



ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB INC



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Rockhampton Bows Club

Welcome to Rockhampton Bows Club. Come and enjoy a friendly game of bowls in our undercover facility. We play day or night, rain, hail, or shine.

Looking for a place for a Work or Social Club Function? Birthday Party? Anniversary? Wedding? Seminar? Or any other celebration? Look no further than the Rockhampton Bows Club. Fully air conditioned and in the CBD area on the Riverbank.

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Club Playing Days and Times

Monday	Roll Up after 9.00am
Tuesday	Mixed Triples from 1.00pm
Wednesday	Ladies' bowls from 10.00am
Thursday	Men's bowls from 1.00pm
Sunday	Mixed Social bowls from 1.00pm

MEMBER NOTICE

If you are having difficulty using the stairs, **PLEASE** use the

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Upcoming Club and District Events

- 3/4 to 6/4 - Easter
- 10/4 - Games Day
Veteran Singles
- 11-12/4 - Champion of Champion Singles @ Yeppoon
- 12/4 - C Singles 1.00pm
- 16/4 - Nominations close for Champion Triples, B Singles, C Singles and B Pairs
- 18-19/4 - Champion of Champion Pairs @ Emu Park
- 22/4 - RBC Ladies' President's Day
- 25/4 - Anzac Day
- 26/4 - Mixed Pairs 1.00pm

- 1/5 - Games Day
Champion of Champion Veteran 4s @ Gracemere
- 4/5 - Labour Day
- 6-9/5 - District Sides Championships Gold Coast
- 15/5 - Champion of Champion Veteran 4s @ Gracemere
- 17/5 - Yeppoon Open 4s
- 22/5 - Champion of Champion Veteran 4s @ Gracemere
- 29/5 - Veteran Pairs @ Victoria Park
- 30-31/5 - State Mixed Pairs @ Diggers
- 30/5 - Nominations close for Mixed Fours

- 5/6 - Games Day
- 6/6 - Mixed 4s 1.00pm

News from the Chair

Hi Members,

I hope you are enjoying our new green, it is certainly different to our old playing surface but that is to be expected with it being new and while it settles. It needs to be remembered that the surface was laser levelled before the carpet was laid. We have received some feedback from players that it plays differently on some rinks but please be patient and remember all players have to adapt to the same surface which some players have mastered and some players are yet to master.

The maintenance program for the new green needs to be finalised which will be specific to our club conditions. Although we have received a maintenance manual from Berry's, the carpet supplier, it is very generic for all bowls clubs. As we have a roof over our green, we need a procedure that is more specific to our conditions. The Berry's installer of the carpet is meeting with our Green maintenance volunteers in March to establish this program.

Our committee has accepted a nomination for the vacant committee member position which has been filled by Pat Coleman. We still have the Vice-Chair's position vacant.

At our committee meeting in February, we accepted 3 new club members, Troy Simpson, John Cooney and Gerard Williams, please make them welcome and help them settle in to our club.

We have already had 3 functions in February and another 3 in March. These have been well supported by our volunteers and have raised much needed funds for our club. Col Davidson has taken over the role of organising volunteers to attend our functions and would greatly appreciate your support in helping out when you are available.

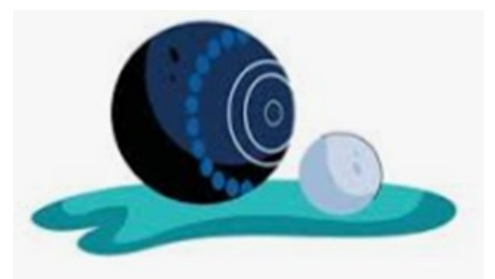
There are already 3 functions booked for Xmas parties at the end of the year.

Many thanks to the Card Day volunteer group who had a bumper attendance at the March event and as always raised a substantial amount of funds for our club coffers. Thanks again to all our volunteers who carry out the many roles required to facilitate the running of our club.

The debate regarding the amalgamation of the bowls sub committees is ongoing. At present our CQ Ladies and CQ Men's committees have not come to an agreement. Our club Ladies and Men's committees have agreed to meet to discuss our position going forward therefore, at present, we will continue to operate as usual.

