

The NBBC eNewsletter

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The next newsletter will be published in early December. Contributions, including photos, are welcome. Please email them to tonyral49@gmail.com by the end of November. (Note that the phone number for the Newsletter Editor on page 2 of the handbook is that of the former editor. My number is as listed in the membership roll.)

If anyone has an idea about other content they would like to see in the newsletter, let me know.

Tony Ralston

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President's Report

Hello Members,

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Life Member **Margaret Beech** recently. I attended her memorial gathering at Fawkner RSL on 23 September on behalf of NBBC and extended our condolences to her family and we also extend our condolences to Anne Durrant on the passing of her husband Paul.

We also send our very best wishes to Life Members Bill and Pat Brown who have relocated to live at the Bert Newton Retirement Village in Highett.

Our bowls season is now in full swing after our **Official Opening of the Greens** on 5 September. Practice matches are in progress and our Club Championship events are also well underway with good numbers of bowlers participating. Our weekly training sessions are back on our preferred Thursday afternoons preparing for a successful bowling season.

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On 17 September we were delighted to welcome Community Engagement Advisor, Kate Bellamy to NBBC to present us with our **Community Bank Inner East** banner & fence sign. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with Bendigo Bank who do fabulous work supporting so many sports clubs and organisations in our local area.

The funds that our club will receive for becoming a Partner with Bendigo Bank will assist with the purchase new Shades on the surrounds of the greens. The Board is currently considering relevant information and costs of suitable options.



We have also welcomed **Activate Allied Health** as a Silver Sponsor who are located at 1/131 Bulleen Road, Balwyn North. Our Vice President Craig Stephens will provide updated information on our new and continuing sponsors for this coming year and we encourage all members to support the businesses who support our club.

At our **Pennant Season Launch** on Friday 2 October, we were very pleased to have World Bowls CEO and NBBC club member Neil Dalrymple attending as our guest speaker. Neil provided us with some interesting insights about what is happening in bowls around the world especially in the lead up to the Brisbane Olympics in 2032. It was also an opportunity for Kate Bellamy to attend to meet our members and learn more about our club. Thanks to Bruce Hexter, Mike Johnson & Deb Petty for their presentations and to Sue Stephens and her team for providing us with the refreshments.

A follow up reminder that our **Preseason Working Bee is on Wednesday 7 October at 10.00am**. An opportunity to address all the chores in the clubrooms and surrounds that cannot be done by our cleaner Ian McDougall and the Monday Morning Crew in the time they have available. **Please** come and give a helping hand. I also would encourage members to assist on a regular or semi-regular basis on Mondays between 9.00am and 10.30am to continue to keep our greens and gardens in great shape. Special thanks to **Sue Cust** for her efforts recently in weeding, pruning and planting in the garden beds along the south side of greens 2 and 3.

Looking ahead to our 2027/2028 season when we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of NBBC I invite members to provide any innovative ideas they may have as to how to celebrate this occasion and to showcase our club to lift our profile out into the wider community. Please send your suggestions to president.nbbc@gmail.com or speak with any Board member.

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Peter Lansdell is currently digitising images from our club photo albums to give us all an opportunity to walk back in time and see how our club has evolved and to appreciate the work of the members who have come before us.

To members who have celebrated a birthday recently I hope you all enjoyed your special day and may you all enjoy many more. Finally, I again encourage all members to help out around the club as we look forward to a successful bowls season and have continued enjoyment from all our club activities.

Robyn McClelland – President



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Vice President's Report

It has been a real pleasure to join the Board and take on the role of Vice President of North Balwyn Bowls Club. I'm enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the club, work alongside the Board and our members, and help support the continued growth and strength of our club. There is a great sense of community at North Balwyn, and I'm looking forward to playing my part in building on that in the months ahead.

I'd also like to acknowledge and welcome our new banking sponsor, **Bendigo Bank – Community Bank Inner East**. We're very pleased to have their support and look forward to developing a strong relationship with them.

We are also delighted to welcome **Activate Allied Health** on Bulleen Road, North Balwyn, as a new **Silver Sponsor**. Activate Allied Health provides **Exercise Physiology, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy** from their local clinic. Nathaniel is the point of contact and is more than happy to assist our members with any enquiries about their services. We encourage members to support our sponsors and consider Activate Allied Health for their allied health needs.

