

# RYE BOWLS CLUB HISTORY

## SECTION 1 The Early Days

Tells the story of how the Club was formed and of those who had the foresight and the dedication to build a worthy institution that has stood the test of time within the Community of Rye.

## SECTION 2 THE EIGHTIES

The development period that reinforced the vision of the pioneers.

## SECTION 3 1990- 2008

This period saw the major restructure, ultimate rise in membership, the subsequent falling off and the more recent resurgence and success on many levels.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

*I wish to acknowledge the work of the original historians.*

*W.M. (Wilf.) Rowley was commissioned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1979 to gather and assemble facts for the Club History. Further to this, on the 15<sup>th</sup>. January, the following year, W. Liebert requested that after editing, the pages should be placed in a loose leaf folder, so that succeeding years may be added. My understanding is that George Pitson during the early nineties added some facts up to 1981 and also gleaned some early information about the first stage of formation.*

*Although I had been interested in the Club history for a few years, it was not till late in 2006 when the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was formed that I applied myself properly to the daunting task, of taking the said folder containing text only to 1981 and turning it into what we have produced here.*

*My thanks go to Fleur Taylor for thumbing through all the Ladies minutes and producing many useful items Also, Stan & Nancye Price and Barbara Jones for supplying some interesting photos. I also thank Frank Perry who assisted greatly in the formatting and printing of this project.*

*The aerial photos of the Club premises were taken by professional photographer, Janine Lee and supplied free of cost.*

*Bruce Sowerbutts----Ed.*



## THE EARLY DAYS

The land, on which the Rye Bowling Club is situated, was originally purchased by the Ben Stenniken family in the middle 1800's. Later, a very large lime kiln was built by Mr. W.A. Blair, on the south side of Collingwood Street, behind where the Rye Fire Brigade station now stands. A tram line was laid from the lime kiln across Collingwood Street through the land where the bowling greens are now situated — Down Napier Street, Over Nelson Street & Nepean Highway and on to the pier. The tram was used to carry builders lime from the kiln to many small sailing ships for shipment to Melbourne for use in the erection of brick buildings.

When the lime quarrying ceased operations, the land where the Club is now situated became more or less a tip, and in the holiday period, after a little cleaning up, the circus people used to erect their tents, on what is now known as the Con Glew Green.

The formation of the Club was undertaken in two stages.

#### **STAGE 1**

Fred Woodcock, supported by Jack Sweet, at a Rye Progress Association meeting, suggested the benefits of establishing a Bowling Club. From this meeting, a Committee was formed consisting of R. Brew, E. Moody, O.E. Neale, H. Saville, R. Clark, L. Starke, H. Hutchison and B. Bryant. This Committee's objective was to obtain a liquor license as well as a Bowls facility under the name of "The Rye Country and Bowling Club".

The land was purchased through A. Archer, Estate Agent, who negotiated the sale for the sum of three thousand pounds which had to be paid by means of ten pound debentures. Having experienced trouble in reaching this objective and left with no working capital, this Committee asked for advice from the R.V.B.A who, in turn, sent a representative down to inspect the proposition put forward. He advised that it would cost twelve thousand pounds to turn their dream into reality and with no prospect of further funds for this development, the Committee then passed the land over to the Council. They then paid Debenture holders back their money, and thus ended the first stage.

#### **STAGE 2**

The second stage was taken up by a number of Rye residents who were then members of the Sorrento Bowling Club and who turned their thoughts to the prospect of taking over where the first Committee left off.

A public meeting which took place on the 28th November, 1958, presided over by Cr. B. Herman and with 51 residents in attendance, resulted in the formation of the Rye Bowling Club.

This meeting decided to elect the Original Committee, with power to add, comprised of:—

President:	C. Glew
Secretary:	K. Sharpley
Asst. Secretary:	J. Hemingway
Treasurer:	L. Hosking

Committee Members; F.Woodcock, R. Thomas, J. Sweet, H. Willis, H. Williams, K. Pulling, E. Williams, J. Nunan, J. van Nooten, & W. Taylor.

Added later:— W. Rowley, F. Middleton, F. Condon, R. Witton, H. Smythe, A. Ainley, E. Bolitho.

A Ladies Committee was appointed on 8th December, 1958, with power to add:-

These were Mesdames Nunan, Homewood, Willis, N. Taylor and B. Williams.

This original Committee together with any other volunteers available from time to time was solely responsible for the whole of the works that had to be carried out. Con Glew acted as Purchasing Officer and Works Supervisor.

Firstly a plan was drawn up of the whole program of works to submit to the Council. This met with certain opposition, but due to Cr. Herman's efforts and loyal support from Cr. Syd Baker of Sorrento and Ray Baker of Rosebud, the scheme as submitted was approved and Nine Hundred Pounds was allocated by the Council to make a start.

Work then began with the Shire Engineer, George Brown., and the Surveyor, marking the boundaries for the fences, then the placement of the greens for leveling purposes plus ditches etc. After this was completed, came the mammoth task of obtaining and preparing the soil required to level the greens and make suitable seed beds. This soil had to be obtained from virgin ground, so as to avoid any foreign grasses, weeds etc. growing in the new greens.

On arrival, the soil created a task not bargained for, as it was taken from big-timbered country at the back of Rosebud, with only bracken fern as undergrowth.

The volunteers then started to rid this soil of all the roots by collecting spring mattresses which, when propped up, made effective sieves as the soil was shoveled on to them.

After using a lot of manpower with shovels, barrows, etc., the greens at last were ready to be sown and manured. This was followed by a great disappointment because, on the first night, there was experienced a hurricane wind storm that left the Con Glew green denuded of a lot of the soil and most of the seed which had been blown into the ditches, so the seeding preparation had to be done all over again.

With the fences erected all around and the greens completed, all awaited the growth of grass to show.

Now a start could be made on the Club House, which had caused considerable debate as to

position, with two sites in question:— No. 1 — Our present position,  
No. 2 —The North West corner — now our practice green known as the  
“Nan Taylor Green”.

When the present site was chosen, the Council placed in the estimates the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred pounds for a Club House.

As this was to be built by voluntary labor, the Council's desire was that a competent builder be engaged for the foundations and framing, resulting in Ted Corby being employed until this work was completed, followed by Kay Pulling taking charge supported by Harry Barker. The only other labor being engaged was Casey Cain to batten ceilings for lining.

When completed and with everybody admiring their efforts, Con Glew in his remarks said, that the Club House was big enough to serve the Rye Club for all time. During the progress of these works, it was suggested that the Foundation Members subscribe One Pound One Shilling for Men and Ten Shillings and Six Pence for Ladies, to be due and payable upon notice being given of becoming a Member and at each Annual Meeting until the Club was officially opened.

At the first Special General Meeting on 22nd May 1960, the following fees were adopted:-

JOINING FEE - Five Pounds Five Shillings less Two Pounds Two Shillings already paid.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1960—61 was **Six Pounds Six Shillings**.

(At the time of Decimalization this related to \$12.60.)

Also, at this meeting, the Constitution and Rules as submitted were adopted.



**The Ladies First Opening Day 20<sup>th</sup>. September 1960**

### **OFFICIAL OPENING DAY**

September 24<sup>th</sup> 1960 saw the much awaited Opening Ceremony when the greens were declared open by W.J. Spear - President of the R.V.B.A.

The area where rinks number 15 & 16 now stand was cultivated and potatoes and pumpkins planted with very satisfactory results. In 1962, Alby Cornell, a professional gardener, joined the Club and offered his services to extend this vegetable garden. Sprinklers were installed and the Club soon became renowned for all types of vegetables which would be picked in the morning and barrowed over and stacked in the porch which, at times, made it look like a market stall. Quite a considerable profit was made from the sale of these vegetables and we are thankful to Alby Cornell and those helpers who assisted him with this project.

### **IMPROVEMENTS**

**Fence:** In 1973, plastic covered wire mesh was supplied by the Council and installed by Con Glew and Phil Bronsdon around the whole perimeter of the Club grounds.

**Water & Ditches.** At the conclusion of the 1974-75 Season, the Flinders Shire Council installed an improved watering system covering both greens. New ditch material was also installed -the Council supplying the material for one green while the Club supplied the other. We are grateful to the Council for these improvements and also for the expert work installing them.

**Verandah;** Just prior to the opening of the 1975-76 season, the General Committee approved the building of a verandah on the north side of the Club House. Our thanks go to Bill Buchan, Jack Cole, and a band of willing helpers for erecting this verandah and finishing it the day before our Opening.

**Machinery Shed;** Councillor Bob Rowley advised that the Council had a steel garage 13'6 by 25'6 available which could be used as machinery shed. We readily availed ourselves of this offer and it was installed in 1976.

### **DONATIONS TO THE CLUB.**

The Honor Board made and donated by Wilf Taylor. Of interest regarding the board, the wording "Rye Bowling Club" and also the miniature bowler, were made from a limb of a Mulberry tree grown in Rye. Wilf. Taylor also made and donated the Achievement Board.

The piano was donated by Glad Treloar in memory of her husband.

Six electric fans donated by Hedley Ellis.

