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Bongaree Bowls Club Inc

NEWSLETTER No. 48

Chairperson's Annual Report March 2025 as presented at the AGM

Welcome to all club members here this morning and thank you for your attendance.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Board for their continued hard work and support. To Elna Jensen and Tim Carlton who are both stepping down, a thank you does not seem enough to honour your contributions. Your dedication and tireless efforts are very much appreciated. We are fortunate to have worthy replacements in Graham Symonds as Vice Chair and Tracey Pugliano as Treasurer.

To Secretary Marilyn Weston a huge thank you. Your helpful advice coupled with the experience you bring is invaluable to everyone.

To Gary Ryan, congratulations on your re-election as Men's President. You do a fantastic job, and I look forward to another year working with you.

To Wendy Rollason well done on your many years as Ladies' President and congratulations to Dee Morrison on her election success. Welcome to the Board.

It has been a very frustrating year. We acquired new owners on the 14th of November last year and we all hoped for some progress on the redevelopment. So far communications with said new owners have been spasmodic and in some cases our correspondence ignored. This has caused major setbacks in resolving current issues with the clubhouse and greens.

We are still striving to create a working relationship. In the meantime, thank you to all members for your continued patience and support. It has not been easy, and your spirit epitomizes what makes us the 'friendly' club.

To all our wonderful volunteers again a huge thank you. We have men's and ladies' committees, daily selectors, coaches, umpires, raffle sellers, craft and catering crews, working bee helpers, providers, bar manager and staff and our great sponsorship team. The way you all continue to step up is an inspiration to the whole club.

A special mention must go to our sponsors. They play a key role in the success of all our events, and we really appreciate their generosity and participation. I urge all members to support those business' that support us.

2024 was a challenging year and 2025 will be no different. However, there are positives.

Firstly, we are all eagerly anticipating playing on the Richardson green again, once this happens the refurbishment of the Kling Green will commence. As you know we have been informed that the new owners are working a proposal for the renovations of our clubhouse, but at the time of printing this report there has been no update received.

Moving forward I believe as a club we will all make 2025 a great year.



Ian Paterson Board Chairperson

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Board of Management		For assistance with club matters	
Chairperson	Ian Paterson	Membership & address changes: secretary@bongareebowls.com.au and Doreen O'Halloran doreeno@bigpond.com	
Vice Chairperson	Graham Symonds		
Treasurer	Tracey Pugliano	Club Coordinator	Rod Curtis
Secretary	Marilyn Weston	Greens Director	Graham Symonds
Men's President	Gary Ryan	Locker allocation	John Morrison
Ladies President	Dee Morrison	Uniforms	Ellen Corrick Judi Irvine
Sponsorship	Joanna Horsley, Gideon Croukamp, Diana Stowers	Club Provider	Judi Irvine

Ladies Section		Men's Section	
President	Dee Morrison	President	Gary Ryan
Senior Vice President	Carol Oates	Vice President / Sponsorship	Gideon Croukamp
Junior Vice President	Sue Francis	Vice President / Raffles	John Morrison
Secretary	Debra Connolly	Secretary	Don Somerville
Minute Secretary	Maureen Potts	Games Director	Col Valentine
Games Director	Mary Doorley	Assistant Games Director	Ray Broughton
Assist. Games Director	Julie Sibthorpe	Chairman of Selectors	David Vaughan / Graham Symonds
Selector Chair	Gaynor Johnson	Committee	David Dixon, Robert Johnson, Steve Mogan
Committee	Clare O'Donohue, Joanna Horsley, Andrea Pike	<i>Additional Roles:</i>	
<i>Additional Roles:</i>		Games Results	Mick Falvey
Publicity Officer	Anita Broughton	Patron	Garry McCarthy
Welfare Officer	Maureen Ferguson	Delegate to District	Gary Ryan
Patron	Joy Lambie		

Club Coaches	
Men	R Curtis (Coordinator), W Baker, M Hansen, B Vonarx, D Vaughan, R Brooks, G Croukamp, T Carlton, D Somerville, P Thatcher, B Thirlwell, W Wiegand, E Fender (Bowlers Arm)
Ladies	M Weston, W Rollason, E Jensen, D O'Halloran, E Corrick, J Blundell

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Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.

