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The Birkenhead Bowling Club

Wednesday, 2 February 2022



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# **New Zealand is at RED Traffic Light**

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# BREAKING

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### On the Greens

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Wednesday 2 February - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)
Saturday 5 February - 8.30am Charity Tournament (OACF) - CANCELLED
Sunday 6 February - "Carpet Mill" Birkenhead \$6,000 Men's Pairs - day 1
Monday 7 February - "Carpet Mill" Birkenhead \$6,000 Men's Pairs - day 2

Wednesday 9 February - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Friday 11 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti Saturday 12 February - "The Good Home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 1

Sunday 13 February - "The Good Home Birkenhead" \$6,500 Women's Pairs - day 2

Monday 14 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (3)

Wednesday 16 February - 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) - BYO lunch

Friday 18 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti)

Monday 21 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (4)

Wednesday 23 February – Matthews Memorial Pairs (AC 60+, Single Entry–Full & Life members only)

Friday 25 February - 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) - Team & Single Entry - mufti Saturday 26 February - 8.30am Women's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

8.30am Men's 1-5 Year Championship Singles

Sunday 27 February - Championship Reserve Day

Monday 28 February - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (5)

Wednesday 2 March - 10am Club Day (AC - Single Entry)

Monday 7 March - 6pm "YOU Travel Birkenhead" Social Bowls3Five (6)

### Inside this Weekend

### Friday 4 February - Open 3.30pm

Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500

Racing – Hawera, Addington (Harness), Palmerston North, Addington (Dogs) Super Rugby Pacific\* - 7.05pm Moana Pasifika v Chiefs

Saturday 5 February - Open 11am

Bake-off – 3.30pm entries close, 4pm tasting and judging

Racing – New Plymouth, Wingatui (Thoroughbred)

Beijing Winter Olympics\*

Sunday 6 January – Open 8am Racing – Tauranga (Thoroughbred), Hawera, Wyndham (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) Beijing Winter Olympics\*

### Monday 7 January - Open 8am

Racing – Tauherenikau (Thoroughbred), Amberley (Harness), Addington (Dogs) Beijing Winter Olympics\*

\* Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.



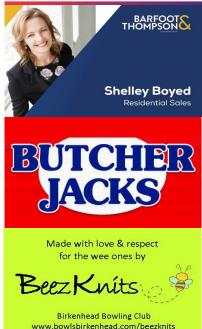
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### **Back to Back**

By Chad Nathan

This past weekend saw the playing of the Milford 5000. A tournament restricted to Junior bowlers, teams requiring at least one 1-5 year player and the remaining two players needing to be 1-8 year bowlers.

It provided a great opportunity for the Birkenhead triple consisting of Chad Nathan (Lead), Gary Wallace (Two), and Milika Nathan (Skip) to retain the title after unexpectedly winning it in 2021.

The first game on Saturday morning was not a pretty picture for the team from Birkenhead. 13-1 down by the 5th end. Both Nathan siblings failing to fire a shot leaving Wallace to play two bowl singles. Ultimately going down by 8 shots, and a repeat title a farfetched dream. A few stern words from Wallace towards the Nathan's at morning tea saw things improve marginally, still a lot of the work landing on Wallace's shoulders but the team managed to scrape a win against Pene Panapa skipped Hunters Corner team. After lunch saw the team start to click and the bowls improve all round, the big issue of dropping big

numbers seemed to be remedied. A win in both games guaranteed the Birkenhead trio qualification into the cup round on Sunday.