Reg Yates donated two Dimplex heaters plus one new Henselite mat for the comfort and benefit of the indoor bowlers.

Fred Woodcock donated the Electric Clock on 15/9/59

Arthur Newey - Making and supplying Pennant Teams Board

Mrs. Nan Taylor - Donated the Overhead electric fans

Bill Thompson - Donated one refrigerator.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

The Social Committee, over the years, has done much to foster the social side of our Club — but, in addition, have donated quite a number of essential items of equipment, including:-

The Thermoheat Water Heater, value \$216.

New Plastic Rink Numbers.

Electric Stove, value \$400.

Air Viva Respirator, value \$83.



**OPENING DAY SEPTEMBER 1961-62 Season**

## **PERSONALITIES**

Con Glew

Foundation President 1958-1962

Club Champion 1961- 62 &1965-66

Greens Director from inception of the Club 1958 to 1968.

Life Member 26/5/1962.

Active Member of Committee 1958 to 1972.

President of Peninsula Bowling Association  
1957-58 and 1958-59.

Elected Life Member of P.B.A. 1967.

Moved to Chelsea in August 1972.

Sam Cameron.



President 1966-67, 1967-68.  
Club Champion 1963-64, 1972-73.  
President Peninsula Bowling association 1969-70.  
Sam died in Fremantle in 1975 while on a holiday trip to Western Australia.

#### Jim Burness

Joined the Club in 1963 and was appointed as Treasurer by the Committee on the retirement of N. Warden in 1964 and held this position until 1974 - 10 years of continuous service. He was awarded Life Governorship of the "Angel of Mercy" organisation and Life Membership of Rye Bowling Club.

#### Jack Hemingway.

Was appointed as the Asst. Secretary at the original formation meeting on November 28th 1958, and later became Secretary of the Formation Committee, being a member of the sub-committee which finalised the compilation of our Constitution and Rules, and, as such, did sterling work in our preliminary stages.

However, he did not stand for election to the Foundation Committee in 1960 and stayed with the Sorrento Club, but rejoined the Rye in 1966.

#### W.(Wilf) M. Rowley.

Elected to original committee, working for 20 consecutive years -

Served on General Committee 1963-79.

President 1964-65-66 and 1971-72.

Was selector for 8 years.

On Bowls Committee for 2 years.

Managed Indoor Bowls for 14 years. Coach for 8 years.

Constant bowler who was awarded Life Membership in 1979.

Awarded a Life Governorship of the Southern Peninsula Hospital

#### Roy Thomas

Another great pioneer member who was

Vice President for the first two years of bowling operations

And in the second year was also Chairman/Secretary of the Bowls Committee.

He became Club President from 1962 -1964.

Served as Bowls Committee Chairman the following season.

In the 1966-67 season he became Assistant Secretary.

The next season he served as Committee man.

.As with Con Glew, Roy was awarded a Life Membership and has a Green named after him.

#### Kater Pulling



According to his son Ross who in 1999 was Secretary of Frankston RSL Bowls Club and still using his father's Bowls, Kater was a master builder and had an association with the Rye area since the '30s. He built many homes around Tootgarook including his own in Nepean Highway and helped his sister Mrs. Reid and her husband rebuild the General Store on the corner of Napier Street and Nepean Highway more recently known as "Robbo's" which was operated for a number of years, by a still current Member of the Club, Geoff Robertson and his wife Fay.

Kater was a Foundation Member and served on the General Committee in 1960-61, 61-62 and 62-63 seasons and played a very important role in supervising the building of the Club House



**VIEW FROM NAN TAYLOR GREEN IN 1970 (When it was a garden)**

## HONOUR BOARD

### RYE BOWLING CLUB ESTAB.1958

EAR	PRESIDENT	CLUB CHAMPION	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1960-61	C.L. Glew	.S. Williams 1960-62	O.E. Neale 1960-63	L. Hosking
1961-62	C.L. Glew	C.L. Glew 1962-64	D. Waller 1963-5 N.	Warden
1962-63	R. Thomas	F. Condon 1964-65	S.J. Mitchell 1965-74	J.K. Burness
1963-64	R. Thomas	S. Cameron 1965-68	R.D. Witton 1974-78	C. Chapman
1964-65	W.M. Rowley	G.H. Baker 1968-73	J.D. Richmond 1978-79	E.B. Lewis
1965-66	W.M. Rowley	C.L. Glew 1973-78	W.R. Liebert 1979-84	K.R. Ockleshaw
1966-67	S. Cameron	* H.Jones 1978-81	J.J. Barrow 1984-86	A.E. Carson
1967-68	S. Cameron	W.S. Buchan 1981-82	R.F. Sweet 1986-90	A.S. Jordan
1968-69	W.H. Cove	F.E. Gwilliam 1982-84	G.R. Pitson 1990-91	J.I. Whitfort
1969-70	W.H. Cove	A.C. Modistach 1984-86	E.C. Rosewarne 1991-93	B.W. Bentley
1970-71	H.E. Ellis	S.Cameron 1986-91	T.D. McKinlay	
1971-72	W.M. Rowley	G.P. Walford 1991-91	L.E. Hubbard	
1972-73	A.H. Wickes	S.Cameron		
1973-74	J.L. Cole	W. Hartley		
1974-75	J.L. Cole	A.C. Modistach		
1975-76	P.C. Bronsdon	J.L. Cole		
1976-77	P.C. Bronsdon	* J.W. Gillespie		
1977-78	B. Shanahan	A.G. Cook		
1978-79	B. Shanahan	A.S. Williams		
1979-80	T.L.Tyers	A.C.Cook		
1980-81	T.L.Tyers	J.M.King		
1981-82	J.H.Parker	* A.Haworth		
1982-83	J.H.Parker	G.R.Taylor		
1983-84	G.A.Anderson	A.Haworth		
1984-85	G.A.Anderson	G.R.Turner		
1985-86	K.R.Ockleshaw	W.K.Fechner		
1986-87	K.R.Ockleshaw	A.Haworth		
1988-89	G.R.Pitson	W.K.Fechner		
1989-90	S.T.Price	R.R.Tonkin		
1990-91	S.T.Price	A.Haworth		
1991-91	R.I.King	A.Haworth		

\*Denotes *PENINSULA* Champion of Champions

#### LIFE MEMBERS

To 1981

C.L. Glew. Dec. W.M.Rowley. Dec.  
R.Thomas. Dec. P.C.Bronsdon. Dec.  
J.K.Turner. Dec.

## Early Achievements Board

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>
1960-61	B. Grade Pennant
1967	P.B.A. Champion of Champions - H. Jones
1968-69	C. Grade Pennant
1968-69	D. Grade Pennant
1968-69	Championship Fours-- W. Liebert, B. Harrison, H. Ellis & F. Gwillim(Skip)
1972-73	P.B.A. Veterans Singles Championship S. Cameron
1973-74	P.B.A. Singles Championship E. Rowe
1973-74	P.B.A. Veterans Triples Championship S. Cameron, A. Humphries, P. Walford
1976-77	P.B.A. Champion of Champions W. Gillespie
1976-77	P.B.A. Veterans Singles Championship C. Chapman
1977-78	C Division Pennant
1978-79	B Division Pennant

## RYE BOWLING CLUB – OFFICIALS

### The first three Annual Meetings

	1st Annual Meeting	2nd Annual Meeting	3rd Annual Meeting
Date	1---5—60	1—7—61	26—5—62.
Season....	1960—61	1961—62	1962—63 -
PRESIDENT	C.L.GLEW	C.L...GLEW	R.THOMAS
VIC-PRESIDENTS (2)	R.WILLIAMS R.THOMAS	R.WILLIAMS R.THOMAS	R.WILKINSON R.WITTON (8/62) E.TIPPETT
VICE-PRESIDENTS - (COUNCILLORS.3)	Cr.HERMAN Cr.BAKER Cr. THOMPSON.	Cr.HERMAN Cr. BAKER Cr.THOMPSON	Cr.ROWLEY Cr.J.MCLEOD Cr. TIMMINS
SECRETARY	O"NEALE	O'NEALE	D.WALLER
ASST. SECRETARY	R.WITTON	L.HOSKING	C.LORRAINE
CONMITTEEMEN (5)	K.PULLING E.WILLIAMS J.SWEET F.WOODCOCK A.BAIRSTOW	K.PULLING R.WITTON J.SWEET F.WOODC00K WILKINSON	K.PULLING E.WILLIAMS J.SWEET J.NUNAN W.TAYLOR
BOWLS COMMITTEE-SEC/CHAIRMAN...	A.BAIRSTOW	R.THOMAS	H.WILLIS
BOWLS COMITTEE MEMBERS	R.WILLIAMS J.SWEET J.NUNAN L.HOSKING	R.WILLIAMS A.BAIRSTOW (8/62) J.NUNAN L.HOSKING	R.WILLIAMS R.WILKINSON P.WOODCOCK J.SWEET L.HOSKING
P.B.A. DELEGATES	C.L.GLEW R. WILLIAMS		
GREENS DIRECTOR	C.L.GLEW	C.LGLEW	C.L.GLEW
GREEN KEEPER	C.L.GLEW	C.L.GLEW	J. BELLEARS;



View in March 2007 from the Nan Taylor Green.(foreground)

*Note;* Nan Taylor Green is a practice Green not a garden, Sunshades around all of the perimeter, the verandah & changes to the western end of the Clubhouse.

