

# Toucher



**October/November**

**Coolangatta Bowls & Recreation Club Inc**

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## Chairman's Report

I would like to thank the members for their support and well wishes since I took over following the recent AGM. I hope to be able to live up to the work which has been undertaken from past Chairman.

I would like to congratulate everyone for participating in the various club Championships and well done to those who were successful.

Thanks for the members who supported our Pennant season for both the men and women's divisions. The support of the Men's 6<sup>th</sup> division was great to see and appreciated by those who played even if they didn't get the result they had hoped to get into the Grand Final.

We recently held the first Kids in Need charity day which was well supported by members and a great day had by all.

I would like to continue to thank our many volunteers who continue to support our club and hope we can get more to support our Barefoot bowlers over the summer months.

I look forward to seeing you all around the club over the coming months.

**Mark McLatchey**

## Bowls Operations & Greens Report

Congratulations to all new board and committee members.

Cooly competed against Tweed Heads for the Commemorative Shield at Tweed Heads on the 7 August and won the day and brought the Shield back which is hanging on the wall in the corridor, great job everyone who played. Next year it is played at home and let's make sure it stays on the wall.



The first Mixed Medley was held in August and a very successful day it was, everyone enjoyed the format and we were at capacity with all 3 greens being filled. Again thanks to the ladies for the catering and to Maria and Joan in the box well done.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners**



**Team 11 Lucky Mystery Winners**

Pennant season has now concluded whilst everyone gave their all it was not to be this year, Men's Division 4 and Ladies team did not make the finals however Men's Division 6 played in the finals on the Saturday but missed out to play for a flag on the Sunday.

On Tuesday 5 September we had a visiting group from the Scotland Para Bowls Team who were out here for the World Bowls. They played in the Tuesday morning competition and in the afternoon with the ladies. A great day was had by all, they won medals in the Ladies Pairs - Silver and the Vision Impaired Pairs - Bronze, they had their medals with them and were very happy to show them off. Well done team.



The Club Championships are nearly finished for the year, Men's and Ladies Veterans are nearly complete as is the Ladies 100 Up. Thanks to all players for keeping to the play by dates (for the most part) so the championships can be finished on time.

The Final of the Mixed Pairs was held after the Clubs AGM and what a game the spectator's witnessed, a come from behind by Joan Taylor and Mark Kenning to play an extra end with the eventual winners being Liz Nicol and Ian Gardner, a great game.

This year the Novice was held as an Open event and played all on the same day. It was played in 4 sections with draw being done by pulling names out of a hat. It could not have worked out any better with a female and male playing the final. Congratulations to Michael Pennisi and Runner Up Tanya Vandermaat. Great games all morning and a great final.





Our annual Charity Day was held on the 17 September and all money raised this year for the first time is going to Kids in Need, a local charity started by locals. Founding Member and Life Member Mike Lawson and his daughter Bree, President of KIN and many of their family and friends played on the day, I think the kids liked the toucher basket with chips and chocolates. Thank you to all members who participated and supported this worthy charity, the weather was great and everyone had fun. A big congratulations to Lin and Marilyn for the massive raffle, the prizes were great and there were a lot of happy winners.

The KIN foundation has a website <https://kidsinneedassociation.com.au/> and are on Facebook please look them up and read the wonderful work they do for the local kids.

The final total raised was \$3,000 of which the wrong bias tin had: Men's \$428 looks like some coaching is required and Ladies \$65 unfortunately the ladies forget to bring the tin out each week, let's get behind them and raise more next year.



Nominations to participate in the Summer 9's have now closed a list of names and availability is on the notice board please check the dates and mark days if you are not available this will assist the Selectors. This is an open event and commences on the 14 October, it is played on Saturday mornings and is 3 teams of 2 bowl triples. We have had great interest from members and have been able to enter 3 teams. Good luck to all players.

The MMM'7s nominations sheet is also on the notice board this is played in January, it is also an open event and the format is 3 bowl Pairs, 2x2 Pairs and 2bowl Triples. Another good opportunity for the men and ladies to compete together and a good format.

Sunday Funday will be played on the 15 October with a visiting group from Iluka joining in and then on 19 November which will be the last one for the year and be a Christmas themed day. These days are great days for family and friends who might be interested in learning to bowl or just a fun morning.

The Qld RSL Bowls will be holding a 2 day event on 15 & 16 October and the Qld Police will be holding their annual Pairs competition on the 4 & 5 November. Volunteers will be required thanks.

Family of League annual fundraising day will be held on the 29 October, a flyer is around the Club with all the information on it about the day and a board is out to put your names down.

Memorial Day will be held on the 3 December, 2 bowls triples. This is a day for all members to reflect on family or friends who have passed in 2023.

Annual Presentation and Christmas Party will be held on the Monday 11 December, if you have won a Championship in 2023 come along, collect your prize and enjoy the night. This year it will be a spit roast, with raffles and music, tickets go on sale in November and can be bought across the bar.