Sunday morning saw the team facing a daunting first up task of a Orewa team skipped by long time North Harbour junior representative Chris Searle. Fortunate for Birkenhead "Post-Section Milly" decided to turn up and put on a master class on Skip bowling, blowing out early to an 11-0 lead. Orewa made a courageous comeback but ended up short of the target. Game 2 was against a Mairangi Bay team lead by wellregarded lead Allan Langley, good team bowls saw a reasonably comfortable win. Game 3 was again against Mairangi Bay, this



Back to Back Milford 5000 winners: Gary Wallace, Chad Nathan & Milika Nathan

time consisting of the newly announced North Harbour Open representative, Theresa Rogers, at lead and Phil Chisholm at skip. Good bowls was required, and the Birkenhead team responded well to put on their most complete team performance of the weekend for a well-deserved victory. Game 4 was against another Orewa triple this time skipped by lan Carrol. Things looked very troublesome with the scores locked at 8 all at the halfway point. A few big ends late saw a fourth straight win for the day. With four teams in the cup who won all four games the result was going to be decided by a calculator. There was substantial conjecture in the clubhouse as teams queried if shot differential or number of shots scored was the benchmark. The uncertainty remained right up to the announcement. Fortunate for the Birkenhead triple it was on shot differential and they were crowned champions of Milford for the second time in a row. Special mention needs to be given to the Mairangi Bay and Orewa teams that pushed the other four winners every round reducing their differentials. It was a bittersweet moment for the successful Birkenhead triple as the team will have to be broken up for next year due to age restrictions with Chad Nathan most likely getting cut from the trio.









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### **Super Monday**

If you didn't make it to the Club on the last day of January, you missed some stunning bowls and three finals played across the day. First up the Men's Championship Triples hit the green early for an 8.30am kick off. Mark Rumble, Martin Short and Nigel Drew (s) against Chad Nathan (Milford 5000 winner the previous day), Evan Thomas and Peter Nathan (s). Nathan's trio the bookies favourite purely on their last eight finish the other week in Taranaki and Chad having led for the wining team at the Milford 5000 over the previous two days. Nathan's trio got off to cracking start, claiming the first three ends (4-0) before Drew and co got on the board. Nathan continued the momentum to be ahead by

nine shots (13-4) after 10 of the eighteen ends. Drew then made a move picking up 10 shots to one over the next four ends to be all locked up (14-14) after fourteen ends and four ends to play. Over the remaining ends the teams trade single shots with superb drawing and Drew's trade mark drive to finish the regulation eighteen ends with nothing to separate them (16-16). Extra end and one shot clinched the championship for Rumble, Short and Drew, interesting the only time the trio had been in front during the game.

Hardly having time to savour the victory or catch their breath Rumble and Drew where back out on the greens in the Semi-finals of the Men's Champ Pairs and up against the Jack Huriwai with Jimmy Heath off the front. Similar to the Triples final just completed Rumble and Drew found themselves down (0-7) after four ends before getting on the board in the fifth end. Claiming the next three ends, Drew edged ahead (9-7). After ten ends Drew retained the lead (11-8) but a five dropped on the eleventh end followed by singles on the following three ends gave Heath and Huriwai the break (11-16). Two twos on ends fifteen and sixteen saw Drew pull within in one shot (15-16), But the last two ends both went Huriwai's way and so did the spot in the final. The other semi Daymon Pierson and Steve Yates took on John Hindmarch and, earlier crowned Men's Triples Champ, Martin Short leading. Seven ends in and Yates had a commanding lead (9-2). Hindmarch pegged it back to be level after eleven ends (9-9). The next end saw Hindmarch go to the front (9-10), but that turned out to be only time Hindmarch held lead. The following five ends Yates picked up ten shots to Hindmarch's one. With the game called at seventeen ends (19-11), it was Pierson and Yates to the final. The final with the wind picking up was no easy challenge to either team. Heath and Huriwai handled the conditions and read the green better to be comfortably up (17-5) after ten ends. Pierson and Yates made a gallant charge but Heath and Huriwai were just too far in front with the final called after seventeen ends (23-13) with Jimmy



Champ Triples: Martin Short, Mark Rumble & Nigel Drew (s)