Photo; Courtesy, Janine Lee.



Claud Fisher (Selector), Joe Panton (L), Jack Johnson (2), Alan Pensom (3), Ray Westell (c), Jack Clayden (Man), Ted Clark (L), Jim Burness (2), Reg Yates (c), Bernie Shanahan (Pres) Hal Boardman (3), Wal Liebert (Sec.), Jim McAnespie (c.), Bill Hartley (L), Arthur Down (2).

### CLUB COLOURS

The minutes of the original formation meeting, held on the 28<sup>th</sup>. November 1958, state that," the Club Colours will be Maroon with Gold diagonal stripes". The earliest reference to the colours being changed to Maroon, Green and White were in the minutes of a Committee meeting held on the 20th December 1960 when some ribbon was purchased for the purpose of attaching to blazer pockets.





BACK ROW L.Tyers (L) F.Harrison (2) B.Shanahan (c) J.Parker (selector) P.Dolphin (3) C. Fisher (selector)  
 R.Rooke (3) K.Ockleshaw (emerg.) A.Lang (c) H.Colbain (2) R.Walford (c)  
 FRONT ROW H.Boardman (3) E. Clark (L) R.Taylor (c) A.Down (L) H.Rollason (L) L.Telford (3)  
 R.Hodgson (2) H.Allen (2)



PBA B Div. Premiers 1980- 81  
 REAR; R.Throup D. Nicholson J.Tippett G.Humphrey L.Green G.Anderson  
 Front; A.Segar E.Rowe A.Lang K.Ockleshaw H.Rollason A.Down E.Watters R. Hodgson L.Telford S.Price  
 F.Harrison

## THE LADIES

As mentioned earlier, the women of the Club formed Rye Bowls Club Ladies Committee on December 8<sup>th</sup>. 1958 and did much to assist the men in creating the Club from nothing. From the word go they raised money by any means they could devise. Over the years this group was variously called "The Ladies Committee" "Ladies Associates", "Rye Ladies Bowling Club" more recently the "Ladies Bowls Section ". At the time of writing it is known as the VLBA Affiliated Section of Rye Bowls Club Inc. The ladies had limited Club rights: They were not able to be elected to the General Committee; their numbers were limited to 50 which were later increased to 100 when a provisional list was introduced as a waiting list. At this time the men were also limited to 100 as the Greens Director was concerned about the amount of traffic in a very dry season of 1977/78. Meantime the Ladies ran their own affairs except if they wanted money to purchase anything they had to apply to the General Committee and on a monthly basis had to relinquish surplus moneys.



WINNERS "B" Grade Pennant 1969

Standing; R. McKenzie, D. Arnold, A. Glew, V. Hemingway, B. Modistach, B. Cohen, M. Took, M. Wilton  
Seated; R. Sweet, Pres. S. Corne, N. Wilkinson, M. Woodcock. I



WINNERS; C Grade Pennant 69-70 Season.

Standing; M. Middleton, C. Richmond, E. Grumpler, D. McKee, R. Allen, M. Buchan  
Seated; A. Thompson, C. Willie, Nan. Taylor, K. Wilson, E. Pulling.

#### ALICE GLEW

**V**ery supportive wife of principal founder of the Club, Alice was the first Ladies President from 1960-1962 and was an active member of all committees until 1972. She also served a term as President of Peninsula District Ladies Bowling Association. The Glews left Rye in 1972.



Alice was a member of the 1969 B grade PDLBA Pennant Premiers Team

## NAN TAYLOR



**A** Foundation Member Nan became Ladies Treasurer, 1961- 1964, President from 1964-1966 and worked on various Committees until 1986. She did a tremendous amount of work for the ladies and was rewarded for this by attaining Life Membership. Sadly she passed away in 1987 but is fondly remembered by having the practice green named in her honour.

## KIT WILSON



**O**ne of the finest Bowlers the Club has produced was this lady who was 7 times Ladies club Champion between 1969 and 1983. She helped many a Bowler by passing on her skills as a coach.

## PEARL BURNES



Joined in 1964, became Ladies Club Champion 1967/68 and 1972/73 Seasons and President from 1972-1974, Served on the Ladies, Match and Selection Committees. She was feared by most of the Lady Members because of her habit of measuring the length of their dresses and making sure their uniforms were to regulations.



A Division Runner up 1973-74

Back Row; P.Burness, H.Wickes, M.Eyre, R. Sweet, D. Clayden, S. Kelly, K. Wilson  
Front Row; E. Tyers, D.Peers, A.Thompson, M.Dundas, R. Humphreys, M.Cole, M.Cousens.

#### ELLEN HARRISON

"Auntie Ellen" as she became fondly known, was  
Ladies Treasurer in the 1972-74 season.  
Ladies President for the 1976-78 seasons.  
President of the P.D.L.B.A followed by the Presidency of the F.D.L.B.A.  
Throughout these achievements Ellen served continuously on the  
Ladies Committee from 1979-1999  
This exceptional service was rewarded by a Life Membership



#### LADIES EARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

1960-61	PDLBA CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS V.HEMINGWAY, H.M.WILKINSON, M.WOODCOCK, R.SWEET
1964-65	PDLBA CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS M.WHITTON, R.SWEET, P.BURNESS, M.WOODCOCK
1965-66	PDLBA CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS—R.McKENZIE, S.CORNELL
1968-69	"B" GRADE PENNANT
1969-70	"C" GRADE PENNANT
1971-72	CHRIS POPE SHIELD M.EYRE, H.WICKES, M.WOODCOCK, P.BURNESS
1978-79	PDLBA CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS—M.COUSENS, M.TYERS
1979-80	PDLBA MIXED CHARITY FOURS A. WILLIAMS, A.COOK, P.STEWART, E.COOK
1980-81	MIXED CHARITY FOURS A.WILLIAMS, A.COOK, K.WILSON, E.COOK PENINSULA FOURS—A.GILLESPIE, S. KELLY, M.ASHTON, B.CUTHBERT
1982-83	"C" GRADE PENNANT PENINSULA DIVISION /STATE FOURS J.FORBES, M.MERRY, E.HAMITON, J.NANKIVELL
1984-85	PENNANT SECTION "B" (B1)
1985-86	PENNANT SECTION "A" (A2) -----PENNANT SECTION "B" (B1)
1986-87	"C" GRADE PENNANT
1987-88	PENNANT SECTION "A" No.1
1987-88	BICENTENNIAL TRIPLES---F.HOBBY, S.STALLWORTHY, S.L.WATTS
1989-90	"C" GRADE PENNANT
1989-90	FBA CARNIVAL LADIES FOURS---D.BENTLEY, M.ASHTON, G.CUNNINGHAM, P.CRAVEN,
1990-91	DIVISION 4 PENNANT

## DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE 70's

**F**ollowing the hard construction and early formation work of the Rye Bowling Club pioneers, the 70's became a period when great development occurred with respect to membership and the facilities.

At a Special General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1974 a motion "That application be made for a Permit to allow consumption of liquor on the premises" The motion was carried 31-25. But, at the following Annual General Meeting, the motion was lost 25-51.

Minuted at a general Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1976, the Club strength was; 131 Full Members including 3 life members 96 Ladies and 4 Social members.

On 17<sup>th</sup>. August 1976 Cr. Bob Rowley a great supporter of the Club, announced that instead of extending the existing machinery shed, the Flinders Shire will donate a shed no longer required by them.

The earliest mention of the still popular Monday Triples was in 1976.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>. November 1977 the number of Associate Members rose to 100 and thus a provisional list of potential members was instituted and in January the following year discussions began about limiting the number of Lady Members to 100.

At a meeting of the Club executive and the Ladies executive held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. January 1978 it was decided that the Men's and Ladies separate kitchens would be combined by adding 6ft. to the Ladies one and eliminating the Men's unit.

At the AGM of 20<sup>th</sup>. May 1978 approval was granted to "apply for an Annual Liquor Permit" This would allow members to bring and consume their own alcoholic beverages at the Club. They would purchase them elsewhere, bring them to the Club to be stored, and then draw from their stock, by means of an issued card system.

**O**ther significant matters were seriously discussed;

Building alterations to kitchens and ceilings. Ceiling fans.

Shelters on the Roy Thomas green. New Stove.

Formation of the Southern Peninsula Bowling Association.

Replacement of chairs in the building.

Seats around the Roy Thomas Green.

The building alterations were eventually deferred in favour of player comfort items such as the seats, the shelters and the chairs.

**I**t's also interesting to note that some outstanding members joined in the late Seventies and at the time of writing are still with us today. I refer to Fleur Taylor 15<sup>th</sup>. March 1977, Bill Fechner 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 1979 and Flo. Elbourne 20<sup>th</sup>. November 1979. Stan Price did not quite make it into the Seventies but followed soon after on 6<sup>th</sup>. May 1980.

