

The Grand Final was an epic affair of brilliant shotmaking with perhaps the highlight being the performance of Extreme debutant Kylie Whitehead in the lead position – Whitehead was outstanding forcing the Ospreys to play weight from the lead position on several occasions.

Finally, a tiebreak was required to separate the two teams, and it was the Ospreys' crew of Aaron Teys, Corey Wedlock and Chloe Stewart that grabbed the title – their fourth as a team, and Teys' record equaling fifth.

Teys was then confirmed MVP of the tournament, and was joined by Whitehead, and Aron Sherriff in the BPL18 Allstar team. Wayne Turley, coach of the Ospreys, was named the Allstar team coach.



• Cody Packer and Kristina Krstic.

Position	Name	Wins	Net Sets	Sets Won	Score %
1	Moama Steamers	12	12	24	140.36
2	Melbourne Extreme	11	5	20.5	101.17
3	Tweed Ospreys	10	5	20.5	119.88
4	Gold Coast Hawks	10	4	20	95.11
5	Adelaide Pioneers	9	1	18.5	92.978
6	Sydney Lions	9	0	18	116.67
7	Moreton Bay Pirates	9	-5	15.5	103.26
8	Tasmania Tridents	8	-3	16.5	88.26
9	Melbourne Pulse	7	-5	15.5	83.89
10	Perth Suns	5	-14	11	73.39

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## State Fours - Women

# WA State Fours Champions crowned

It was a great day to be out at the Bassendean Bowling Club on Sunday to witness the Semi-Finals and Finals of the Women's and Men's WA State Fours.

The first Women's Semi-Final saw Patricia Boardman, Lili Lee Leach, Coral Smith, Nerrida Porteous (Sorrento) have a 17-13 win over Jane Lewis, Deborah Povey, Judy Etheridge, and Janice Miles (Mount Lawley). Lewis started strongly and built a 9-3 lead early in the match, only to see Boardman win six ends in a row to take a 12-9 lead. The match tightened up from there and the teams were locked together 13-13 going into the final end. A last end 4 saw Boardman and her team reach the WA State Fours Final for the first time winning 17-13. The second Semi-Final was a match with many of the who's who in WA Women's bowls over the last 10 years involved.

The combination of Kristina Krstic, Hailey Packer, Robyn O'Brien, and Helen Heal (Manning) ended up being far too strong for Kaye Blackwell (Mt Pleasant), Rhonda Prosser (North Beach), Lee Poletti, and Kerry Andersen (Mosman Park). Krstic jumped straight to the lead and had four on the board before Blackwell put two consecutive singles together.

Again, Krstic surged and at the halfway mark was leading 12-2. The Blackwell team were never able to recover and eventually, Krstic won 18-6 to go into another final.

Going into the final, as a combination Krstic, Packer, O'Brien, and Heal had won the State Fours on two previous occasions, with O'Brien having won four titles in total.

For Boardman, Leach, Smith, and Porteous, this was their first State Fours Final.

The final started in even fashion, with both teams getting singles in the first two ends. Krstic then won consecutive ends to go to 4-1 before Boardman got back on the scoreboard with another single. Again, Krstic put multiple ends together and got to the halfway mark of the match leading 9-2.



• Hailey Packer, Helen Heal, Robyn O'Brien, Kristina Krstic.

Another single was all Boardman could get to go to 9-3 and then had to watch Krstic grab a big 5 shots, followed by consecutive singles and then a 4 to lead 20-3.

A run of ends to Boardman saw the score tighten up a little but with not enough ends left Kristina Krstic, Hailey Packer, Robyn O'Brien, and Helen Heal were crowned the 2023-24 WA Women's State Fours Champions with a 20-8 finals win.



# Photo finish in Men's State Fours

The Men's Semi-Finals shaped up as intriguing contests and we were not let down. Matthew Mitchell (Emu Point) had Mark Douthie (North Beach) sub into his team as Nathan Jones was unavailable due to illness, Miles Kemp, and Scott O'Brien (Manning) completed the team.

