

Lockleys Bowling Club

Eagle Wrap

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September 2026



From the President

Sam Katsivas



Redevelopment

By the time this newsletter makes its way to our readers, the community drop-in session organized by council will have taken place as will our meeting with council to progress the next steps of the building process. I hope you have all submitted your online community feedback to council as every bit of positive support will help.

It is really important that as many people as possible respond positively to the council's community consultation feedback request. The community drop-in held last Thursday at the club received positive support from our neighbours and our gym users, which was great. We now need our members to log in and complete the 5-minute online response. Here is the [Link](#).

You do not need to live in the area to provide feedback.

Membership Drive

Our membership numbers continue to swell, with growth coming from multiple sources as momentum continues to strongly build.

I met recently with Scott Jenkins from the gym and discussed a plan to bring our sets of members together in a more meaningful way. The new plans for our club require the current lounge/gym area to be vacated for additional space for the Bowling Club and so Scott has graciously accepted our offer to relocate him onto the existing greenkeeper shed space once the new greenkeeper's shed is constructed. While the existing sheds are physically smaller than the existing lounge area currently being used, we all believe we can make this work with clever use of space and modest refurbishment. Certainly, in keeping with council's and our vision of remaining a community centre, we very much want this to happen and to be successful. I have re-printed below, with permission, a portion of Scott's newsletter to his Ignite Gym members about this.

I had a meeting with Sam Katsivas (The Bowling Club President), about the upgrades to the Bowling Club and the inclusion of Ignite within the plans. We have been offered a position there after the rebuild.

Sam's vision has always been to make this a community-based club, a view the council also shares strongly. To help strengthen the bond between bowling club members and Ignite members, Sam has come up with a proposal, and that is having willing Ignite members become Bowling Club members. It would help with showing our support of the club and would be a sign of good faith from our own members.

Scott's message to his members is an invitation to belong, and already two gym members have offered to sign up as LBC full members. Under the proposal for the gym to remain, the interior of the new club will not be used at all by gym members for their fitness activities as it is now. They will operate outside of the main building. However, the club will continue to receive ongoing lease revenue from the gym operation. The board is agreed that this is the most sustainable way to create a win-win scenario, given council's desire that we provide opportunities for community use and our need to continue to remain financially viable.

New Season News

In a recent email to members, I highlighted the importance of your response to the enormous changes that are transforming our club. I won't repeat the details here, except to say that I cannot emphasize highly enough how much I am relying on every one of you to play your part.

In the off season while most people have taken the opportunity to relax and get away from bowls, there have been a dedicated band of volunteers who continue to work incredibly hard for our club. The greens staff have not stopped, our new Greenkeeper Rudi is here almost every day, the bar staff have worked tirelessly to implement new systems, and the board has been untiring in their efforts, often working into the evenings to ensure everything is perfectly in place for our new season.

I now ask members to play their part too.

I will conclude my report with the following request:

When you read Ashley's Bowls Report, please take time to reflect deeply on his message. I may be the President of this club, but Ashley is our spiritual leader and has been now for many years. He has guided us through thick and thin, stayed loyal to Lockleys in the face of continual recruiting offers from other clubs and even when others departed, he never wavered but chose to make Lockleys his home where he has stayed to help us rebuild.

Read his message, then read it again. Our strength lies in our support for each other and Ashley especially deserves that support from all of us.

Director's Report Strategic

Geoff Strempe



Business Planning for the Club's Future

While the Board has done an exceptional job securing funding for our new indoor arena and refurbishment of the clubrooms, there is still important work to ensure our club gets through the redevelopment period and emerges stronger than ever.

The Board has asked Brian Hull (Treasurer), Theo Katsivas (Board Member), Wayne Smith (former Grange member and long-time member of the amalgamation/merger working party), and Geoff Strempe (Board Member) to develop business and financial plans addressing two key priorities:

1. Managing the transition – 2027 & potentially into 2028

Our priority is to keep the club operating and maintain as many services and activities as possible while major construction and refurbishment takes place.