### SOME ODDS & ENDS FROM EARLY MINUTES

Nov.21<sup>st</sup>. 1961 To avoid confusion the two greens would be named after two great pioneers of the Club, Con Glew and Roy Thomas.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. 1965 Request to change "the yardstick" method of determining the winner of Club competitions. What was the "yardstick" method? Ok At the end of a game when two teams ended their game with a draw, the teams then bowled their Bowls to the Jack and the Directors hovered the centre of a yard (3 feet) long stick over the Jack and the team with the most Bowls within the "yard" circle was declared the winner. If a team had just the one nearest Bowl and the opponent had more than one, the opponent wins.

During 1967 the Men's locker room was extended.

**A**t the Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 1967, it was suggested that the Men serve the Ladies their afternoon tea at a particular Bowls day. Perhaps this was the forerunner of "Ladies Appreciation Day".

At the AGM of 18<sup>th</sup>. May 1968 Mr. Alby Cornell announced that he was no longer able to maintain the veggie garden on what is now the "Nan Taylor Green" and he suggested that it be turned into a 2 rink practice green. The meeting agreed with this idea but at a later meeting it was decided that this would be too difficult so it was turned into a lawn and shrubs garden setting.

**W**hilst preparing for the 1969 AGM it was reported that the Flinders Shire Council would no longer pay the subsidy it had been paying towards the wages of the Greenkeeper. Therefore an increase in member's fees would have to be proposed. (It may well be that this led to what we now call Green Fees).

The 1977 AGM saw the fee structure as follows;

Men's Joining Fee	\$20.00, Annual Subscription	\$25.00
Ladies Joining Fee	\$10.00, Annual Subscription	\$15.00
Social Membership	\$5.00 per year.	

## SECTION 2 THE EIGHTIES



WINNERS PDLBA "C" GRADE 1980-81  
M.Murray F.Tippett L.Segar M.Merry.F.Elbourne D.Peers E.Throup J.Nankervell



C.Shelton, B. Shanahan, J.Young, A.Cook, A. Williams, K.Ockleshaw, G.Pitson, D. Emmerson, W. Gillespie, L.Tyers, T.Sandford, J.Parker, A.Down, L,Telford, A. Boardman, A. A.Haworth, R.Taylor.  
(Players photo is of very poor quality)

PBA "C"  
Premiers  
K.Harris



Grade  
1982-83

C.Rosewarne G. Crumpler J.Clayden R.Gason K.Robertson R.Gye J.Bewsher L. Irving C.Austin  
D. Nicholson L.Batley





FDLBA "B" Grade Premiers 1984-85

E.Harrison M.Forster G.Cunningham L.Young P.Stewart L.Keele I.Standfield E.Hamilton V.Graham  
Nan Taylor N.Price G.McVean B.Pitson B. Harwood

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

In order to proceed with the required extensive alterations it was put to a Special General meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. May 1982, that a Rye Bowls Club Co-operative must be formed and that all Full and Associate members would be required to take out a \$100.00 debenture. The Committee also recommended the scrapping of the existing Constitution and a new one written on the basis of the RVBA model with some local modifications. All this was ratified at a further General Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup>. May 1982. It was also approved at this meeting that "In future all reference to Associate Members will be replaced by the term Lady Members."



FBA Division 3 Premiers 1984-85

BACK ROW; B.Adams L.Tacon A.Kost H.Head R.Throup B.Johnston E.Watters  
FRONT ROW; B.Shanahan R.Gye L.Irving A.Schultz



LBA "A2" Grade Premiers 1985-86

BACK ROW; L.Keele N.Taylor B. Pitson P.Stewart S.Hagart O.Nicholson M.Moore P.Craven

FRONT ROW; N.Price D.Watters B.Harwood G.Head V.Graham J.Segar M.Forster

INSET; G. McVean

CLEANING

A Mrs. Watts had been employed for some time as Cleaner and at the Committee meeting of 31<sup>st</sup>. May 1982 it was decided she be written to by the Secretary to inform her that her services would not be required during the winter period and that it was likely that they would not be required in the summer season because it was intended to introduce a Members cleaning roster.

OTHER ITEMS

At this meeting it was also decided that the Secretary and Treasurer would be granted an honorarium approximating their Annual Subscription.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>.August the same year the Committee decided to vote in favour at the next PBA delegates' meeting in support of forming the Southern Peninsula Bowls Association.



FDLBA "B1" Grade Premiers 1985-86

BACK ROW; V. Johnston I.Mascall E.Throup E. Crumpler J.Moody B.Day J.Morris

FRONT ROW; H. Shanahan D. Watts B. Jones S. Watts M. Robertson





FDLBA "A1" Grade Premiers 1986-87  
 BACK ROW; E. Harrison M. Moore D. Bentley F. Taylor E. Jackson P. Craven N. Gordon S. Hagart  
 FRONT ROW; I. Segar N. Telford V. Johnston T. Parker M. Ashton E. Tyers S. Kelly L. Downey



FDLBA 1986-87 "C" Grade Premiers  
 M. Anderson S. Cole B. Flannery L. Watts L. Hubbard (Man.) P. Pickup A. Jordan C. Cannon



FDLBA "C" Grade Premiers 1989-90  
 BACK ROW; E.Gye B.Day P.Bakey G.Head  
 FRONT ROW; M.Wright J.Duncan P.Storie A. Hull G.Boyd

In summing up the Eighties it is fair to comment, that this period was indeed one of intense further development of the facilities of the Club and great growth in membership. It also saw some important cultural changes which were overdue and which created more harmony within the Club over the ensuing years.

Major renovations to the Clubhouse were undertaken in conjunction with the Shire in 1982 involving new ceilings, new kitchen, extension to Men's locker room and toilets, changes to Match Committee room and storage area, Ladies areas and changes to bar. This year also saw the granting of a Restricted Liquor Licence which allowed selling of Liquor to members for consumption on the Club premises. On 10<sup>th</sup>. April 1983 the new group of Southern Peninsula Bowling Clubs was ratified and became the Flinders Bowls Association. This meant a lot less travelling for Pennant players in our area and seems to have been mutually approved by all parties concerned. It is recorded on 23<sup>rd</sup>. August 1983 that Full (male members) should be capped at 140 and Ladies to 130 owing to concern of the Greens staff about the very dry seasonal conditions.

Due to frequent vandalism and damage by dogs and foxes it was decided to replace the low Cyclone fencing with the current 8ft. high fence around the perimeter. This was part funded by the Flinders Shire. The shelters along the Collingwood street end of the Roy Thomas Green were built at this time.

At a Special Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup>. May 1985, newly proclaimed laws of the State of Victoria embracing the following Sections, were explained and it was approved that our Constitution must be altered in accordance.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

SEX DISCRIMINATION

NEW LIQUOR LAWS

THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF INCORPORATING

Though the date is not exactly clear, incorporation took place in November 1985 but nothing changed in the management style of the Club. The governing body continued to head up its Minutes as "The General Committee" and the earliest heading of "Rye Bowls Club Inc." occurred in those of 19<sup>th</sup>. February 1987, still retaining the above sub-heading. It was not until 21<sup>st</sup>. February 1989 that the sub-heading became "The Committee of Management"

Sunshades were added to the North end of the Roy Thomas Green in June 1985 and shade cloth attached to the boundary fencing shortly after.

At a meeting on January 1987, approval was granted to install the electric lights donated by Harry Wilde on the Roy Thomas Green but this was deferred until 20<sup>th</sup> September '88, when the plan was confirmed, but installation was not effected until the latter part 1990 and as you will see below, in January 1991 "Bowls Under Lights" was officially opened.

At the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup>. May 1987 it was decided that the practice Green, recently upgraded to Pennant standard be named "Nan Taylor".

To reduce a resurgence of vandalism, floodlights were installed and barbed wire added to the fence tops.

Realising their potential, resulting from the new State laws, in March '87, 12 Lady Members were permitted to join the men for the first time as Full members. And in the following October the Ladies began to share use of the Match Committee room. A paradigm leap occurred at the AGM of 6<sup>th</sup>. May 1989 when a woman, Lorna Hubbard, was elected to the Committee of Management. At this momentous meeting the subscriptions for the ensuing year were struck as follows;

Male Full Members	\$66.00
Female Full members	\$61.00
Associate Members	\$44.00
Social Members	\$05.00
Joining Fee	\$40.00

Not much changed in the way the Club was run through the rest of this decade. The Ladies continued to run their affairs and the Men and one Lady continued to act as the governing body of the Club and also the Men's Bowling affairs.



