

# **Eagle Wrap**

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# From the President (by Sam Katsivas)

Following an analysis of the club members' survey recently completed, the board has moved to immediately implement a number of new initiatives. I will not go into fine detail as I will leave that for the relevant portfolio directors to report to you; instead, I will just provide the highlights.

Most people come to a bowls club primarily for one (or both) of two reasons: to play **bowls** and/or to mix **socially** with their friends and other like-minded people.

#### **Bowls**

The survey told us most people were happy with the way bowls is being run at the club but noted that a club coach could provide additional benefits both for teams and individuals, while several people also added that they would like to see more tournaments held at Lockleys.

#### Actions

- The bowls committee is in the process of developing a coaching role statement (based on what you told us your needs were) while at the same time actively pursuing a coach for our club (we are currently in preliminary discussions with a prospective coach).
- Ashley will interview the people who would like to see more tournaments to get an
  understanding of what sort of tournaments are preferred with the goal of introducing bowls
  events our members would support and value.
- The already strong focus on consolidating the good work around night owls will continue with an even stronger push this year.

# Social

The vast majority of people told us they enjoyed the atmosphere and camaraderie around the club and that other club members made them feel welcome. Some people felt the club looked a bit tired and many said they would welcome more social activities, especially meals and the opportunity to mix more with their social circle.

# <u>Actions</u>

- The front of the bar will get a facelift.
- The hall will be cleaned and spruced up.
- Old photos will be taken down and replaced with more current ones.
- The club will be open, with tables out exclusively for club members, on at least three full days a week (including weekends) with full bar service.
- Regular catered meals with choice, at very reasonable prices, will be served on an agreed evening every week.
- More regular social activities will be scheduled with members' preferences in mind.

These are just some of the new initiatives that the board will implement immediately. There are others which you will be made aware of in due course. We will be looking for you to attend and with the bar being open more often, to perhaps consider helping out there.

Remember, you've asked for it and we are keen to deliver it, but we can't do it without your help.

# **Redevelopment Update**

There is not a lot more to report since my last update emailed out to members on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The council has acknowledged receipt of the letter our two clubs sent to them requesting a smaller \$15mil build.

Council is in the process of revising the floor plans, then meeting with the quantity surveyor who will re-cost the project and give us some idea what \$15m will buy.

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# **Bowls Report** (from Ash Halls)

#### **Coaching and Training**

Survey results have been collated and we are working on meeting the needs of those who identified they would like coaching and development in the next year.

### **Pennant News**

Pennant trials are to commence on Saturday 13 September. Two Saturday trials have been organised with Glenelg and Grange, trials for other days are currently being organised

We need to nominate pennant sides by 29 August so you will be asked to advise your availability before then.

#### **Night Owls**

The new night Owls season will commence on Tuesday 14 October with two "come and try days" on Sunday 5 October and Sunday 12 October.

#### Greens

We have retained the services of James Gregory for the next twelve months although at this stage we don't know which of James' employees will be doing the work. Corey Hicks finished at Lockleys at the end of May.

#### **Club Championship events**

Entries for all club Championship events will open on 1 September and close on 1 October. Please make sure you enter the events during September. Entry is free.

#### **Tournaments**

The Festival of Bowls dates have been set:

- Tuesday 30 December ... singles
- Wednesday 31 December ... pairs
- Thursday 1 January ... triples

Some people indicated in the survey they would like to see more tournaments being held so we will see what we might be able to fit into the calendar. In the meantime, I ask all members to consider entering State events.

Lastly, if there is anyone else who would like to join the Bowls Committee, please contact me. Our next meeting in August 12 at 3.00pm.

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# **State Events**







Registrations for the 2025-26 State Pairs are open.

Now's the time to arrange with your favourite bowler to get rolling in our State Pairs Competition! This is a tournament for everyone, not just the elite.

You may get a surprise at how well you match up. Winning this event gains entry into the National Championships to compete against other State Pairs Champions

Sectionals - Sunday, 30 November 2025 Knockouts - Sunday, 7 December 2025 Finals (Finals Week) - Thursday, 16 April 2026

Start Time: Trial ends commence at 9:15am Play commences at 9:30am Format 2x2x2x2

Region Qualifying Rounds - Sectional\* - 15 ends Region Qualifying Rounds - Knockouts\* - 15 ends

\*Games per day can vary from 2, 3 or 4 and are subject to the amount of entries for this event.

\*\*Finals to be played in the Adelaide Metro area.

