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NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

- Sunday 15th November Annual Ham Day
- State Champ of Champions Pairs 17 -20 November

HENRY'S HEADLINES

🥇🥈 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS FOR KAWANA THUNDER! 🏆

Fantastic news from the Australian Senior Sides Championships in Perth! A huge congratulations to our three Kawana Thunder representatives who have achieved outstanding success representing Queensland on the national stage.

🥇 Geoff Harrison – Gold Medal as a member of the Queensland Men's Senior Sides team.
🥈 Debbie Dalliston and Noelene Dutton – Silver Medals as members of the Queensland Women's Senior Sides team.

🏆 QUEENSLAND OVERALL CHAMPIONS!
To top off a fantastic championship, Queensland claimed the overall national title, making it an even more memorable achievement for our representatives.Geoff, Debbie and Noelene have once again demonstrated the talent, dedication and commitment that continue to put Kawana Thunder on the national bowls stage.

Everyone at Club Kawana is extremely proud of their achievements and the way they have represented both our club and Queensland. Congratulations to all three players and the entire Queensland team on a tremendous championship!



SUCCESS AT THE AUSTRALIAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS!





Congratulations to our scholarship holders Cooper Sutton and Lacey Gerick on an outstanding performance at the Australian Under-18 Championships in Perth, Western Australia! Congratulations to their teammates.

🥇 Cooper Sutton – Gold medal in the Boys' Fours and Bronze medal in the Boys' Pairs.
🥉 Lacey Gerick – Bronze medal in the Girls' Fours.

An outstanding achievement by both athletes, showcasing their talent, dedication and commitment to the sport.
We are incredibly proud of Lacey and Cooper and look forward to following their continued development and success on the greens.
Congratulations, Lacey and Cooper! 👏🇦🇺



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EVENTS & NEWS

BOWLERS NEWS

KAWANA THUNDER – BPL CUP QUALIFYING SUCCESS AT MOOLOOLABA



Congratulations to Max Evans, Darren Muir and Lucas Evans, who produced an outstanding performance at Mooloolaba to win the BPL Cup South Regional Final and secure qualification for the next stage of the competition.
The Kawana Thunder trio represented the club with distinction, displaying excellent teamwork, skill and determination throughout the event against quality opposition.
Unfortunately, Ash Van Winkel was unavailable for the event, with Max, Darren and Lucas stepping up to deliver a fantastic result for Kawana Thunder.
This achievement is another example of the depth of talent within our club and the continued success of our players in representative competitions.
Everyone at Club Kawana congratulates Max, Darren and Lucas on their outstanding achievement and wishes them every success as they progress further in the BPL Cup at Helensvale in February.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CLUB OPEN TRIPLES AND MIXED FOURS WINNERS







KAWANA THUNDER – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to Lawrie Haydock, John Lazarevich and Ken Carmichael, who claimed the Open Triples Championship after a thrilling final against Mel Hills, Paul Hills and Ken Ross.
In a wonderful contest that showcased outstanding bowls from both teams, the match went down to an extra end to decide the winners.A fantastic final played in great spirit, with both teams deserving recognition for their excellent performances.

MIXED FOURS CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to Di Viterale, Gayle Sutton, Lee Newing and Jeremy Henry, who claimed the Mixed Fours Championship, defeating Karen Cassar, Jocelyn Ross, Rob Shailer and Ken Ross.The Mixed Fours was the final Club Championship event of the season, and what a fitting way to finish!
Spectators were treated to an exciting, high-quality final featuring excellent bowls, tremendous skill and competitive spirit from both teams.

A FANTASTIC FINISH TO OUR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON!
Congratulations to all our winners, runners-up and everyone who participated in this year's Club Championships.
The quality of bowls throughout the season has been outstanding and is a credit to the talent, dedication and sportsmanship of our members.
Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support our championships throughout the year.



Congratulations to Aileen Duckett, Jan Biggs, Jane Bush and Lynda Brownen on winning the Albert Ladies Fours 2 Day Carnival! 🏆👏
A fantastic achievement by our Kawana Thunder ladies.
Well done on a wonderful team effort!

Welcome New members

- Mark Stephens
- Stewart Davidson
- Liane Barton
- Bronwen Herbert

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SOCIAL BOWLS

SOCIAL BOWLS UPDATE – GREEN AVAILABILITY & FUTURE ONLINE BOOKINGS

Both Greens Returning
We are pleased to advise that both greens are expected to be back in action in time for our annual Ham Day on 14 November.

This will be a welcome return to normal playing conditions following the recent green renovations.
New Online Booking System – Commencing January 2027

Looking ahead to January 2027, when we expect to be operating with only one green again, I am currently working on a new online booking process designed to make social bowls nominations fairer and more efficient.

The proposed system will operate as follows:
20 nomination positions will be available for each social bowls session.

- The first 14 teams to nominate will be allocated playing positions for that week.
- Teams in positions 15 to 20 will automatically receive priority for the following week's session.
- These six teams will be transferred into positions 1 to 6 for the following week.
- The remaining eight playing positions will then be available through the normal online nomination process.
- This system will ensure that teams who miss out due to limited green availability receive priority the following week, rather than having to compete for a position again.

Our Aim – Fairness and Opportunity for All

The objective is to introduce a fair, transparent and easy-to-use booking system that provides all members with an opportunity to participate in social bowls, particularly during periods when green availability is restricted.
The proposed system is being developed with a view to implementation in January 2027, subject to final testing and approval.

Further details will be communicated to members closer to its introduction.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BOWLS CALANDERS





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CLUB TALK

KAWANA THUNDER – ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT 2026

Club Kawana is looking forward to bringing our members and their partners together for our Annual Presentation Night on Monday 14 December, commencing at 5:00pm.

This special evening provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our bowlers throughout the 2026 season, recognise our Club Championship winners and acknowledge the dedication, commitment and contributions of our members.

It has been another busy year for Kawana Thunder, with many outstanding individual and team performances across club, district, state and national competitions.

Presentation Night is an opportunity to reflect on these achievements and celebrate the people who continue to make our club successful.

Tickets are just $25 per person and must be purchased at Club Reception by Monday 7 December.

All members and their partners are warmly invited to attend what promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration, recognition and friendship.

We encourage everyone to come along, support our award winners and enjoy a great night as we celebrate another year of Kawana Thunder.

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