Champ Pairs: Jack Huriwai (s) & Jimmy Heath



Champ Singles: Milika Nathan

Heath and Jack Huriwai claiming the Men's Championship Pairs title. While the men were finishing off their Champ Triples and Pairs, the Women got down to work with their Championship Singles. A disappointing number of entries, four. A round robin with the top two playing off a final, as agreed for every championship to have a final. The round robin completed and three of the four had two wins. Milika Nathan with a +12 differential, Lauranne Croot +18 differential and Connie Mathieson +10 differential. Nathan and Croot had made the winner take all final. Nathan, a BNH rep and having previously made the final and won it during the 2019-20 season, was the bookies favourite while it was uncharted territory for Croot. Nathan got off with a hiss and a roar to a ten shot lead before Croot got on the board after six ends (1-10). Croot settled in for the chase and at one point was trailing by six shots (9-15) before dropping four shots over two ends (9-19), Croot picked up a single on the following end before Nathan scored a one to be all but (10-21). Croot's determination picked up singles on the following two ends, but Nathan's lead was just to much for Croot to peg back with Nathan getting the one to claim the Women's Championship Singles title for the second time in her five year bowling career.



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# **Anniversary Weekend to Remember for Birkenhead**

By Lindsay Knight

Reproduced from BNH website

Not only did Birkenhead run with distinction a tournament honouring one of the club's and the centre's greatest women players, Carole Fredrick, but its trio of Millie Nathan, Gary Wallace and Chad Nathan won for the second consecutive year, the Milford 5000.

To win what has become of New Zealand's best tournaments of its type back-to-back is a notable feat. For among the 32 teams in the Milford 5000 were some of the best intermediate and junior bowlers from Auckland and North Harbour but many other parts of the

The Birkenhead triple won four of its matches in Sunday's main draw along with Pringle Park's Darryl Mackie, Andy Kemp and Marty Griffiths, Howick's Kevin Beasley, Linda and Bruce Fenton and Point Chevalier's Alex Reed, Colin Williams and Stephen Campbell. A remarkable four-way tie meant the calculators had to be used and on the points differentials, Birkenhead finished on plus 36, Pringle Park on plus 32, Howick on plus 30 and Point Chevalier on plus 29.

Clearly the last round contained considerable tension with the competition so close and cut-throat.

Royal Oak's Vila Fifita, Steve Fisher and Nicole Singer finished fifth with three wins and a draw, with Orewa's Brendan Wilson, Willie McIvor and Kerry Greenhaig as the best two winners sixth.

Takapuna's Jerry and Jacqui Belcher and Laurie Kean atoned for a disappointing first day by winning the plate with four wins. Balmoral's Tessa Farley, Chelsea and John Sudden also won four but were second with an inferior differential. Orewa's Roy Haydon, Michelle Kean and Gerald Hill finished third in the plate.

The Nathans and Wallace headed the prize money winning \$1500 for first place while the plate winners pocketed \$360.

It was a masterly piece of organising again by the Milford club, headed by Ian McKenzie and Jan Hutton. The only disappointment was that because of Covid restrictions spectators were not allowed.

In the other major tournament of the weekend, the Birkenhead club celebrated in fitting manner the deeds of the late Carole Fredrick.

Her close friend and playing partner Ruth Lynch spoke before the tournament urging the visiting women's bowlers from all over the centre to have fun and while playing competitively to enjoy the game and the company. That turned out to be the theme of the four match, one green, one-day tournament.

Ruth didn't quite land the first two prizes, which would have made the day more memorable, but was among the prizes, finishing in third place skipping another Birkenhead stalwart Mavis Smith and Connie Mathieson.

The tournament's first prize of \$600 and a handsome trophy donated by Carole's family went to three competent bowlers from Orewa, all multiple centre champions, in Christeen Dalzell, Kerin Roberts and Jan Harrison. The runners-up were Takapuna's Adele Ineson, Keiko Kurohara and Jamie Chen. Adele, another who played often with Carole, won a further \$50 for winning the afternoon spider while Browns Bay's Margaret Oates won that in the morning.



