



2012 – A Good Year for Our Club



Winners of Women's District Fours

Lorraine Begg, Anne Lucietto, Denise Hopkins and Wendy Wise won the District Fours Competition in February against the favoured Asquith team. They lead all the way winning 19/14.

Zone 10 Reserve Triples Winners

The team of Warren Phillips, Michael Schwarcz and Mathew Stubbs won the event in July. That was two years in a row for West Pennant Hills.

On the way they beat teams from Northmead, Castle Hill, Carlingford and Merrylands.



District Past Presidents Competition

Maureen Howell and June Huntley, Wendy Wise and Kaye Eagle were the very proud winners of the District Past Presidents Annual Trophy in October.

This Pairs event was played over two days under constant pressure.



Orange Blossom Festival Winners

The Orange Blossom Festival bowls tournament was hosted by Dural Country Club in September.

Our three teams, won seven games out of nine. Our B & C teams won all their games to win their grades. The A team picked up one win, with a very strong margin overall.

These results combined to give West Pennant Hills a clear win – our

second in 2 years!

The teams were:

A Grade - Michael Dalgairns, Peter Eagle, Aaron Barnett, Trent Burnett

B Grade - Keith Robinson, Eric Hilton, Geoff McIntosh, Ross Tinmouth

C Grade - Les Watkins, Warren Phillips, Michael Schwarcz, Matthew Stubbs

Good effort in the Hornsby Cup

The annual Hornsby Cup tournament was hosted this year by Asquith Bowling Club.

Each club sends 10 players making up 4 teams – singles, pairs, triples and fours. The teams from West Pennant Hills were:

Singles - Peter Eagle

Pairs - Michael Schwarcz, Warren Phillips

Triples - Dallas Palm, Geoff McIntosh, Trent Burnett

Fours - Keith Robinson, Rod Gamble, Kevin Tuckerman, Neville Roach

Peter won his singles match 31 – 30.

Our Pairs team of Michael and Warren had a close match losing by four shots.

The triples team was never in trouble taking the match 22 – 12.

The fours team found the going very tough, losing by 17 shots.



Mixed Pennants Section Winners

Our two teams were in winning form but missed out progressing when another team played an ineligible player. The teams consisted of Lorraine Begg, David Wilson, Anne Lucietto, Kevin Tuckerman and Denise Hopkins, Michael Schwarcz, Rosemary Roles and Warren Phillips.

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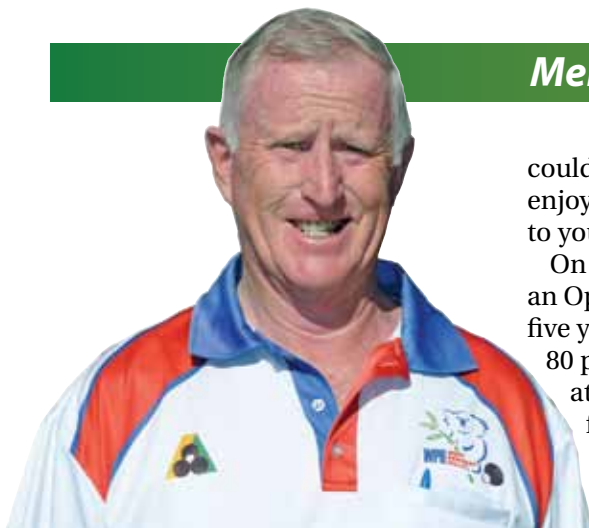


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Another twelve months has just about concluded. Pennants, championships, external and internal competitions and AGM's have all taken place and the Calendars for 2013 have been completed. Presentation days and Christmas parties have yet to come. For the Men, there is a Pennant trial against the The Hills in December before all bowlers are able to relax a little during the Christmas period. West Pennant Hills has performed well over 2012 winning a number of competitions in both the Ladies and Men's sections. A lot of time and effort by the various committees, which is all voluntary, is applied to make sure they run smoothly. To those committees, thank you for your effort over 2012. To the bowlers, without your participation the events

could not be held. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves and look forward to your involvement in 2013.

