



June Newsletter 2026

From President Lawrie and Board members

Thank you to all members who attended our AGM on May 17 and showed genuine support for directions of our club for this coming year. The new board met on June the 1st and has set in place several activities that members need to be aware of.

Firstly, two small but significant grants have been obtained that is primarily for coaching equipment that includes purchase of new bowls sets for use by new players, school students and our disability group users. \$3,000 was from an Active Club Program- Round 55 (Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing) and \$1,200 from The Rotary Club of Mount Barker. We have already ordered a set of rebound discs for use during coaching.

We meet with Brett Herbett who is employed by Bowls Australia and is the Bowls SA representative to support bowling clubs in SA. He provided valuable information about use of social media to promote lawn bowls and the club. As a result, we will have a new website format. Joy is preparing this and will let members know when it's up and running. We will also increase our presence with Facebook with Janet Jeanch and myself handling posts in the public domain. We will acknowledge sponsors and post photos and information in a timely manner. You will not have to wait for newsletters to arrive before you can get the information.

Brett also made us aware of the BPL cup and the chance for our club to be part of this national event. August 2 is the date, so get a triples team together and register through the website www.bowls.com.au/bpl-cup. John Corner will be the tournament director for this day, and sectional winners play in Adelaide the following week (9 August).

John Corner has also planned our four annual club tournaments. These are:

September 5th, 2026 (Saturday)- Dennis the Menace- Open Medley

November 16th, 2026 (Monday)- President triples- Open Triples

March 7th, 2027 (Sunday)- Cream bowl pairs- Open Pairs

April 24th, 2027 (Saturday)- Stirling Cup - Open Fours

Please put these dates in your calendar.

Speaking of dates, Jay and Nick Shepherd our coaches for this season, have organised the pre-season activity for pennant players. The coaching program will start 26 August each Wednesday night until start of pennant season. It will be 5-7pm under lights. Drills and fun activities promised. A sausage sizzle on the 3rd week (9th September) and last week (30th

September) will occur. Once pennant season matches start coaching will go to Thursday nights.

Reminder to return your form to indicate pennant preference. (Forms available at the bar)
Selection committee will be meeting in mid-July to inform the HBA of our team nominations for this season. On the form, please include phone number and email address so we can check that we have correct details for every club member. Reminder that subs are now due. Payment can be made at the bar or as direct payment.

The board would like to get feedback about meals provided on a Wednesday night during the last pennant season by Olive Branch Catering of Balhannah. We would like to know if we should continue to have these on a Wednesday night when we have home games. Were the menus and costs of meals offered suitable? Any feedback to board members would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, email the club with your comments.

Good bowling everyone!

Lawrie

Winter Social Bowls competition

Dawn and Willy well done!