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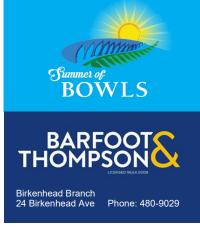






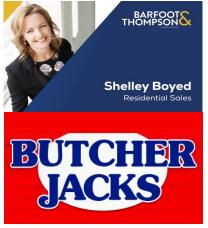


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### The Great Birkenhead Bake Off Is Back!!

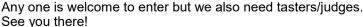
By Louise Fox

If you fancy a slice of fruit cake now and then or consider yourself a 'fruit cake connois-

seur' then you need to be at the Club Saturday, 5 February around 4pm. The baking rivals (Louise and Warren) are back to wow you with their culinary delights.

Or if you think you are up for the challenge, dig grandmas secret fruit cake recipe out of the drawer, find the cake tin, and come along with your entry by 3.30pm Saturday.

There will be blind tasting and secret voting at 4pm to decide who is the best baker on the day.



Editors note: There will be a specialist fruit cake judge from out-of-town present at the tasting/judging



# Carole Fredrick Women's Invitation Triples Raffle

Raffle Results – 10 Draws (in numerical order, not drawn order) #9 Al Cowan #21 Emmie Swart

#28 Bernie Hall #60 Didge Cullen #62 (twice) Jamie Chen #64 Mari Hannan #100 Ruth Lynch #78 Salote Kishore #96 Robyn Autridge

# **Hospice February**

With the cancellation of the Club's Charity Day, it has left a hole in our fundraising efforts for a very worthy cause, Harbour Hospice. There are still items to raffle and auction with

the various opportunities to raise as much as we can. The whole of February will be Hospice February with raffles and auctions happening during the month along with "The Fish" out at all tournaments with all proceeds going to Harbour Hospice.

There are a number of items that will be auctioned off at The Sole Agents evening, so if you're fortunate to have a ticket to this sold-out evening bring your wallet with you to support a good cause. There are 15 raffles on sale at various times dur-

ing February with raffles being drawn at Friday Club Nights. Each raffle is 2 draws, limited to 50 numbers at a cost of \$2 per number per raffle.



The initial sales are reserved for those that wish to purchase a particular number right through, that is 15 raffles (30 draws) for \$25, this offer is available until Monday 6 February.

Raffles sales are now on sale at the Club.

Some of the items available in the raffles:

Stanley Fatmax Angle Grinder, Pie dish & bottle of wine, Bottle of Glen Allachie Scotch Whiskey, Taste the difference Air Fryer, Set of 4 Chelsea Winter Coffee Mugs, Birkenhead Brewing Co Voucher \$100, Cooler bag with beer (Turners Car Auctions), The Malt \$50 Voucher, Pristine Beauty \$25.00 Voucher, Breville Deep Fryer, Mad Millie Gin Kit, Game Over \$80 Voucher, Mini Cocette & Baker dish, Kiwi Valley Family Pass Platter & Popcorn Maker, Bliss Hair Salon Voucher \$87.00, Magnum Veuve de Vernay \$40.00, Baby Blankets donated by Devonport Knitters, Plan Co Giftbox, Kings Plant barn pack, Tray (24) cans of Red Bull, Dutch Delight voucher



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# Members Draw Today \$45 & \$500

Wednesday 26 January - Drawn between 5pm & 6pm

### **Let the Battles Commence**

The first of Birkenhead's two Bowls New Zealand Summer of Bowls tournaments, having filled up in a record two weeks back in September, finally gets under way this Sunday. The Carpet Mill \$6,000 Men's Pairs sees a full field of 32 teams take to the greens 8.30am Sunday hunting for a place in the top sixteen for Monday and a chance at the \$1,600 first place. Sunday is all about securing that spot in the top sixteen for the Champions Cup knockout Monday, the bottom sixteen playoff in the Consolation.