A Very Happy Birthday to those with a birthday in March, April or May





Ian Patterson
Chairperson



Graham Symonds
Vice Chairperson



Tracey Pagliano
Treasurer

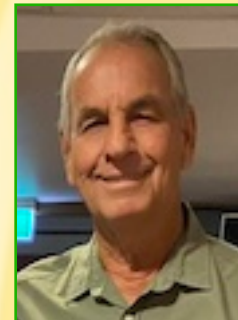


Marilyn Weston
Secretary



Dee Morrison
Ladies President

Bongaree Bowls Club Inc. Board of Management 2025



Gary Ryan
Men's President

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## Umpire's Report

It has been a difficult and uncertain start to 2025 for our bowlers, committees and Games Directors.

Juggling our many commitments with only one green in play has been challenging and I would like to congratulate everyone for their willingness to play their regular and championship games on a less than perfect green.

Fortunately we managed to complete some of the Ladies and Men's Championships together with The Pumicestone Cup and Challenge before Cyclone Alfred came to visit. The sun will shine and we'll soon get on with our scheduled events.

Thank you to all our umpires for your support and flexibility. Our best wishes to Rod for a speedy recovery.

Good Bowling

*Doreen Pennery, Umpire Coordinator*



## *Ladies' President's Report*

Thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me to be your President. I take this role with slight trepidation and I am aware there may be a few challenges along the way, but I will hopefully deal with them in an appropriate manner.

I have full confidence that the ladies of the committee will not only help and support me to run this section in a way that will overcome any obstacles and achieve great things going forward for our club.

I would like to welcome Debbie who is going to be our new Secretary, also the new and returning members onto the Committee, some of you have taken on different roles which I'm sure will be done well.

To our previous President, Wendy, I thank you for your dedication for the last 3 years and for encouraging me (with my arm twisted behind my back) to take on this role.

I hope I do as good a job as you did.

Thank you to Tracy who has done an amazing job as our Secretary and is now going to be the Treasurer of the club, we all wish her well.

Finally, thank you all and let's have a great bowling year!

*Dee Morrison Ladies President*



### **Ladies Committee 2025**

- L to R: ◦ Andrea Pike, Committee Member ◦ Julie Sibthorpe, Assistant Games Director  
◦ Sue Francis, Junior Vice President ◦ Mary Dooley, Games Director ◦ Debra Connolly, Secretary  
◦ Jo Horsley, Committee Member ◦ Carol Oates, Vice President ◦ Dee Morrison, President  
◦ Gaynor Johnson, Selector Chairperson ◦ Clare O'Donohue, Committee Member  
◦ Maureen Potts, Minutes Secretary ◦ Anita Broughton, Publicity Officer  
[Absent: ◦ Maureen Ferguson, Welfare Officer]



## 2025 Ladies Section

|                                         |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| President:.....Dee Morrison             | Selector Chairperson: ...Gaynor Johnson |
| Vice President: .....Carol Oates        | Publicity Officer: .....Anita Broughton |
| Junior Vice President: ...Sue Francis   | Committee Member: ....Clare O'Donohue   |
| Secretary:.....Debra Connolly           | Committee Member: ....Joanna Horsley    |
| Minutes Secretary:.....Maureen Potts    | Committee Member: ....Andrea Pike       |
| Games Director:.....Mary Doorley        | Welfare Officer: .....Maureen Ferguson  |
| Asst Games Director: ...Julie Sibthorpe | Patroness: .....Joy Lambie              |

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2024 Games Director's Report to the Ladies AGM, 5 February 2025

2024 was a great year for Bongaree Ladies bowls Thank you to everyone who played in our Championships. Without you there would have been no competitions. Thank you to our umpires who gave willingly of their time to officiate at the Championship games. Thank you to the greens director and the greenkeeper for preparing our greens for play under very difficult circumstances.

