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ROLLING THUNDER NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

- BPL Cup regionl playoffs Saturday 4th October
- Under 18 Sides championship in Perth 5th -8th October
- Senior Sides championships in Perth 10th -13th October
- Open Triples club Championship on Saturday 10th October & Saturday 17th October
- Mixed Fours club championship 31st October & 1st November

HENRY'S HEADLINES



🇦🇺 GOOD LUCK TO OUR KAWANA THUNDER REPRESENTATIVES! ⚡

Everyone at Club Kawana wishes the very best of luck to our players representing Queensland at the Australian Sides Championships in Perth.

Senior Sides Geoff Harrison, Noelene Dutton, Deb Dalliston
Under 18s Lacey Gerick & Cooper Sutton

A fantastic achievement for all five players and a proud moment for Kawana Thunder.
Play well, enjoy the experience and represent Queensland and our club with pride.

BPL CUP – SOUTH REGIONAL FINAL



Congratulations to Lucas Evans, Max Evans, Darren Muir and Ash Van Winkel on qualifying for the BPL Cup South Regional Final, being played at Mooloolaba on Saturday 3 October.

Unfortunately, Ash Van Winkel is unavailable for the Regional Final.

Game 1 – 9:30am, Game 2 – 11:00am,Game 3 – 12:30pm
Playing Format: 2 sets of 5 ends • 2-bowl triples • 1-end tie-break if required.

Best of luck to the Kawana Thunder team as they look to progress through the next stage of the BPL Cup.

Division 2 – A Season to Be Proud Of

Our Division 2 Pennant side enjoyed an outstanding 2026 season, going through the entire home-and-away season undefeated and earning their place in the Grand Final.
Unfortunately, the perfect season didn't get the fairytale finish, with the team going down in the Grand Final by just 9 shots.While the result was disappointing, it should not take away from what was a tremendous season. To remain undefeated throughout the season was a fantastic achievement and reflected the consistency, commitment and team spirit shown by everyone involved.



Congratulations to all the players, reserves, manager and supporters who contributed throughout the year.

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EVENTS & NEWS

BOWLERS NEWS



?🏆 OPEN OVER 60s PAIRS CHAMPIONS 🏆

Congratulations to Peter Davidson and Col Pritchard, who have claimed the Open Over 60s Pairs Championship, defeating Paul Hills and Mel Hills in the final.

A fantastic achievement by Peter and Col, and congratulations also to Paul and Mel on reaching the final.

👏 Well done to our new Open Over 60s Pairs Champions – Peter Davidson & Col Pritchard! 💜💛



Congratulations to the tournament winners — the Woombye Wizards:

Ray Stephan • Tony Tapper • Aileen Duckett • Ken Ross

A fantastic result from the team. Well done to all four players on taking out the tournament title! 🏆⚡



NEW BOWLING MEMBERS

Please welcome new bowlers to the club

- Suzanne Duffy
- Cherie Lewis
- Warren Beasley





🏆 SENIOR DISTRICT QUAD SERIES CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Kawana Thunder representatives who were crowned Senior District Quad Series Champions:

⚡ Al Hurst
⚡ Tara Ferrier
⚡ Rob Wiemers
⚡ Fay Whittaker
⚡ Deb Dalliston

A fantastic achievement and another great result for the Thunder. Congratulations to all five players! ⚡🏆

🏆 SOLANDER LADIES TRIPLES WINNERS 🏆

Congratulations to Deb Dalliston, Jane Bush and Fay Whittaker on winning the Solander Ladies Triples.
Another fantastic result from our Kawana Thunder ladies. Well done Deb, Jane and Fay! ⚡🏆



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PREMIER LEAGUE

Kawana Thunder – 2026 Premier League Review

The 2026 Premier League Queensland season was an important step forward for Kawana Thunder, returning the club to one of Queensland's strongest bowls competitions after earning our place through the PLQ Qualifier.

Coming into the season, our realistic goal was to compete for a place in the top five and qualify for the Finals Series. We believed approximately six wins would put us in that position. Ultimately, we finished 8th with four wins from 11 matches, which was below the result we had hoped to achieve.

