

## Headland Pacific Bowls Club



### Chairman – Larry Evans

Goodbye March, and hello April . . . and that is a quarter of the year gone already.

As we all say - how time flies.

The month of March was a busy one for YOUR club. A particular highlight was a visit to the club by our local Federal Member Mr Ted O'Brien. Ted was very interested to see first-hand how various grants money was being spent to improve amenities at the club. The committee proudly showed off our new signage, both on the roof and behind the bar. We also pointed out the new water coolers, and the security gate upgrades that have been completed. As a committee we passed on our thanks and gratitude to Ted for all the support that is forthcoming from all levels of Government.

During the month we had another successful Bunnings sausage sizzle day. This is a great income earner for the club, and it seems we may be getting more regular dates from Bunnings. Dates for April and May have been locked in. I encourage all members to volunteer if you are able. The more people we can get to assist will lessen the load on the few legends that volunteer every month. Even if you can only give an hour or two, please put your name down. It is not onerous work, and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

YOUR bowls committee is working hard to conduct club competitions, and I will leave it to Charlie to report the results. Pennants planning is underway as we try to finalise which divisions HP will be competing in this year. Again, I encourage all bowlers that are eligible to put your name down for pennants. It is a great opportunity to represent your club while improving your competitive bowls. We made two division grand finals last pennant season, proving we can mix it with the bigger clubs.

Another highlight for the month was the bingo day. Donna and I attended, while admitting we hadn't played bingo in about forty years, it was like riding a bike really. The best part of the day, except for actually yelling *bingo*, was seeing people from outside the club attending. This is what we need as a club. Everyone enjoyed themselves and hopefully will be back next time. Remember, the third Tuesday of the month. Come along and yell BINGO!!!

If bingo isn't your thing, then maybe you need to show off your general knowledge at our trivia afternoons. The first Tuesday of the month is when it happens.

My personal thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who give their time and knowledge to make the club run from day to day. I am continually amazed at just how much happens in the background, from tending the gardens, paying the bills, to actually running a game of bowls just to name a few.

Lastly, a few minor items to be mentioned. The lease negotiations with the Council have been put on hold by the Council while they attend to more pressing matters. All is ok though, and the committee is comfortable with where things are at the moment. I have requested some minor tweaks to the club accounting practices to better reflect how we are going financially from month to month. Hopefully those members that peruse the accounts each month will be better informed on our financial progress.

Donna and I are off on a holiday, so you won't see me on the greens during April. Get out and enjoy the glorious April weather with a game of bowls on our terrific greens, and I'll see you in May.



## Games Director Report - BOWLS ON THE GREEN

### 2026 Club Championships Pairs

The competition has been run and won and the winners:

- Ladies Pairs Champions - Joy Bentley & Anita Hobbs
- Men's Pairs Champions - Tim Blatchford & Kevin Moore

Two extremely good games played at a high standard on a lovely green.



### Pennant Selectors

As suggested last meeting, I contacted each of last year's four selectors who all put up their hands to go again.

But, we also decided that 3 selectors was the preferred number so we needed to have a ballot at the meeting.

The outcome since the meeting was – Geoff Rosenthal, Tim Blatchford, Anne Le Claire were appointed selectors for 2026 season.

### Pennant Divisions 2026

Larry brought back news of a significant reorganisation mooted.

The set up will be 8 Divisions of 8 teams, all 12 a side. Clubs were asked to nominate which Divisions and how many teams. We have asked for Division 5 & 8. The meeting felt that we were unable to support 3 teams of 12 players plus emergencies.

### March Newsletter

I provided a piece on Rules and Etiquette for the newsletter. Sadly, it seems to have fallen on deaf ears with the same people doing to same things

**Comment was made, 'it is only social bowls'**

**For me – you play as you would if you were playing competitive bowls else how do you learn and don't take bad habits with you.**

Etiquette is something people should practice at all times too – not just in competition. Do some people do it on purpose to gain an advantage?

### Super 9's

Another very successful tournament completed. Perhaps it is cannibalising other days bowls particularly Wednesday but we still believe it is worth it though to see the greens well occupied and the club rooms buzzing.

Everyone becomes very competitive which is great.

### Champions of Club Champions

District have finally clarified process for nominating teams! Bit late for our Mixed Pairs!

With help from Graeme at Bowls Queensland I was able to nominate our Fours teams for next weekend.

Ladies have a bye in the first round whereas the men have a tough first round match against Palmwoods (I think).

**Charlie**

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## Presidents Report

The RSL visited the club on Monday 6 April.