This is a summary of all competitions played during 2024:

- Total number of championships played was seven. These were:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| A Grade Singles | Ester Anderson Perpetual Trophy | B Grade Singles |
| Novice Singles | Pairs | Triples |
| | | Fours Consistency. |

Congratulations to winners & runners-up. Total number of competitors in all these competitions was 111.

- Total number of special events was 4. These were:

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| Maytime Fours | Australia v The World | Ladies Mixed Fours Carnival President's At Home |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|

Total number of teams competing was 78 with participants from 6 district clubs.

So you can see that 2024 was a very busy year. I would not have been able to do my job as Games Director without the help of the Assistant Director, Mary Doorley. Thank you Mary. Thank you also to Gaynor Johnson who ran the Maytime Fours Carnival when Mary and I took off to Norfolk Island to enjoy some international bowls!

I wish the incoming committee best wishes for 2025. I am sure it will be another memorable year for the Bongaree Ladies Bowls Club.

Thank you, *Clare O'Donohue*



The Bongaree Bowls Club Inc
Service Award
 was presented to
Doreen O'Halloran, and to Rod Curtis
 at the AGM.

"In recognition of your extraordinary Contribution, Service Dedication and Leadership, for which we express our sincerest gratitude. 12.03.2025"



Men's President's Report

The Men's Committee for 2025 was elected at the AGM held on Wednesday 12th February. The Committee Members remain the same as 2024 but for two of the members who changed to take up new positions.

The New Committee

PresidentGary Ryan
Vice PresidentJohn Morrison / Raffles Co-ordinator
Vice PresidentGideon Croukamp / Sponsorship
SecretaryDon Somerville
Games DirectorCol Valentine / Ray Broughton
Chairman of SelectorsDavid Vaughan / Graham Symonds
CouncillorsDave Dixon / Steve Mogan / Robert Johnson
Men's PatronGarry McCarthy
Disputes CommitteeSteve Jackson / Brandon Jones / Bruce Rawson
M.B.D.B.A DelegateGary Ryan
Games ResultsMick Falvey



I look forward to working with you all in 2025 and hope we have a successful year.

Our First Club Championship has been completed. This being the 4's and there were some great bowls played during the competition followed by an excellent Final. The winners were:

Gary McCarthy Colin Valentine John Morrison Ian Paterson

Congratulations and well done to those winners.

The Men's Pairs is the next championship to be played, but has been delayed due to weather. Hopefully this game can commence on the 15th March.

There has been a lot of work done on the Richardson Green to get it back in order after re-furbishing for approx. 3 months. I would like to thank all the club volunteers who put in many hours on the green to get it back to playing condition. Hopefully in a couple of weeks time.

A fantastic effort and a job well done

Cheers, *Gary Ryan, Men's President*



Men's Fours Championship Final Winners, 2025

John Morrison

Col Valentine

Garry Mc Carthy

Ian Paterson



Men's Committee 2025

L to R: ◦ Col Valentine ◦ John Morrison ◦ Steve Mogan ◦ David Dixon ◦ David Vaughan ◦ Gary Ryan
◦ Don Somerville ◦ Gideon Croukamp ◦ Ray Broughton (Absent: ◦ Robert Johnson)

From the Men's Games Director

Welcome to 2025. The men's 4s competition started with a win to Ian Paterson, John Morrison, Col. Valentine and Garry McCarthy.

Due to Cyclone Alfred the men's pairs have been rescheduled to 15 March, 22 March, 27 March with the final to be played on 29/3.

Keep looking at the notice board for future events.

Col Valentine





The Bongaree Bowls Club Inc awarded **Life Membership** to **Barry France** and to **Gordon Pitts** at the AGM.

