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ROLLING THUNDER
NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

- Broadbeach 5 aside 7th - 11th September
- Pennants Finals will conclude on 19 and 20 September
- Premier League continues and finishes on 26 & 27 September
- Open Over 60s Singles will conclude 13 September
- Open Over 60s Pairs will commence on 26 & 27 September

HENRY'S HEADLINES

🏆 PLEASE MEET OUR NEWEST STATE CHAMPIONS! 🏆



A massive congratulations to Steve Faux, Scott Kinnear and Bec Faulks on their outstanding achievements at the State Multi Disability Championships.
Your dedication, commitment and performances throughout the championships are a credit to yourselves and to Club Kawana.
We are incredibly proud to see our Thunder players achieving success at State level and representing our club with distinction.

⚡ Congratulations Steve, Scott & Bec – STATE CHAMPIONS! ⚡





CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS – STATE BOUND!
A huge congratulations to Josh King-McCarthy and Jeremy Henry, who won the Champ of Champions Zone Playoff and have now earned their place at the Queensland State Championships in Mackay this November.

A fantastic achievement by the pair, who will proudly represent Club Kawana against the best in Queensland. 💙💛

Unfortunately, Cooper Sutton was struck down with illness and was unable to compete in his scheduled Champ of Champions Singles event.

Bowls Queensland is currently investigating all available avenues regarding Cooper's situation, and we await further advice on the outcome.

PLAY TOGETHER. PLAY STRONG. THUNDER ON!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOWLERS NEWS

Open Over 60 Singles Champion

🏆 CONGRATULATIONS TARA FERRIER – OVER 60s SINGLES CHAMPION! 🏆

A huge congratulations to Tara Ferrier, who has been crowned our Over 60s Singles Champion after a fantastic day of bowls.
Tara booked her place in the final with an impressive 25–16 semi-final victory over Alf Pou.

In the final, Tara faced Lawrie Little in a wonderful contest, with both players producing some outstanding bowls. Tara eventually secured the championship with a hard-fought 25–21 victory.

👏 Congratulations to Tara on a terrific championship and to Lawrie on a great performance in a very entertaining final.

⚡ Well done to everyone who competed throughout the event!

NEW BOWLING MEMBERS

Please welcome new bowlers to the club

- Noel Spice
- Ian Smith

⚡ OUR KAWANA LADIES OUT & ABOUT ⚡

It's been fantastic to see so many of our Club Kawana ladies out supporting tournaments at clubs across the region, with recent trips to Mooloolaba, Kandanga and Cleveland.



There have been some terrific performances along the way, but just as importantly, plenty of smiles, friendship and great times representing Kawana.

Congratulations to all our ladies who have enjoyed success and prize-winning performances at the various events. It's wonderful to see the Kawana colours being represented so proudly wherever you play.

A big thank you also to Mooloolaba, Kandanga and Cleveland for hosting these events and providing our ladies with some enjoyable days on and off the green.

Keep travelling, keep competing and, most importantly, keep enjoying your bowls!

💜💛 One Club • One Team • One Thunder

⚡ #FeelTheThunder







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PENNANTS

Pennant Review

The 2026 Pennant season was always going to present some challenges with the introduction of the new seven-division open format, which saw men and women competing together across all divisions. With the club committed to fielding teams in all seven divisions, it was always going to be a learning year as players, selectors and managers adjusted to the new structure.

Division 1 faced a particularly tough season, with 16 of our players moving into our Premier League squad. Most other clubs, apart from Maroochy, retained their established Division 1 players, making it a challenging year for our side. Despite the results not always going our way, the players continued to represent the Thunder with commitment and gained valuable experience competing at the highest level of the Pennant competition.

Division 2 has done the club extremely proud, going through the entire season undefeated and earning a well-deserved place in the Grand Final. Their consistency throughout the season has been outstanding, with every player contributing to what has been a tremendous team effort. We now look forward to supporting them as they attempt to finish an outstanding season by bringing home the Division 2 Pennant.