First up Sunday past Austrian international and Hall of Famer Leif Selby, originally paired with Tony Grantham, makes his tournament debut with fellow Carlton Cornwell clubmate James William. Selby and William will be hoping Doug Campbell and Bruce Baker don't catch them off guard. Newcomers Pt Chev's Callum Height and Steve Hoft will have their work cut out taking on Onehunga & District's Neville Hill and Brown's Bay's Brendon Kelly. A chance meeting at the casino has Birkenhead's Peter Nathan and Pt Chev's Nick Botica, hoping the gamble pays off, tackle Ellerslie's Joe Whitelaw and Royal Oak's Mike Bradshaw. Bradshaw was initially entered with Zak Abro, but Zak is stranded in Australia thanks to Covid.

Tauranga's John O'Shea and Birkenhead President Randall Watkins will need a night off the sake to get one over on defending champions Pt Chev's Alex Reed and Aiden Takarua, both teams lucky to be in the tournament having come off the reserve list. Usually playing Aotearoa Bowls at this time of the year Birkenhead's Jack Huriwai has broken a tradition and decided to give the Men's Pairs a bash. He has paired up with Birkenhead's and recently elected BNH Chairman Steve Yates and will take on Birkenhead's Evan Thomas and Mairangi's David Payne of which both preformed well at the recent Taranaki Men's Fours.

Previous tournament winners Manurewa Cossie's Roger Andrews and David Clarke get their campaign underway against Henderson's Billy Fulton and Tony Garelja. Round two after a hearty morning tea Birkenhead's Jimmy Heath and Daymon Pierson take on Takapuna's Jerry Belcher and Jeremy Brosnan, a game that could easily go either way. Helensville's Neil Connell and Carlson Barnett will be hoping they're on the ball before taking on former Blackjack Auckland's Jamie Hill and Victoria's Mark Burgess (Nephew of Birkenhead's Keith Burgess). Birkenhead's Nigel Drew playing with Mark Rumble, Rumble currently under an injury cloud, will see bowls fly against Pringle Parks Wayne Ruka and a former Blackjack Kerry Chapman. John Hindamrch with fellow Birkenhead clubmate Mike Haggart will be looking for good leading from Haggart as they take on Pringle Parks Steve Gaughan and Craig Harold. A battle of east and west sees Howick's Neil Fisher and Bryan Chapman against the ever-steady Sean Hird and Adam Wishnoski of New Lynn. A game that could have been played at Riverhead is Tommy Campbell and Duane Mc Donald against their fellow Riverhead Clubmates Grant Goodwin and Steve Cox promises much.

After lunch and a pint or two, it's into round three. Having travelled up from the Naki Inglewood's Steve Sabine and Graham Reive will be hoping for two wins before taking on Cox/ Goodwin. From the other extreme of the Island, the winterless north, Whangarei's father and son pair David and Daniel Hood meet Fulton/Garelja. The boys from the Bay of Plenty Steve Beel and John Cray will be upbeat with their success last weekend winning the BOP Men's Open Fours Championship and could prove a handful for Birkenhead's Curtis Ennor and Robbie Church, especially after lunch. From the flood plain at the bottom of the hill Northcote's Greg Taylor and Brent Malcolm will have to pull out all the stops to get past Mt Albert's Peter Thorne with wingman Takapuna's Brett O'Riley. Birkenhead's two Garys, Gary Wallace and Gary Stevens will be hoping the bowls gods are looking favourably on them as they take on Fisher/Chapman.

Round four and the last chance to make any impact on the seedings for Monday play. Takapuna's Gordon Jenkins and John Janssen can't relax against Hird/Wishnoski. Other challenges that have the potential of an either way result Haggat/Hindmarch v Height/ Hoft, Botica/Nathan v Taylor/Malcolm, Ruka/Chapman v Reed/Takarua and Cox/Goodwin v O'Shea/Watkins.