Lorna Hubbard  
Taken from photo of C Div. Premiers 1986/87

## ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

From 1979/80-1990/91 (MEN)

- 1979-80      **SOUTHERN PENINSULA MIXED FOURS**  
                 A. WILLIAMS, A.G. COOK,      Mrs. B. DAY, Mrs. D. RUST
- 1980-81      PREMIERS P.B.A. B DIVISION PENNANT
- 1981-82      PREMIERS P.B.A. A2 DIVISION PENNANT
- 1981-82      **P.B.A. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS** A. HAWORTH
- 1982-83      P.B.A. C DIVISION PENNANT
- 1983-84      F.B.A. VETERANS TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
                 E.A. ROWE,      A.S. WILLIAMS, J.W. GILLESPIE
- 1984-85      SECTION 3 PENNANT
- 1984-85      F.B.A. VETERANS TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
                 E.A. ROWE,      A.S. WILLIAMS, J.W. GILLESPIE
- 1985-86      F.B.A. VETERANS TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
                 B. SHANAHAN, A.S. WILLIAMS, J.W. GILLESPIE
- 1985-86      F.B.A. NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPION B.L. IRVING
- 1990-91      **WINNING TEAM FOR B.J. SHIELD**  
                 A. HAWORTH, W. FECHNER, J. WATTS, R. CROWTHER  
                 R. TONKIN,      A. WARLAND,      S. MUIR,      G. PITSON

## HONOUR ROLL LADIES ASSOCIATES

Founded 1958

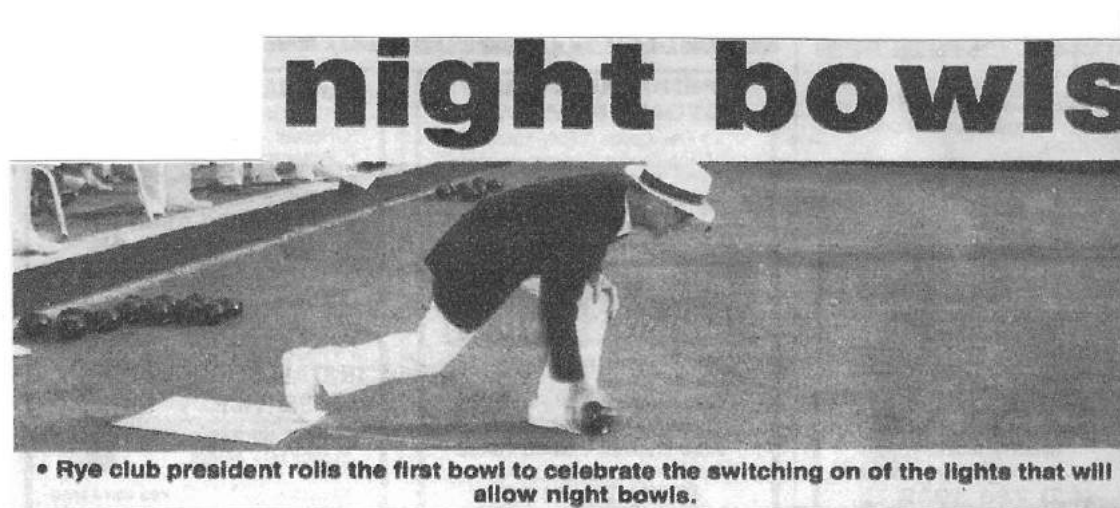
SEASON	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1960-61	A.GLEW	H.S.HALE	M.WOODCOCK	T.NUNAN
1961-62	A.GLEW	R.SWEET	M.WOODCOCK	N.TAYLOR
1962-63	M.WOODCOCK	R.SWEET	M.WITTON	N.TAYLOR
1963-64	M.WOODCOCK	C.D. WILLIS	M.WITTON	N.TAYLOR
1964-65	N.TAYLOR	R.B.MIDDLETON	A.GLEW	K.STEWART
1965-66	N.TAYLOR	E.V.HEMINGWAY	M.WITTON	K.STEWART
1966-67	M.COOPER	R.M.McKENZIE	M.WITTON	K.STEWART
1967-68	M.COOPER	P.BURNESS	M.WITTON	M.TOOK
1968-69	S.G.CORNELL	B.MODISTACH	R.McKENZIE	M.TOOK
1969-70	S.G.CORNELL	R.W.WILSON	R.McKENZIE	M.TOOK
1970-71	R.P.WHITTON	R.W.WILSON	M.WOODCOCK	M.TOOK
1971-72	R. McKENZIE	R.W.WILSON	H.WICKES	L.INGWERSEN
1972-73	P.BURNESS	P.BURNESS	M.EYRE	E.HARRISON
1973-74	P.BURNESS	R.HUMPHREYS	M.EYRE	L.INGWERSEN
1974-75	E.V.HEMINGWAY	R.W.WILSON	M.EYRE	L.INGWERSEN
1975-76	E.V.HEMINGWAY	R.W.WILSON	R.KING	E.TYERS
1976-77	E.HARRISON	S.KELLY	R.KING	E.TYERS
1977-78	E.HARRISON	N.TELFORD	B.DAY	E.TYERS
1978-79	D.RUST	M.COUSENS	B.DAY	E.TYERS
1979-80	D.RUST	M.COUSENS	I.MASCALL	E.TYERS
1980-81	D.WATTERS	E.M.COOK	S.KELLY	E.TYERS
1981-82	D.WATTERS	E.M.COOK	J.OCKLESHAW	E.TYERS
1982-83	B.DAY	R.W.WILSON	J.OCKLESHAW	E.TYERS
1983-84	B.DAY	M.FORSTER	J.OCKLESHAW	E.TYERS
1984-85	P.STEWART	S.KELLY	D.WATTS	E.TYERS
1985-86	I.S.MASCALL	E.HAMILTON	D.WATTS	E.TYERS
1986-87	M.FORSTER	E.M.JACKSON	E.BUTSON	E.TYERS
1987-88	M.FORSTER	P.CRAVEN	E.BUTSON	L.HUBBARD
1988-89	N.PRICE	N.GORDON	E.BUTSON	D.WATTS
1989-90	N.PRICE	P.CRAVEN	E.BUTSON	D.BENTLEY
1990-91	M.MOORE	V.JOHNSTON	E.BUTSON	
1991-92	M.MOORE	V.JOHNSTON	E.BUTSON	D.BENTLEY

## HONOUR ROLL LADIES SECTION

Founded 1991

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1992-93	L.HUBBARD	P.J.VOIGT	L.D.WILDE	D.E.BENTLEY
1993-94	E.D.BUTSON	V.JOHNSTON	L.D.WILDE	M.WRIGHT
1994-95	{E.D.BUTSON F {S.C.CHAMBERLAINJ.EDWARDS		M.L.LONG	M.WRIGHT
1995-96	S.C.CHAMBERLAIN	M.WRIGHT	M.L.LONG/ L.WILDE	D.P.MONKIVITCH
1996-97	B.FERGUSON	J.EDWARDS	W.BROWN	D.P.MONKIVITCH
1997-98	B.FERGUSON	P.VOIGT	L.ROBERTSON	M.WRIGHT
1998-99	P.RENOUF	B.CLEASBY-JONES	L.ROBERTSON	B.MALONEY
1999-00	P.RENOUF	J.ALLEN	A.PRICE	M.WRIGHT
2000-01	F.TAYLOR	N.BERNI	A.PRICE	B.PITT
2001-02	J.ALLEN	B.CLEASBY-JONES	A.PRICE	D.BEATTIE
2002-03	J.ALLEN	J.ALLEN	B.MILES	D.BEATTIE
2003-04	V.BARRETT	D.BEATTIE	B.MILES	D.BEATTIE
2004-05	P.STEEN	J.ALLEN	M.R.NEWTON	B.PITT
2005-06	P.STEEN	V.BARRETT	M.R.NEWTON	B.PITT
2006-07	T.BEAGLEY	D.BEATTIE	M.R.NEWTON	O.WOODROW
2007-08	T.BEAGLEY	D.BEATTIE	M.R.NEWTON	O.WOODROW
2008-09	F.TAYLOR		M. CAMPBELL	O.WOODROW
Dec.				

Some significant changes took place in the early Nineties the first of which was the long awaited switching on of the lights on the Roy Thomas Green enabling Bowls to be played at night. Pictured below is a section of a photo accompanying an article in the local press about the switch-on by Vice President Tom McKinlay and the first Bowl to be delivered by President Stan Price This occurred on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. January 1991



STAN & NANCYE PRICE



It is of great interest that for the first time since the Glews did it in 1960, Stan Price & his wife Nancye were both holding the positions of President during the 1989/90 season



FDLBA Div.4 Premiers1990/91

Back Row; D.Kiely M.Wright B.Maloney J.Masters P.Bakey G. Boyd G. Head

Front Row; P.Stewart P.Storie E. Butson J.Duncan A. Hull V. Graham

The other big change was the complete restructuring of the Club which followed many meetings of fact finding sub-committee headed up by Reg. Crowther and General Committee meetings as well as Special meetings of Men & Ladies finally culminating in two historic meetings. One was the 32<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Meeting of the Club on 29<sup>th</sup>. May 1991, at which it was decided that henceforth, the lady/Associate members will no longer exist, and that female members other than Social members would pay the same annual subscription as the male members and therefore become Full Members with all the same rights.

Then a Special Meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1991 for the purpose of electing officers for the Ladies and Men's Sections and also for the separate Committee of Management. Ron. Taylor became the first Club Director and both Sections each elected a representative to the COM taking up the title of Vice Director. The Full members both male and female then elected a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Greens Director and lastly Roy King who had been the Latest Club President assumed the role of Past Director.