Thank you to all of our members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for the role you play in making North Balwyn Bowls Club such a welcoming and vibrant club. I look forward to a positive and enjoyable quarter ahead.

Cheers,

Craig Stephens

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We believe being part of a community means more than providing a service. It's about building relationships, supporting local organisations and creating opportunities for people to thrive. This is reflected in our partnerships with local organisations, as well as our commitment to giving back through an annual fundraiser supporting a local special school and its students.

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Bowls Director's Report

Update on what's happening:

- Season launch; 2 October has come and gone thank you for your attendance. **Neil Dalrymple** was certainly interesting; Neil covered topics such as experimenting with transitioning to shorter games, while maintaining the more traditional format, the inclusion of women with equal opportunity, a big thank you to Neil for giving his time freely.
- **Mike Johnson** spoke about selection policies and objectives, aspirations, development of members working with coaches and the evolution of the selection committee having only one past selector and five conscripts, a sharp learning curve for all, and much more. Thanks Mike.
- **Deb Petty** spoke about etiquette, a very important part of our game, covered all the aspects that will make your bowls more enjoyable. Her knowledge as an Umpire also came through of what to do and not do. Thanks Deb.



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- **Doug McClelland** has stepped down as Coaching coordinator effective 23 September. The Coaches have met to discuss the way forward. One of our coaches will put a plan together for each of our practice sessions at 4:30pm on Thursdays. Please keep up the good work and come along and remember **Practice with a Purpose**.
- The Pennant season start is just around the corner Midweek 17th & Saturday 20th October. There are a lot of new members that will be playing Pennant for the first time, we as club welcome you and hope you enjoy the season.
- **George Liondas** and his support team of **Dian Box** I sincerely apologise for forgetting to mention them on Opening Day for all the good work they have done coaching and coordinating Tuesday bowls throughout winter period. A big thankyou George and Dian.
- The club championships are under way lots of games have been played if you could be aware of the before date they need to be played by.
- We have more practice games for Saturdays. Those on 3 October against Camberwell Central were cancelled due to inclement weather. Next against Doncaster on 10 October at home. Midweek on 6 October two sides against Ringwood at Ringwood and two sides at home verse each other 13th October all sides at home final trial please make yourself available.
- **Late news** Brighton 2 has pulled out Midweek section 5 our side 4 will now be a BYE.
- Last but not least **“PLAY BOWLS MAKE FRIENDS”**

Bruce Hexter

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Asa Nicoll who won a gold medal at the Transplant Games in Launceston in September trained at our Club. She sent this message: GOLD!!! Thanks Bruce for all the help! I could hear your voice in my head. Deliver and follow through. Thanks also to the North Balwyn club for being so generous to me.

Fair Play or Foul?

Metro Pennant Conditions of Play 2026-27

Bowlers, please note that Metro Pennant Conditions of Play 2026-27 have been issued by Bowls Victoria. A summary of changes plus the full document can be found on the Bowls Victoria web site.

While much of the underlying Conditions of Play remains unchanged, there are several important changes affecting player eligibility, pennant permits, marquee players, rink draws, electronic scoring, finals, protected events and club responsibilities. Refer Bowls Victoria web site for full details of these changes.

Areas That Are Substantially Unchanged

Bowls Victoria advise that there has **not** been a material change to the underlying rules in several important areas, despite their new clause numbers.

These include:

- pre-game practice requirements;
- trial ends;
- bowls identification discs;
- basic uniform requirements;
- music during Pennant;
- live streaming requirements;
- walkover notification requirements;
- points for wins, ties and byes;
- general finals eligibility of four games / six for permit or marquee players;
- Midweek scheduled breaks;
- Weekend scheduled breaks;
- Midweek promotion and relegation; and
- The majority of Weekend promotion and relegation provisions.

Terence Staunton Umpire

Health and Safety

Setting up the Outdoor Umbrellas

The Health and Safety Committee reminds members that for safety reasons we discourage members from climbing on to the outdoor tables and adjacent seats to put the umbrellas up and down. The umbrellas can be raised and lowered without taking these risks.

Firstly, stand close to the table and lift off the cover, by undoing the zip as far as possible, grasping the pole and lifting the cover off the umbrella. Undo the white strap and start to raise the umbrella by gently lifting the spokes. Complete raising the umbrella by pulling on the black cord, and then catch the black cord in the groove and secure it tightly by pulling on it from the opposite side. Reverse this process when putting the umbrella down.