On 14 October 2012, WPH held an Open Day, the first in more than five years. It was a great success with 80 people attending. From those attending, 40 people requested further contact. All those people have been contacted and our coaches are now in the process of attending to the necessary requirements. To all the members from both sections who helped to make the day a success, delivering the 9000 flyers, those on the BBQ, the introductory coaches, the welcome committee and those who helped out on the day, thank you for your effort. A special mention needs to be given to Max Walters. The amount of time Max put into the Open Day is greatly appreciated by everybody. Without his effort, I am certain it would not have run as smoothly as it did. Also, the support that was provided by the Sports Club and the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association needs to be mentioned as both supplied assistance and equipment. It has been suggested to the Men's Management Committee as well as the Sports Club that future Open Days should be held every two years

so contact is maintained with the outside community.

WPH has been approached by a number of outside organisations to hold corporate days during November, December and January. Four have been confirmed. Of the four, two will have 30 plus people attending and one may have approximately 50 people attending. By holding corporate days it not only provides income to the bowling section and Sports Club but also allows those who have not played bowls before to be introduced to the game. We encourage corporate days and welcome inquiries.

Twilight bowls during daylight saving has commenced. Twilight bowls is played on Thursday evening from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. It is not necessary to book, just turn up on the day. The Sports Club is supporting Twilight Bowls this year and so far the response has been good. We would like to see as many people attend and support the concept.

On behalf of the Men's Bowling Section, I would like to wish all the bowlers at West Pennant Hills and their families a very happy Christmas and that 2013 is a prosperous year for everybody.

Peter Eagle

Australia Post takes the lead ahead of the 2012 World Bowls Championships



Lawn Bowls is the subject of a recent stamp issue from Australia Post. This issue coincided with the 2012 World Bowls Championships.

The 2012 Championships, held in Adelaide from 24 November to 9 December, will be the fourth time the event has been hosted by Australia.

The first recorded game of lawn bowls in Australia took place in 1845 at Sandy Bay, Tasmania, between a Mr T Burgess and Mr F Lipscombe. The following year Australia's first bowling club was established at Sandy Bay. The newspapers reported that the club comprised "upward

of 50 subscribers of the highest respectability". The oldest Australian bowls club still in existence is the Melbourne Bowling Club, established in 1864.

Australia has long been near the forefront of world bowls. The first formal bowling association in the world was established here in 1880 – the New South Wales Bowling Association – followed soon after by the Victorian Bowling Association. The first ladies' bowling association in the world was also Australian, the Victorian Ladies' Bowling Association, founded in 1907.

The stamps were designed by John White of the Australia Post Design Studio, based on photographs by Joe Sabljak.

Old Fart Pride

- Old Farts remember World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing.
- Old Farts hold the door for the next person and, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
- Old Farts get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in the movies.
- Old Farts have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag except about their children or grandchildren.
- Old Farts know our country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women serving in the military.
- We need Old Farts with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

Women's President's Report

This is the first edition of The Koala News produced by Don and Ian and I was asked to present a President's report. It will be my pleasure to at least try to present a comprehensive account of events concerning the members of the ladies bowling club at West Pennant Hills. I have been a member of this club for exactly twelve months, being one of a group of nine ladies who transferred from West Epping Panthers W BC. Despite being given encouragement and tremendous support I am still on a big learning curve, especially since being elected President at our AGM in August.

I would like to thank Vice President Margaret Wighton for the very informative reports that she had submitted (as Vice President and Publicity Officer) to previous editions of the Koala News.

Expressions of thanks and flowers have been presented to Bernice Francis for her willingness to undertake the position of Lady President for the past twelve months. Her contribution was very much appreciated and I must say that we then all enjoyed a slice of delicious cake.

28th August was "Friendship Day". I think this day could be a reminder of sharing with friends and I would like to think that next year we could make it a bigger and more involved event.

Of course Open Day was held on Sunday 14th October. This was a well planned and orchestrated day, the weather was kind and the "menu" at the barbecue was very welcome. Hopefully new members to

our bowling section of the club will eventuate.

On 15th October a fashion parade was held. Thanks to Joan Ellem, Ailsa Graves, Anne Lucietto, June Huntley and Margaret Wighton who volunteered to be our models for some very glamorous clothing. So gentlemen, if you were wondering where your wife bought that lovely new Xmas outfit, now you know.