The greens renovation program has started, Green 1 is out until 16 October with Green 2 taken out straight after. Green 3 will be having a big renovation with top taken off starting on 27 December and will be out for approximately 12 weeks.

Our busy time of year with barefoot bowlers and parties is just around the corner, if you could volunteer anytime to assist the Club please speak to Jody the Barefoot Bowls Co-Ordinator, there are 2 time slots 2pm-4pm and 4pm-6pm Any time you can give will be of great assistance

I look forward to working with the new Committees and keep bowls great at Cooly,

**Miriam**

## Ladies President

The Club and ladies AGMs were held at the end of August where the ladies bowls committee was determined as follows:-

President:	Lyn Hulston
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Liz Nicol
Bowls Co-ordinator:	Jo MacLeod
Committee Person:	Lyn Bickerdyke
Committee Person:	Gaye Maloney

Lyn Bickerdyke is also the spokesperson for the new Catering Committee and will report to the Committee monthly. I would like to thank those ladies for standing and look forward to working with them over the coming year.

The Pennants is over for another year. I think most of our ladies were disappointed that the Pennants season only comprised of 6 games. No sooner had it started, then it was finished. We did try extremely hard and came in 3rd. The GCTDLBA sent out a post-Pennant survey to see how it can be improved. We replied to that survey in the hope our suggestions will be heard.

Charity Day for Kids in Need was held on Sunday September 17th. It was a great day of bowls and fun. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the day a success.

**Lyn Hulston**

# Ladies Games Co-Ordinator

Since beginning my position in August, the following events have either occurred or underway:

- **Novice Competition** (bowlers who have been bowling for 2 years or less) has been completed with Michael Pennisi the winner of the event and Tanya Vandermaat the runner up. There were 11 competitors who entered the event and the talent of these new players will only strengthen future competitions.
- **100 Up competition** has now been completed with the winner being Joan Taylor and runner up Bev Goodwin.
- **Ladies Vet Competition** (bowlers over 70 years) is underway with 8 lady competitors. This will be the last competition for 2023 season and should be completed around October 11. We wish all competitors the best of luck and good bowling!
- **Charity Day for Kids in Need** was held on Sunday 17 September with all the money raised, including the wrong bias tin, going to help children and their families provide the basic necessities in life. There were around 60 competitors who participated many of whom were from the charity.

After the games concluded there was an enormous raffle with 60 prizes, thank you for all those who donated to this worthy cause. It was a fantastic day seeing children with their parents playing a variety of games and members laughing and enjoying themselves. It was a little disappointing that it wasn't supported by more current bowling members.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all ladies who have participated in championship events to date and look forward to many of you signing up again for the 2024 competitions. Without your support many of these events would not occur.

## Wednesday Ladies Competition

When adding your name to the list for Wednesday's competition could you please write your name in the column (lead, second, skip) that you would prefer to play for that week. It doesn't mean that you will be playing with the person who is on the same line as you but the position you prefer to play only. This will help me immensely when the box crew put teams together for the day. Also, if you are wanting to play ½ game please organise a partner to play the remainder of the game. If playing half a game both parties should be present at the beginning of play to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Maureen Faley, Maree Pedersen, Joan Taylor and Tanya Vandermaat have kindly volunteered to support me in the box for the remainder of 2023 season and 2024 season which will begin on Wednesday 17 January 2024. Shirley Eason will cover any absences in the box. I look forward to working with each and every one and relying on you for guidance as this is my first time in this position.

I would like to say a big welcome to our visiting bowlers from near and far. It is really lovely to see some familiar faces who return each year and a few new ones whom we look forward to getting to know.

**Jo Macleod**

# Men's President

Following our recent AGM we now have a new men's committee. We are looking forward to continuing the smooth running of the club that you are accustomed to.

We will ensure that communication via SMS, email, Facebook and website remains a priority.

Please contact any of our committee if you have any issues, complaints, new ideas or suggestions .

If you're interested in what is happening at the regular Committee meetings the minutes will be on the notice board each month.

**Peter Everett**





## **WHAT A BLAST IT'S BEEN TO KNOW YOU ALL - AU REVOIR FROM GREG & PAM**



Greg and I never thought Lawn Bowls would become our "thing" and enjoy such a great club as Cooly, as much as we do. I chose it supposedly because we could bowl and then walk over to the beach for a swim.....Ha, only ever did that once !

About 8 years ago – "pre-retirement" – Ecovillagers Gail, Charles, Greg and I tested the bowling waters at Twilight Bowls with Jimmy and Adele Jerred and crew. That fuelled the interest somewhat and so Gail and I sheepishly turned up for coaching lessons with Dee Jones and this began our journey into the "bowling world" filled with its wonderful friendships, laughter, bubbles, parties, committee positions and competitions. Greg

followed later – the old saying goes "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" and he did just that, joining in the activities, making mates, filling positions and becoming competitive.

Coolangatta Bowls Club has allowed us to be part of a caring, highly volunteer-based, happy club and we'll always treasure the memories and friendships we have made over the years.