## MEN & LADIES ACHIEVEMENTS

1991/92-1998/99

1991-92	<b>PHYL NUMA SHIELD</b> D.BENTLEY, F. ELBOURNE, E. M. JACKSON, J. MASTERS V. JOHNSTON, N. PRICE, A. JORDAN, L. KEELE
1993-94	PREMIERS DIVISION 3 F.B.A. MENS PENNANT
1993-94	PREMIERS DIVISION 4 F.B.A. MEN'S PENNANT
1994-95	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 4 LADIES PENNANT
1994-95	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 5 LADIES PENNANT
1994-95	RUNNER UP F.B.A DIV. 3 MEN'S PENNANT
1995-96	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 4 LADIES PENNANT
1996-97	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 1 LADIES PENNANT
1996-97	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 5 LADIES PENNANT
1997-98	FBA NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPION GREG GALE
1997-98	PREMIERS F.D.L.B.A.DIV. 5 LADIES PENNANT
1997-98	<b>RVBA FOURS</b> F.B.A., GROUP 7 & EQUAL 3 <sup>rd</sup> . STATE A. WILDE (s) H.WILDE, G.GALE & TED MATTHEWS
1997-98	RUNNER UP F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 2 LADIES PENNANT
1998-99	<b>CARRY ON MIXED FOURS</b> ALLAN NUTHALL (s) P. RENOUF, J. RENOUF, J.NUTHALL

# CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

1999/00 – 2007/08

1999-00	PREMIERS F.B.A. DIV. 5 MEN'S PENNANT
1999-00	M.P.A.B.CARNIVAL WINNERS MIXED FOURS A. McDowell(s) B. MILES A. WRIGHT M. WRIGHT
2000-01	F.B.A.NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPION R.NORDEN
2000-01	PREMIERS F.B.A DIV. 4 MEN'S PENNANT
<b>2000-01</b>	<b>F.D.L.B.A. FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP</b> L. CUMMINS (s) J.ALLEN C.FELDHOFER E. JACKSON M.WRIGHT
2001-02	F.D.L.B.A. FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP B. MILES (s) V.BARRETT B.JONES D. BEATTIE
2002-03	<b>R.V.B.A GROUP 7 CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS</b> W.K. (Bill) FECHNER
2002-03	<b>V.L.B.A. STATE TITLE FOURS ZONE WINNERS</b> B.MILES (s) J.ALLEN L.CUMMINS & P.STEEN
2002-03	PREMIERS F.D.L.B.A. DIV.3 LADIES PENNANT
2003-04	PREMIERS F.B.A. DIV.4 MEN's PENNANT
2004-05	PREMIERS F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 2 LADIES PENNANT PREMIERS F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 3 LADIES PENNANT
2004-05	PREMIERS F.B.A. DIV 3 MEN'S PENNANT
2005-06	PREMIERS F.B.A. DIV. 2 MEN's PENNANT
2005-06	PREMIERS F.B.A. DIV. 5 MEN'S PENNANT
2005-06	<b>R.V.B.A. GROUP 7 DIV.2 PENNANTCHAMPIONS</b>
2005-06	<b>PAST PRESIDENTS ASSN.NOVICE PAIRS</b> R. HARBER & B. BAKLIEN
2005-06	<b>GROUP 9 OVER 60 SINGLES CHAMPION</b> VIV. BARRET
2005-06	F.D.L.B.A. STATE TITLE SINGLES S. Mc COLGAN
2006-07	PREMIERS F.D.L.B.A. DIV. 2 LADIES PENNANT
2006-07	F.D.L.B.A. DISTRICT FOURS A. WATSON T.BEAGLEY M.NEWTON M.FAVA
2006-07	<b>GROUP 7 60 &amp; OVER PAIRS CHAMPIONS</b> A. McDOWELL F. McCOLGAN
2006-07	F.B.A. FOURS CHAMPIONS B. FERGUSON M.WHITTY J.COLLERY G. KEATING
2006-07	F.B.A. TRIPLES CHAMPIONS B. FERGUSON M. WHITTY G.KEATING
2006-07	F.B.A. NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPION A. JONES
2006-07	F.D.L.B.A. STATE FOURS N. BERNI S. FERGUSON K. BAILEY M. BOWLER (RCC)
2007-08	F.B.A. VETERANS SINGLE CHAMPION K. WOODFORD
2007-08	F.B.A. 60 & OVER PAIRS CHAMPIONS <b>R.V.B.A. GROUP 7, 60 &amp; OVER PAIRS CHAMPIONS</b> B. FERGUSON M. WHITTY



F.B.A. PREMIERS DIV. 3 1993/94  
 BACK; P.Duncan R.Doyle L.Oakley A.Wright A.McDowell A.Slingsby J.Jesson L.Gray  
 FRONT; B.Latimer S.Price L.Bruce S.Muir I McKinley H.Gill A.Walmer T.Morton



F.B.A.PREMIERS DIV.4 1993/94  
 BACK; J.Seaman L.Batley W.Bentley G.Anderson A. Anderson N.Edwards  
 FRONT; N.Stewart A. Hevey C. Butson R.Sweet D.Short L.Irving



F.D.L.B.A. PREMIERS DIV. 5 1997/98  
 BACK; M. Matthews J. Loats M. Howard M. Barry S. Giersch B. Ross  
 FRONT L. Downey (Man.) L. Dumergue E. Hyde





R.V.B.A. State Fours 1997/98 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
A. Wilde(S) G. Gale H. Wilde & E. (Ted) Matthews



1998/99 The "Carry On " Cup  
J. Renouf P.Renouf J.Nuthall A.Nuthall



F.B.A. PREMIERS Div 5 1999/00  
STANDING; R. Lyles E. Dowling J. Powell (s) V. Kambouris J. Murphy (Dec) M. Mahoney L. Batley (Dec)  
K. Ferguson(emerger) S. Borg (emerger)  
SEATED: D. Moore S. Puhlovich(s) R.Taylor(s)(Dec) K. Woodford (Man.) B. Latimer J. Down (Dec)

## MEMBERSHIP;

In February 1990 the total membership is recorded at 200 but in the next few years the membership exploded as follows;

In January 1991 we had 182 Full Male, 49 Full female, 3 Life, 1 Special, 102 Associates & 16 Social, Totaling, 353.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1991 the minutes show the following peak membership of the Club.

Full Member	Male	182	
Full Member	Female	49	
Life Members		3	
Special Members		2	
Associates		102	
Social		49	386 TOTAL

Incredible as this seems, good numbers sustained at a total of approximately 365 for the rest of 1991 but began to decline to 302 in October 1993 and approximately 250 total in 1996 which was sustained for 4-5 years at 150 Men and 100 Ladies. Often losing 20 to thirty members but replacing them with new ones. Male members have dropped to around the 100 mark in recent years and the females to around 50.



F.B.A. PREMIERS Div 4 2000/01

STANDING; M.Mahoney(emer) T. Price R. Snibson(emer)(Dec) M.Scott B.Miles L.Woolard B.Lindsay  
A.Clements(s)

SEATED; C.Griffin J.Down (Dec) S.Price D.Jagger(Man.) D.Moore T.Allen(s) R.Crowther(s)

## FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Always a resilient lot the administrators of this Club never shirked the need to make significant improvements to the members' facilities both on the Greens and in the Clubhouse and so when faced with the need to lay reticulated sprinkler system and the major installation of a cool-room for the bar area, each costed at amounts in excess of \$12,000.00 including much volunteer labour, they went to the members in March of 1994 and they opted to undertake the sprinklers project immediately, and agreed to fund same by voluntary members debentures of \$50.00 or multiples & voted to shelve the Bar cool-room project for the present time.

Up until November 1994 smoking was permitted at certain times of the day, on certain days of the week and in certain parts of the Clubhouse ;( 2 tables closest to the bar and up on the carpeted area). Like all good rules made to be broken smoking began to occur outside of the rules which upset the non-smokers. So a new edict was put in place "NO SMOKING" anywhere in the Clubhouse.

In May the following year, it was found that the existing refrigerators would not last much longer and that it was time to implement the plans to refurbish the bar including the construction of a cool-room. This meant that larger quantities of beer could be purchased at better prices and that the catering staff could utilize the space for safe storage of food and so the nod was given to go ahead without delay.

Extensive, voluntary expert constructional labour was graciously given by members Lindsay Gray and Bob Doyle in the same manner as they showed in many other projects since then.

## TRAGEDY STRUCK

On 10th. Nov. 1994, a joint meeting of the two Section Committees was conducted, to resolve the almost perennial matter of sandwiches being prepared and provided by the Ladies to the men on Pennant days. President Edna Butson put forward the unanimous view of the Ladies Committee "that they were prepared to provide cake, biscuits and cheese, but not sandwiches" President Nigel Edwards reported that the Men's meeting on the previous day had a firm preference to sandwiches and were also concerned about embarrassment of comments from visiting players.