On Wednesday, 8 April, the club hosted the annual QHA Day, with 28 teams participating. The event was very successful and financially beneficial to the club.

On Saturday 11 April saw an exciting tussle between the players of the final of the Pairs. Congratulations to Tim & Kev and also Anita & Joy Bentley. The runners-up can hold their heads high contributing to a very entertaining afternoon of bowls to those who made the effort to come and watch.

On Monday, 13 April, the club hosted the other Maroochy RSL bowlers in the morning, followed by another Bunnings sausage sizzle. Early reports indicate it was a very successful day.

Looking forward to the upcoming Comedy Night this Friday and Bingo next Tuesday.

It is disappointing that, despite the efforts of the Board and Bowling Committee to introduce additional forms of entertainment, member support has been limited.

Our Men's and Ladies Fours teams will be competing at Tewantin Noosa this weekend -18 April. commencing at 9:00 am. We wish both teams the best of luck.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who generously give their time to support the club wherever possible.

**Geoff Rosenthal - President**

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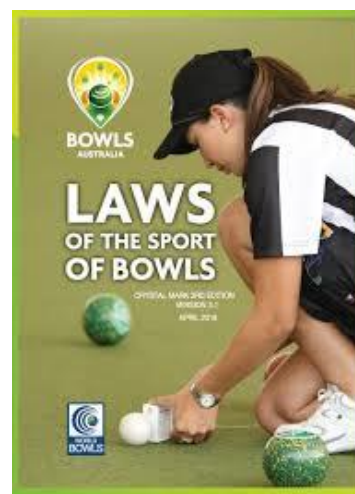
## RULES and Bowls Etiquette - The Mat

Placement - first to play places the mat on the centre line between:

- At least 2 meters from the ditch and
- All the way up to the hog line (white line on side used to define minimum distance)

### Remember:

- If bowling second, it is not your mat until your opponent's bowl actually stops
- When it is your turn to bowl, your opponents should be away from the **mat** and the **head** - if not, ask them nicely to move
- After bowling, step off the mat to the right. As you approach the mat to bowl, do so from the rear left.
- Therefore, it is **important** when kicking the bowls to locate them **at least 1 meter behind the mat and to the rear left**. This is important for **safety** as players quite often step backward whilst still watching their bowl but as long as they exit to the right we should all be safe.
- If you are bowling first and ready to change ends - you should place your teams next bowl at the mat once it is vacated
- After the last bowl on any end, the bowler who has played all their bowls should pick up the mat and place in on the bank.



**Charlie – Games Director**

## Case Study: Headland Pacific Super 9s - PUBLISHED QUEENSLAND BOWLERS MAGAZINE

**Club Overview** Headland Bowls Club is a community bowls club committed to creating engaging playing opportunities for its members while also building pathways into higher levels of competition. With approximately 70 bowling members, the club continually seeks innovative ways to strengthen participation and improve the competitive standard within the club.

**The Challenge** Like many clubs, Headland Bowls Club faced the challenge of encouraging members who had primarily played social bowls to transition into more competitive formats. At the same time, the club wanted to provide its experienced players with stronger internal competition in preparation for interclub events such as Sunshine Coast District Pennants.

**The Initiative** To address this, the club developed the Headland Pacific Super 9s, an intra-club, multi-week competition designed to simulate the structure and intensity of representative bowls. The concept drew inspiration from successful Queensland-based formats including the Premier 7s and the Great 8s Bowls Challenge.

**The Format** The Headland Pacific Super 9s is conducted over six weeks, played on Wednesdays throughout February and March.

The competition is open to all members and features teams of nine players competing against one another in a mix of formats including:

- Fours
- Pairs
- Triples

Members register their interest to participate, after which appointed Team Managers select players using a draft-style selection process. Managers take turns choosing from the pool of registered players until all teams are finalised, ensuring balanced teams and a mix of experience levels.

**Implementation and Participation** The inaugural competition was held in 2025 and was met with strong support from members. Participation levels were high, and the draft format created excitement and engagement across the club. Due to its success, the competition will return for a second season in 2026.

**Outcomes** Beyond providing an enjoyable club competition, the Super 9s played a key role in preparing players for the district pennant season.

In 2025, Headland Pacific entered teams in Divisions 6, 9, 11, and 12 of the Sunshine Coast District Pennants. This required 36 players to compete each week.

With approximately 70 bowling members, this meant more than 50% of the club's bowling membership participated in Pennants each week, an outstanding level of engagement for a club of its size.

