

## Headland Pacific Bowls



### Chairman's Report – LARRY EVANS

Well, I have now had time to get my feet under the Chairman's desk, so this is my very first monthly report.

As we always say, where did January go? February rolls around very quickly every year, and this year was no exception. We did, however, manage to tick off a few things on the to-do list for the club, as well as celebrating a very successful Australia Day.

First order of business was the installation of a new water cooler on the lower green. If you haven't tried it yet, please give it a go. You'll find it half-way down the green, up against Marks' equipment shed. The water is nice and cold on these hot bowls days and is very refreshing. Of course, as these things usually go, the upper water cooler decided to throw in the towel in the same week the new one was installed. Excellent work from Julie and Barrie enabled a quick replacement with another new unit, meaning we shouldn't have to worry about getting cold water for a while.

Our Australia Day event was brilliant, kicking off at 4.00pm after the heat of the day had passed. Some very competitive bowls from more than 40 participants in two games. In between games, everyone had a delicious burger with chips, a cold drink, and a good old yarn with club mates.

Final results don't usually matter on these days - it's more about celebrating a great day in the greatest country. Winners are grinners - and there were plenty - with bowls prizes, heaps of raffles, and a couple of 100 club draws. There was even a sneaky best-dressed winner (very handsome in the official photo).

Thank you to all our volunteers on the day who continue to achieve great things with little or no recognition. So, thank you.

Club competitions continue with the mixed pairs drawing to a close, to be followed by the club fours. Numbers have been down in our comps, and I would encourage any bowler who is eligible to nominate where you can. I'll leave our games director to report in more depth about what is happening on the greens.

Our trivia events are drawing people to the club, so look out for the next one to exercise your knowledge of all things trivial.

Finally, your committee is making progress in a number of areas with regard to club grants and the renewal of our property lease. With regard to the lease, if you have questions, please ask a Board member. Please don't listen to rumours about the club's future and our lease negotiations. I'm hearing some very wrong stories that only serve to put doubts in the minds of our members.

We will keep members updated about the lease etc. once we have something of substance to report. The future at our current site hasn't changed, and your Board continues to work hard to achieve better outcomes for the benefit of all members.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing all members on the greens.

## **NEWS** from the February Board/ Bowls Committee meetings... there is plenty happening around the club!

While our focus is to promote and enhance the game of bowls in the community there is also a big effort fund raising for the club. Here's the latest news, events, and opportunities from both groups.

### **Lease Update – Meeting with Sunshine Coast Council**

Following on from the Chairman's Report, a meeting has recently been held between Board members and representatives from **Sunshine Coast Council**, including **Stephen Parr, Sports Development Officer/Sports Planning & Development**, to discuss our current lease arrangements.

We are pleased to confirm that **our lease will continue**.

Council has provided two options for consideration:

1. **A 10-year lease** – with the Club taking responsibility for maintenance, rates, insurances, and associated costs; or
2. **A 3-year lease** – with Council retaining responsibility for maintenance, rates, and insurances.

The Board is carefully reviewing both options, including the financial and long-term implications for the Club. The Board intend to reach a decision in the near future, after which members will be promptly informed of the outcome.

### **Club Positions Available!**

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

**Two Board positions** - If you have the time and would like to join an enthusiastic and committed Board, please send an expression of interest to the secretary. Ideally, we need someone who has had either experience on a Board, financial experience, or good planning and fresh ideas and enthusiasm to keep our club going. The appointees will be in this position until the next AGM.

Additionally, we are seeking members to form two committees:

**A Sponsorship Committee (3 members)** to help source community sponsorships for seat backboards, scoreboards, and sponsored bowls and a **Grants Committee (3 members)** to help chase the many grants available. **Barry Le Claire** will act as liaison for sourcing quotes.

Have a chat to a Board member if you are interested in helping the club in any of these roles!

### **Sponsorship Announcement – Signage Update**

We are pleased to advise members that **Brent Mickelberg**, Minister for Transport and Main Roads in the Queensland Government and Liberal National Party of Queensland (LNP) Member for Buderim, has again agreed to sponsor signage at the Club.

The sponsorship involves repurposing the former Lexus billboard located at the front of the bowling greens on the footpath side ("Greens footpath" sign).

