

# BLACKWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter 133

15 August 2025

## Club Spring Clean

Saturday 6 September

All members are invited to help in the annual spring clean of the club  
before the Pennant Season commences

9 am start

Tell Alan Whyatt (DoHA) if you have any special skills you might wish to  
use on the morning.

**BBQ lunch**

## Social Bowls Returns to Monday

Commencing 8 September

\$10 entry

Jackpot and Mystery Prizes

## Championship Pairs

**LAST MONDAY 1 September**

**12 for 12.15 pm start**

*Nominate your team each week on the whiteboard at the club by 5pm Saturday prior or  
ring Peter Hocking 0417 386 407*

### Trial Games and Pennant Availability

Please indicate your intentions to play Pennant Bowls and trial games this coming season by marking your availability on the sheets posted on the clubhouse noticeboard. Team nominations are due late-August. Please advise you're playing intentions as soon as possible to enable us to accurately nominate teams based on playing numbers.

### Night Owls

Helpers required to assist with Wednesday Night Owls. Tasks range from bar duties, nibbles preparation and recovering club bowls at the end of the night. I realise there is the rigours of Wednesday pennants on that day but help can take many shapes and need not lead to too long a day. If you think you can help out, even if only for a few nights, then please let me know, I'm happy to discuss what's involved anytime. We have a dedicated team who have graciously helped for many years and they would appreciate any support you can offer to help lighten the load.

Many Thanks Chris Wallace

## Wanted: Markers, Measurers and Umpires

Any member interested in becoming a measurer, marker or umpire contact Henk Smelter to let him know so relevant training can be arranged.

Course will be run at our club on the following dates:

Markers and Measurers: 12 September

Umpires Course: 19 September

## New Uniforms

Time to order your new uniform. Order form below:

### Memberships Now Due

Subs for this year are now due:

Full Membership - **\$280**

Social Membership **\$100**

Junior membership **\$110**

Life members **\$100**

**Preferred: Please pay at the Bar by card or by EFT**

**EFT:** Blackwood Bowling Club Inc

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 065 132

Acc. Number : 10344198

*Note: Your members card will not give  
you bar discount if fees aren't paid by 30 September*

**NOTE: We urge members to pay by 25 August to allow for  
accurate team nominations.**

## Social Functions

**Put these dates in you diary**

Saturday 30 August	Quiz Night
Friday 12 September	Parliament House Visit and Morning Tea
Friday 19 September	Curry Night
Friday 10 October	Wine and Cheese Night
Tuesday 4 November	Melbourne Cup Lunch
Sunday 7 December 12.30pm	Xmas Lunch

## Trial Games

It is that time of year, almost, and the season is just around the corner. I would like to remind you that we are first and foremost a sporting club. It is the job of the selectors to choose the sides that we think will give the club the best chance of high performance.

The two factors that each player brings to the table are first, their ability to perform, and second, their impact on the players around them.

If you want to play in a higher division, you must not only be able to bowl well, but you must be able to play the role that you are assigned with a positive attitude at all times. That said, we had some good things, and bad things, come out of our last season and we will be looking to improve.

Personally, I think our goals should be:

- Return to the Grand Final in Division 3.
- Win Division 5 and gain promotion to Division 4
- Win Division 6 and gain promotion to Division 5.
- Make it into the finals in all other divisions.

Many of our members have been working hard in the off season, with a few even being selected for state sides, or state development squads. We have had many players avail themselves of the coaching and many members also play multiple times a week in various state and club competitions.

All trials will be conducted in club uniform.

The first two assessments will be held on the 6 and 13 of September.

The morning sessions on the 6 September is the Club Clean at 9 am followed by a BBQ Lunch

The trials begin after lunch and will follow the format of the next week trial.

On the 13 September a 9.30am start, will be to score leads and seconds.

These sessions should take approximately 2.5 hours and will be scored individually.

