

Headland Pacific Bowls Club



Chairman – Larry Evans

A brief update from Larry who has been away on family business.

The Ladies' and Men's Fours competitions have been completed, although competitor numbers were very disappointing. The winners will now progress to the District Champion of Champions (C of C) Fours competition. Attention now turns to the Ladies' and Men's Pairs. If you are eligible, please

seriously consider putting your name forward to compete.

A memorial gathering was held to remember past member Chris Burke. Chris was a past Treasurer and Secretary of Headland Bowls Club. A bush has been planted in the north-west corner of the upper green as a tribute to Chris's love for the club. Chris's wife Kate Burke has kindly donated \$50 to the club.

There has been no further progress on the lease negotiations while we await the next meeting with the relevant Council staff. The new external and internal signage is receiving plenty of positive comments around the club. Congratulations to all involved.

Members are encouraged to come along to the club for the Comedy Night on 17 April. This is a great opportunity to open the club to the wider community.

NEWS – Board/Bowls Committee March Meetings

BOWLS ON THE GREEN The '*Brains Trust*' group consisting of Larry Evans, Tony Doherty and Greg Woodward have begun meeting to explore ways to increase participation on the greens and improve the profitability of bowls activities. Members are encouraged to put forward any ideas they may have for discussion.

One Board position remains open. If this interests you please send an expression of interest to the Secretary.

Wendy Payne has been re-nominated to the Board and has accepted the position of **Director**.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator:

To help source community sponsorships for ongoing improvements and sponsored bowls.

Games Director: HPBC is seeking a dedicated and organised Games Director to help shape the future of our bowls program.

Umpires and Measurers:

Members please consider if this is something you can assist the club with. Training provided.

Drink fridge prices were again discussed and it was agreed that these will **remain the same** as the prices charged behind the bar.

Maintenance Projects

The new portable changeable signage has arrived to be moved into prime position on roadside allowing us to advertise and promote **bowling events** and **club fundraising activities**.

Federal Government Grant funding:

A new railing for the bottom green – expected to be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Sunshine Coast Council Funding:

Materials for the bottom toilet gates have arrived and are now with the contractor for installation.

All improvements enhance safety and facilities around the club.



Games Director Report

The 2026 Club Championships Fours

Competition has now been completed. Congratulations to the following winners and thank you to everyone who participated in the competition.

Ladies Winners:

Dawn Byrne, Chris Clements, Betty Greig & Joy

Banning

Men's Winners:

Tim Blatchford, Larry Evans, Ron Richards & Kevin Moore

The District has advised the **suggested Pennant divisions** for our club which are:

Division 5,11, 12 and 13

An early indication of player availability has been requested. A meeting has been arranged with **Geoff Rosenthal, Tim Blatchford and Larry Evans** to discuss our playing stocks and determine our response to the District.

At this stage, it appears that we may have sufficient players to field four teams, however several factors need to be considered:

- Whether we have the strength to compete in Division 5
- This would place our top side one division higher than last year
- While it may be a challenge, I believe it worthwhile giving it a go
- There is currently a significant gap between our top team and the next team

A **meeting** to discuss these matters is scheduled for Wednesday 18 March.

The response from the ladies regarding participation in the Ladies Pennant competition was very limited. As a result, the club will not be entering a team in this event for 2026.

Pennant 2026 – Selectors

Selectors for the 2026 Pennant season will need to be appointed in the coming weeks so they can begin planning and preparing teams. Last year we had four selectors and it is generally felt that this was a little unwieldy, particularly when a quick response was needed due to a sudden team change. It is also considered that four is not the ideal number, as decisions can become locked at two votes each. It is suggested that we approach last year's selectors to see if they are interested in continuing, but advise that the selection panel will likely be reduced to three.



Super 9's is progressing well, with one round remaining on 18 March before the finals.

As mentioned previously this will be my last year as Games Director. Looking at our championship schedule, it would be ideal to have someone on board by **June this year** so they can shadow me during the Mixed Fours. Otherwise, they would be thrown in at the deep end when Triples commence on 17 October.

Charlie Gore

Presidents Report



The Super 9's continues to be a strongly supported concept. Unfortunately, the Fours competition started and finished within a very short period of time. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated.

Another Trivia Afternoon was held recently, with a small increase in attendance. Thank you to Paul for organising this enjoyable event.

The RSL visited the club on 2 March and will return again on 16 March.

Our next competition will be the **Pairs**, commencing on **Saturday, 21 April**.

Charlie Gore, Games Director will not seek re-election at the end of his term (September 2026). We will begin the process of recruiting to this position.