Mitchell started slowly up against Justin Opie (South Perth), Ash Sharp Merredin, Troy Kinnane (Bassendean), and Scott Walker (South Perth) with Opie jumping out to a 6-0 lead.

Two consecutive ends to Mitchell saw him back in the contest at 5-6 and by the 10th end had hit the front 9-8. A three to Opie saw his team back in front by two before the teams were level on the 13th and 15th end with only three ends left to play. A single to Mitchell saw him stick his nose in front and he was able to keep it that way by winning the last two ends for a 16-12 win.

In the second semi-final the combination of Kyle McIlroy (Doubleview), Stewart Gosstray (Armadale), Steve Cerff, and Gavin Faulkner (Doubleview) got a single on the first end to get the game underway, but they quickly found themselves behind 1-6 to Shane Giudice-Nairn (Geraldton), Joel Leeson (Denison), Jon Trotter (Geraldton), and Ben Leggett (Joondalup).

The two teams traded ends from end 6 through to end 14, with Giudice-Nairn leading 9-5 at the halfway mark and 11-9 by the 14th end. With the last three ends going to Giudice-Nairn, the game ended with Giudice-Nairn defeating McIlroy 17-9 to earn a place in the final.

Two teams in top form entered the WA Men's State Fours Final and they both put on a terrific show going bowl for bowl. The jack was trailed often, bowls were sat out by the opposition often and the skips drew important shots for their team often.

Mitchell, Douthie, Kemp and O'Brien started the game strongly by collecting two 3's in the first three ends to lead 6-1. Giudice-Nairn, Leeson, Trotter and Leggett hit back by winning three consecutive ends to draw level at 6-6. A single to Mitchell was followed by consecutive 3's to Giudice-Nairn to get to the halfway mark leading 12-7.

Amazing bowls continued to flow, and every end was up for grabs until the last bowl. Mitchell grabbed a big 4 shots to close within one and then got a single to even it up.

Giudice-Nairn took a two and Mitchell grabbed another 4 to take a two-shot lead.



• Joel Leeson, Shane Giudice-Nairn, Ben Leggett and Jon Trotter.

Another 4 was won, but this time it was to Giudice-Nairn as he retook the lead 18-16

The scorecard made it look like not a lot of defense was taking place but in reality it was the result of close heads and every bowl making a difference and making it possible for a team to score in multiples.

A single to Giudice-Nairn on the 4th last end and a single to Mitchell on the 3rd last end kept the margin at two, but then a 2 to Giudice-Nairn on the second last end, suddenly made life very difficult for Mitchell with a 21-17 lead to Giudice-Nairn.

For most of the last end a 4 was highly possible for Mitchell but a well-drawn second shot to Giudice-Nairn with his last bowl, made that result, while still possible, unlikely.

Mitchell took the only real option to him, which was to try and kill the end.

Unfortunately for Mitchell, his bowl missed the jack by millimeters and Giudice-Nairn, Leeson, Jon Trotter and Leggett took the title of WA Men's State Fours Champion's 21-18.

## BowlsLink Update

# Updates in place

Bowls Australia BowlsLink Manager Aaron Delaporte confirmed the next round of BowlsLink improvements which came online on **Monday, November 13**.

In total, 26 separate developments occurred with several key features that are sure to be welcomed by administrators and participants across all levels of the sport. Significantly **SMS verification notifications** can now be used for login providing even more flexibility for those club administrators who are required to use two factor authentication which was part of the previous release adding an extra level of security to BowlsLink.



Major competition module changes will see **custom ladders, automapping of finals and add-ons** (sale of extra items) now available through all levels of the sport. The custom ladders give the ultimate flexibility to a competition manager to sort by any means possible and display the ladder in any configuration imaginable.

A line on the ladder can also be added so participants can easily see which teams, sides or players are in qualifying positions for finals

A live scoring summary has been added which gives anyone the opportunity to follow matches across a competition being live scored on one screen.

This **LIVE** button was evident in the recent Bowls Premier League competition. In addition a plugin for State bodies and Bowls Australia will now allow them to display multi-event matches on the same webpage for large scale events like the Victorian Open or Australian Open.

Finally, Bowls Australia have shown their continued commitment to BowlsLink and supporting its use by the introduction of a dedicated resource website.