Coaching Coordinator's Report

At the time of this report, BBC has 22 credited Club Coaches. Please make use of them. This in itself is a credit to our Club.

A good year 2024. Many thanks to your Club Coaches & Assistants for coaching 33 new bowlers into the club. Great effort, well done. Some were walk-ins and Club Coaches took them individually covering our 6-week Coaching Course

Early in 2024, a 2-hour training session was conducted to demonstrate skills for Skips & Thirds. Approximately 10 Club Coaches attended and if memory serves me right there were about 35 in attendance. From the feedback we received, it was a good session showing many Bowls Heads scenarios that Skips & Thirds might come across in a game.

Through 2024 we had several Barefoot Bowls parties attend and enjoy themselves on the green and make use of the bar facilities.

January this year our unique Beginner's Bash Mixed Singles One Off Knockout was played and won by Peter Caruso with Runner Up Linda Grogan.

Beginners Bash is for Bongaree Bowls Club financial members only, who have 12 months or less of bowls experience. Many of their Club Coaches commented on the great display of the standards these new bowlers achieved. Well done to our new bowlers.

Currently, 17 U3A members are undergoing our 6-week Coaching and are halfway through the course. Some show promising potential.

Club Coaches – Many thanks for your time and patience in taking on any of our new members joining our club.

A special note of thanks to Bob Thirlwell, my right-hand assistant for covering the times I have been out of action.

Keep safe, Keep Bowling. Cheers, *Rod Curtis*





Bongaree Bowls Veterans

Annual Report 2024



Bowlers

| | |
|-----|------|
| Feb | 30 |
| Mar | 36 |
| Apr | 46 |
| May | 40 |
| Jun | 36 |
| Jul | 44 |
| Aug | Rain |
| Sep | 38 |
| Oct | 38 |
| Nov | 46 |
| Dec | 50 |
| Jan | 39 |

Attendance has fluctuated throughout the year, from a low of 30 to a maximum of 50 but we are averaging 40 players each month. Even though we lost 1 day in August to rain our total of 443 was higher than the 361 in 2023.

We need to encourage our fellow Bongaree bowlers to join us as 83% are over the age of 65, and 48% (132) are 70 plus.

Our current Veterans membership is 71, up from 62 last year and our monthly numbers are on the increase.

Vets Day is always a fun day with many variations to the normal games of Bowls.

Finance

Balance at 30/01/2024 was \$1052, Balance at 30/01/2025 is \$836

Our income comes from \$5 annual subs (\$355) plus raffles profit (\$989). Our main expenses are Touchers of \$421. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits \$50 and Prize Money \$495. Lucky Losers wine has been donated.

We contributed:

- \$3990 in Green Fees to the Club
- \$200 Sponsorship to Mens Carnival
- \$200 Sponsorship to Ladies Carnival
- \$719 for our Xmas function

| 1978 | 2023 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Long hair | Longing for hair |
| 8 Tracks | Cataracts |
| KEGs | EKGs |
| Streaking | Leaking |
| Acid Rock | Acid Reflux |
| Seeds and stems | Fiber |
| Stayin' Alive (the song) | Stayin' Alive (the goal) |
| Hoping for a BMW | Hoping for a BM |
| Going to a new, hip joint | Getting a new hip joint |
| Rolling Stones | Kidney Stones |
| Bell bottoms | Big bottoms |
| Disco | Costco |
| Whatever | Depends |
| Rock n' roll all night | Sleep through the night |
| Think you know everything | Think you know your name |

Motion:

That annual subscriptions for Bongaree Veterans be increased to \$10 in 2026

Proposed Colin Hodges **Seconded** Sandi Hodges

Committee:

Bongaree Veterans is run by a small committee consisting of

- Colin Hodges – President
 - Sandi Hodges – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Bob Vonax – Selector and Raffles
 - Sue Francis - Bar
- plus the ongoing support of members.