Monday the field is split in two (top and bottom sixteen), Champions Cup and Consolation with losing pairs dropping into various flights. Finals, five of them, will commence at just after 3pm followed by the Monster Meat Raffle and Prizegiving.

The second of Birkenhead's Bowls New Zealand Summer of Bowls tournaments, The Good Home Birkenhead \$6,500 Women's Pairs gets underway the following weekend, Saturday12 February, concluding Sunday 13 February. The draw and tournament programme for the \$6,500 Women's Pairs will be emailed out early next week.









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### **Club Facebook**

For those members that are on Facebook, please 'like' our "Birkenhead Bowling Club" page. Also, get your friends & family to 'like' our page! The page is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Club! For cancellations go to the Club's facebook page "Birkenhead Bowling Club".

# **Centre Update**

BNH Weekly Reminder

The Bowls North Harbour Weekly Reminder is currently arriving in the Club's inbox past the deadline to make the Wednesday edition of Bee Express. For the current BNH Weekly Reminder go to Bowls North Harbour's website www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/news/.The conditions of play for the Women's National Interclub sevens can also be found there.

# **Programme Updates and Cancellations**

With the everchanging Traffic Light Covid Protection Framework, changes to the playing programme and alike are inevitable. The Bee Express each week publishes the latest programme looking three to four weeks ahead. For urgent changes and cancellations go to the Club's facebook page www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead or ring the Club.



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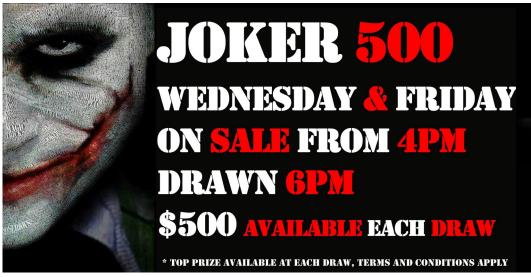
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### **New Chairman of Bowls North Harbour**

by Lindsay Knight

Reproduced from BNH website

Bowls North Harbour's new board chairman Steve Yates has set himself the task of overcoming what he sees as the major challenge for the sport at present as he takes over in his role from Mairangi Bay's Tony Popplewell.

That is what he perceives as too much negativity and unfounded gossip within the bowling community.

For the sport to continue to thrive the centre and all of its clubs must strive for greater unity. This, though, he emphasises, does not mean an end to debating any issues or differences.

"I will always welcome debate as long as its constructive and done with respect," he says.

Yates, who was seconded to the board just before Christmas, succeeds Popplewell, who has stepped down as Chairman for personal reasons after holding the position since the 2019-20 season.

The entire Board would like to thank Tony for his dedication, leadership, guidance, and the amount of time where he went above and beyond in his role as Chairman of Bowls North Harbour. Tony will be sorely missed by everybody, and we hope that in the future he will still be involved, in some capacity, within the bowling community.

Yates. meantime, is fully intent on projecting Harbour, already one of the country's leading bowling centres, on even more positive progress and embracing a winning culture, albeit one done with an appropriate pride."

Yates, aged 47, has a strong background both in the game and in his business career. He was general manager of Auckland Bowls and is still on the board of the Auckland Bowling Club, which is New Zealand's and one of the world's oldest clubs. He has been a member of the Birkenhead club for 14 years and has compiled a solid record in club and centre championships.

He is currently in the open representative squad and has played alongside several top players, including the late Rod Mahon, Shane Gibson, Jack Huriwai, Jimmy Heath, Garry Banks and a Black Jack Mike Nagy. As a talented junior he won with Banks the Milford 5000.

Currently in business as an international freight consultant, he has held executive positions with high profile companies like Air New Zealand and Armourguard.

The son of Alan Yates, who came to New Zealand in 1970 on a professional football contract, Steve was born here and educated at Westlake Boys High School. Before his career ended with a compound fracture of the tibia he, too, was an accomplished footballer who played national league for North Shore and represented New Zealand at age group levels.