Division 3 also performed strongly throughout the year and were in contention right through to the final stages. They narrowly lost their final regular-season match before going down in a very close playoff, which unfortunately had to be relocated indoors to Mooloolaba due to the weather. While disappointing to fall just short of the Grand Final, their performances throughout the season were something they should be very proud of.

Divisions 4 through 7 experienced a mixture of good performances and some challenging results. There were plenty of encouraging signs throughout the season, and importantly, a large number of our members had the opportunity to represent the club. The experience gained will be extremely valuable as we continue to settle into the new seven-division open format.

Overall, the season has been an important learning year for the Thunder. Fielding seven divisions while also competing in Premier League placed significant demands on our playing depth, but it has also provided opportunities for players to step up and compete at a higher level.

A big thank you must go to all our players, team managers, selectors and supporters for their commitment throughout the season. With the lessons learned and experience gained this year, we can look forward to continuing to build and strengthen our Pennant program for 2027.

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A BETTER GAME FOR EVERYONE.

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COACHING CORNER

Bazza's Bulletin

Togetherness & Support

The focus of this week's coaching message is Togetherness & Support. While individual skill and performance are important, successful teams are ultimately built around players who trust, encourage and support one another.

In bowls, mistakes are inevitable. What matters is how we respond to them. Negative reactions, blame or poor body language can quickly affect the confidence of a teammate and the overall performance of a rink. Instead, players should make a conscious effort to pick each other up, remain positive and immediately focus on the next bowl.

Communication is also an important part of building a strong team environment. Players should talk positively, listen to one another and remain connected throughout the game. Celebrate the good bowls, acknowledge the contribution of every player and continue encouraging teammates when things aren't going our way.

Every player has a responsibility to contribute to the culture of the team. We don't just support teammates when we are winning — support is even more important when someone is struggling or when the team is under pressure.

The key messages from this week's coaching focus are:

Stay positive and encourage your teammates.

Pick each other up after mistakes.

Celebrate the good bowls, regardless of who plays them.

Communicate and stay connected.

Never blame — concentrate on the next opportunity.

Play for the badge, your teammates and the Club.

Talent can win games, but togetherness, trust and support build successful teams and successful clubs.

TIP OF THE MONTH



WE WIN TOGETHER. WE LOSE TOGETHER.

WE IMPROVE TOGETHER.

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CLUB TALK

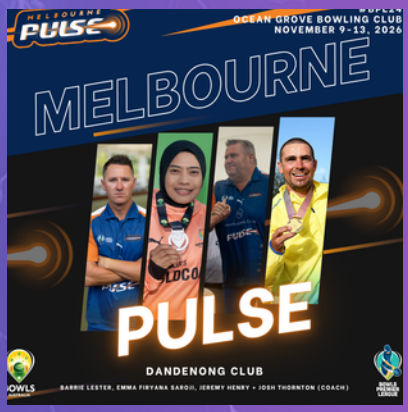
BPL 24

Club Kawana will also be proudly represented at the upcoming BPL 24 at Ocean Grove, Melbourne, from 8–13 November.

Katelyn Inch will represent Adelaide Pioneers, while Jeremy Henry and Barrie Lester will both represent the Melbourne Pulse. It will also mark a change of role for Jeremy, who moves from coach to player for the upcoming event.

Having three Club Kawana players involved in BPL 24 is another great reflection of the quality and experience we now have within our playing group and provides tremendous exposure for the club at one of the sport's highest-profile events.







Ultimate Bowls Championship – UBC

The Thunder will then turn its attention to the Ultimate Bowls Championship (UBC) at Deer Park, Melbourne, from 6-10 December.
Club Kawana will be represented by a very strong combination of:

Katelyn Inch – Barrie Lester – Jeremy Henry
Having three internationally experienced players representing the Kawana Thunder provides us with an exciting opportunity to showcase the club on the national stage.

Premier League, 5-A-Side, BPL and UBC are all important parts of the direction Club Kawana is taking. These competitions provide pathways and opportunities for our players, increase the profile of the club and reinforce our ambition to establish the Kawana Thunder as one of the leading competitive bowls programs in Queensland and Australia.