Communications will be via your email

\*\*Finals - Knackout - 15 ends



# Registrations Close: 2 November 2025

or call us at flowls SA on 8714 T544





Recistrations for the 2025-26 State Fours are open.

This is a popular event for mates to get together and battle it out to become State Champions! This is a tournament for everyone, not just the elite.

You may get a surprise at how well you match up. Winning this event gains entry into the National Championships to compete against other State Fours Champio

> Sectionals - Sunday, 11 January 2026 Knockouts - Sunday, 18 January 2026



Finals (Finals Week) - Wednesday, 15 April 2026

Start Time: Trial ends commence at 9:15am ences at 9:30am Play comm Format: 1 bowls each player

Region Qualifying Rounds - Sectional\* - 15 ends Region Qualifying Rounds – Knockouts\* – 15 ends \*\*Finals - Knockout - 15 ends

\*Games per day can vary from 2, 3 or 4 and are subject to the amount of entries for this event.

\*\*Finals to be played in the Adelaide Metro area.

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# Registrations Close: 14 December 2025

Use the QR code below or call us at flowls SA on 8714 TS44





Registrations for the 2025-26 Paladin State Singles are open Now's the time for you to shine in our State Singles Competition! This is a tournament for everyone, not just the elite.

You may get a surprise at how well you match up. Winning this event gains entry into the National Championships to compete against other State Singles Champions.

Sectionals - Sunday, 1 March 2026 Knockouts - Sunday, 8 March 2026 Finals (Finals Week) - Friday, 17 April 2026

Start Time: Trial ends commence at 9:15am Play commences at 9:30am Format: 4 bowls per player

Region Qualifying Rounds - Sectional\* - 21 shots up Region Qualifying Rounds - Knockouts\* - 21 shots up \*\*Finals - Knockout - 21 shots up

\*Games per day can vary from 2, 3 or 4 and are subject to the amount of entries for this event.

\*\*Finals to be played in the Adelaide Metro area.

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# Registrations Close: February 2026

Use the QR code below or call us at Bowls SA on 8234 7544





Registrations for the 2025-26 State Over 60's Pairs & Mixed Pairs are open Calling all Over 60's bowlers!

Specially for you, now is your chance to participate in our Over 60's events to be played in the Adelaide Metro Area. Players from across South Australia are couraged to participate and enjoy this week of bowls.

Mixed Pairs Sectionals and Knockouts - 6 and 7 May, 2026 All Pairs Semi Finals and Final - Friday, 8 May 2026

Start Time: Trial ends commence at 9:15am Play commences at 9:30am

Format 3x3 Bowl

Region Qualifying Rounds - Sectional\* - 15 ends Region Qualifying Rounds - Knockouts\* - 15 ends Finals - Knockout - 15 ends

\*Games per day can vary from 2, 3 or 4 and are subject to the amount of entries for this event.

\*\*All games to be played in the Adelaide Metro area.

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# Registrations Close: 5 April 2026

Use the QR code below or call us at Bowls SA on 8234 7544



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# Marketing & Sponsorship News (Theo Katsivas)

As the new season approaches, sponsor activity begins to ramp up. Current sponsorship packages are coming to the end of their term as we start to negotiate renewals and seek out new sponsors.

Thank you to the 36 members who took the time to complete and return their end of season surveys. This is a really valuable tool that communicates your considered thoughts to be relayed back to the board.

Further to the President's report, each board director has analysed survey feedback relevant to their portfolio and used that feedback to guide decision making. To that end, you will see increased activity in the marketing space with social media ramping up. Advertising will increase and social activities will also increase.

We have listened and have brought back Thursday night meals starting on 7th August with catering by Chopping Board. Check-out the menu in the flyer below.

Two new and additional TVs have been installed above the bar after we secured a 2 for 1 sponsorship deal from Harvey Norman.

A further sponsorship deal will help secure the replacement of our old black night owls bowls with new coloured sets.

Hopefully you will be starting to see the vibe around the club becoming more energized.





Welcome to new sponsor Coopers Brewery. More to follow in the next edition.



#### **MENU**

#### SMALL PLATES

Pumpkin & Sage Arancini with parmesan & aioli | \$16 Fries with tomato sauce | \$10 Garlic Bread | \$10

#### **MAINS**

Chicken or Beef Schnitzel (280g) served with chips and salad | \$25 (add parmy +\$4) add gravy or mushroom

Beer battered Fish & Chips served with salad | \$25

Green pea falafel, tahini, cucumber salad | \$20

Beef Burger, lettuce, pickles, cheese, big mac sauce served with chips | \$26

#### KIDS MEAL

Chicken Nuggets & Chips | \$12







# **SPONSORS**

I urge all members to support our panel of sponsors as they are one of the major contributing sources of income.





