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Operating the umbrellas safely is more easily accomplished by a tall person, and with help. If you're around when the umbrellas are being put up, offer a hand, and to prevent falls, please avoid climbing on the outdoor furniture.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Judy Birch, Alison Milne, Michael Potter

Marketplace

NBBC members can advertise items that they want to sell, buy or swap. The items must have a relationship to club activities, for example a uniform, a set of bowls, gardening tools, etc. Email the editor (tonyral49@gmail.com) with details of the item you wish to trade. Contact the member directly if you are interested in what they are advertising.

No items have been submitted for advertising in this newsletter. Sue Dowdell sold the bowls that were advertised in the August newsletter.

Note that Simon Spurgeon is selling two sets of used bowls donated to the Club. At the time of writing one set remained unsold. Contact Simon (9042 7866) for details.

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Bowling Myths and Maths

As the cliched saying goes, bowls is a simple game, you have to get only two things right, line and weight. (That may be “simple” if your bowls are delivered smoothly on their running surface and not dropped or wobbled. You still need to get line and weight right if you do drop or wobble your bowl but what “right” is will vary unless your imperfect delivery is consistently so.) In past newsletters, I have looked at aspects of line. With line, you can have reference points on the bank or elsewhere or you can visualise the path of your bowl and hence determine the initial angle and delivery line. Weight is a different and, for most bowlers, a more difficult proposition.

There is no tangible reference point for the required weight. Some people will talk about the theory of elevation or the length of your step or the length of your backswing, however, the consensus of published experts (e.g. Belliss, Salter & Bliss, Judson) seems to be that while using these might be of some help to some bowlers for some time, ultimately they are a distraction. They say weight control has to be handled subconsciously by absorbing information about the targets and the results of your deliveries and the feel of your deliveries. The focus then should be on consistent execution of your delivery action with a target in mind and letting your subconscious make the adjustments necessary to achieve the correct weight. This may lead to a variation in the length of your step or your backswing but you shouldn't try to control weight by consciously varying them. Weight is the initial speed of your bowl and that speed can be varied without necessarily varying aspects of your delivery other than the speed of your arm at release.

The difference in delivery speed to achieve a difference in length can be quite subtle. This is another reason trying to make a conscious adjustment to the delivery speed is difficult and why bowlers often over correct or if consciously worried about over correcting replay another short or long bowl. In the December newsletter, I will say more about the delivery speeds needed to draw to a target at various lengths on greens of various speeds and about the variation in delivery speed needed to make corrections of one or two metres.

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The only two published tables of delivery speed I have found (Brearley, Judson) rest on an assumption of constant deceleration due to the rolling resistance of the green but taking account of air resistance (drag) which has a much smaller but not insignificant effect requires more complicated analysis. I would be interested to hear of any other published tables of bowls' delivery speeds.

I hope I haven't trodden on our coaches' toes with my comments about weight control but they are not just my opinion but the published advice of various experts. I invite members of our coaching panel to submit an article for the next and subsequent newsletters on this and other topics.

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Betty Collins OAM - Our NBBC Legend

On Saturday 5 September, at the function held to celebrate the Official Opening of the 2026-2027 Bowls Season, our Bowls Club proudly recognized the extraordinary contribution of one of our long-standing members, Betty Collins OAM, to the sport of bowls locally, nationally and worldwide.

The Club did so by unveiling a beautiful framed portrait of Betty celebrating her many accomplishments, including her -

- World Bowls achievements
- National Bowls achievements
- Victorian Bowls achievements.

You can read all about these achievements in the photograph accompanying this article, but we particularly mention in the following -

- Betty was the first female President of World Bowls
- Betty was in fact elected President for two terms from 2001 to 2008
- In 2008, she became a Life Member of World Bowls

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- She was inducted into the Bowls Australia Hall of Fame in 2011
- This year, she was elevated to Bowls Australia Hall of Fame LEGEND status.

To top this off, Betty has served two terms as President of North Balwyn Bowls Club, and was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in recognition of her service to the sport of bowls. Betty has also been heavily involved in managing our Club's Bridge activities, as a long-standing member of our Bridge Committee and one of the Executive group of that Committee.

Betty is also a delightful, gracious and humble lady whose broader contribution to our bowls club over many years has been outstanding.