A two day Northern Suburbs District annual event "Past President's Trophy" was held on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October. Kay Eagle with Wendy Wise and June Huntley with Maureen Howell were eventual winners against other District Club players. Well done ladies.

Sympathy was extended to our friend June Scott whose husband Norm passed away suddenly on October 18th and our thoughts were with her.

Club Championships for 2012 have finally been concluded.

Congratulations to –
Minor Singles Winner:
June Huntley

R/u: Lorraine Milburn

Fours Winners:

Norma Sneddon, Veronica Doyle,

Denise Hopkins, June Scott

R/u: Judith McCreadie, Cass Joyce,

Anne Lucietto, Betty Lamb

Joy Walker Consistency Trophy

Winner : Judith McCreadie

R/u: Veronica Doyle

I would like to congratulate and thank the players who competed in the Mixed Pennants Saturday morning competition. This was a great effort by our players. Unfortunately after



successfully reaching a qualifying section win, they were disqualified, through no fault of theirs but due to another club's member playing in the wrong grade.

I encourage all the ladies, especially the newer members to enter Championship matches, taking part in competitive games is a certain way to improve your performance.

I am looking forward to attending the Xmas events to be held at our club; the lady's Xmas luncheon to be held in The Brassiere on Wednesday 5th December and Tuesday 11th December will be our last day of bowls and is going to be "fun" day combined with Club Championship winners Presentations. The combined bowling section luncheon will be on Sunday 9th December and will include the mixed Championship Presentations.

Warmly wishing all a very Happy Christmas, with good cheer, the company of loving families and good friends and a very safe and healthy New Year.

Betty Gough

Health Report by David Roles

Peter Carritt

Peter has had a good report from his cardiologist and is hoping to come back to bowls real soon.

Kevin Hoffman

Kev's able to get around in his car for short periods of time and has been visiting us at the club.

Les Watkins

Les is going great guns and is playing top bowls again.

Ron Jamieson

Back playing bowls again after a hip replacment and feeling fine.

Steve Brady

Feeling ok again, a hard man to keep down. Well done on the election.

Ian Thompson

Back playing Sunday bowls.

Steve Watson

Steve and his new shoes are back with us again.

Ray Turner

Ray has given up bowls but not the club. Good on you Ray.

Peter Booth

Doing fine.



A successful Open Day

Our Open Day held on October 14th was considered quite successful. The weather on the day was thankfully excellent and we had approximately 80 participants. The success or otherwise will be measured further down the track by any of these visitors taking up the great sport of Lawn Bowls. The feeling at the end of the day, was the belief that we could recruit possibly up to 10 new bowlers, with some commencing with Twilight bowls or Sunday Mixed bowls. We do know that a few people have already signed up to the main Club, which could be an encouraging sign.

Apart from the visitors, I was absolutely delighted (and astounded) with the volunteering efforts of all our members: Firstly helping to place leaflets in envelopes, the delivery of leaflets and to the large number of volunteers assisting on 'the day', be it as the Reception



group, the Introductory coaches and real coaches, the terrific BBQ group and to all the Green assistants.

I felt rather embarrassed that many didn't have much work to do, but their presence alone added to the colour on the day and I would like to thank ALL for their time. A special 'thank you' must go to Peter and Kaye Eagle for being my backup

when required and of course the Main Club, for their encouragement, help and financial support.

Additionally, another extremely pleasing aspect which I am delighted with, is the increased co-operation between the Men's and Ladies sections which can only be beneficial to us all into the future.

Thanks again . . . *Max Walters*

Twilight Bowls



Twilight Bowls present a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to the wonderful game of bowls.

Every Thursday evening during Daylight Saving Time play commences at 5.30 pm and, weather and light permitting, continues for about two hours.

Bowls are supplied and flat soled shoes, thongs or socks must be worn.

The cost is very reasonable – for **adults** it is **\$5 bowls only** or **\$15 for bowls plus three \$5 club vouchers**. For children it is \$2.50 bowls only or \$10 for two \$5 club vouchers.

The little taxi that didn't!

Alex and Ruth Stewart were booked on a cruise around New Zealand. It was planned that Leo Saly would pick up the Stewarts and drive them to the pick-up point near the park next to the Caltex Service Station in Cherrybrook.