As well as building a cohesive relationship with the centre's main stakeholders, its clubs, he is making increasing an already good relationship with Bowls New Zealand another priority. There has already been a major coup in that area to launch his leadership of the centre.

He confirms that for the upcoming national inter-centre championship, which North Harbour will host on March 17-20, the centre, along with Auckland, has been given the privilege of having two men's and two women's teams competing. This has enabled Bowls NZ to avoid byes caused by the non-entry because of costs of some of the South Island's smaller centres. That will give a wide range of Harbour bowlers the chance of playing at the highest representative level and can only enhance the playing depth.



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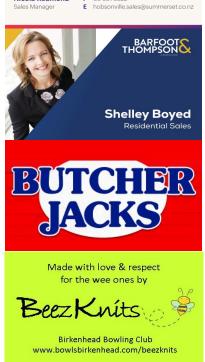
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### **New Trans Tasman Series Dates Locked In**

By Lachlan Williams

Reproduced from Bowls Australia website

After several delays caused by COVID complications, new dates have been finalised for a much anticipated Trans Tasman Test Series.

The Australian Jackaroos will return to the green for the first time in more than two years from June 4-6 this year, taking on rivals New Zealand at the Gold Coast's Club Tamborine Mountain.

The Jackaroos last competed as a unit at the most recent Trans Tasman series, way back in February 2020.

A series was originally scheduled to take place at Tamborine Mountain in early March this year, but was postponed due to changing COVID travel restrictions between Australia and New Zealand.

The series will serve as an important warm-up event ahead of the Commonwealth Games to commence at Birmingham in late July. Green speeds at Tamborine Mountain will mimic those like-

Iv to be faced in the UK, running much slower than usual for the Gold Coast.

Teams of five men, five women as well as para disciplines will battle it out during the series.

National coach Gary Willis said he is excited to see the series able to go ahead despite previous difficulties.

"This has been a long time coming, and I know our players are really keen to get back out there in the green and gold," Willis said.

"Only about six weeks before the Commonwealth Games, this will be a great chance to test ourselves in similar conditions; we can't wait."

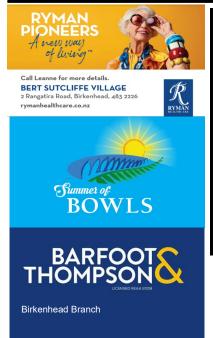
### Club for Hire

The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor bowls tournament.

There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green. Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.

All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the Club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)







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### Ladies.....

Women bowlers, beginners to experienced, new to the Club join for only \$50\*

Contact Emmie (0275 297297), Trish (0224 823909) or come into the Club and have a look around.

\*\$50 2021-22 season and \$50 2022-23 season, additional terms & conditions apply.

# **Spotlight on Club Partners**

This week we put the spotlight on "The Good Home Birkenhead". The Good Home is certainly a welcoming establishment to visit. Owned by the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and managed by Alan Vaughan. The establishment has supported the Club for many years and continues to support the two day \$6,500 Women's Pairs each February.

Source http://www.thegoodhomebirkenhead.co.nz

WELCOME TO THE GOOD HOME, YOUR NEW HOME AWAY FROM HOME

### MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Situated in Birkenhead Village, we're a modern suburban gastro pub.

Step inside the Good Home Birkenhead and the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. With a sun drenched courtyard and multiple interior spaces including an airy living area, more intimate dining room, cosy sports den and inviting lounge, we have spaces for every occasion and season. A great spot to relax with friends and family, whether it's for a leisurely lunch or dinner, after-work socialising, or watching the game, why not come check us out for yourself?

BAR: Our bar is fully stacked with the finest selection of beer, wine and speciality cocktails. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest Happy Hour drink and bar snack specials.



FOOD: Our menu is honest homestyle cooking at its best, and the ideal complement to our wide selection of craft and chilled beers and regionally specific New Zealand wines.

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