Located at [support.bowlslink.com.au](http://support.bowlslink.com.au) the website will house all support materials for BowlsLink.

It already features numerous articles and help videos with more to be added in the future. Users can search, browse by category or browse by state to gain further insights into how to effectively use BowlsLink.

### BowlsLink Release Key Items Summary

- SMS enabled for 2FA Authentication at login.
- Custom Ladders for Competitions.
- Auto Mapping of Finals for Competitions.
- Add Ons (sale of extra items) for Competitions.
- Live scoring applications for Competitions.
- Support Website for BowlsLink.
- Exporting of Competition Finals for Press Submissions.
- Framework for Finals eligibility criteria in Competitions.
- Six (6) security updates and Nine (9) bug fixes.



## New Heat Rules

A reminder to all Metropolitan players and clubs that Bowls WA has introduced new heat rules for this season, endeavoring to see games completed whilst looking after the health and safety of all our members and players.

Bowls WA encourages Country Leagues to establish similar rules for their competitions. **Here's how it works...**

### 1. Forecast temperatures

If the 4.20pm Perth forecast the day before any pennant fixture is 41° or above, then the following day's play will be abandoned and teams will share points.

Bowls WA, as per the Metropolitan Pennant Competition Conditions of Play, does reserve the right to abandon play with a forecast of less than 41° in situations where lead up and ongoing conditions are considered extreme.

Note that this happened during November when a round of Men's Midweek Pennant was abandoned.

### 2. In the absence of a General Abandonment

#### Temperature above 40° at the venue

Should temperatures rise above 40° during play (or at the start of play), play shall be delayed until the temperature drops below 40°. Players are encouraged to stay out of the heat, sit in a cooler environment or seek a drink should this occur. Should a total of 60 minutes be lost due to the temperature being in excess of 40° then the game will be abandoned at that point.

If enough ends have been played to constitute a match, then that result will stand, otherwise teams will share the points.

#### Temperature between 38° – 40° at the venue

If the temperature rises above 38° after 30 minutes of play (or longer) has expired, then the Umpire shall call the players off the green for a 10 minute break. Again, players are encouraged to make good use of this time, to find a cooler place to rest, or to take in some fluids.

After all rinks have been off for 10 minutes (some may be off slightly longer to ensure everyone gets a minimum of 10 minutes), play shall continue for another 30 minutes.

The Umpire will check the temperature again, and if still above 38° but below 40°, another 10 minute break will occur.

This process will continue until the temperature drops below 38° at which time, play will continue as normal. If, at any time, the temperature goes above 40° then the 40° temperature rules come into play and everyone must leave the green.

A full account of the rules can be found in the Conditions of Play for the specific competitions, as found in the Bowls WA Handbook available at Clubs and on the Bowls WA website.

## Korycin and Martin in dominant win

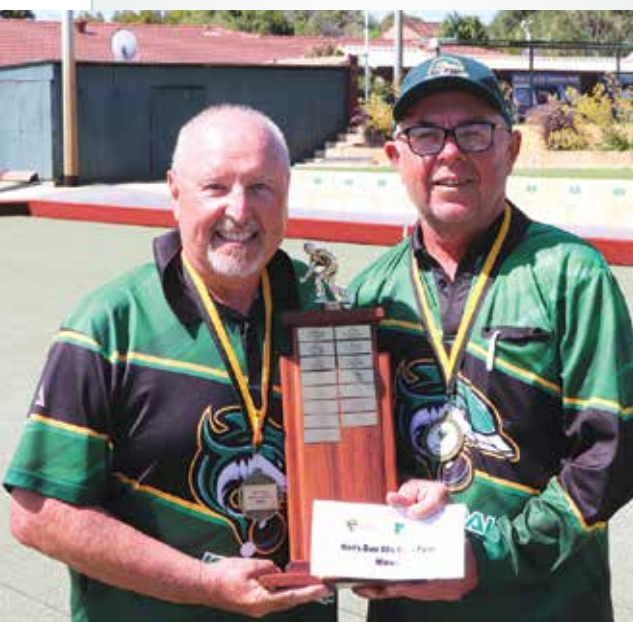
The GenesisCare Men's Over 60's State Pairs started with 116 teams and concluded with Joondalup's Michael Korycin and Martin Cheesman holding the Championship trophy aloft at the Osborne Park Bowling Club.

