

INVITATION TO JOIN

This document has been compiled to provide you with the background and information to encourage you to be a bowling member of the Devonport Country Club for the 2022/23 bowls season and beyond.

• **BACKGROUND**

The Devonport Country Club was formed by the merger of the Devonport Bowls and Croquet Club, the Devonport Golf Club and the Spreyton Bowls Club. We moved into our newly completed facility at the Devonport Country Club site, Spreyton in December 2019.

The redevelopment has enabled this new facility to possess:

- ✓ An eight rink indoor bowling centre;
- ✓ Three outdoor grass bowling greens;
- ✓ Two croquet lawns; and
- ✓ An updated 18-hole golf course.

With the merger of three sports clubs and a combined total of over 1,000 club members, it provides for an exciting future for these sports within the Devonport region. Along with the new sporting facilities, the redevelopment has a new clubhouse built over two levels which includes a club bar, Bistro and Function Centre.

The Bowls Section presently has over 150 active Pennant bowlers and has the following number of teams competing in the Bowls North West Pennant competitions - 5 (Saturday Open Gender), 4 (Thursday Ladies) and 1 (Men's Wednesday). Bowls Carnivals are also conducted during the summer season, with social and corporate bowls catered for as well.

The availability of an eight rink Indoor Centre allows all members to bowl all year round. Furthermore, regular day and night competitions are conducted throughout the winter (April – October) catering for all bowlers on the North West Coast.

We are actively trying to increase participation in the sport of lawn bowls and promote the Bowls Section as a pleasant and competitive environment to play the game, as well as an excellent venue to meet fellow Devonport and Coastal citizens through community activities.

- **SETTING ACHIEVABLE GOALS BOTH ON & OFF THE GREEN**

The Bowls Section Committee has been very active in setting the operational framework for this new venture and have implemented the following to assist in the provision of clear direction and development of a strong bowling culture moving forward -

- ✓ Playing, Selection & Coaching Policies
- ✓ Committee Position Descriptions
- ✓ Bowls Section Operational Manual
- ✓ Bowls Section Team Song
- ✓ Bowls Section Strategic Plan
- ✓ Bowls Section Volunteer Involvement Program

- **RECENT PENNANT PERFORMANCE**

The recently completed 2021/22 BNW Pennant bowls season was the second full bowling season for the Section conducted within its new surrounds.

Going on current BNW Conditions of Play, to field the following teams in the 2022/23 season:

Wednesday Pennant -	A Grade (1 team)
Thursday Ladies Pennant -	Divisions - 1, 2, 3 & 4 (4 teams)
Saturday Open Gender Pennant -	Divisions – Premier, 1, 2, 3 & 5 (5 teams)

- **STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN OUR PERFORMANCES**

Presently the Bowls Section has the following strategies for the maintenance and enhancement of our Pennant performances moving forward -

- ✓ Regular Coaching sessions conducted by qualified coaches under the direction of Bowls Section Coach, Wayne Marshall;
- ✓ Agreed recruitment strategies, approved by the Committee and conducted by senior players within the Bowls Section; and
- ✓ A Grade development squads (both Men & Ladies) for intensive training and practice during the off season.

- **WHAT JOINING THE BOWLS SECTION CAN OFFER YOU**

- ✓ The best bowling facilities within the State;
- ✓ Membership of a very strong & developing community Club;
- ✓ Bowling opportunities within a strong & varied mix of BNW Divisional teams;
- ✓ Pro-active player development & improvement opportunities;
- ✓ To play the sport all year round; &
- ✓ Participation in the development & success of the Devonport Country Club at our new facilities.

We would welcome you to be a part of our future bowls success & ongoing development at these new facilities.

For further information & details in regard to joining us please contact, in the first instance, -

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