Geoff Rosenthal



Sunshine Coast District Bowls

Association

PLEASE BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE AS A PRIORITY

As previously advised, Helen Doherty resigned as the Chairperson of the District Match Committee and we have just received notice that Pat Scahill has also resigned. Aileen Duckett, the only remaining member, is currently overseas on leave.

This means that the District **no longer has the expertise or capacity** to organise or run events.

This includes the following;

- The Proposed Ladies Monday Pennants
- The finals of the Champion of Champion Fours, Pairs and Singles, and
- The Final Pennant draw and allocation of Club Teams into Divisions

Unless we receive offers from experienced volunteers to fill these vacancies in the very near future, these events may not proceed in 2026.

It is disappointing that the Sunshine Coast has been a strong and proud Association in the past and we have now reached this low point. We have 18 Clubs and 2700 members and the District Administration is left to a struggling few.

There has been significant criticism of District Officials in recent times and just yesterday, I heard complaints about the District Sides selection and that hasn't even been done as yet.

It is time for some good people to step up and participate, not criticise.

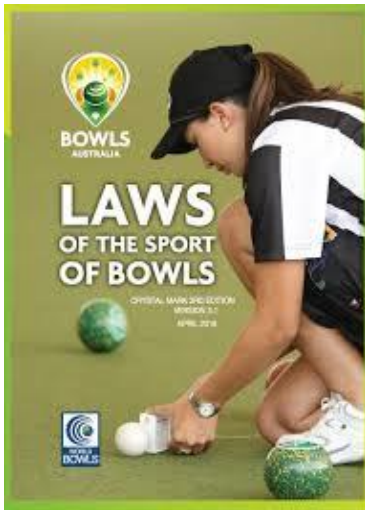
Noticeboard advertising has not proven effective in the past so I am pleading with you to approach potential members in your club that may be willing to join the District Match Committee.

Please ask any interested members to contact me in the first instance.

Graham Tanis

Acting District Secretary

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Rules and Bowls Etiquette

Rules apply to both Social and Competition Bowls

The Bowls Committee has agreed to include a “Rules and Bowls Etiquette” section in the monthly newsletter to help ensure games run smoothly and fairly for everyone.

This month’s topic covers Positioning of Players and Possession of the Rink.

Positioning of Players (Rule 12)

At the **mat end**, Players **not delivering a bowl** must **stand at least a meter behind mat**.

Players at **head end**, if in **possession of the rink**, must **stand behind the Jack** unless controlling play
If not in possession of the rink, **players should stand behind the Jack and away from the head**.

Possession of the Rink (Rule 13)

Possession belongs to the **player/team** whose bowl is **being played**

As soon as the bowl **comes to rest**, **possession transfers to the opposing player/team** after allowing time to mark a toucher

Players should not enter the head or approach it to assess the shot **while they do not have possession of the rink**. This should only occur once possession has returned to your team.

Bowls Etiquette

Players at **head end** should **stand still and keep quiet** when their opponent is on the mat.

No swinging your bowling arm.

No hand signals indicating distance from Jack.

No entering/exiting rink.

Whilst standing at the head end, stand **between the markers** so that the bowler can see them for their aim - better still, get completely off the green.

These rules apply to all games social and competitive.

Could each day’s Games Convenor please take the opportunity to briefly discuss these points with their members.

Charlie Gore

Fundraising

The February sausage sizzle at Bunnings was a great success and an excellent fundraiser for the club. Our total costs for the day were \$446, with Woolworths Chancellor Park kindly contributing a \$50 voucher towards expenses. The BBQ raised \$1,541 and the Easter raffle raised \$100, resulting in a **total profit of \$1,641 for the club.**

The next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings will be held on **Monday 13 April, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.** All helpers are welcome. We have also received another \$50 donation from the Burke family, which will be put towards costs. A big thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to help make the day such a success. The Bunnings sausage sizzle continues to be a fantastic fundraiser for the club.

Easter Raffle – We have three baskets of chocolate eggs that have been donated (Thankyou Robyn) for our raffles. Over \$70 value each basket. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. See Dawn at the bar.



Well done **Joy Banning and her 'crew'** for cutting back the garden around the 'new Brent Mickelberg/Member for Buderim signage' in the corner of the top rink.

This has opened up the signage and also the view of the Clubhouse. GREAT JOB!

[Headland Bowls Club Website](#)

FUNDRAISING Events

Trivia afternoons are to be held at the Clubhouse on the 1st Tuesday of each Month @ 2pm. The next one will be **7 April**. 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 Club 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.