The final started with Bassendean's Eugene O'Sullivan and Ted Alden taking control by winning eight of the first eleven ends, but the score would have been closer than O'Sullivan would have liked at 11-7.

A big five to Korycin during that period had kept them in range despite only winning three ends. A two to Korycin and then a single, saw them only one shot behind and when they got a two to go in front it seemed like they were well on top

It turned out that Korycin and Cheesman would not lose another end and eventually they strung together six ends in a row after being behind 7-11. Being up 19-11 with one end to play, saw the teams shake hands with Korycin and Cheesman accepting their first GenesisCare Men's Over 60's State Pairs Medallion.

In the semi finals, the Joondalup pair defeated Steve Rushforth (Cambridge) and Andrew Foster (Dalkeith Nedlands) while the Bassendean pairing defeated Bassendean teammate Linton Pike and Collie's Gary Keep.



• Michael Korycin and Martin Cheesman.



• Denise Kelly, Cindy Mant (GenesisCare) and Lisa Featherby.

## Featherby and Kelly win their first 060s pairs title

A couple of relative newcomers to the Over 60s realm have taken out the 2023-24 GenesisCare Women's Over 60s State Pairs.

Lisa Featherby and Denise Kelly are no strangers to state titles, but this is only the second year they have been eligible to enter the Over 60s events.

With 72 teams entered, the Over 60s State Events continue to be as popular as ever. The overall standard continues to rise every year with new players becoming eligible and other players just getting better as the years go on.

The final day at the Cockburn Bowling Club had a distinct Mosman Park flavour with current and former Mosman Park players getting through to the semi-final stage. Featherby and Kelly came up against Leeming's Linda Davis and Helene Thurston in their semi-final fixture.

Featherby raced out to a 7-1 lead only to see Davis haul her in and tie it 11-11 at the halfway stage. Featherby was able to put the game away with a string of ends netting 10 shots to eventually run out 24-15 victors.

In the other semi-final it was Linda Warburton (Brunswick) and Kerry Andersen (Mosman Park) out to win a fourth GenesisCare Over 60s Pairs title as a pairing up against Renate Coote and Shelley Radcliffe (Mosman Park). Warburton jumped out to a 7-0 lead after five ends and then stretched it to 12-2 before Coote came to life to work back to 6-12. Warburton was able to keep Coote at arm's length however to run out 19-10 winners.

The final was set up for a terrific contest with four great bowlers and great friends playing on a very good Cockburn green, and the ladies did not let us down.

As in the semi-final, Featherby jumped out quickly to lead 9-3 at the halfway mark but the experience of Warburton saw the game tighten up as she won six of the next seven ends to take a one-shot lead into the final end.


With both teams going bowl for bowl, Featherby was able to secure a single to force the game into an extra end. Again, all ladies contributed, and it was anyone's guess on who would win. With Featherby holding shot, Warburton was unable to change the head with her final bowl, to give Lisa Featherby and Denise Kelly their first Over 60s State Title.

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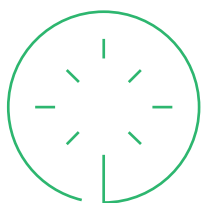
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## Bassendean Masters Triples



• Blake Butler, Cody Packer and Scott Walker.

## Packer's crew too good in Masters Triples '23

Cody Packer, Blake Butler and Scott Walker are the Bassendean Men's Masters Triples champions for 2023 after a great win over Daniel Brown, Kyle McIlroy and Gavin Faulkner 20-16 in the final.

The win is the second Masters Triples win for Packer and Walker together, also taking the title in 2020 alongside Jack East.

Packer's crew advanced to the final overcoming defending champions Ruairi Kenyon, Matt Whitely and Norm Kirkup in the semi-final 20 shots to 2.