We have reviewed our current budgets and business model and are developing scenarios to help us operate through this challenging period.

We have a tentative transition plan, which will be refined once Council appoints a builder and we have greater certainty around the schedule of works.

2. Building the Lockleys Bowling Club of the future – 2028 & beyond

We also need to develop a sustainable business and financial model that maximises the opportunities our new facilities will provide.

The new arena and refurbished clubrooms will create opportunities we have never previously had. We want to maximise these while remaining true to the ethos, culture and sense of community that makes Lockleys somewhere we all want to be.

Keeping members involved

As our thinking develops, we will keep members informed and, where appropriate, seek your input into what the future Lockleys Bowling Club should look and feel like.

Ultimately, the planning group is advisory to the Board, which remains responsible for decisions shaping the club's future. Our planning must also work within the redevelopment budget, Council's expectations and the Board's overall vision.

If you have a question, idea or suggestion, we are happy to listen.

There is a lot to look forward to at Lockleys — our job now is to make sure we are ready to take full advantage of it.

Director's Report

Bowls

Ash Halls



Trial Games & Availability

The pennant season is fast approaching. Sheets for trial games are on the board. Please put your name down for the days you are available. Selectors will use these sheets to select trial teams. Once the season commences selectors will assume you are available unless you advise you are not. We have a process for advising unavailability, which will be explained at the season launch.

Pennant Sides

Pennant side nominations have been sent to Metro Bowls. We have nominated six Saturday sides, four Wednesday sides and one Thursday side. The number of players we currently have are sufficient to field these teams each week. Should our pennant player numbers increase further over the next month, I believe there will be an opportunity to nominate an extra side if required. The important point is that all members wishing to play pennant bowls will have a team to play in.

Selection Panel

A number of selectors have been ratified for the coming season. Peter Thaler, Darryl Rebbeck, Lester Todd and Lyn Panuccio are continuing from last season and we welcome Kym Walton to the selection group. I will step out of selecting to formally carry out the Chair of Selectors role. We recognise that with additional teams this season, there will be a need to add one or two more selectors prior to the first pennant game. Once we have played a trial or two, we will understand where the selector vacancies are and address accordingly.

Greens

Following advice from our greenkeeper Wayne Ruediger we will continue to play east/west throughout September, including internal trial games. The direction will be switched for our first external trial against West Lakes on 30 September.

Octane Festival of Bowls

Flyers for our Octane Festival of Bowls Tournament have been distributed. Dates are 26-28 December with \$5000 total prizemoney for the three 1-day events. Please support your club and get your entry in.

Night Eagles & State Events

Flyers for our annual Night Eagles letter box drop have been printed. If anyone can help with the distribution to local households, please see Lester Todd. The Night Owls season commences on Tuesday 13 October, with two come-and-try Sundays on 4 & 11 October.

If you are intending to enter State events this year, entry is now being done through the Bowlslink system. Please talk with me if you need help getting your entry in.

One Club. One Goal

This will be a challenging season coming up but for different reasons to the past couple of years. For the first time in a while, we can genuinely expect on field success across all grades, but it will only happen if everyone pulls together to achieve it. Many of us will be playing in a grade lower than we played last year. Some will be disappointed by that. But I ask you to reflect on why you give up a Saturday afternoon to play pennant bowls for Lockleys.

Is it because you love the sport?

Is it because you like the people you play with?

Is it because you want to have fun?

Is it because you like to win?

Is it because you love the shirt and want to contribute to the club's success?

Is it all of those?

I hope its all of those, because if we focus on the positive reasons why we are out there playing, I firmly believe we can achieve anything this year.

See you at the Season Launch on 10 September.