Syd O'Sing

Chairman



From the Men's President

Hello Bowlers,

I can report on and congratulate the following bowlers:

Clem Magee who defeated Eric Barber in the Open Singles Championship

Errol Gregson and Stan McConochie (sub for Ross Sanders) who defeated Syd O'Sing and Tony Zonca in the Champion Pairs Final

Allan Gabel, Eric Barber, Bob McGowan and Clem Magee won the Champion Fours.

My President's Day was a great success and a good time was had by all. While there are many people who worked in the background to make the day a success, I would especially like to thank Kay McCrohan, June Puet, Sylvia Fern and Cheryl Haack for their efforts in the kitchen keeping us well fed with a delicious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

I would also like to give a Thank You to Jeff Slater in his role as our Games Director and another Thank You to Norm Broadhurst, Eric Barber, Ross Wellings and Terry Donovan for managing our new green which is starting to quicken up.

Remember that's it always a good day for a drive! Have fun and give it a crack!

Jack Blackburn, Men's President



From the Ladies' President

Hello Ladies,

The Champion of Champion games are underway, with the Fours already finalised. I'd like to congratulate Kay, June, Heather and Eileen as the winners. The singles are down to the last week.

Some of the ladies attended the Gracemere Fours on Saturday, 14th March. They were lucky to get through the day, with showers happening, but it was a very enjoyable day.

Next month is the Rockhampton Ladies' President's Day, on Wednesday 22nd April. There will be a list on the board for those who would like to attend. I am looking for gifts for the Multi-Draw as well.

Hope to see you there,

President Mirriam.

From the Editor (Penny) - I NEED YOU

Hello Everyone, I need each of you to get your phones out and take pictures of happenings around the club. If I can't be there, I will happily include your pics in the newsletter when I can.

Email your pics to me at wiltonpenny@gmail.com or text your photos to me at **0409631000** with a brief description of what is happening in the photo.



25th January 2026 -

Northside Versus Southside

What better way to spend a lovely, hot, January Sunday afternoon than to engage in the annual Northside versus Southside clash at Rockhampton Bowls Club. Northside were the victors this year with a score of 129 to 110. It was a very pleasant afternoon enjoyed by 42 players. Many thanks to Carol Wellings for the cake and slices enjoyed at afternoon tea.





Captain of the victorious Northside team, Bob McGowan, accepting the trophy from Men's President, Jack Blackburn.

1st February 2026 -

Men's Champion of Champion Fours



Winners of the RBC Men's Champion of Champion 4s for 2026 are (L to R):

Eric Barber, Bob McGowan, Clem Magee and Allan Gabel.

Runners-Up in the RBC Men's Champion of Champion 4s for 2026 are (L to R):

Ross Wellings, Peter Lawton, Harley Wilton and Peter Tyler.



4th February 2026 - First Ladies' Bowling Day

The First Ladies' Bowling Day for 2026 was sponsored by the Ladies' Life Members. Pictured below are representatives of each of the five winning teams flanked by Life Members, Val Hegarty and Bev Johnston.



L to R the ladies are: Bev Johnston, Carol Wellings, Pat McGovern, Denise Hall, Sandy Simpson, Sylvia Fern and Val Hegarty.



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7th February 2026 - Mercure Hotel Afternoon



This enjoyable afternoon of bowls was sponsored by our neighbour, the Mercure hotel, and prizes were presented by our Chairman, Syd O'Sing, and Men's President, Jack Blackburn.

In First Place with +18 were Sue Lane, Mary Swift and Allan Gabel.

Two teams tied for Second Place with +11. They were Peter Tyler, Eileen Arnold and Ken Matherson as well as Mirriam Black, Hazel Johnson and Syd O'Sing.





The Sportsman's Trophy went to the team of George Friesacher, Lyn Wall and Andy Johnson.

Lucky Draw for Skip went to Clem Magee.

Lucky Draw for Second went to Barbara Friesacher.

Lucky Draw for Lead went to Bruce Ballantyne.