The remarkable scoreline underlines the quality that Packer's crew was producing given Kenyon's trio had just eliminated top placed qualifiers Blake Nairn, Clive Adams and Phil Potts in the quarter final.

Brown, McIlroy and Faulkner, another impressive combination booked their place in the final with a 20-12 win over the Sorrento combination of Murray Hulbert, Peter Flack and Matt Sharrett.



## WA BOWLS RANKINGS

Based on prestigious events over 3 years

### MEN

Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Packer, Cody	Manning	333
2	Holt, Warren	Wagin	247
3	Nairn, Blake	Cambridge	192
4	Opie, Justin	South Perth	186
5	Butler, Blake	Manning	174
6	Leggett, Ben	Joondalup	134
7	Trehwella, Daniel	Mount Lawley	129
8	East, Jack	Osborne Park	109
9	Such, Lee	Vic Park/ Carlisle	102
10	Mitchell, Matthew	Emu Point	96
=11	Eagles, Bruce	Sorrento	87
=11	Giudice-Nairn, Shane	Geraldton	87
13	Bates, Russell	Doubleview	82
14	Leeson, Joel	Denison	80
15	Buchanan, Jimmy	Joondalup	79
16	Mitchell, Thomas	Manning	76
17	Marsland, Dale	Osborne Park	74
18	Knott, Shane	Manning	73
19	Walker, Scott	South Perth	72
=20	Faulkner, Gavin	Doubleview	70
=20	Gillingham, Brad	Cambridge	70
=20	Hulbert, Murray	Sorrento	70

### WOMEN

Rank	Name	Club	Total
1	Andersen, Kerry	Mosman Park	225
2	Featherby, Lisa	Mosman Park	217
3	Ace-Watson, Chris	Mosman Park	213
4	Krstic, Kristina	Manning	210
5	Packer, Hailey	Manning	208
6	Leahy, Irene	Boulder	164
7	Butler, Laura	Manning	159
8	Arndt, Irene	Safety Bay	157
9	Smith, Lisa	Perth & Tatts	141
10	Morss, Helen	South Perth	128
11	Hastings, Therese	Manning	116
12	Blackwell, Kaye	Mt Pleasant	114
13	Heal, Helen	Manning	109
14	O'Brien, Robyn	Manning	103
15	Warburton, Linda	Mosman Park	96
16	Gobbart, Kathy	Gingin	86
17	Matthews, Liz	Manning	81
18	Smith, Coral	Sorrento	79
19	Parker, Jenny	Mosman Park	78
=20	Blackwell, Donna	Mt Pleasant	67
=20	Hogg, Sue	Manning	67
=20	Tyrrell, Kaitlin	Manning	67

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## Mount Lawley Consistency Singles

# Nairn and Leahy victorious in Singles finals

It was a case of first time winners at the Mount Lawley Consistency Singles this year, however our two winners are just a little familiar to us...

The Mount Lawley Consistency Singles is always a highlight on the early part of the season calendar with WA Bowler of the Year points on the line for the first time in the season, and with the unforgiving format a great test for everyone.

The Men's event saw the who's who of Singles players in the State do battle with a final four that consisted of four State Singles finalists with a total of seven finals experiences between them.

Add to that the final eight that included Shane Knott and Matt Mitchell, both former Mount Lawley Consistency champions, and it was game on!

The quarter finals were all decided by similar scorelines of around the 120-90 type margins, indicating the four semi-finalists were in fine form and ready to go to battle for the title. Warren Holt booked his place in the final first, with a healthy margin over Russell Bates – winning 130-91, again proving he is one of the standout singles players in WA.

Blake Nairn soon joined Holt in the final, surviving a great matchup against Daniel Trehwella, prevailing 134-123 in a match that featured every shot there is to play in our sport.

That left Nairn versus Holt in the final – a replay of the 2021 State Singles final.

Despite a close scoreline, it was Nairn victorious 150-140 to take his maiden Mount Lawley Consistency Singles title and add yet another title to his ever-growing list.

The Women's event saw some amazing matchups in both the last 16 and quarter final stages. Jenny Parker eliminated Laura Butler 100-98 in the last 16 before some of the closest games imaginable determined the semi-finalists.