**Status of Works:** Minister Mickelberg's office has received the final artwork and obtained quotes for the removal of the existing Lexus sign and installation of the new signage. The office is currently awaiting confirmation from **JPG Signage** regarding the proposed installation date.

Funds received from this arrangement will be directed specifically toward supporting Club competitions.

We thank Minister Mickelberg for his support and look forward to the installation of the new signage in the near future.

## 2026 Club Championships Mixed Pairs

This competition has been run and won!  
Our champions from last year – **Kevin Moore & Dawn Byrne**  
were very convincing winners.  
Runners up – Tim & Sue Blatchford.

Congratulations and well done to all who entered the mixed pairs.



*Left to Right: Tim & Sue Blatchford and Dawn Byrne & Kevin Moore*



**2026 Club Championships – Fours** was scheduled to commence 14 February but due to the weather this has been postponed until next Saturday 21 February.

The Ladies and Men's pairs will commence 21 March – 9 May. Let's have as many entries as possible for this event!

## Headland Pacific Super 9s

The Super 9s commenced on Wednesdays again and kicked off to a successful start with great enthusiasm. Around 54 players are listed playing. Jim has organised a 100 club to pay for prize money.

**Pennant 2026** - an email has gone out to all club members asking for their preferences and availability. Ladies Pennant this year – not sure whether 1 or 2 games each Monday - 8 players per team.  
Open – we have been allocated teams in Divisions 5, 11, 12 and 13  
Division 5 is a 12-person team whereas other Divisions are for 8 people  
Members please respond by 28 Feb if you are interested in playing Pennant 2026.  
Responses to me for collation then over to selectors... that is assuming last year's four selectors will step up again!

Do we need separate selection panels for both Ladies and Open?

I think one panel should suffice for a club our size?  
Four (4) Open teams would be a stretch in my opinion, depends on how many Ladies wish to play in Open but even so it will be difficult given the loss of some good bowlers in the club.

## Winter Carnival 2026

Our president **Geoff Rosenthal** is representing Headland Pacific at the Winter Carnival meetings. **At this stage, we will be hosting the Mixed Pairs event.** We need volunteers to assist with this.

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

I have completed the Games co-ordinator training which covered how to add/amend/delete entries and how to score and now have access to how many pairs have nominated our club to play at for catering purposes – they can then order food and drinks according to the entry forms. There will be further training/meetings as we go forward

**Charlie Gore – Games Director**

A Profit and Loss statement for the past 6 months is available for members who would like a copy. Please send an email request to [memberships.hpbowls@gmail.com](mailto:memberships.hpbowls@gmail.com) and this will be forwarded to you. With membership, green fees, fundraising and sponsorship we have a positive result.

## Fundraising

### Bunnings Maroochydore Sausage Sizzle

**Thursday 19 February 2026** | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
Come along and have a sausage. We have received a \$50 voucher from **Woolworths Chancellor Park** for buying sausages for the sizzle and have been approved to hold another one in March!

### Car Boot Sale to be held in the Club Carpark.

**Sunday 15 March 2026** | 8:00 am – 11:30 am  
The uptake has been slow but we are hoping the word will spread. Contact Dawn for info and registration to sell your items on the day!

**Easter Raffle** – We have three baskets of chocolate eggs that have been donated for our raffles. Over \$70 value each basket.

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.

See Dawn at the bar. Tickets will be left out for Sunday & Monday groups to sell.



**Trivia** afternoons are to be held at the Clubhouse on the 1st Tuesday of each Month. The next one will be **3 March @ 2:30**. A list will be in the games room or phone Paul **0422812430** to enter.

**Bingo** afternoons are to be held at the Clubhouse on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The first one will be **17 March @ 1pm**. **RSVP ESSENTIAL** Dawn (club bar) m: 5478 0400.

**A Stand-up Comedy** night will be held at the Clubrooms on **17 April** with food available from 5-7 pm and the Show will commence at 7:30 sharp. **Who doesn't need a good laugh!** \$20 to book online or \$25 at the door.

*A big thanks for the generous donations and enthusiastic helpers - it will be great to see our members support these events!*

All information is available on our [Headland Bowls Club Website](#)

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.

### Come and Bowl with us on one of Queensland's best greens!

Everyone is welcome — whether you're new to the game or a seasoned player.



Equipment provided for new comers want to have a try with friendly guidance provided, so come along and give bowls a go!

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