

Headland Pacific Bowls Club

It's been a very active start to the year following our January Board and Bowls Committee meetings, and there's plenty happening around the club. Here's the latest news, events, and opportunities from the Board.

Improvements Around the Club

The long-awaited **New Clubhouse Signage** is on its way!

Installation begins **Wednesday 21 January**, thanks to Federal Government sponsorship. The sign on roof will be in the middle with a single colour on either side leaving it open for sponsors. This high-visibility signage will not only modernise our look but make us far more identifiable from the road.

Signage inside the clubhouse above the bar will read **Welcome to Headland Pacific**.

Veranda Chair Security - We have received several questions about how the new veranda chairs will be kept safe and secure during high winds or after hours. The Board has approved the installation of heavy-duty, plastic-coated security cables with a discreet anchoring system.

This system allows chairs to be moved freely for daytime use and socialising, while enabling them to be easily looped and locked together overnight. This will prevent chairs from "taking flight" during storms or "wandering off" after closing.

A new **Chilled Water Cooler** has been installed on the bottom green. Classic Murphy's Law fashion - the top green unit failed shortly after. However, a replacement is already on the way and will be installed asap.

Two **Security Gates** have been approved and will be purchased and installed at the bottom toilets.

Barry Le Claire and his trusted helpers are progressing all work. Anyone with time to help can contact Barry.

Unfortunately, we missed out on the **\$100,000 Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant** which was intended for the top green, edging and seating upgrades. The Board continues to pursue alternative funding opportunities.

Fundraising in progress

We have two fantastic fundraising events coming up!

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 19 February 2026 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Huge thanks to Dawn for organising this, with Wendy lending great support on the sidelines. *Helpers are needed on the day even if it is for a couple of hours, please!*



Car Boot Sale to be held in the Carpark.

Sunday 15 March 2026 | 8:00 am – 11:30 am
Dawn has generously donated her time to organise this, including liaising with Sunshine Coast Council with great support from Wendy.

Membership Status 2026

Current financial membership stands at 132 members. Can everyone ensure your membership is up to date to play. Your ongoing support means so much to our club, and we would like to sincerely thank you for being part of our bowls community.

The Club Needs Your Help!

The club relies on its members, and there are a few opportunities to get involved:

Two Board positions are currently available. The HP constitution states that we need seven board members. Currently we have 5. If anyone is interested, send an expression of interest to the secretary to be passed onto the board. They will be Directors and will help where needed. Ideally, we need someone who has had either experience on a Board, financial experience, or good planning and ideas to bring the club back to a sustainable position.

The Board will invite nominees to a meeting for discussion and if appropriate move a motion to appoint them, which will be seconded and then approved. The appointees will be in this position until the next AGM.

We need a **Sponsorship Committee (3 members)** to help source community sponsorships for seat backboards, scoreboards, and sponsored bowls.

We also need to form a **Grants Committee (3 members)** to help chase the many grants available. Our former grants Guru Kenn is happy to show you the ropes, and Sunshine Coast Cancel grant workshops are available. **Barry Le Claire** will act as liaison for sourcing quotes. ***Even a small amount of help can make a big difference to running the club.***

Both Greens in Full Swing It is fantastic to see both greens in full operation and looking so lush. Thanks to the volunteers and Mark for keeping the surfaces at championship standard.



Bowls, Bowls & More Bowls!

There's no shortage of action on the greens:

Australia Day Twilight Bowls

A fun evening planned, entry closes **21 January** — please add your name to the list and come along to enjoy the bowls and festivities.

Headland Pacific Super 9s

Building on last year's hugely successful tournament **Wednesdays | 4 February – 25 March | 1:00 pm the Super 9s will commence.** Around 54 players are listed, with team selections this week.

2026 Club Championships – Mixed Pairs

17 January – 7 February

Come along, enjoy the competition, and support your fellow members.

2026 Club Championships – Fours commencing 14

February – 14 March. The list will be up in the games room for team entries. Entry closes 6 February.

Winter Carnival 2026

Our president is representing Headland Pacific at Winter Carnival meetings. At this stage, we will be hosting the **Mixed Pairs** event. We need volunteers to assist with this. Training will be provided for **2–3 members** to assist with organisation and scoring (basic computer skills required).

This is a great way to help the club and be part of a major event.



New Fridge - As many of you know, we recently put out a call for a replacement fridge for the greenskeepers shed. While we didn't initially receive a response, **valued members** took it upon themselves to ensure our staff were looked after. In an incredibly generous act, these members purchased and donated a **brand-new fridge** for the greenkeeper shed.

A big thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Thank You & Stay Involved

Thank you to all members who continue to contribute their time, ideas, and energy to the club — whether behind the scenes, on the greens, or at our fundraising events. Your support is what keeps Headland Pacific going.

With plenty happening over the coming weeks, we encourage everyone to get involved, put their name down where they can, and enjoy all the club has to offer. Together, we can continue to build a strong, welcoming, and successful club for all members.

We look forward to seeing you around the clubhouse and on the greens!

💡 Looking Ahead 💡

A small 'Think Tank' group of **Larry Evans, Greg Woodward and Tony Doherty** will meet to explore ways to increase participation and profitability on the greens.