CONGRATULATIONS Betty on your awesome and inspiring journey.



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Social Director's Report

The Opening of the Bowls season was held on 5 September and despite the threat of rain the official opening ceremony was well attended. After social bowls, 80 members enjoyed an afternoon tea. Thank you to all who worked well to ensure the success of the day.

Future events include Life Members Day on 20 October.

We also plan to have bowls, bridge and pickleball on Melbourne Cup Day on 3 November, followed by an afternoon tea while watching the race. Sweeps will be offered. If you plan to attend these events, please book on Tidy Hq or put your name on the forms on the bench to allow for catering purposes.

Our Club Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 11 December.

The Bridge Christmas function will be held after the game on 17 December.

A new FOGO bin has been placed in the kitchen to help with our waste management. Bins for recycling are also placed around the club as well as bins for general land fill.

Thank you to all who have helped with functions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sue Stephens

Social Director

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Craft Group

In August we had a couple away sick and three holidaying within the state, interstate or internationally. Hopefully the holidaymakers will have some good stories to tell on their return.

Anna handed out the finished stars from July and then instructed the ladies in making a fabric covered ball. Our knitting group at the other end of the table is growing with the return to Craft of Sue Hipwell. Maureen McIntosh brought in some beautiful garments for KOGO which were made on her knitting machine.



In September we welcomed Anne Scott, a new member, to Craft. Anne fitted right into the group helping the ladies to make their flowers from Cupcake papers. Perhaps our leader (Lois) was a little too ambitious with the number of flowers she expected the ladies to make.

On 12 October Anna is going to be making Christmas Cards and cardmaking is always a popular craft.

Even though the KOGO Challenge had finished we received another 15 squares. These have been taken to the drop-off point. Betty Collins, Robyn McClelland and myself are amazed at the result of the Challenge. The KOGO Volunteers have a good supply to make blankets for 2027.



LOIS STAUNTON

Pickleball at NBBC

Pickleball continues to be popular and the participant numbers are steadily growing. We offer coach-led skills practice (drills) at the beginning of the social matches so that our players can develop quickly. The All-Play-All format we use during matches allows the players to play with and against everyone which in turn contributes greatly to the player development and improvement of their skills. We now have two evening sessions and one morning session during the week.

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Future plans include an additional working morning social session on Sundays.

For those interested in a more intensive workout, we may consider to offer a Cardio Pickleball session in the future.

In the meantime, we would like to encourage all our members to give pickleball a go.

Peter O'Brien

Pickleball Co-Ordinator

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Bridge Wildcards



A **NEGATIVE DOUBLE** (historically known as a Sputnik Double) is a conventional takeout double made by the responder after opener starts the bidding with one-of-a-suit and the right-hand opponent (RHO) overcalls in a suit. Instead of showing a penalty hand, this double communicates length in the unbid suits, specifically promising at least 4 cards in any unbid major suit.

Negative doubles usually deny support if partner has opened a major suit.

Suit Distribution Rules

The primary focus of a negative double is major suit holdings:

- **One Major Bid:** If only one major suit has been bid between opener and overcaller, the negative double guarantees at least 4 cards in the other major suit (and indicates nothing specific about minor suit holdings).
- **Both Minors Bid:** If both minor suits have been bid, the double promises at least 4 cards in **both** major suits (hearts and spades).
- **Both Majors Bid:** If both major suits have been bid, the double promises at least 4 cards in **both** minor suits (clubs and diamonds).

4-Cards vs. 5-Cards

Whenever a double is available to show exactly 4 cards in an unbid suit, bidding that suit directly promises at least 5 cards in that suit.

Point Requirements by Level

Minimum point requirements for a negative double depend on the level at which partner will be forced to bid, either to support your suit or to bid her own suit:

- At the 1-Level:** Requires **6+ points**.
- At the 2-Level:** Requires **8+ points**.
- At the 3-Level:** Requires **10+ points**.

Handling Distribution After 1♣.(1♦)

Exactly 4–4 in the Majors: Use a negative double.

5–4 or Longer Distribution: Bid the longer major suit first.

5–5 in the Majors: Bid 1♠ first, planning to rebid Hearts on the next round.