Each player will play a total of 84 bowls at minimum, medium and maximum lengths for a score. Exact details will be shown on the day.

The afternoon sessions will be a 12 for 12.30 pm start and will be to assess thirds and skippers. We will set up scenarios with neutral bowls in blocking positions and play against the blocking bowls and each other. We will have two 21 end games and will judge shot selection and shot execution. Scores will be kept. Based on who is playing, the selection panel will pair 3rds and skips for each round. Since there will be no jack rolls and the scenarios will be pre-determined, this should only take about 3 hours.

You can play in both sessions if you want to. The weather should be cool and with no jack rolling, the trials should move along quickly.

The third trial on 20 Sept will be against Sturt, as will the last trial on 4 Oct. Since neither club has the room to play everyone at home on one day, we will split on both days so that they have the opportunity to play on synthetic and we have the opportunity to play on grass. These trials will be held at normal pennant times.

The fourth trial on 27 Sept will be a shortened morning session, with a 9 for 9.30 start. It is AFL Grand Final Day. Depending on what we are needing to accomplish and who is available, we will let you know what we are doing on the day.

No one will be required to attend any of the trial sessions. You will still be selected but you will be selected based on reputation against players that have put in a lot of time and effort to get better. Complete these assessments and trials like you are playing in a Grand Final. Being able to bowl well and playing the game correctly are two very different things. That is part of accepting and playing the role you get selected for. Discipline and consistency go a long way to us achieving our goals.

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QUIZ  
NIGHT

Saturday 30 August  
6.30 for 7 pm

Tables of 8 only  
\$10 per person  
ALL WELCOME  
BYO Nibbles

Please register your attendance on the club  
noticeboard  
Bring gold coins for game play

Pay for your table before the night

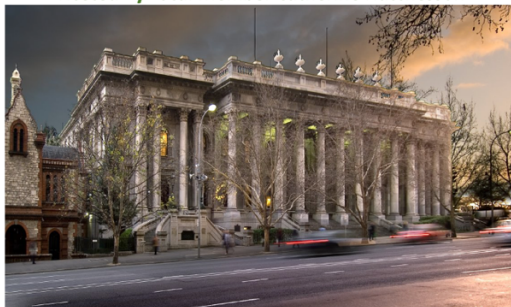
# BLACKWOOD BOWLING CLUB

## Parliament House Visit

Friday 12 September

10.30 am

Hosted By Local Member Catherine Hutchesson



*Note: It's been suggested we all catch a train to the city and walk next door for the tour. Times to be advised.*

### Tour includes

Parliament house visit (approx. 2 hours)

Morning tea

Maximum of 50 persons

Please register on the club noticeboard by  
Monday 8 September

# BLACKWOOD BOWLING CLUB

August 2025

Please complete ASAP as orders take 6-8 weeks to fill

## Uniform Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Full club uniform with Bowls Australia Emblem is to be worn for all Pennant Games, including pants, jackets, vests, hoodies and rain jackets.

**Club colours:** Bottle green pants, red, green or white head gear and layers with BA emblem

CLUB TOPS	Price	Size	Quantity	Order Price
Long Sleeve (Men)	\$82			
Short Sleeve (Men)	\$75			
Long Sleeve (Women)	\$92			
Short Sleeve (Women)	\$85			
<i>All polo tops will be Cool Soft fabric</i>				
<b>HOODIES</b>				
Red	\$75			
Green	\$75			
<b>CAPS</b>				
Red	\$25			
Green	\$25			
<b>JACKETS</b>				
Rain (White)	\$70			
Bottle Green pants/shorts available from Jack High or online			<b>TOTAL OWING</b>	
<b>Pay on delivery at the Bar</b>				

Please return the completed order form to Lindsay Manuel or the Secretaries office by **Friday 22 August**. Minimum Club order is 5 before they will be processed.

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**Intersport sponsor the club and give 10% to members on goods purchased instore including bowls shoes**