Ruth and Alex were waiting for their lift but Leo did not arrive.

In desperation they asked their neighbour (who was in his dressing gown) to drive them.

Around 4:30 pm Ruth rang Leo and said that they were sitting on the wharf watching their boat sail away. At this stage Leo realised he had forgotten them and thought he had

spoilt their holiday until Ruth told him what had happened and they really had made the boat.

The moral of the story is **IF YOU WOULD LIKE NOT TO GO ANYWHERE IN A HURRY, CALL LEO'S RELIABLE TAXI SERVICE ... GUARANTEED TO MISS THE BOAT !**

Leo was so embarrassed, he said he would have to meet the boat and apologise with a bottle of scotch for Alex and flowers and chocolate for Ruth.

Note: It's happened before! Leo left the club after bowling once, forgetting that he had promised a lift to Alex and Don Carpenter.

Alex Stewart

Alex was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1935. "He wanted to be near his mother at the time". In 1940, when he was five years old they were bombed every night by the Germans flying from occupied Norway.

After the war the family moved to Auchenblae with a population of approximately 350. The town was so small that everyone knew everybody's business. At school he played soccer and was put in goal because he was a tall, flexible athlete and he could stop the ball as well!

Alex left school when he was 13 and worked on a farm, which he didn't like, so he went back to Aberdeen to train as a stonemason/builder.

At the age of 25 Alex decided to migrate to Australia. He arrived in Gladesville as a £20 POM, and in his words "Was 6' 2" eyes of blue or grey and some say he looked like Roger Moore," then he adds "Rubbish, I was better looking."

One day on Victoria Road, Gladesville, he bumped into an old shipmate, Eddie Dwight. Eddie turned out to be Elton John's cousin. Eddie suggested that Alex move into the guest house where he was staying. At this time Alex was working in a washing machine factory on an assembly line. One day he looked at his watch and it said 2:00 pm, then one hour later and it was only 2:10 pm. This bored him to death.

Alex then got a job with a local builder. Most days he was home for lunch and on one particular day a "gorgeous 22 year old" walked in, she had a beautiful face and all of the female equipment in the right place. That's when Alex fell in love with Ruth. Alex and Ruth were married in 1966 and had three children and now have nine grandchildren.

Alex eventually started working for himself. One day he was quoting for a lady and was telling her what he thought she would need in a little English and a lot of Gaelic until the lady said stop I cannot understand you. He then used sign language and English and got the job.

After working until the age of 70, Alex retired wondering what he was going to do with himself. One day, Ruth said OK you can paint the soffits, then the fascias and the house, so Alex thought about this for a moment and decided to join the WPHBC.

He is now one of the best lead bowlers in the club and has won many accolades. Alex claims this is the friendliest club and calls all his fellow bowlers his friends. He also added that he was the nicest person in the club called Alex.



Margaret Wighton

Margaret was born in Sydney in April 1932—an exciting time as the North and South areas of Sydney came together when the Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened.

Despite being an only child she had an idyllic childhood attending Concord West Sunday School and Fellowship and North Strathfield Primary School. Following primary school she attended Presbyterian Ladies College affectionately known as "peanuts, lollies and chocolates". Margaret was fortunate to have "three brothers" as neighbours who were always at her beck and call, fixing scooters and bikes. As she got older the three boys provided escorts to dances and functions for herself and friends. She was always their "little kid sister Maggie".

Margaret attended Miss Hales Business College following which she started work with the Rural Bank. Margaret modelled in Fashion Parades for the Social Club which raised money for the Miss Rural Bank entrant in the Miss Australia Quest. She also kept busy dressmaking and designing dresses for paper cut-out dolls.

Tennis was her preferred sport and she played each week until bowls took over. Margaret also worked with Meals on Wheels for 15 years.

Her second marriage, to Ken, ensured that her two children melded into six. It was remarkable how well they all fitted into a new family and have always lived in the West Pennant Hills area. Margaret was fortunate to accompany Ken on many overseas business trips. Following Ken's retirement from Company business, together with two partners they opened Pennant Hills Printing and Stationery. Margaret was very much involved in the business. It was a slow start, their only sale on the first day was 85 cents for a Staedtler pencil! This venture opened up a new chapter in her life which she enjoyed, combined with minding grandchildren. They now have nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Sadly, they nearly all live in Queensland which makes it difficult to see them regularly.

