

Nowra Bowls Newsletter

Dates of Interest

(see flyers on notice board or Facebook for details)

- The Bottom Green is out of play for maintenance
- North v South - Sat 31.1 @ 1030 onwards
- Voyager Shield v RSL Matelots - Wed 11.2
- Open Pennants 2026 - Rd 1: Sat 14.2, Rd 2: Sat 21.2
- Monthly Triples - Monday 16.2
- Lyrebirds Ladies Triples - Mon 13.4

February Monthly Triples

There was a great series of games held in mid January with many contestants from across the Zone in attendance. The very handy prize money that has been generously provided by the team at Murphy's Tyrepower of 71 North Street NOWRA will be available yet again on 16.2.2026 for a 9.30 am start



Club Triples 2026

A good number of bowlers took on the challenge of the Club Triples title this year and it was good to see a lot of new faces and as this was "Open" it was also pleasing to see a few more of the ladies in the mix.

Some teams nominated themselves, other players were single nominations and "da Management" cobbled together teams. The defending champions of Mike Mitchell, Faye Potter and Paul Goddard made it through to the final only to be challenged by Pat Duke, Wes Macpherson and Tiger Neale. Due to the heat (43+) on the day the final had to be rescheduled to the following Wednesday and was played in front of many spectators. Mike, Paul & Faye got off to an early & healthy lead that the challengers slowly ate into, but the reigning champions held off a fast-finishing trio to take away the 2026 Title 24 - 17. The game was played in good spirits and on the new surface of the top Green that was only made available that week.



2026 Triples Champions



Mike Mitchell, Faye Potter & Paul Goddard

2026 Triples Runners - Up



Graham Neal, Pat Duke, Wes Macpherson





**Conditions of Play
2025-2026
Open Pennants**

A team shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each match, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. Trial ends shall be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.

The rink on which a player or team is to play shall be announced and made available for trial ends not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

Players may practice up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves.

Players shall not practice on the rink on which their match is drawn to be played.

This means ... if you are due to start a Pennants game at 1.00pm on rink 1, 2 or 3 you can "practice" on Rink 4,5 or 6 until 12.30pm. Then cards are to be drawn & you can have your two end roll up from 12.40 on your given rink and be ready to start play promptly at 1.00pm

This is also another reason why your side Manager needs to be at the away venue at least one hour before play is scheduled to commence.

The representative season for 2026 kicks off on Saturday 14th February and this year we will have three grades in the Open competition. We will field teams in Grade 3, 5 and 6. The Selectors and Match Committee have made their choices and teams are displayed on the notice board. With many new players putting their hands up to play for Club Nowra this year the selection process was keenly anticipated.

Each Team has been assigned a Manager so should you have any questions about your playing position, dress, arrival times, address of the away club, pick up location for the away games etc see your Manager in the first instance.

While teams and playing positions have been notified there is an "UNAVAILABILITY" list on the notice board whereby the Managers and Selectors would be keen to know now what days you are not available. This will avoid upsettedness and late notice so please make it known when you can't play .. so please check your diary!

See later article with team and Managers.

I was given some feedback that I should focus more on making this newsletter a nice & positive experience and start posting more photo's of bowls ... so here's set of four



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Dates for Monthly Pairs 2026

Monday 16th February
Monday 16th March
Monday 20th April
Monday 18th May
Monday 15th June
Monday 20th July
Monday 17th August
Monday 21st September
Monday 19th October
Monday 16th November
Monday 21st December

Conditions of Play (CoP)

- * **9.30am start**
- * **\$50.00 per team (includes lunch)**
- * **3 games of 12 ends**
- * **\$750.00 prize money (subject to the number of entries)**
- * **Creams or Club Colours**

Nowra Greens to Undertake a Face Lift

To ensure we have quality Greens and continue to attract & host high level tournaments & carnivals the lower Green is undertaking a facelift. For the first time in many, many years the green has been shaved and all the old grass removed. A few brave soles volunteered recently to help Scott with this mammoth task and despite not getting a proper mission brief from the 2 IC they earned their free cuppa that morning!

You can see from the photo's & by looking out the window that to bring this Green back up to top notch standard it will take time so patience please with the team as they do their thing!



- * **No Dead Ends - re spot the Jack on the T**
- * **1 End roll up on the first and third game ONLY**
- * **Weather permitting & CoP can be altered on the day by the Controlling Body**

Minor Pairs Champions of the World !!!!

Following an extensive advertising regime that resulted in an exhaustive selection process Nowra Bowlers Rob Coulthart and Wes Macpherson have achieved what only a select few have accomplished in their sporting careers - Minor Pairs Champions.

These fellows travelled to Rome, Paris, London, Moree in their quest for the ultimate prize and late in 2025 reached the top of the tree. Fame and fortune followed as the pair were courted by high society across the world. Champagne on yachts owned by the rich and privileged was their daily fare while lesser mortals could only watch .. at a distance of course!

Their next big challenge will be to defend this title. It is believed that many, bowlers from across the globe have started their training in the quest to knock these two off their perch!



Nowra Club Fours

Due to inclement weather, North v South day (Saturday 31.1), Australia Day Fun Day (Monday 26.1), the start of the Pennants Season (14.2) and we don't want to wear out our only green, the Club Fours championships have been postponed to a later date that is yet to be scheduled. While the first round has been played, we still need to schedule the next rounds.

Da New Management will look into the diary of dates and when a free weekend or two is found to be available they will re-schedule.

Open Pennants Season 2026

The three Open Gender teams & their Managers have been selected & posted on the notice board. Teams are reminded that there is a lot of administration & logistics that goes on behind the scenes at Club Nowra so please ask your manager in the first instance for direction & advice. If unavailable, please then see a Selector or Match Committee.

The February dates and venues are as follows:

Grade 3

Rd	Date	Opponent	Venue	Start Time	Manager
1	Sat 14.2	St Georges Basin	Home	1.00pm	Cliff Edwards
2	Sat 21.2	BYE	BYE	1.00pm	
3	Sat 28.2	Milton	Home	1.00pm	

Grade 5

Rd	Date	Opponent	Venue	Start Time	Manager
1	Sat 14.2	Shoalhaven Heads	Home	1.00pm	Maurie Snell
2	Sat 21.2	BYE	BYE	1.00pm	
3	Sat 28.2	Berry	Home	1.00pm	

Grade 6

Rd	Date	Opponent	Venue	Start Time	Manager
1	Sat 14.2	Greenwell Point	Away	1.00pm	Col Cattell
2	Sat 21.2	Worrigeer	Home	1.00pm	
3	Sat 28.2	Culburra	Away	1.00pm	

Club Stickers

It is a requirement of the Pennants competition for all players to have identifying stickers on each bowl in use. Stickers identify each club & makes it easier for scorers and umpires. Each Club has their own design and colours. Please make sure you attach a sticker to two bowls well before the start of play.

You don't want to delay the start of play or be penalised shots for not having the correct stickers.



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