Director's Report Facilities

Glenn Miles



Facilities Update

There has been no activity on the club's facilities during August 2026, with the redevelopment currently progressing through the planning and preparation stages. We will provide members with further updates as more information becomes available, particularly once the construction program and schedule of works are confirmed.

Director's Report Membership

Lyal Mutton



Membership

Membership continues to grow strongly, with 36 new members and counting committing to Full Membership for the coming season. In addition, four Night Eagles transition players from last season have upgraded to Full Membership. Only seven members are not renewing this season, with just two requesting transfers.

A small number of members have yet to finalise payment but have confirmed they are renewing. Once these are received, we expect total membership to reach 132 members – 34 female and 98 male.

Season Launch

All new members will be officially welcomed at the Season Launch Night, along with members reaching significant service milestones with the club. We will recognise their loyalty with Years of Service badges:

🏆 30 Years - Lyn Nixon 🏆 20 Years - Lynette Panuccio, Pam Brown, Sante Schievenin
🏆 10 Years - John Bryant, Ashley Halls, Keith Rainsford

A fantastic achievement by all, and a great reflection of the loyalty and community that continues to make Lockleys Bowling Club such a special place to belong.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Hull



Membership & Club Operations

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their membership fees. Please remember that you must be a financial member to be selected for trial games.

We are also continuing to move towards electronic systems for payments, administration and auditing, making it easier and more efficient for members, volunteers and the club.



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!

Lockleys Bowling Club is transforming for the future!

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RE-DEVELOPMENT

A world-class,
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is coming to Lockleys!

- ✓ Year round bowling
- ✓ State of the art Facilities
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for details.



*Proud past.
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**OFFER ENDS
30th SEPTEMBER 2026
DON'T MISS OUT!**

Director's Report Marketing, Sponsorship & Social

Theo Katsivas



Sponsorship

Sponsorship continues to be very busy at this time of year, with existing partnerships being renewed while new opportunities are actively pursued. We are pleased that many of our existing sponsors have already renewed their support, continuing these mutually beneficial partnerships with the club.

With the club entering an exciting new chapter through the proposed redevelopment, we are actively exploring new sponsorship opportunities that will provide valuable support for the club while delivering meaningful benefits, promotion and exposure for our sponsors.

The upcoming transition period will present some challenges, particularly as club access and activities will be significantly impacted during the redevelopment. We will work closely with our sponsors to ensure we continue to provide value and maintain strong relationships throughout this period.

If any member has a potential sponsorship lead, or knows of a business that may be interested in having its products or services promoted through the club, please get in touch. Your introductions could help us build some valuable new partnerships.

Sponsor's Spotlight



Welcome to new sponsor Koala Plumbing Adelaide

Chris Abrahamson - 0433 539 117

Marketing

The Marketing portfolio remains very busy, with several key projects nearing completion and online exposure increasing ahead of the pennant season.

The club's growing social media presence has been very positively received, with increasing engagement from the wider bowling community.

Our membership drive has been particularly successful, with full membership numbers continuing to grow from a range of sources, including a number of new members from our friends at Grange.

With the Foundation Membership offer closing on 30 September, we will continue to build momentum and promote the opportunities.

Social Activities & Events

Whilst the Dinner Dance did not attract sufficient numbers to proceed, I'm sure that as the season gets into gear, our social activities will ramp up and attendances will increase.

As the season approaches, many members are enjoying Friday Pairs — a great opportunity for some fun bowls while also sharpening our skills in readiness for pennants. We are planning to keep the bar open until 7pm on Friday evenings, or later if demand requires, giving members the opportunity to relax, enjoy each other's company and get to know one another in a friendly and convivial environment.

Part of the Social Committee's remit is the promotion and hiring of our clubrooms for private and community functions. Our Secretary, Nicole Siokos, is our Events Coordinator, with Judith Katsivas as her 2IC. We recently hired out for a Bogan Bingo event, which was a great success and provided a very positive boost to our bar takings. We see function hire as an important opportunity to generate additional revenue for the club while also showcasing our facilities to the wider community and introducing new people to our club.

