



THE

PARKERS

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Newsletter of the Albert Park Bowls Club Inc

150th Anniversary Celebrations

What a super sunny day for a 150th anniversary celebration. Among Our special guests were Nina Taylor, the local state member of parliament, Councillors Andrew Bond and Christina Sirakoff, as well as Mr Mountain, the great grandson of one of the founding members. Nina opened the green by rolling the jack and Andrew bowled the first ball taking the jack back!

The club house was beautifully presented with our exhibition of club house models and information boards given pride of place (many thanks to Wayne Gill and Kel Edgar). Gerry Smith made sure there was sherry and food for all.

The new spider was suitably baptized with Lambis Englezos winner the purse of 25 “goldish” coins for closest to the spider at the end of the mad bowling moment!



Thanks everyone who participated to make it such a special day.

Best,
Simon (Strickland)



What the Board discussed at its latest meeting

Club Events

Angove Skins Game

26th January – Australia Day .

Arrive 11.45. Lunch 12-1pm.

Bring a plate. Sign-up sheet on board.

Wine tasting fundraiser

24th February 6pm. \$40 per person. Keep watching the board for the sign-up sheet.

Commemorative game with Richmond Union 13th January

1pm start. Signup sheet on board.

Functions -

- Friday 22nd Dec 12.00-4.00pm
- Rob Fairweather – 16th March 2024
- Next meeting will be 9th January @ 5pm

2023 Press Release

The Emerald Hill Cup School Lawn Bowls Tournament

- On Monday 4th December 2023, 16 triples teams from Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School competed for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals with great enthusiasm.
- The annual event hosted by Albert Park Bowls Club volunteers is designed to introduce lawn bowling to novice Year six students. The event proved a joyful experience for participants many of whom had participated in our earlier School Bowls program.
- As Albert Park Bowls Club celebrates it's 150 year anniversary we share the enjoyment of the game through our community engagement programs providing for both novice student and adult bowling opportunities in the historic St Vincent Gardens. This annual event is also designed to get children outdoors and promote physical activity and social connection.
- Gold medals were awarded to Alexis and Georgio who displayed exceptional talent, and Silver medalists Alex, Claire and Andy were not far behind them.
- Noah and Harry won Bronze medals and despite being short one player they had a high score margin.
- Fourth placegetters Harry, Chloe, Ben, Harriet, and Mia shared a consolation block of chocolate having come close to winning medals, both having high shot differences but losing one game each took them out of medal contention.
- Congratulations to all Galilee bowlers who acquitted themselves so well.





Sponsored by the South Melbourne Community Chest (SMCC) trophies were presented by their President Mr Gary Hutchens. We thank the SMCC for their continued funding of our Junior Bowls Programs and to School Teachers assisting as Rink Coaches Seb, Paul, Bec, and Paddy. Also Coaching were Local Legends Jeslyn and Narissa from Albert Park Secondary College. Further thanks are due to Karen Hill photography, Min Song (McGregor) BBQ and Malcolm Stevenson for Green preparation.

Expressions of interest by Primary Schools wishing to participate in 2024 should be directed to the Club Secretary at

secretary@albertparkbowlsclub.com.au [Nathaniel1948](https://www.facebook.com/Nathaniel1948)



- Club Volunteers Simon Strickland, Judith Scott, Karen Stevenson, Wayne Gill, John Matthews, Gabby Ransom, Tony Hobbe and Don McGregor (Absent: Malcolm Stevenson, Min Song (McGregor), Karen Hill, Narissa, Jeslyn Bui, Glen Sodaitis Bowls Vic)

2023



Events Reminders

DECEMBER		
Monday	18	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	19	Pennant
Tuesday	19	Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	20	Twilight League 5.45pm
Wednesday	20	Junior/Local Legends 4-5.30pm
Friday	22	Function 12-4pm
JANUARY		
Monday	8	Training 4-6pm
Thursday	11	Training 4-6pm
Monday	15	Training 4-6pm
Thursday	18	Training 4-6pm
Saturday	20	Pennant
Saturday	20	Gold Coin 12.45pm
Monday	22	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	23	Pennant
Tuesday	23	Gold Coin 9.45am
Thursday	25	Training 4-6pm
Friday	26	Angrove Skins Game 11.45am - lunch
Saturday	27	Pennant
Saturday	27	Gold Coin 9-45am
Monday	29	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	30	Pennant
Tuesday	30	Gold Coin 9-45am

Pennant - Tuesday 10.15 roll up for 10.30 start
Saturday 12.45 roll up for 1pm start

Gold Coin games Tuesdays 9:45am

Training Mondays 4-6pm
Thursday 4-6pm

Junior/Local Legends No formal training sessions in Jan

Chris adds the final touches to the Club Christmas tree she decorated. Thank you Chris, a work of beauty!



Welcome new members

James Garrett	Erin Taylor
Helen Kent	Amelia Pontifex
Rick Wright	Billy Xynas
John Osborne	Bernice Marks

Christmas Party 2023

Thanks to Margo for the beautiful hampers you prepared, Helen for the fun Christmas race sweep and Gerry for contributing to such a fun evening