There were certainly positives throughout the campaign. We showed that at our best we could compete with quality Premier League opposition, and finishing the season with a six-shot victory over defending champions Burleigh Heads was a particularly pleasing way to sign off.

However, the season also highlighted the standard required to consistently succeed at Premier League level. Across a 16-player side, we simply did not have enough players performing at or near their best at the same time. At this level, every rink and every position matters, and periods of inconsistency proved costly.

The experience gained will be extremely valuable. Premier League exposed our players to sustained high-level competition and provided a much clearer understanding of where we need to improve individually and collectively.

Importantly, this was about more than one season. Qualifying for Premier League and representing Kawana Thunder against some of Queensland's leading clubs was another significant step in the continued development of our bowls program.

Our challenge now is to build on the experience, strengthen the depth of the squad and create greater consistency across all four rinks.
Thank you to our players, coaches, managers, volunteers, sponsors and members who supported the Thunder throughout the campaign. The support at our home matches was greatly appreciated.

Four wins may not have been the outcome we targeted, but our first season back in Premier League has given us a strong platform and a clear understanding of what is required to take the next step.

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COACHING CORNER

Kawana Thunder – Taylor Challenge Coaching & Commitment

The 2027 Taylor Challenge provides Kawana Thunder with another important opportunity to represent Club Kawana across all levels of the competition. With six teams entered across Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze, our preparation will play a major part in how we perform throughout the campaign.

The coaching schedule outlined in the graphic has been designed to give every player and team the best possible preparation. It is not simply about improving individual bowling skills; it is about developing team combinations, communication, tactical awareness, match preparation and a strong team culture.

Wednesday Training – An Important Commitment
Once teams are selected, Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6:00pm will be our regular Taylor Challenge training night. Players selected to represent Kawana Thunder are expected to make Wednesday training a priority wherever possible. Selection in a representative team brings with it a commitment not only to play on competition day, but also to prepare properly with your teammates.

Training together every Wednesday gives players the opportunity to understand each other's games, develop combinations and establish clear roles within their Fours, Triples and Pairs.

More Than Individual Performance
Taylor Challenge success will require more than having talented individual bowlers. We need players who are prepared to work together and support the overall team. Wednesday sessions will focus on skills development, team combinations, tactics and game plans, match simulation, round reviews and preparation for upcoming matches.



As the competition progresses, training will also allow us to address areas that need improvement from the previous round rather than waiting until the next match to make adjustments. Every player has a role to play. Whether competing in Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze, the expectation and commitment to the Kawana Thunder team culture should remain the same.

Commitment to the Club
When you put on the Kawana Thunder uniform, you are representing more than yourself. You are representing your teammates, our bowls members and Club Kawana.
Commitment means being available, communicating with your team, attending training, supporting your teammates and preparing properly for competition. We understand that work, family and other commitments can occasionally prevent players from attending. However, regular attendance at Wednesday training should be an important part of accepting selection into a Taylor Challenge team.
Our objective is to arrive at Round 1 on 30 January prepared, united and ready to compete, and then continue improving through every round towards the Regional and Division Finals.
Preparation creates confidence. Commitment builds teams.

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CLUB TALK



🥩 KAWANA THUNDER HAM DAY – SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Our annual Kawana Thunder Ham Day is back on Sunday 15 November, commencing at 10:00am.

This year will be single entry with Club Selected Fours, making it a great social day and an opportunity to bowl alongside different members.

Entry is just $15 per person, with an incredible 30 hams as bowls prizes, plus 10 ham raffle prizes up for grabs. And once the bowls are finished, stick around and enjoy some nibbles afterwards as we wrap up a great day together.

Event details: Sunday 15 November •

- 10:00am start
- $15 per person • Single Entry
- Club Selected Fours
- 30 hams as prizes
- 10 ham raffle prizes
- Nibbles afterwards.

Get your name down and join us for a fantastic day of bowls, prizes and Christmas fun at the Home of the Thunder.

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