After a few more views were expressed poor Edna collapsed and after attempts to revive her by members and the ambulance crew which was called in, she was declared dead. Obviously the meeting was hastily closed and arrangements made for the deceased. I'm not quite sure what happened about the sandwiches but as a nice touch, the garden at the front gate area was suitably named with a plaque "The Edna Butson Garden"

## COLOURED SHIRTS

On 1<sup>st</sup>.December 1995 a recent move to introduce coloured uniform shirts for Men's Pennant came into fruition when they became available to members for the first time. When most were kitted out, a coloured photograph of members wearing these shirts was taken and it still hangs proudly in the Club today. Ours was the first Club in our Association of 12, to wear the coloured Pennant shirts and jackets and much credit goes to Bruce Latimer for the development work involved with these. Incidentally credit must also go to Bruce for his persistence in the capacity of Bar Manager in achieving the excellent bar facility which we now enjoy.

In August '95, Bowls Shepherds were introduced which made it much easier to move back the Bowls from the Head instead of kicking them.

## .HONOUR BOARD

### MEN'S SECTION

Founded 1991

SEASON	PRESIDENT	CHAMPION	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1991-92	R.I. KING	A.HAWORTH	B.W.BENTLEY	B.W.BENTLEY
1992-93	T.D.McKINLAY	A.HAWORTH	B.W.BENTLEY	D.W.WRIGHT
1993-94	G.H.BUTSON	W.K.FECHNER	G.E.MOORCROFT	L.BRUCE
1994-95	N.EDWARDS	S.F.MUIR	S.G.GODDARD	L.BRUCE
1995-96	N.EDWARDS	W.K.FECHNER	G.E.LUMSDEN	L.BRUCE
1996-97	H.WILDE	W.K.FECHNER	G.E.LUMSDEN	N.STEWART
1997-98	H.WILDE	D.R.FRASER	G.E.LUMSDEN	L.BRUCE
1998-99	A.MCDOWELL	W.K. FECHNER	G.E.LUMSDEN	L.BRUCE
1999-00	A.McDOWELL	J.L.POWELL	G.E.LUMSDEN	J.HAYDEN/L.BRUCE
2000-01	F.B.SOWERBUTTS	D.R.FRASER	G.E.LUMSDEN	K.F.BELL
2001-02	F.B.SOWERBUTTS	J.A.COLLERY	G.E.LUMSDEN	K.F.BELL
2002-03	J.B.GOUDIE	W.K.FECHNER	G.E.LUMSDEN	D.R.FRASER
2003-04	J.B.GOUDIE	A.McDOWELL	P.CROCKER	K.F.BELL
2004-05	A.H.VINE	K.V.TAYLOR	P.CROCKER	G.E.LUMSDEN
2005-06	A.H.VINE	A.McDOWELL	P.CROCKER	G.E.LUMSDEN
2006-07	J.BECKETT	J.A.COLLERY	P.CROCKER	G.E.LUMSDEN
2007-08	T.F.MORTON	A.R.HAMITON	D.FITCHER	G.E.LUMSDEN
2008-09	J.BECKETT		D.FITCHER	G.E.LUMSDEN



2002/2003 FDLBA Division 3 PREMIERS

Back Row; D. Monkivitch (Captain) R.Viney(dec.) J. Allen A. Price B. Maloney M. Newton S. Hodder E. M. Jackson  
M. Bailey Seated; B.Hallsall S. Crowley M.Clements N.Bolton & F. Elbourne

## SOME HIGH ACHIEVING BOWLERS

### J.W. (BILL) GILLESPIE

Bill transferred from Heathmont in 1976, as a Bowler with very high credentials including many championship titles behind him and maintained his high standard at Rye, by becoming Club Champion and our second P.B.A. Champion of Champions in his first season.

He Skipped in Division 1 for many years, always very definite about what he required from his players. He was dubbed "The Little Master". (Courtesy of Bill Fechner).

### ALBERT HAWORTH



Albert came from Broadford during the 1979/80 season after playing at Broadford and Kilmore and soon set upon an illustrious career of 6 Club Championships and Skipping for several years in Division 1. In 1982, he went on to win our 3<sup>rd</sup>. P.B.A. Champion of Champions title. He represented Rye with distinction in the F.B.A. and Group 7 teams as Skipper and also served as Club Pennant, Chairman of Selectors for several years as well as F.B.A. Competitions Committee Chairman. He transferred to Rosebud Bowls Club in 1995

### W. (BILL) K. FECHNER



Perhaps our most celebrated Bowler; Bill grew up on a farm at Dimboola in Victoria's Wimmera, and took up Bowls there whilst in his thirties. After selling the farm he became the Greenkeeper at Dimboola Bowling Club for a time then he and wife Lyle retired to Rye.

He joined Rye Bowls Club in 1979 and won his first Club Championship in 1985 but the latest of his 8 wins was as recent as 2003 after which he won the FBA Champion of Champions and the Group 7 Champion of Champions, surely a sterling effort over so many years. During that time he has served Rye with distinction in Pennant, mostly in the top Division and mostly as a Skipper. He has also performed well in administrative roles such as; Umpire, Coach, Men's Committee, Greens Director, Chairman of Selectors and Bowls Secretary. An outstanding Club man who in 2001 was awarded Life Membership.

### J. (JIM) L. POWELL

Jim has the distinction of being the only Club Champion in all of the 50 years of Rye Bowls Club to have learnt to Bowl at Rye. After winning in the year 2000 he could have commanded a place in the top team but since he preferred to be master of his own destiny he was offered the Skipper's spot in a lower side which finished the season as Premiers. (See page 25)



2003 State Fours Championship ZONE WINNERS  
Betty Miles, Joy Allen, Liz. Cummins & Pat Steen



2003/04 FBA Division 4 PREMIERS  
Back Row; J. Down (dec.) K. Cross G.Sauvarin L.Gray S. Chitty(dec.)  
Middle Row; Bill Keele S.Puhalovic C.Griffin Max Scott R.Hamilton  
Front Row; L. Oakley K.Cadd R.Doyle G.Hodder



2004/05 FDLBA DIV. 3 PREMIERS  
B. Vallance T.Beagley B. Miles A. Watson N. Bolton M.Moore S.Hodder D. McGuire M. Newton B. Hallsall  
M. Fava S. Crowley B.Brailey (Emerge) B. Maloney



#### 2004/05 FDLBA DIV. 2 PREMIERS

REAR; N.Price F.Taylor L.Keele N. Bernie. M. Jackson M. Whitfort N. Pitt  
FRONT; V. Barratt B.Jones M. Clements(Mgr.) P.Steen( Pres.) M. Moorcroft J.Allen



#### 2004/05 FBA DIV. 3 PREMIERS

STANDING; J. Hynes B. Sowerbutts(s) B. Lindsay(s) G. Berni S. Price b. Baklien I. Oakley(s) R. Doyle T. O'Brien  
Emerge.)  
KNEELING; G. Robertson W. Keele K. Woodford (Mgr.) K.Cadd J.Clark  
The Runner-Up Team was the other Rye Div. 3 Team Skipped by J. Down (Dec.) G. Hodder & R. Crowther



#### 2004/05 F B A DIV. 2 PREMIERS

REAR; R. McNamara N. Fraser D. Watson M. Kimber R. Palstra R. Hillman R. Treloar A. Glover F. Perry M. Steen  
Front Row; A.Vine S. Muir M. Dumergue K.Bell (Mgr.) L. Lewis A. Nuthall A. Fraser



2006/07 F.D.L.B.A DIV. 2 PREMIERS.  
 REAR; E.Cummins V. Johnston B. Pitt A. Watson M. Newton N. Bolton S. Hodder T. Beagley  
 MIDDLE; B. Jones G Butler M. Clements  
 FRONT; J. Morrison V. Reivers S. Crowley.

### *LIFE MEMBERS*

*After 1981*

- 1987 *Edna Tyers \**
- 1989 *Ellen Harrison \**
- 1993 *Ken R. Ockleshaw \**  
*Bernie J. Shanahan \**
- 1994 *Freda I. Tippet \**  
*George R. Pitson \**
- 1995 *G. Ron Taylor \**
- 1997 *Stan T. Price*  
*Nancye Price*
- 2000 *Fleur Taylor*  
*Nigel Edwards*
- 2001 *Bill K. Fechner*
- 2005 *Tom W. O'Brien*  
*George E. Lumsden*
- 2006 *Ken Ferguson*
- 2007 *Allen McDowell*

*\* Dec.*

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*All the above members have served the Club in many ways and over many years, with inspiring leadership, driven by enthusiasm and great energy.*



# RYE BOWLS CLUB Inc.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

ESTABLISHED 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1991

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YEAR	CLUB DIRECTOR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1991-92	G.R. TAYLOR	L.E. HUBBARD	K.R. OCKLESHAW
1992-93	G.R. TAYLOR*	L.E. HUBBARD	K.R. OCKLESHAW
1993-94	G.R. PITSON	L.E. HUBBARD	K.R. OCKLESHAW*
1994-95	G.R. PITSON	L.E. ROBERTSON	A.T. SLINGSBY
1995-96	G.R. PITSON*	L.E. ROBERTSON	A.T. SLINGSBY* / A. WRIGHT
1996-97	N. EDWARDS	D.P. MONKIVITCH	A. WRIGHT
1997-98	N. EDWARDS	D.P. MONKIVITCH	A. WRIGHT
1998-99	N.EDWARDS	D.P. MONKIVITCH	A. WRIGHT
1999-00	N. EDWARDS	F.B. LINDSAY	J.B. GOUDIE
2000-01	N. EDWARDS	F.B. LINDSAY	J.B. GOUDIE
2001-02	N. EDWARDS	F.B. LINDSAY	J.B. GOUDIE
2002-03	A. McDOWELL	K.F. BELL	G.WOODROW
2003-04	A. McDOWELL	F.B. LINDSAY	G.WOODROW
2004-05	A. McDOWELL	R. TRELOAR	G.WOODROW
2005-06	A. McDOWELL	D. JAGGER	K.V. TAYLOR
2006-07	A. McDOWELL	F.B. LINDSAY	K.V. TAYLOR
2007-08	A. McDOWELL	T. GOLDER	K.V. TAYLOR
2008-09	A. McDOWELL	T. GOLDER	K.V. TAYLOR

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## GREENS

After the members, the most important part of a Bowls Club is of course the Greens. Therefore they have always commanded the utmost attention of the management committees and I am sure that down the years have usually produced excellent results. Suffice to say that they were not in the best of shape when a talented young man named John Coltery was engaged as full time Greenkeeper in 1999. Within his first 12 months he turned the situation around and then followed up with a reconstruction of the Greens. John is still the Greenkeeper at the time of writing and is also a valued Club member playing in the top Men's Pennant team and has twice won the Club men's Singles Championship.