Our next adventure takes us from 11 years in the Ecovillage, Currumbin Valley up the coast to Hervey Bay, where we will base ourselves, for lots of caravanning around this beautiful country or find us on the water and re-igniting our love of Fraser Island.

There are too many faces and names to send special thanks, and for fear of leaving anyone out we thank you all for teaching us to bowl and for allowing us the pleasure of being members of this great club. We wish you and the club all the best for a prosperous future and continued success.

Greg and I look forward to seeing you all at the Cooly Christmas Party in December.

Au Revoir,  
Pam and Greg Bews

# **MEMORIAL DAY**

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER**

**9.30 QLD**

**2 BOWL TRIPLES**

**\$10**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENT AFTER GAME**

COOLY BOWLS CLUB  
**Members**  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

TICKETS ARE  
\$25 PER  
PERSON  
FROM BAR

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

Presentations 4.30pm  
Spit Roast Dinner 5.30pm  
Live Music with Steven Michael 6.00pm

INCLUDES  
DINNER & TWO  
COMPLIMENTARY  
DRINKS



**Cooly Bowls Club**  
Corner of Scott and Warner St,  
Coolangatta, Qld

2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Wednesday of  
the month at 2pm



Bringing  
People  
Together



**FREE**  
All Equipment & Coaching Provided

Lawn Bowls for current &  
former Defence Force, First  
Responders, their Families  
and Friends.

To Register your interest or for more information call Rodney on 0493 099 007 or email [Bowlsgr8forbrains@gmail.com](mailto:Bowlsgr8forbrains@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook @BowlsGr8forBrains



# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC OCTOBER 2023

Friday 5th October - CAINAN

Friday 13th October - RODNEY VINCENT

Friday 20th October - ALICE ANDERSON

Friday 27th October - WENDY GOLD

## NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAYS FROM 6.00PM

3 November - PAUL MULQUEEN

10 November - BRAD HOLMES

17 November - DAVID VEASEY

24 November - STEVEN MICHAEL



**Coming  
Soon**

**Friday Raffle  
tickets will be  
available to  
purchase  
over the bar**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **October**

Wendy Feeney, Marj Davey, Gail Phillip, Jennifer Barnes, Lyn Bickerdyke, Robert Vojtisek, Russell Barns, Regina Goulding, Les Rootsey, Clem Jones, Russell Huddy, John Martin, Paul Grossett, Garry Pickett and Ronald Milzewski



### **November**

Peter Stevenson, Lyn Hulston, Mark Desiatov, William Stevenson, Margo Skilton, Pam Bews, Larry Kirk, John Menzies, Tim Brookes, Robert Browning, Gary Millard, Lorraine Milne, Bernie Clark, Kevin Gray, Doug Cromb, Mark Baxter, Scott Millard, Graham Stannard and Paul Starling

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Ashley Sartori

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Greg Bews and Barry Layne

And

Very Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to

Ken McWhirter and Les Yule

May you all enjoy your Special Day

# FACTS AND FUNNIES

**Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.** It travels around the sun once every 225 Earth days but it rotates clockwise once every 243 days.



**The Easter Island heads have bodies.** In the 2010s, archaeologists found that two of the Pacific Island figures actually had torsos that measured as high as 33 feet.

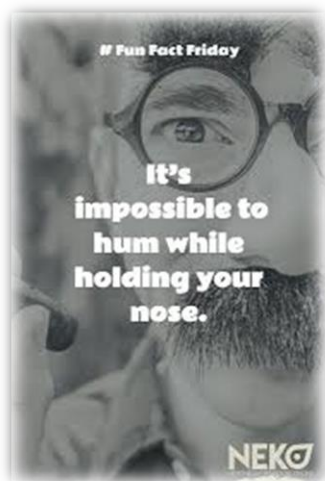
**The Chupa Chups logo was designed by Salvador Dalí.** The surrealist artist designed the logo in 1969.



**A jiffy is an actual unit of time.**

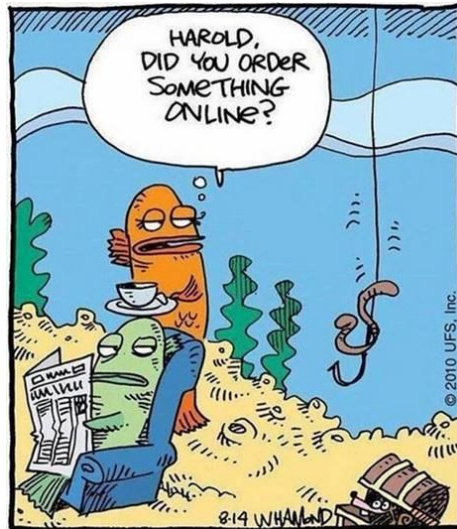


It's 1/100th of a second.




Hands up if you just tried it!





**Did you know?**

By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



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The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve.



It was an Apple with very limited memory.



Just 1 byte and everything crashed!