Irene Leahy progressed to the semis, defeating Hailey Packer 101-99, Cathie Smith won 103-97 over Amanda Masters and Debra Kalinowsky advanced with a thrilling 102-98 win over Jenni McLaughlin.

The close matches didn't stop there though as the semi-finals provided just as much interest. Leahy home over Smith 104-96 and Kalinowsky a 101-99 victor over Parker.

Leahy then had too much for Kalinowsky in the final, running out a 121-99 winner and claiming the title.

Leahy adds the title to her great run in recent times, in both State events and State Over 60's performances.



• Blake Nairn and Irene Leahy, Consistency winners for 2023.



• Deborah Povey, Neil McAullay and Irene Leahy.

## Westonia Wanderers Stadium Project

**The Westonia Bowling Stadium and Green extension has been a project undertaken by the Shire of Westonia and Westonia Bowling Club and was officially opened on Friday 29th September**

Shire and Westonia Bowls President Mark (Drake) Crees, Member for Central Wheatbelt the Hon. Mia Davies, and Bowls WA President Doug Kelly officiated at the opening and were honored in sending down the first bowl. (It should be noted here that Mia's bowl was closest to the Jack!!!)

The stadium is a magnificent, curved roof structure fabricated by Auspan Sheds and measures an impressive 46m x 32m.

A total of 30 LED Highbay lights installed by Ancor Electrical lights up the venue at nighttime better than day and a 6 speaker stereo system livens up the atmosphere with a few tunes.

Westonia only being a 15 year old club, originally had a 4 rink synthetic green and with a healthy increase in membership, it was resolved that the greens be extended to accommodate a 6 rink green.

A 7th rink would have been in Lane 1 of the adjacent swimming pool!! Green Planet Grass (Monarch Pro) was the chosen product and installers of the new synthetic surface, and they did a sterling job and are highly recommended.

The total cost of the upgrades totaled approximately \$800,000 with a contribution from the Federal Government's LRCIP Program, The Westonia Bowling Club and a healthy contribution of funds and resources from the Council itself.

The Bowling club looks forward to conducting many open days in the near future to showcase the facility, being the first hardstand roof structure over a bowling green located in country WA.

**- Bill Price**



• Mark Crees, Mia Davies and Doug Kelly.



## Kukerin Classic

# Composite team goes through undefeated

The annual A&M Williams Bowls Classic was held at the Kukerin Bowling Club on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of October.

This popular event continues to attract a high quality field of bowlers from a wide area of the South West of WA which this year included teams from Albany, Middleton Beach, Gnowangerup, Quairading, Williams, Lake Grace, Newdegate, two teams from Safety Bay and Emu Point, with composite teams from Manning/Quairading, Moodiarrup/Dumbleyung, Kojonup/Albany, Broomehill/Kardinya, and Eaton/Manning/Wandering.

The event was played in ideal bowling conditions although the first day was cool with gusting South Easterly breezes giving bowlers some difficulty. Day two was more comfortable.

Day one saw some high class very close contests and at the end of play only three teams had come through undefeated, albeit one with a draw.

As is usual the second day is when some of the fancied teams stumble and again after the first round the event was wide open with seven teams now looking at potentially taking top position.

After the second round only one team was now undefeated, but a few teams still in contention. At the conclusion of the event the composite team of Ross Ditchburn, Phil Herbert, Joe Schorer, and Ian White, were undefeated and thirty one shots up.

Second place was taken by the Middleton Beach team of Kevin McGregor, Jeff Meyers, Geoff Page and Kim Thompson with an impressive 64 shots up.



• The composite team of Ross Ditchburn, Ian White, Phil Herbert and Joe Schorer are the winners of the 2023 Kukerin Classic.

The game between Ditchburn and McGregor being an absolute classic which in the end decided the event.

Third place went to the Quairading team of Colin Hayes, Dave Chandler, Paul O'Hare and George Anderson, with four and a half wins, being relegated from second place to third on the last end of their campaign in a very close game.

The Kukerin Bowling Club thank our many sponsors and the visiting players for their continued support of this event.