John will again be supervising the re-development of the two main Greens over the next two years, when they are planted with Tift Dwarf grass. This will give the Club greater flexibility of operations and will hold us in good stead for many years to come.

## CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

#### OFFICE BEARERS: 2008 – 2009

Club Director;	Allen McDowell
Vice- Directors;	Jim Beckett, Fleur Taylor
Imm. Past Director:	Nigel Edwards
Honorary Secretary:	Tom Golder
Honorary Treasurer:	Ken Taylor
Greens Director;	Ken Bell
Assistant Secretary:	Doug Fitcher
Committee Persons:	Les Lewis, Patricia Steen

#### NOT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

Bar Manager:	Dave Watson
Promotions Committee:	Doug. Fitcher, John Wilson
Honorary Auditors:	Brian Elliot CPA, ACIS, ACIM
Public Officer:	Tom Golder
Property Manager:	Bob Doyle
Social Secretary:	Tom Morton
Press Correspondent:	Ken Taylor
Almoners:	Desiree Beattie, Vic Kambouris

### LADIES SECTION (VLBA AFFIL.)

#### OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Fleur Taylor.
Vice Presidents:	Gwen Butler
Im. Past President:	Thelma Beagley
Honorary Secretary:	Mavis Campbell
Honorary Treasurer:	Oriel Woodrow
Bowls Secretary:	Thelma Beagley
Committee:	Faye Christensen. Merrice Moorcroft, Bev Vallance

Match Committee: Shirley Hodder,  
Beverly Stenning & Lael Taylor.

Pennant Selection: Desiree Beattie.( Chair)  
Joy Allen, Gwen Butler.  
Betty Halsall, Barbara Jones

FDLBA Delegates: Fleur Taylor, Mavis Campbell  
Umpires: Vivienne Barrett. Alison Watson, Thelma Beagley  
Coaches: Fleur Taylor, Gwen Butler, Pam Christgorgl,  
Measurer: Betty Halsall  
Inclement Weather: Barbara Jones  
(Pennant)

### MEN'S SECTION (RVBA AFFIL.)

#### OFFICE BEARERS

President;	Jim Beckett
Vice President;	Kevin Lawson
Imm. Past President;	Tom Morton
Honorary Secretary;	Doug. Fitcher
Hon. Treasurer;	George Lumsden
Asst. Secretary;	Tom Golder
Bowls Secretary;	John Wilson
Committee;	Nigel Edwards, Stan. Price, Alan Hamilton

Match Committee; George Hodder, David Jagger,  
Max.Loves, Geoff. Robertson

Pennant Selection; Adrian Vine (Chair), John Coltery  
John Beagley, Ted. Matthews; David Watson

FBA Delegates; Jim Beckett, Dug. Fitcher  
Umpires; Herb. Christogorgl, David Jagger, Frank Perry,  
Graham Woodrow, Allen McDowell, Alan Hamilton  
Measurer; Bruce Sowerbutts  
Coaches; Bryan Lee, David Fraser, Doug. McTier,  
Adrian Vine, David Watson

## THE FUTURE

As reported earlier, the Greens are being converted to Tift Dwarf grass which means that they will withstand the rigours of play far better than the existing grasses, for a much longer period, be less thirsty for precious water and be available for play throughout year.

Due to the geographical position of Rye Bowls Club (just 2-3 minutes from the beach) developers may one day win out and lay claim to this valuable Shire Council land that we occupy. There have been at least 3 threatening times of this nature over the years but hopefully we will always manage to maintain our privileged place in the heart of the Rye Township.

Much has been achieved toward cementing our position in the local community by inviting to the Club, members of other sporting Clubs and business organizations, to enjoy a taste for the wonderful game of Bowls. Currently, on a weekly basis a "Tradies Night" is being held involving many local residents who are not Bowls Club members and they play in ordinary casual clothes, sometimes in bare feet enjoying both playing in a team for a sponsored Cup and a barbeque with refreshments. This does two things for the Club; it exposes Bowls to a wider range of people and possibly more potential members and it brings in extra revenue which lessens the burden on existing members.

## SPONSORSHIP

This large Sponsorship Board dominates one of the Clubhouse walls and it reflects the extent of importance given by the members, to generous financial support from local traders and service providers. Often dubbed “the life blood of the Club” it is hard to imagine how the Club would survive if sponsored days and various advertising schemes ceased to exist. This activity is maintained and developed by members of the Promotions Committee who tirelessly spend a great deal of time on it each year.



## INDOOR BOWLS

This activity has been a regular part of the winter scene in the Club since the early seventies, providing social and competitive Carpet Bowls for many members who for various reasons chose not to go north to warmer climes. Originally a vital part of the very strong Social Committee fund raising efforts, the players enjoyed sausage sizzles & casserole nights once per month, with the Committee ladies also baking fruit cakes. Gordon Humphries and Roy King donated a perpetual trophy which can be found in the trophy cabinet showing the names of all the previous champions.

Weekly Pennant has been played under the auspices of the Peninsula Indoor Bias Bowls Association (PIBBA) traveling as far as, Karingal, Long Island and Hastings. (Courtesy of Barbara Jones)

## THE CLUB DIRECTOR



Allen Mc Dowell

Allan has held the position of Director from 2002 until the time of writing, October, 2008

## THE LADY PRESIDENTS



Fleur Taylor  
Current &  
2000-2001



Thel. Beagley  
2006-08



Pat Steen  
2004-06



Viv. Barratt  
2003-04



Joy Allen  
2001-03



Pauline Renouf  
1998-00



Betty Ferguson  
1996-98



Lorna Hubbard  
Chamberlain  
1995-96



Mary Moore  
1993-95



Nancye  
1992-93



M. Forster  
1990-92



Shirley  
Price  
1988-90



Ellen Harrison  
1986-88



1985-86



1976-78

Edna Butson

## THE MEN PRESIDENTS



Jim Beckett  
Current &  
2006-07



Tom Morton  
2007-2008



Adrian Vine  
2004-06



Brian Goudie  
2002-04



Bruce Sowerbutts  
2000-02



Al. McDowell  
1998-00



Harry Wilde  
1996-98



Nigel Edwards  
1994-96



Chris Butson  
1993-94



Roy King  
1991-92



Ken Ockleshaw  
1985-87

*Apologies for lack of earlier photos; Ed.*

## CLUB OF THE YEAR

In November 2006 Rye won the R.V.B.A & VICHEALTH

'Club of the Year' Award for its submission on the subject of "Welcoming and Inclusions". The award consisted of a cheque for \$1500.00 and the handsome crystal trophy pictured below. The award reflects the culture of the Club to reach out to the local community and to promote Bowls



## *THE FOUNDATION MEMBERS*

### *LADIES*

Lena Dark	Alice Glew	Vi. Hemingway	Meg. Hogarth	Ethyl Homewood	Beth Hosking
Rhena Middleton	Daisy Mckee	Tess Nunan	Dot. Peers	Elsie Pulling	Wyn Smythe
Rene Sweet	Nan Taylor	Meg. Williams	Clarice Willis	Marian Woodcock	

### *GENTLEMEN*

Alfred Ainley	Harold Anderson	Charles Arnold	Albert Bairstow	Harry Barker	F. Bassett
Richard Brew	Frank Condon	Bert Dark	Eric Davis	William Eadie	Con Glew
Harry Hale	William Hartley	John Hemingway	Lester Hosking	J. Johnston	Claude Lorraine
Fred Middleton	Oliver Neale	Joseph Nunan	Fred Peers	William Pulling	Don Quartermaine
Harold Revell	Wilf. Rowley	Alan Strange	Jack Sweet	Roy Thomas	J.W. Van Nooten
Reg. Williams	Eric Williams	Roy Witton	Fred Woodcock		

We owe a debt of gratitude to the above pioneers who had the foresight to envisage what was needed, to create a great bowling club and the energy and tenacity to allow their dream to become a reality.