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# Rye BOWls Club

## Unbiased Opinion

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the  
**RBC newsletter**



## "General News"

There are some important dates to put in your diary.

Club opening day September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sippers re-commence on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pennant Practice September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12.30. Mufti.

Monday triples start on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Club Championship nominations close on September 18<sup>th</sup> for the pairs and October 16<sup>th</sup> for the singles.

Practice match against Dromana at Rye, [club uniform] on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12.30.

Social bowls day on Grand Final day.

The Golf & Bowls day is on again, Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Barefoot bowls commence on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Bendigo Bank \$1000 open Triples is on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Nominations close on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ray Newton.

The \$1000 Ladies Invitation day is on November 24<sup>th</sup>, contact Lael Taylor.

Tickets in Reg's raffle are now available from Kevin Lawson.

## "Bowls news - Women and Men"

### ➤ Bowls News - Women.

The Club is urgently seeking additional umpires. Three short courses will be paid for by the Club. Those ladies interested should contact Lael Taylor.

Ladies information morning meeting is at 10.30am on Thursday September 15th. Discussions on the workings of the catering and match Committee are continuing.

Due to only one green being available, the main day this season is the Invitation Mixed 4's, \$1000 prize money, will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. BYO lunch and followed by a Social Bowls meeting. This should be another great day so get your entry in early.

We will keep you posted in the Pt. Lonsdale annual visit early in 2017. Christine Hardman from Bolton Club England will again be joining us for 3 months.

Tuesday Pennant starts October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### ➤ Bowls News - Men.

The Club is urgently seeking additional umpires. Three short courses will be paid for by the Club. Those men interested should contact Bob Woollard.

The selectors for this season are, John Simmonds {Chairman}, Alan Knowles, David Fraser, Tom Holdsworth and Herb Christgorgl.

All Pennant Bowlers should make themselves familiar with the "Guidelines and rules for the coming season". Printed copies are available from the club, members will receive emailed copies and also are pinned to notice board.

The new selection panel for Saturday pennant would like to thank members who responded to the survey questionnaire. The result was almost 100% in favour of implementing the performance assessment system.

Saturday pennant starts on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## "Behind the Scenes"

With many members enjoying a break in sunny Queensland, the "wheels keep on turning at the club". Our curator, John Collery, continues his professional approach in maintaining our greens and garden areas.

The bar and lock up responsibilities have again been capably run by Maurie Nichols. The 2016/7 roster is on the bar which includes 4 new team members.

The Saturday and Wednesday triples during the "off season" proved very successful despite some testing weather conditions. A special thanks to Ray Newton who continues to organise these events which run smoothly despite a few late minute "issues" always popping up.

### ➤ Refurbishment Project.

Members will notice many changes to the clubrooms including:

1. The Pennant scoreboard is on the dining room south wall.
2. Lining, render, wiring and cabling to the west wall is complete and a new larger TV installed.

3. Tiling and painting of the kitchen walls is complete.
4. New round tables and chairs really give the club rooms a new look. Seating capacity is now 114.
5. The "old" sponsors wall is to become an Honour Board and will include both photographs and pennant flags.

### ➤ Redevelopment Project.

Concept Planning is about 60% complete and meetings with the Shire are on-going as we need to present a proposal within the guidelines.

The additional documentation will take a few months to prepare.

In the meantime, the Shire is willing to consider joint funding of smaller up-grade works.

### ➤ Coaching.

The Club is pleased to announce the addition of two more accredited coaches. Alan Jones and Oscar Bocskay have now received their accreditation and have joined Brian Lee (Chairperson), Pam Christgorgl, Fleur Taylor and David Watson as accredited coaches at the Club.

All new bowlers not previously experienced in lawn bowls and joining the Club wishing to play social or pennant bowls will need to complete some practical coaching session(s). Experienced bowlers wishing to rectify and / or obtain advise on any practical bowling issues should initially contact Brian Lee.

