



SORELL BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013



From the President's pen ...

Christmas must be getting close – I have noticed Christmas hampers on the go at our club rooms ... Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5! We have great prizes, so don't be backwards at coming forwards. The raffle will be drawn on 17 December at the Ladies break-up.



Our junior bowlers, Nathan and Mikayla Fuller, are doing our club proud, and we're very pleased for their success so far. Nathan has been selected in the under-18 boys team for selection to play in Launceston, and Mikayla has been selected in the Southern under-18 training squad. We wish you great success in the upcoming events.



Peter and Gwen Scott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at the club recently. I'm sure I join with the whole club in sending our congratulations, Peter and Gwen, on this milestone in your lives.

The board of management met with the manager of the Sorell branch, Mr Chris Bowling, on 19 November and suggested that, with a name like that, he should be a member of the club! We had a very open and productive chat about the bank's sponsorship capabilities and were able to extend our ongoing sponsorship deal with the Westpac Bank Sorell for another three years as a result of this meeting.



Pennant update ...

L-R: Ray, Jack and Geoff enjoy a nice day in the sun (for a change) and an enthralling game of bowls.

The pennant rosters, at the end of November (not counting the Saturday 30 November games), stand like this ...

Well done all players! Keep up the good bowling.

	Midweek		Ladies		Saturday		
	Div 2	Div 4	Div 1	Div 5	Div 2	Div 4	Mixed
1	G/Rodman	Taroona	Rosny Park	Sorell	Howrah	Ouse	Sandy Bay
2	Sorell	Sorell	Sandy Bay	Cygnnet	Huonville	Sorell	Beltana
3	Rosny Park	Beltana	Kingborough	Kingborough	Brighton	Buckingham	Dover
4	Beltana	Berriedale	Brighton	Rosny Park	Sorell	Howrah	Rosny Park
5	Derwent City	Cremorne	Sorell	Buckingham	New Norfolk	Orford	Claremont
6	Buckingham	G/Rodman	Beltana	Brighton	Rosny Park	St Johns Park	Derwent City
7	Howrah	Howrah	Claremont	Howrah	Franklin	Beltana	Howrah
8	Sandy Bay	(bye)	Howrah	G/Rodman	Buckingham	G/Rodman	Sorell
9	Brighton		G/Rodman	Derwent City	Royal Hobart	Royal Hobart	Huonville
10	Berriedale		Buckingham	(bye)	St Johns Park	(bye)	New Norfolk

Ron Cowen
President

Strategic planning ...

In order to plan and focus our activities over the next few years, and meet goals and targets we have to meet, the board of management is working on updating our club's strategic plan. This document will form part of our club's governance, and assist with future planning and grant applications.

Our Secretary recently attended a Sport and Recreation Tasmania "Community sports governance workshop" that explained, among other things, that the Federal Government was requiring stronger governance from all national sporting bodies and that this would likely flow down to state and local levels over time.

To find out more, go to <http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/clubs/governance>, where it explains governance this way:

Governance is the system by which organisations are directed and managed. It influences how the objectives of the organisation are set and achieved, spells out the rules and procedures for making organisational decisions and determines the means of optimising and monitoring performance, including how risk is monitored and assessed.

Simon Morrison, Bowls Australia's Community Development Officer for Tasmania, has offered to facilitate a workshop that all members of the club will be encouraged to attend. We have yet to set the date, but we are hoping to work something out in January.

As a precursor to this planning day, the board of management invites feedback from all club members on what they believe our goals and priorities should be over the next 3-5 years. To help us all start on the same page, Simon has provided the club with an example plan for a fictitious bowls club, which is available on the committee board, along with a blank template.

The board invites all members to submit **any** ideas, objectives or suggestions they may have in this regard. Submissions can be anonymous or, if you would like to discuss your ideas in more detail with the board, you can include your name. You can take a copy of the blank template and fill it in or just tear-off and use the simplified form below. You can even email it in if you wish (but this won't be an anonymous method of participation). You don't have to fill in all the boxes – just what you think will work!

Please provide any feedback to the Secretary by 31 Dec 2013. All submissions will be collated and used to guide our strategic planning workshop with Simon Morrison.

What do we want to achieve?	
How are we going to do it?	
Who will do it?	
When will they do it (by)?	
What resources will they need?	
Are there any costs involved?	
How will we measure success?	