

## GENERAL NEWS

- This will be the last Newsletter of the year. First Newsletter back will be Thursday January 9th.
- Communication via TeamApp is going to be replaced by a text message service. A trial message went out on December 13 with limited success. The Bowls Office will continue to work on resolving the issues. Please note messages from the bowls office will come from a number ending in -940
- Merrylands will be hosting a BPL Cup qualifying section on Friday February 21 at 5:30pm. To enter [<click here>](#).
- New Wide-brimmed/ Bucket hat and hoodies orders are being taken. Please see Bowls Staff if you would like to order either. We need nearly 20 more to place an order.
- Members are encouraged to wear name badges when representing the Club.
- Please check [<Coaching Sessions>](#) availability.

## BOWLS AUSTRALIA

**Congratulations** to **Cody Packer** who has been selected in the Men's provisional squad for the upcoming Trans Tasman in NZ from 31 January!

## GREENS UPDATE

- The grass green at Merrylands and the green in front of the Clubhouse at Guildford are both out and are planned to be back in by the end of January.
- The green in front of the Greenkeeper shed at Guildford was originally scheduled to come out on December 16 but has been delayed to December 31.

## SOCIAL BOWLS

- From January 1st Social bowls will start at 9:30am instead of 10:30am on Tuesday, Friday & Saturdays.
- Thursday Twilight and Friday Social bowls will continue at Guildford until the end of this year.
- There will be no bowls on the Public Holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day). Also there will be no ladies' bowls on January 2nd.
- All Social Prize Money will be added as Club points.
- Congratulations to our Wednesday Social overall winners for 2024 - 1st **Jacky Chan**, 2nd - **Nick Micallef**, 3rd - **Gail Simpson**.

Venue	Day	Gender	Names	Cards Called	Jackpot
MBC/GBC	Tues	Men/Open	10am	10:30am	\$144
Merrylands	Wed	Open	9am	9:30am	n/a
Merrylands	Thur	Ladies/Open	8:30am	9:30am	n/a
Guildford	Thur	Open	5pm	5:30pm	\$313+
Guildford	Fri	Open	9:45am	10:15am	\$106+
Merrylands	Sat	Open	10am	10:30am	\$432+

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our wonderful members. We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

## PENNANT

- **Open Gender Pennant Launch invites went out last week. If you haven't already responded please do so ASAP!**
- Open Gender Pennant Trial Dates:
  - Sunday Jan. 12 10:30am
  - Saturday Jan. 18 9:30am
  - Saturday Feb. 1 Times TBC
  - Friday Feb. 7 6pm
  - Sunday Feb. 9 10am
  - Saturday Feb. 15 1pm
- With Open Gender Pennants just around the corner, now is a great time to get back into bowls drills as a means to improve your game. The information folder is outside the Office and the Bowls Staff can assist. Check [<here>](#) to find out more about doing drills.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- [<Mixed Triples Draw>](#) **Congratulations** to the sides **Noah Jedrzejczyk, Tom Rich & Katie Astley** and **Steve Hutchinson, Danelle Hutchinson and Shane Brydon** on making the final to be played TBA.
- [<Open Minor Fours Draw>](#). SF & Final TBA.
- [<Mixed Pairs>](#) Semi & Final Sunday February 2.
- [<Women's Major Singles>](#) Final TBA
- [<Men's Major Singles>](#) Final TBA

## YOUTH ACADEMY

- The Friday afternoon Academy Schedule of Activities can be found [<here>](#). Players are encouraged to contact Club coaches and schedule personal training/coaching outside the Academy activities times.
- Upcoming events - Bowls NSW Gold Squad Camp (Warilla) 11-12 January. Junior South Pacific Championships (Warilla) 13-16 January (entry form emailed to all Juniors). Region Junior Championships 23-25 January (Close 2 January) [<entries>](#), U18 Metro Shield (Grandviews) 2 February, U25 Metro Shield (Grandviews) 9 February [<Eol to represent>](#)
- All families of juniors are reminded to indicate to Gavin by early next week if their children *are likely* to require transport and supervision for the State Championships at Merimbula in April.
- The January Monthly Check-In will be emailed during the Region u18 Championships.