A special thank you goes to our wonderful small band of ladies who in their usual way catered with a wonderful array of food for the two days, which was greatly appreciated by all players and drew many favourable comments.

## Reds go close in BPL Cup Final

Victoria Park Carlisle's Graeme Wishart, Lee Such and Patrick Keffe have gone within a whisker of winning the BPL Cup following a great performance at Pine Rivers last month.

After making their way through the local WA qualifying, it was the Reds and the South Perth Millers that earned the trip East to compete on the biggest stage.

Looking to emulate the feats of South Perth three years ago, the Reds made their way through the field to the BPL Cup final against an equally impressive Ettalong Eagles outfit.

In an enthralling final, it was Ettalong's Darren Morrison that came up with the winning bowl on the final end of the second set, to see his team of Lee Trethowan and Nathan Malloy over the line 8-5, 6-5.



• Left to right: Lee Such, Patrick Keffe, Graeme Wishart, Chloe Stewart (Tweed Heads Ospreys).



## Emu Point celebrates 50 years

About 100 members, past members and friends attended the Emu Point Bowling Club's 50th Anniversary celebrations on Sunday 24 September.

After assembling on A-green for a group photo, Men's Captain Allen Poor escorted the players onto B green to participate in a Spider hunt contest which was won by Kevin Crane.

The first bowls of the new season were put down by Beryl Ballantyne, Joan Ward, Anne Flint and our three male life members Len Buktenica, Ray Lewis and Wally Mycock.

It was then down to business with a game of 18 ends which was won by Terry Martin, Colin Anning and Ann Flint.

President Jim Hyde made the welcoming remarks and then life member Wally Mycock had a few words about the history of the Club and proposed a toast to all members, past and present.

This was followed by short speeches by Len Buktenica, Mavis Bennetts (our sprightly oldest member) and Joan Ward.

Allen Poor then presented a commemorative crest to Ladies' President Gwen Anning and Men's President Jim Hyde.

He also gave a similar badge to all members. This was an incredibly generous contribution by Allen who gives so much to the Club.

So, whether it be playing pennants, or organised social, or just having a roll with another member, we need to acknowledge each other, our members who play with good humour, enjoy each other's company and provide the welcoming atmosphere that allows others, especially potential members to want to become a permanent part of this Club.

It was also great to see past members who now play at other Clubs in town, but they still were happy to participate in the day's proceedings.

– Bruce Seymour



• A good turnout saw present members, past members and friends attend the club's 50th Anniversary.

# The WA Firefighters Social Bowling Club (Inc)

## Bowling Clubs support the 'Firies'

With the recent events in the Wanneroo and Mariginiup area, what better time to highlight this wonderful story about the WA Firefighters Social Bowling Club.

The WA Firefighters Social Bowling club was commenced in March 2002. Twenty firefighters showed interest in getting this initiative off the ground. Twelve attended the inaugural meeting and formed a committee.

Initially the club was called the WA Fire and Rescue Bowling Club and it was agreed that the club would be purely social bowls, no club championships etc. By June the club had 30 members. In August, Morley Bowling Club invited us to use their facilities as a home base, and we have done so ever since. We attended our first Australian Firefighters Carnival in 2003 in Launceston Tasmania.

In August 2006, Vic Street became club president and still holds that position today.

In November 2007, the club name was changed to WA Firefighters Social Bowling Club and became an incorporated body. 2008 saw the club host the Australian carnival at Morley, ably supported by Nollamara and Bayswater.

Over 400 bowlers and supporters attended from across Australia, and the event was a huge success.



The FIRIES play against a number of metropolitan clubs, Police, RSL, Master Builders, Past Presidents and country clubs Margaret River and Halls Head during our season.

In 2019 the club hosted another Australian Carnival at Halls Head, which was also very successful, being both well run and financially rewarding.

After the success of this event it was put forward by the President to the members to instigate a program to support the burns unit of the Perth Children's Hospital which seemed appropriate given the background of the members of the club.

During their season, WA Firefighters Social Bowling Club, played against the following clubs and those clubs contributed greatly towards this cause by donating funds via our Burns Fines Tin, (wrong bias's and other misdemeanours), individual member donations and additional donations from the club's themselves.