The business flourished and they sold it eight years later. This is when bowls became a big part of her life as well as folk art painting. Margaret's Mother, a member of Cheltenham Bowling Club, finally persuaded her to play bowls. Her efforts really paid off!

Margaret has been on the Ladies Committee for 17 years. During this time she has been a Selector, Vice President, President, Treasurer and Publicity Officer and is currently Vice President. She was also a Delegate to the NSWWBA for ten years. The highlight of this time was being made Patron of her Club. Margaret has been fortunate to have won many Championships in a game she is very passionate about and is a very proud member of our Club.



Meet some of our new club members



Lynne Champion

Lynne is married with two children and one grandson. She was a paralegal for 35 years. Lynne's interests are travel, skiing, babysitting, aqua aerobics and bowling. Lynne has many friends in the club and even admits to being friends with Max Walters!



Kaye Eagle

Kaye is married to Peter Eagle. They have two daughters and one grandson. Kaye dabbles in making cards and jewellery and loves puzzles like Sudoku and KenKen. She likes her iPad, iPod and iPhone and also loves reading. Her motto is not to take things too seriously.



Jennifer Higginson

Jennifer is married to John, one of our long time bowlers. They have four daughters and four grandchildren. Jennifer's interests are family history and is an active member of the Women's Pioneer Society, playing the piano, gardening and her getaways to Crookwell.



Neryl Jackson

Neryl is married to Norm. They have two sons and a daughter and 14 grandchildren. Neryl worked in accountancy and also at Koala Park. She enjoys tennis, reading, craft, photography and genealogy and is really enjoying bowls (*thanks, Bernice!!*) and the friendly people.



Sue Thiedeman

Sue is married to Jeremy, also a new member. They have lived in the area for about 30 years and have one daughter. Holidays must be an interest of Sue and Jeremy because they were away at the time of writing and we don't have much information about them.



Rhondda Williams

Rhondda is married to John. They have two sons and two grandsons. She was introduced to bowls through Cherrybrook Probus Club and started bowling with West Pennant Hills Club in April. Rhondda's other interests include gardening, walking and surfing.



Merv Cannon

Merv retired in 2008 after working as a Building Project Manager. He is married to Joan. They have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Merv does volunteer work at the San. An ex-golfer, Merv regrets that it took so long to discover bowls and feels at home at our club.



Harold Holden

Harold is married and has three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is a past president of the Lane Cove Bowling Club. Golf, gardening and travelling are also interests. He and his wife moved into the area and decided to join 'the friendly' club.



Jeremy Thiedeman

Jeremy and Sue owned a florist shop and have won Small Business Award of the Year a few times. Jeremy was also a top bowler in the game of cricket. It looks like he is also going to be a top bowler on the bowling green.



John Wingate

John is married to Molly and they have three children. John and Molly were both born in Scotland and now are on acreage in Glenorie. John's grandfather and father-in-law were champion bowlers in Scotland and he hopes this will be in his genes.

Farewell Champ

Norm Scott, a great bowler and very well liked member of our club, passed away on the 17th October.

Norm attended our Open Day in October and enjoyed rolling a few ends. He looked in his element and was genuinely enjoying himself.

Anyone that has had the privilege of chatting with Norm and enjoying a dark ale with him will certainly miss his big friendly smile and ready banter.

Farewell champ.



Corporate Groups



One of the many groups enjoying our corporate days at WPHBC.

This home care workers group shared a lovely meal and then had a stimulating game of bowls. Peter Eagle and Don Carpenter assisted the group understand and enjoy the game. They loved it and appreciated the time and care shown.

New Umpire for the Club!



Congratulations to **John Skidmore** in achieving Level 1 National Umpire Accreditation in September.

John swells our ranks to 12 men and two women umpires for our club. Considering the number of members in both sections, that would surely rate as one of the highest ratios of umpires in a club?