We also received a favourable review from the event hirers:

Just a quick message to say thank you to the LBC for hosting us Saturday night. The Bogan Bingo was absolutely hilarious and the most fun I've had in a long time! Everyone raved about it and had such a good time.

We raised about \$5000 for the school which is fantastic.

The two gentlemen behind the bar were fantastic so please thank them again for us.

The two 'gentlemen'? None other than our bar gurus Ken and Dean. Good job chaps!

Club Merchandise & Uniforms

Our new online merchandise store is now live and can be accessed from our website:

<https://www.lockleysbowlingclub.com.au/apparel-pennant-and-social>

Please note that we may still have minimal stock of selected uniform items available for immediate supply, so you may not need to wait for online orders to be processed.

If you have any questions about available stock, sizing, or uniform supply, please contact our Uniform Coordinator, Judith Katsivas, on 0417 837 307.



2026-2027 SEASON LAUNCH

Thursday, 10 September
6:00 pm for dinner
7.00pm for presentations



Welcome to new members



Member loyalty awards



Pennant season information



New club member cards



Redevelopment update

BRING IT ON!

LOCKLEYS
vs
THE REST





THE EAGLE'S NEST
Bar & Bistro
Season Launch
10th September - 6.00pm

\$25.00 per person

Entree

2 x Spring Rolls

Mains

Option 1

*BBQ Pork with Rice served with
Bok Choy, Fried Egg and Home Made Soy*

Option 2

*Lemongrass Chicken with Rice
Served with Pickled Carrot, Cucumber
and Home Made Soy*

Option 3 *Vegetarian - To be ordered in advance
Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice*

MEMBER'S CORNER

HOW WE ROLL

New Members

Des & Maree McMahon

Des and Maree McMahon bring an impressive bowls journey to Lockleys. Des started playing bowls at Lucindale Bowling Club in 1964 and due to his career in banking, followed work transfers to branches across the state.

His most recent "voluntary transfer" has brought him to Lockleys, where he joins us as a member of his 15th bowls club — a record we suspect would be hard to beat!

We're delighted to welcome Des and Maree to the Eagles and look forward to sharing many great days on the greens with them.



Des McMahon



Maree McMahon

Lucindale

Laura

Kadina

Somerton

Alice Springs

Wirrabara

Kapunda

Penola

Mt Gambier

Kalangadoo

Port MacDonnell

Caltowie

Jamestown

Grange

Lockleys

Our Winter Weed Terminator

Hats off to you Denny Borg!





SPONSORS

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



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10% discount for next five visits



Phil Hoffman Travel

1% of members travelling expenses (ex taxes and fees) will be paid to LBC



Ken Hall Plumbers

10% discount on all services up to \$200



Ray White Henley Beach

Free property appraisal and suburb report



Bay Finance Co

Free mortgage health check



Drakes Supermarkets

Community Dollars Program - for every \$2 spent, one cent will be accredited to LBC



All Smiles Centre

10% discount for new patients (up to \$50) on any dental treatment

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 10th September - Season Launch Dinner
- Thursday 1st October - Bar & Bistro Dinner
- Sunday 4th October - Come & Try Bowls
- Saturday 10th October - Round 1 Open Pennants
- Sunday 11th October - Come & Try Bowls
- Tuesday 13th October - Night Owls Season Launch
- Wednesday 14th October - Round 1 Men's Pennant
- Thursday 15th October - Round 1 Women's Pennant

Click on the link below to take you to our website's events calendar

- **[Events Calendar](#)**



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From the Editor

Theo Katsivas

For every future edition we will be inviting you, our members to submit an article if you wish to do so. You can make it about yourself, your bowls career or simply a story you wish to share with your fellow members. Pictures are very welcome.

Simply send an email addressed 'To the Editor'
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