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Bidding Sequences & Interpretations

Opener	Overcaller	Responder	Meaning & Requirements
1♣	1♦	X	Promises 4+ cards in both majors (hearts & spades); 6+ points. The double shows both majors with just one bid.
1♣	1♦	1♥	Promises 4+ Hearts; 6+ points (bidding directly shows 1 major; double shows both)
1♣	1♦	1♠	Promises 4+ Spades; 6+ points
1♣ or 1♦	1♥	X	Promises exactly 4 spades; 6+ points
1♣ or 1♦	1♥	1♠	Promises 5+ Spades; 6+ points
1♣ or 1♦	1♠	X	Promises 4+ Hearts, 8+ points. The double shows nothing about responder's length in the other three suits.
1♥	1♠	X	Promises 4+ cards in both minors; 8+ points
1♦	2♣	X	Promises 4+ cards in both majors; 8+ points. If responder has a 5+ card major, and 10+ points, bid the 5-card major immediately. Remember, a pass by responder is always an option.

Happy bridging,

Morry Freedman ♥



More than 50 players enjoying bridge at our NBBC Lorne Getaway 2026

See report on the Lorne Weekend later in the newsletter.

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Garden Plots

Hello Plotters. Great news is the warmer weather is starting so a few ideas on preparing and what to grow. We want to start warming up our soil so start by removing any mulch. Just rake it into the corner but respread with any signs of the soil drying out. Also, it's not a bad time to add a good dose of fertiliser and well-rotted compost or manure to the soil.

I have been growing zucchini seeds in pots, and they have just started to become seedlings, so I have planted them in my plot. It might be a tad early as they will not like any cold frost, so fingers crossed. They are such an easy crop to grow. You can keep planting up until December. Plant them in groups to help pollinate or space out a metre apart. I think last season I had about 30kg but make sure you keep an eye on their growth as they seem to grow quickly overnight and harvest them before they get too big. Cut them with a sharp knife as this avoids damaging the plant. Good luck with these. I am happy to swap produce once my crops start.

There are plenty of veggies to consider planting now the soil is starting to warm up and hopefully frosts stay away. Parsnips, beetroot and snow peas are ideal. Leafy greens like lettuce, rocket, silver beet and spinach are easy growers. Also, if you can find strawberry runners at your nursery, you still have time to put these in.

Just a tip on the tomato seedlings you find in the nursery at the moment. Leave the seedlings in their pots for now (or better still in the greenhouse or protected) as it's still too early to plant them due to frost risk. The days might be Sunny but there are cold nights and mornings!

Good luck with your plantings. There are heaps more veggies to plant but I will leave that for next time.

Cheers. Chris

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Indoor Bowls

Our 2026 Indoor Pennant season has been completed. This season we had one team progress to the finals. The NB2 Tuesday night team finished in first place at the end of the home & away games winning all but three games. Unfortunately, they lost to Blackburn RSL in the semifinal. Congratulations to David Grundy (S), Barry Stillman, Lilac Kamiya, Phil D'Paul and Sandi Fitzpartick who played so well throughout the season.

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Thanks to all the players who participated during the Pennant Season to enable our club to enter two night and two afternoon teams. Special thanks to Barry Stillman & David Grundy who so capably managed our team selections this year.

We congratulate Lilac Kamiya who was chosen along with four other ESIBBA players to represent Victoria at the Nationals held at Blacktown NSW in late August. Lilac was a member of the Mixed Fours team that won five of their nine matches. Victoria finished second to Tasmania in the overall competition.



A number of our NBBC players competed in the ESIBBA Championship events. We congratulate the following players who competed in the finals.

- Anne Williams combined with Jodie Jones (Blackburn RSL) to def Lilac Kamiya & Robyn McClelland
- George Liondas played in the Men's Triples – Runners Up
- Doug McClelland played in the Men's Fours - Winners
- Barry Stillman, David Grundy, Lilac Kamiya & Helen Smith (Blackburn RSL) played in the Mixed Fours – Runners Up
- David Grundy & Lilac Kamiya played the Mixed Pairs - Runners Up
- Lilac Kamiya - Winner of the NBBC Ladies Singles and then played the Champion of Champions – Runner Up

The ESIBBA celebrated the 2026 season with their Presentation Lunch on 20th September hosted by NBBC.

Our Social Sessions will continue on Friday mornings throughout the year 10.00am – 12.00noon. All welcome.