The club also achieved strong on-green results:

- Division 6 – Runners-up
- Division 12 – Runners-up

Both teams progressed through to the finals, highlighting the value of the Super 9s in preparing players for higher-level competition.

## Key Benefits

The Headland Pacific Super 9s has delivered several key outcomes for the club:

- Increased member participation in competitive bowls
- A clear pathway from social bowls into Pennants
- Improved preparation and team cohesion ahead of interclub competition
- A fresh and engaging alternative to traditional social bowls formats

## Conclusion

The Headland Pacific Super 9s demonstrates how clubs can successfully introduce innovative internal competitions that both increase participation and strengthen competitive performance. By combining a fun draft-style team format with meaningful match play, Headland Bowls Club has created an initiative that benefits players of all experience levels while supporting the club's broader competitive ambitions.

**Tony Carter - Club Support Manager QLD**

**The Members Weekly Draw** is held at the Clubhouse after bowling each Friday afternoon. If your number is drawn, you must be present at the clubhouse to claim your prize.

If the prize is not claimed, it will jackpot to the following week!



### Friday 10 April

The jackpot was starting to build again sitting on \$60 and member number #100 was drawn. CONGRATULATIONS **Trevor Herd** who is pictured receiving his award from Treasurer Denis Hartley.

### Friday 17 April

The jackpot was back to \$50 this week and lucky member number #17 was drawn. CONGRATULATES **Lois Stone**  
Next week's Members Draw returns to \$50



**CLUB PURCHASE** With the aid of Federal funding we have purchased two (2) new office chairs long overdue for the Games Room.

## HPBC Positions Vacant

HP is currently seeking volunteers to fill several important roles within the club. We urgently require a **Sponsorship Director/Coordinator** and a **Grants Coordinator**. Kenn Moulynox has offered to mentor and support anyone willing to step into these positions.

We are also in need of a **Games Director**, ideally two people to share the workload and provide coverage during leave, busy periods, or illness. Without Games Directors, the club will be unable to run championships next year.

Please don't assume someone else will step forward—these roles are vital to the continued success of the club. Charlie is more than willing to assist and mentor anyone interested, with the aim of having them shadow him prior to his departure in September.

## FUNDRAISING Events

**Trivia** afternoons are held at the Clubhouse on the 1st Tuesday of each Month @ 2pm. The next one will be **5 May**. 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 @ 1pm for a 1:30 start. The next one will be **19 May**. **RSVP ESSENTIAL contact Dawn** (club bar) m: 5478 0400.

The **Comedy Night** was successful with around 50 meals served and close to 70 people attending the event. We are still working on details of profit.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** The sausage sizzles at Bunnings are working out to be a major fundraiser! We reached nearly \$5,000 profit for last 3 sausage sizzles.

The next sausage sizzle will be **Friday 22 May** and another planned **Tuesday 02 June**. We need volunteers, so please consider if you can spare some time, even if it is for a few hours, it will be appreciated and spread the load. Need volunteers. Name sheets are on the board.

**Easter Raffle** – Great ticket sales were achieved, particularly during the Bunnings sausage sizzle. Two of the raffle winners were Bunnings shoppers, while the third was our very own Jan Scriven. Fittingly, Jan is one of our most generous members, having donated prizes for the Easter Raffle for the past 20 years.

A big thank you to Jan Scriven and Robyn Darker for their ongoing generosity in providing the Easter Egg raffle prizes.

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## Our Continued Thanks.....

Thank you to all who volunteered and assisted on **QHA Day**. Panther on the BBQ and Geoff Rosenthal. Dawn Byrne & Joy Litfin selling raffle tickets. Jenny Kent behind the bar. Kevin Simpson for stacking chairs. Dennis Hartley and Charlie Gore in the games room.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with the **Bunnings sausage sizzles**—your support is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our **gardening team**: Joy Banning, Anne Le Claire, Col Bolt, Mike Leyt, Alvin Sinn, and Dorothy Baumann, for their ongoing efforts in keeping the grounds looking their best.

Finally, a big thank you to Dawn, our **Club Manager**, who consistently helps out with new ideas and energy.

## Newsletter Feedback

We welcome members feedback on the newsletter. Is there anything more you would like to see included about the club? Do you find the newsletter interesting and informative? Do you want it to continue?

Also, the results page produced separately each week, is this something you would like to see continue?

Please share your thoughts and suggestions via email [memberships.hpbowls@gmail.com](mailto:memberships.hpbowls@gmail.com)—we'd love to hear from you.



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