2012 Winners of Club Championships



Women

Consistency:
Judie McCreadie



Major Singles:
Lorraine Begg



Minor Singles:
June Huntley



Pairs:
Joan Ellem / Betty Gough



Triples:
Judith McCreadie
Joan Ellem
Betty Gough



Fours:
Norma Sneddon
Denise Hopkins
June Scott
Veronica Doyle



Mixed

Pairs:
Veronica Doyle
Peter Eagle



Triples:
Kaye Eagle
Warren Phillips
Peter Eagle



Men

Barry Walker Classic Pairs:
Alex Stewart / Ross Tinmouth



Ken Wighton Singles:
Steve Brady



Major Singles:
Michael Quinlan



Minor Singles:
Rod Gamble



Major Pairs:
Aaron Barnett
Ross Tinmouth



Minor Pairs:
Norm Jackson
Steve Brady



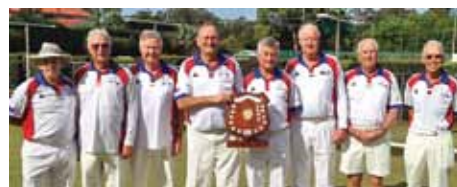
Major Triples:
Dallas Palm
Ross Smith
Geoff McIntosh



Minor Triples:
Norm Jackson
John Skidmore
Steve Brady



Fours:
Dallas Palm
Keith Robinson
Neville Roach
Michael Quinlan



Calendar of Events for January to April 2013

Thursday	3	January		Women's Club Pairs – entries close
Thursday	17	January	9 am	Women's Club Pairs
Saturday	19	January	1 pm	Men's Major Fours Round 1
Sunday	20	January	9 am	Ken Wighton Singles Round 1
Thursday	24	January	9 am	Women's Club Pairs
Saturday	26	January		Australia Day
Wednesday	30	January	1 pm	Mixed Pairs Round 1
Thursday	31	January	9 am	Women's Club Pairs
Saturday	2	February	1 pm	Men's Major Fours – Semi Final
Sunday	3	February	9 am	Ken Wighton Singles Round 2
Thursday	5	February	9 am	Women's Club Pairs – Final
Tuesday	5	February	1 pm	Mixed Pairs – Round 2
Saturday	9	February	1 pm	Men's Major Fours – Final
Sunday	10	February	9 am	Ken Wighton – Singles Semi Final
Wednesday	13	February	1 pm	Mixed Pairs – Semi Final
Saturday	16	February	1 pm	Men's Pennants Trial – Asquith
Saturday	16	February	1 pm	Ken Wighton Singles Final
Tuesday	19	February	1 pm	Mixed Pairs – Final
Saturday	23	February	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 1
Tuesday	26	February	9 am	Women's Pennants
Saturday	2	March	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 2
Wednesday	6	March	1 pm	Men's Minor Triples Round 1
Saturday	9	March	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 3
Monday	11	March	8.30 am	Turn-Around-Triples Beecroft
Wednesday	13	March	1 pm	Men's Minor Triples Round 2
Saturday	16	March	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 4
Wednesday	20	March	1 pm	Men's Minor Triples Semi Final
Saturday	23	March	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 5
Wednesday	27	March	1 pm	Men's Minor Triples Final
Friday	29	March		Good Friday
Saturday	30	March		Easter Saturday
Tuesday	2	April	1 pm	Mixed Triples Round 1
Thursday	4	April		Women's Major Singles – entries close
Saturday	6	April		Men's Pennants Lay Day
Monday	8	April	8.30 am	Turn-Around-Triples Pennant Hills
Wednesday	10	April	1 pm	Mixed Triples Round 2
Friday	12	April		Challenge Cup – to be confirmed
Saturday	13	April	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 6
Tuesday	16	April	1 pm	Mixed Triples Semi Final
Thursday	18	April	9 am	Women's Major Singles
Saturday	20	April	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 7
Wednesday	24	April	1 pm	Mixed Triples Final
Thursday	25	April		Anzac Day
Saturday	27	April	1 pm	Men's Pennants Round 8
Monday	29	April		Koala Carnival Women's Day

Note – the times shown against events are presented as indication only. Confirm actual start times for events from the information posted for the individual event closer to the date. Match Committee reserve the right to make changes to start times and dates to enable the programme to be completed.