## "Indoor Bowls"

Once again we had 2 teams entered. Sections 1 and 2 both finished the season in third place. In the finals Section 2 played against the second top team but unfortunately were narrowly beaten which put an end to their season. Section 1 played Rosebud {who finished in 2nd place} and won that game.

The team then played the top team Dromana, and recorded a big win, which made them section winners. The winners of the 2 sections, Rye and Hastings then played off with Rye again winning, coming from behind to win by 5 shots making them Grand Champions. Nerina Berni was the singles champion this year, but due to lack of numbers no Champion of Champions match was played. Congratulations on a great effort to all those who competed and did our club proud.



## "Member profile - Geoff Robertson"

"ROBBO" as he is affectionately known by all members of not only Rye but other clubs, is a long serving esteemed member, having joined first as an associate in 1982, then transferring from Box Hill RSL to Rye in 1989. He commenced playing pennant for Rye almost immediately. Prior to this he lived in several Melbourne suburbs and a few years in the bush. Born in North Fitzroy he moved to Altona, West Heidelberg, Box Hill, Wangaratta and Colac. He lives in Rye with his wife of 54yrs and hopefully will continue to do so. He attended various State Schools and Secondary educated at Preston Technical School.

His working life commenced in 1954 at The Taxpayers Association as an office boy then worked for the Greater Union Theatre Group until 1962. Having always held a healthy respect



for the Victoria Police he decided to join. One of the motivating reasons was "I thought the Force would provide much needed discipline for a young beer-swilling ratbag who now had matrimonial responsibilities and a mortgage on the family house in Box Hill. This turned out to be a great decision for Geoff and Fay. The majority of his time was spent as a detective in the Fraud Squad, Homicide Squad, Doncaster CIB, Colac CIB, Bourke Street West CIB and Officer in Charge, City West CIB until his retirement. He served as a

Uniform Member at Russell Street, Carlton North, Carlton, Box Hill, Richmond and Wangaratta.

After retiring in 1989 he moved to Rye and worked for the Shire of Flinders for 6 years. He assisted his son with the IGA Store at the intersection of the Highway and Napier Street in Rye until 2006.

Throughout his life Robbo has been fortunate to play Football and Cricket but Lawn Bowls has been the main indulgence of latter years. In 1977 he commenced playing bowls for Box Hill RSL. He has been a member of four premiership teams at Rye and one "Biggie" in Melbourne for Box Hill RSL. He has played Edinburgh Shield for the last thirty years. He has served the club as a member of the Match Committee under coaches John Wilson and Ray Newton. Robbo is well known for his singing at the drop of a hat. He called Bingo at the Club for two seasons under the organization of Alan McDowell.

Robbo has no doubt the Club is the best on the peninsula and is on track to remain so for lots of years to come. It is imperative that the missing "Ray Newton joke book" is found in order to restore the humour standard in the club.

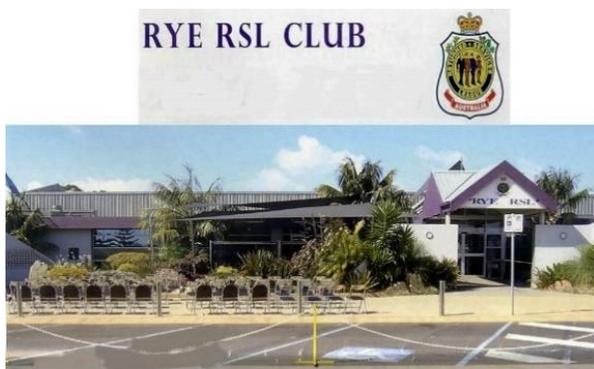
## "Joke of the Month"

Two elderly bowlers, Bob and Ken were chatting during the game and Bob said to Ken, it was my birthday last week and my wife bought me an electric bike. Ken, most impressed and eager to be one up, says to Bob, it was my birthday recently and my wife bought me an SUV. Well this certainly impresses Ken and he asks what model. Bob says, socks, underwear & Viagra.

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