Without the support of these clubs, the Firies would not have been able to raise anywhere near the funds raised to date. These Clubs are:

- Wanneroo Bowls Division of the WSSC
- Mosman Park Bowling Club
- Margaret River Bowling Club
- Mundaring Bowling Club
- Leeming Bowling Club
- WA Police Bowling Club
- Halls Head Bowling & Rec Club.
- Past Presidents Social Bowling Club
- Bayswater Bowling Club
- RSL Bowling Club
- Nollamara Bowling Club
- Morley Bowling Club
- Midland-Morisson Bowling Club
- Innaloo Bowling Club

It is also relevant to mention that ALL the Firies members be congratulated for their contribution, as at every game or event, they dig deep as well.

Over the last 4 years the FIRIES have raised a total of **\$18,000**, culminating with this years donation presented to the Hospital for **\$6,500**.

These funds are used to provide the children and nurses with much needed items, generally things that they do not receive Government funding for.

The club wishes to say 'Thank you' to all those who have supported this initiative. It just goes to show how a 'like group' of individuals and clubs from the Lawn Bowls community can and are making a difference.

**- Gary Scorer**



## Australian Squad Update

# WA stars shine in National Squads

The sport's National Selection Panel has confirmed the Right at Home Australian Jackaroos squads for 2024 as the high performance program enters a new era, bolstered by new talent to replace some familiar faces.

The panel, which comprises of selectors Therese Hastings, Dave Stockham, Assistant National Coach Karen Murphy AM, National Coach Gary Willis and Chair Steve Glasson OAM, have replenished the main squad following a number of recent international retirements to key Jackaroos.

Nick Cahill and Nathan Black have been elevated on the men's side, with Cody Packer retaining his place in the squad, while Cassandra Millerick and Brianna Smith come into the women's squad that includes WA champion Kristina Krstic.

Jack East has been elevated in the Emerging squad after spending time in the WA pathways area, and Jodie Nikolic has advanced into the Emerging squad in the Para Jackaroos squad.

"We are extremely excited by the 2024 Right at Home Australian Jackaroos squad and the bolstered contingents, which reinforces the outstanding depth of talent to choose from within the country," Willis said.

"I must commend the National Selection Panel who have been extremely thorough in their efforts to ensure both short and long term success for the national team, with a vision to the future through our pathways program.



• Jack East.



• Jodie Nikolic.

"The program has certainly grown and developed over the past 12 months, and the Jackaroos have enjoyed a purple patch, with a record-breaking performance at the World Bowls Championships among the highlights. The team embarks on a new era in 2024, with an absence of players that have been stalwarts of the national squad for the better part of two decades, flying the flag for what it means to be a Jackaroo."

## Eastern Zone InterLeague Pairs

# Avon Valley dominates all sections in ILRR

The Eastern Zone Inter League Round Robin Pairs was held in Northam on the 17th, 18th and 19th November.

A new schedule was played this year, being Friday night, Saturday morning and afternoon and then Sunday morning. The ILRR fours will also be run on the same format.

Friday night was quite balmy with some wind. Some great bowls were played, that night, and over the weekend.

Play started at 6pm and there was a small time of dusky conditions until the lights took over.

Avon Valley were clear winners winning all sections against the other Leagues. There was quite a tussle between the other leagues to obtain the overall aggregate – with one match being decided on the last end.

The final standings for the Eastern Zone ILRR Pairs were Avon Valley 8pts (9.5 rinks), Central Wheatbelt 4pts (8 rinks), South Eastern 4pts (7 rinks), East Avon 2pts (8 rinks), Goldfields 2pts (7.5 rinks)

The Teams selected for the IZRR Pairs to be held in February are: Sian Smith and Sue Collins, Carol Ashworth and Jenny Jones, Pippa Button and Miranda Noak, Irene Leahy and Pam



Armstrong, Christine Gimble and Donna Hayes, Jo Lancaster and Michelle Miguel.

Reserves are: Nola Chataway, Clare Smith, Ainslie Faithfull, Karen Poulney. **Well done to all those chosen.**



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