Robyn McClelland
Indoor Coordinator

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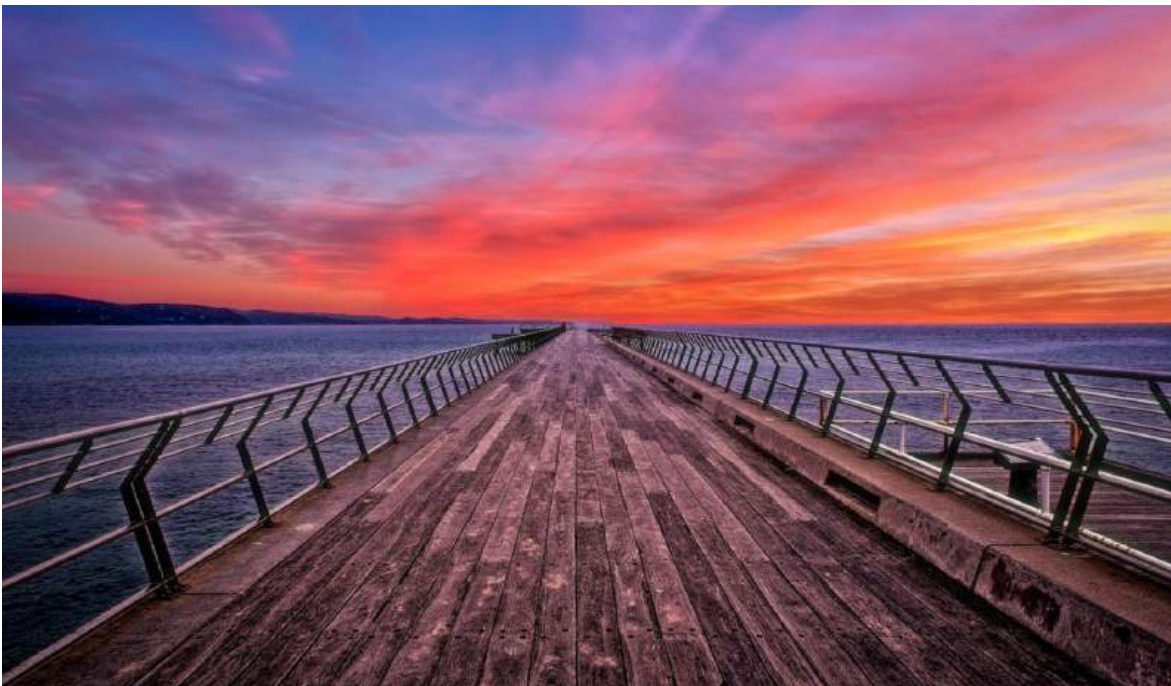
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Lorne Weekend

Lorne Weekend 2026 – Beach, Bridge, and Banter



Another year, another memorable North Balwyn Bowls Club weekend away in beautiful Lorne where the sea air was fresh and the card games were competitive. A terrific group of members made the trip, proving once again that bridge is only part of the attraction. Friendships, laughter, and good company are what make the Lorne Weekend one of the highlights of our club calendar.



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The bridge tables were filled with concentration, laughter, and the occasional dramatic sigh. There were plenty of memorable moments, a few surprises, and enough friendly debate to keep conversations flowing long after the cards had been packed away. Whether celebrating a triumph or not, everyone agreed it was all part of the fun.

Off the card table Lorne delivered its usual charm. Members enjoyed a sumptuous sleep sanctuary, excellent meals, leisurely walks, plenty of coffee, and more than a few conversations that somehow managed to solve the world's problems before dessert arrived. Whether relaxing by the waterfront or catching up over a drink the weekend reminded us why these trips are so popular.

A special thank you goes to everyone who helped organise the weekend and to all those who attended with such enthusiasm and good humour. Events like these don't happen by accident and the effort behind the scenes is greatly appreciated.

The only thing missing this year was seeing more of our lawn bowlers enjoying the weekend with us. We'd love to make next year's trip bigger than ever, with enough bowlers to enjoy some friendly competition on the greens alongside the bridge games. Whether you are a seasoned traveller or a first timer, we encourage you to join us.

The Lorne Weekend once again demonstrated what makes North Balwyn Bowls Club such a special place. Genuine camaraderie, friendly competition, and plenty of laughter. We look forward to doing it all again next year. Until then, may your cards be kind, your partners forgiving, and your ends be winning.

Dimi Hoppe
Club Secretary

