**Brighton Bowling Club**



**New Player Welcome Pack**

On behalf of the Board and our members, I would like to welcome you to the Brighton Bowling Club. We hope that you enjoy your time here and that you will become an active member of the Club both on the green and socially.

We endeavour to provide our members with many opportunities to enjoy and succeed with your bowls as well as meeting new friends socially.

This document contains some basic information about the Club that we trust will help you settle in quickly and easily.

Shaun Coghlan

President

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History

The Brighton Bowling Club was formed on 11th March 1919 and played at Crail Brae home of JA Bradshaw, Wattle Ave as the first venue for lawn bowls. The Club moved to Keelara St in 1920 with one green including 5 rinks following a loan from the Brighton Council to purchase the land. The ladies’ bowling Club was originally called the Brighton Central Ladies Bowling Club played at Brighton Oval, the ladies started hiring 3 rinks from the Men’s at Keelara St in 1936.

The memorial gates, which have local heritage value, were constructed in 1942 and presented to the Club by Mick Plunkett in memory of his wife Maud. The house was built in 1960 and now has three greens. Over the years there have been many prominent State players who started at the Club.

An agreement in 2007 was formed between the Brighton RSL and the Brighton Bowling Club to co-locate together in one expanded premises. The Brighton RSL Bowling disbanded with members joining a variety of Clubs including Brighton Bowling Club. The combined upgraded premises was a $1.2 million project to enhance the existing Club house which included the increased size of the building, upgraded kitchen, a lounge area and upgraded bar facilities, which houses 2 full size snooker tables.

The Club currently has 7 pennant teams for Saturday Pennant matches, 5 teams for Wednesday Men’s matches and 3 teams for Thursday Ladies matches.

The KEELARA Centre

The Keelara Centre premises are jointly shared by the Brighton Bowling Club and the Brighton RSL Sub-branch. Members are also welcome to join the RSL if they wish.

RSL members may be eligible to play in RSL Bowls Association events.

Please contact the RSL Secretary if you wish to get any more information on joining the RSL.

Keelara Centre Open Times

The official Keelara Centre opening times are Monday 4.00pm - 7.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday 12.30pm – 8.00pm and closed on Sunday (Please note that these times may increase during warmer months). The Clubrooms are often open outside of these hours, but these times cannot be guaranteed.

These times will be reduced during winter.

Membership

The Brighton Bowling Club has three categories of membership.

**Full Member** who can play Pennants and play anywhere in Australia. A full member has all the privileges of the club including voting rights at the Annual General Meeting.

**Associate Member** who can play in all social matches on Tuesday Triples, Friday Pairs and in the off-season Saturday, as well as being able to play in the Club Championship.

**Social Member** has rights to drink at the club.

A list of our fees for the 2024-2025 season are as follows:

Full member $310/annum

Associate Member $190/annum

Social Member $40/annum

Junior Member $74/annum

Social Games $10 per game

Club Officials

*Your Board for the 2024-2025 seasons is:*

President - Shaun Coghlan - (president@brightonsabowls.au)

Vice President - Roger David - (vice.president@brightonsabowls.au)

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Secretary - Glenn Stoddart - (secretary@brightonsabowls.com)

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Committee Members

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| Dawn Stoddart | George Diazdek |
| Selwyn Child | Linda Kirby |
| Andrea Cresswel | David Dowling |
| Kym McNamar |  |

Bowling Club Open Times

Greens are open for practice on most days **except Monday**, unless being utilised for organised events. Please check the external noticeboard situated at the office end of the building to ensure which greens are available for play. Please note that the greens are closed on Mondays for maintenance.

In addition to pennant match and tournament days, the Club rooms and bar facilities are normally open Monday to Saturday from about 1.00 pm, but during winter the hours are reduced.

List of helpful information

The Brighton Bowling Club, together with the Brighton RSL, holds a range of social events throughout the year. We encourage you to take advantage of these events to make the most of your membership.

To help improve your bowling skills, we have a number of accredited coaches whose services can be made available by arrangement.

Most member communication is undertaken via email, Facebook and newsletter.

Pennant Competition

Bowls in South Australia is controlled by the State association – Bowls SA. The  
Metropolitan Bowling Association (MBA) – runs the metropolitan pennant competitions.

Most bowlers make themselves available for pennant play. Brighton fields sides in Saturday Pennant (open competition), Wednesday Pennant (men’s competition) and Thursday Pennant (ladies’ competition).

Pennant selection is based on merit and players must be a full member of the Club. A questionnaire regarding player preferences is usually sent to members with their subscription renewal invoice each May/June.

If you wish to play pennant, please notify the relevant Chair of Selection or a selector. The Pennant program starts in early October and normally finishes by the middle of March.

Social Games

*Players need to register for each game on sheets located over the “mats & jacks” cupboards.*

* Tuesday – (12.30pm) Open triples (from Easter to September 12.00pm start time. The cost is $10.00.
* Friday – (1.00pm) Open Pairs. This is a very popular afternoon, and games need to be booked early. The format is 2X4X2. The cost is $10.00.
* During the non-pennant season social games for all members are played most Saturdays at 12.30pm.

Brief synopsis of responsibilities

* The club financial year starts in April and invoices are sent out following each AGM when the fees are approved by members.
* A Pennant Green Fee of $7.00 currently applies per home game for pennant matches This covers the provision of food at mid games break for home and away players.
* Ladies pennant games pay a green of $4.00 as they do not have a mid-game food break.
* If unavailable for a pennant match, please notify a selector and indicate your name on an unavailability sheet for the week on the external notice board.
* The teams each week are displayed on the external notice board and on our web page. <http://brightonsabowls.com.au>.
* You can also download the selection module to your phone to see who has been selected for each pennant day at https://brighton.bowlingclub.net.au
* Check whether your team has been allocated as duty rink for home pennant matches, highlighted for both inside and outside areas
  + A list of duties is located in each of the men’s & ladies’ locker rooms and on the compactus in the kitchen.

Location of mats/jacks (after hours)

* When the Club is closed, mats and jacks can be obtained from alongside the BBQ area. The code is the last four digits of the Club’s phone number, please replace after use.
* The Club has a uniform which must be worn for pennant matches, semi-finals and finals of Club Championship.

Lucky Members Draw

Every Friday evening The Keelara Centre (Brighton Bowling Club and Brighton RSL) run a Lucky Members Draw at 6.00 pm. You must be present if your name is drawn.

What the Club will provide for an Associate or Pennant member

* Allocate a coach to help development.
* Assist as much as possible in the player’s development.
* Training videos and books are available for loan
* Practice during pennant season on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.
* Ladies practice is on Tuesday mornings after the meeting at 9.30am.
* Feature tournaments are arranged during the year
* Night Owls (Barefoot Bowls) social games are played every Wednesday and Thursday evenings during the pennant season from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. The evening concludes with supper and raffle draws.
* Various social activities are arranged during the year.

Coaching

Our club coach is Alan Jackson. Alan is responsible for supporting the development of our members during the season. Other fully accredited coaches are available at any time to assist with improving your game. Video link for new players <https://youtu.be/kvmXcnQ1ogQ?t=25>

Sponsors

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