#### **Social News**

No report this month.

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# Treasurer's News (from Tony Holder)

Please lodge your Membership Renewal Forms asap.

Once received I can update our members database. I will then be in a position to advise the Bowls Director how many players we have for the coming season and which days they wish to play. This is needed so he can nominate the appropriate number teams – a tricky job at best, even harder if he has to guess how many players are available.

This time of the year our income is minimal, mainly subs, but our expenses don't stop.

Subs were due by the end of June. If you have not paid, please do so asap.

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# Membership News (from Lyal Mutton)

Memberships are slowly being renewed for the upcoming season. It's important that you renew your membership and indicate your availability for pennant competition and how you can support the club in a volunteer way. This will assist the club in knowing what teams to nominate for pennants.

The main driver behind this season's membership is to join all Night Owlers as social members and issue them with membership cards, so they get a sense of belonging and to encourage them to become more involved with the club socially, instead of only coming to the club on a Tuesday evening. This started to happen to a degree last year.

The main focus of rejuvenating the membership is to increase the 24 teams at Night Owls last year up into the 30 number of teams. It is the responsibility of all members to actively participate in recruiting one new member, be it a friend/neighbour/family, put the Sunday dates October 5 &12 in your calendar to bring someone to the "Come & Try Day" at the club. Put in your own team of friends this year.

As part of a communication strategy the club has joined several Facebook neighbourhood groups who's suburbs are surrounding the club so we can get the message out about events and activities at the club. One of these groups has over 5000 members!

We will also go out with the usual letter box drop as well as setting up at shopping centres to showcase the club and its activities. We are looking for volunteers for both these activities in late September.

There is also a club presence on the West Torrens Council website.

Even though the club didn't fare that well in pennants last year it was the most harmonious the club has been for several years off the greens. The "Code of Conduct" is part of your membership renewal form, that must be signed so you commit to uphold the values of the club to ensure the atmosphere around the club continues this season.

It's been suggested that there needs to be a mentoring process between players, so members circulate beyond their own teams after games and assist with the new members assimilating into the club.

# **Membership Loyalty**

The membership loyalty program was rolled out as part of a retention plan to keep the existing members last year. There are 3 members that have achieved loyalty milestones:

Geoff Alexander has achieved 30 years at the club

Judith Katsivas and Darryl Rebbeck reach the 10-year milestone.

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# Facilities News (from Glenn Miles)

During June and July, the following work has been carried out around the club:-

Electric scoreboards – we have made the decision to upgrade old manual scoreboards for one green and hopefully salvage enough electric boards to support the remaining 2 greens.

Theo has ordered new numbers and I am in the process of manufacturing inground supports for the frames.

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# Umpire's Corner (from Dean Broadbridge)

# Ask the Umpire - Important Duties of Measurers/Umpires

Q : Is a non toucher bowl live if it rebounds from the face of the bank or rebounds after hitting a jack or bowl in the ditch?

A : No. A bowl is dead if it is a non toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank or with the jack or toucher in the ditch, Law 17.1.2

# Ask the Umpire - Important Duties of Measurers/Umpires

Q: What action should be taken if a toucher in the ditch is moved by another toucher entering the ditch?

A : No action would be taken. The position of the toucher in the ditch will be validly altered if the toucher is moved by another toucher. LAW 16.1

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# What's do you do with your empties?

If you don't do it already, why not bring your empty recyclable bottles & cans to the club, place them in the black plastic crates near the bar so that the club gets the container deposit refunds.

When you think about it, unless you're a big drinker or a hoarder, you might be spending more in petrol getting to the recycling centre yourself than you get in your pocket.

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Just another small way you can help your club!



"Team Lockleys"

# Got any photos or slides of Lockleys Bowling Club from "yester-year"?





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# And finally ...did you hear the one about ..?



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# **Your Club**

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Secretary – Nicole Siokos [ 2009 600 120]

Treasurer – Tony Holder [ 2 0439 474 687]

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Director - Marketing & Sponsorship - Theo Katsivas [☎ 0417 837 300]

Director - Membership – Lyal Mutton [ 2 0418 830 920]

Director - Facilities – Glenn Miles [ 20437 870 547]

Just a reminder ... LBC Board meetings are held at 4.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

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#### Past editions ...

... of Eagle Wrap are stored on the club's web-site and can be accessed via the following link ...

https://www.lockleysbowlingclub.com.au/n ews-events/newsletter/