Congratulations Everyone!



10th February 2026 - Life Membership Presentation to Bev Johnston

Today we celebrated the significant effort and dedication that Bev Johnston has given to our club. Bev has been a member of RBC for 15 years, holding multiple positions on Management and Ladies Bowls Committees. We thank Bev for her contribution to our club. Men's President, Jack Blackburn, presented Bev with her Life Membership badge.



15th February 2026 - Live Life Shield - RBC Vs Gracemere



The first game of the Live Life Shield for 2026 was conducted between Gracemere Bowls Club and Rockhampton Bowls Club at Rockhampton Bowls Club on Sunday 15.2.26. The game was held at RBC due to weather conditions. A cordial afternoon of bowling took place with players enjoying good natured banter. A tasty afternoon tea was prepared and served by RBC Ladies.

RBC Men's President Jack Blackburn thanked all players for their attendance and announced the joint winning teams on the day, sharing the prize for the teams with the highest winning margin. Gracemere defeated Rockhampton 130-113.

The winning team for Gracemere with the highest score of 31 was K. Wilson, B. Shelton, R. Wigginton and D. Stiegler

The winning team for Rockhampton with the highest score of 35 was Aggie Luhrs, Jim Hanley, Les Bayes and Phil Robinson.



20th February 2026 - Veteran Fours



The winners of the Veteran Fours for 2026 are Ross Wellings, Andy Johnson, Bob McGowan and Gary Puet.

The runners' up for 2026 are Jeff Slater, Peter Pidcock, Clem Magee and Bill Richardson.



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Around the Clubhouse



On the 24th of February we farewelled our fellow members and good friends, Max and Helen Bradley, who have set off on a great adventure to establish a new life with their family in France. They arrived safely and their adventure has begun. UPDATE: We are now in residence. Still sorting out how everything works and prioritising what needs to be done first. The weather has been really cold and we are eating into the woodpile!

President Jack is always ready with a sympathetic ear and will play a lovely tune on his miniature violin for you too!

Some familiar faces in the clubhouse.



5th March 2026 - Presentations



Les Wust receiving his Patriarch badge after reaching 90 years of age.

Congratulations Les!



Noel Roberts receiving his Super Veteran badge now that he's reached 80 years of age.

Congratulations Noel!



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8th March 2026 - Men's President's Day

President Jack's Day was a great success with 16 teams participating.

The team with two wins was B. Armstrong, S. Armstrong, M. Lenon and J. Lenon.

The team with one win was Ian Lester, Pat Coleman, Ross Wellings and Jack Blackburn.

The team with no wins was G. Illott, W. Stark, L. Clifford and G. Williams.







14th March 2026 - Gracemere Ladies Fours



Despite the showers of rain, it was an enjoyable day of bowls at the Gracemere Ladies Fours. RBC was well represented by (Back L to R) Sylvia Fern, Barbara Friesacher, Kay McCrohan, Mirriam Black, Rosie Rumpf, (Front L to R) Eileen Arnold, June Puet and Kay Borg.



Carol-Ann's Recipes

Lemon Bars

Base

1 cup plain flour

Zest of 1 lemon

¼ cup of icing sugar

1 egg

¾ cup butter

Combine all of the above in food processor and pulse. Press mixture flat into lined tin and bake in 180-degree oven for 25 mins until light brown.

Filling

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

2 tbsp plain flour

zest and juice of 2 lemons

Whisk together then pour over hot base then bake for another 25 minutes in 170-degree oven.

Sprinkle with icing sugar when cooled.



Magic Slice

Combine 1 pkt Butternut Snap biscuits (crushed) with 120 grams of melted butter to make it crumbly.

Press into lined slice tin then add a layer of choc chips, 1 cup of coconut flakes, 1 cup of chopped dates and drizzle with 1 tin of condensed milk. Top with slivered almonds.

Bake in oven at 170-degrees for 30 minutes. Cool on rack.

This recipe is suitable for any combination of fruit and nuts.





Michelle **LANDRY**

Federal Member for **Capricornia**

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