Memories

The 2015 Club Championship Winning 4's team featured Billy Perry, Leigh Weston, John Johnson, and Ferdi Timmerman. Against the odds, this underdog team triumphed over Richie Ferguson, Arne Jensen, Pat Pierce, and Brian McIlvenie to claim the championship.



The triumphant underdogs: Leigh Weston, Billy Perry, Ferdi Timmerman and John Johnson



**Do you know
where your club
membership fees
go?**

Club Membership Fees

From the \$100 you pay, \$93.74 goes to the various organisations the club is required to belong to.

Bowls Queensland \$57.64

Bowls Australia \$18.10

Moreton Bay District Bowls Assoc. \$18.00

Therefore, the club receives **\$6.26** per membership.



**I did not know
that!**

Bar Service

We're fortunate to have dedicated volunteers serving at the bar after our games and events. However, there's an ongoing need for additional support.

The club is seeking more members to complete the online "Responsible Service of Alcohol" (RSA) course. We also need extra bar staff to help on various days. If you're interested in lending a hand and lightening the workload, please see Rod Curtis. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



Marilyn, Club Secretary

From our Sponsorship Team

The Sponsorship Team has welcomed Diana Stowers, who will now be looking after all the signage around the greens and club.

Diana comes with experience of advertising and marketing and has hit the ground running. She is a very welcome addition to the team and we look forward to working with her.

Joanna and Gideon



Diana Stowers



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### Ladies' Pairs Championship Final, 25 February 2025

The four competitors were Andrea Pike, Julie Sibthorpe, Dee Morrison and Mary Doorley. It was a great game by all players with some wonderful bowling shown throughout. There were a few heavy downpours of rain that sent the spectators scurrying for cover but did not deter the players. They were pretty well drenched by the end of the match!



The finalists were exhausted!  
Congratulations for a game played in not so easy conditions.



Congratulations and well done to the winners: Dee Morrison and Mary Doorley  
**2025 Ladies Pairs Champions**



### What a fabulous trophy!

One of our members, who prefers to remain anonymous, made two of these trophies, one each for the Ladies and the Men's Novice Singles Champions



## **Pumicestone Challenge**

***Congratulations to the 49 members of Bongaree Bowls Club who took part in the recent Pumicestone Challenge.***

We had to contend with many obstacles;

- having only one poor quality green meant that we had to play the majority of our games on "foreign" soil
- the clash with the Mens Fours and Pairs Club Championships depleted our teams of key players
- changes to the program and dates meant that only 13 of the 49 members were available for the whole 6 games of the competition. This meant that teams were constantly changing.

Through the outstanding cooperation of members of our Friendly Club we were able to rise above these obstacles and achieve some good results. Players were often asked to step outside their comfort zone and play in different positions, always without complaint. We set out with the aim of giving some of our new and developing bowlers experience in playing in competition - this was a major success.

Special thanks must go to our Side Managers, David Vaughan, Dee Morrison and Don Somerville who controlled and organised their players. Also thanks to Gail Parker and Steve Mogan who had to step in as Managers to cover absences.

### ***Pumicestone CUP 2025***

1st Bribie Island Blue

2nd Solander Lake Yellow

3rd Bongaree Gold

4th Bribie Island White

5th Solander Lake Blue

6th Bongaree Green

### ***Pumicestone SHIELD 2025***

1st Bribie Island White

2nd Bongaree Gold

3rd Bongaree Green

4th Solander Lake Yellow

5th Bribie Island Blue

6th Solander Lake Blue

*Colin Hodges*  
Pumicestone Selector



**Pumicestone Cup and Shield players and Men's Fours Championship players in the clubhouse, Saturday 1st February 2025**

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Beginners Bash

On Sunday 12th January 2025 Bongaree Bowls Club held their Beginners Bash competition. It was a super game with great shots played by our new bowlers who have been with our club for under 12 months. Congratulations to all the bowlers, the Markers of the day and the Club Coaches who coached these new bowlers to such a high standard.

Congratulations!



Beginners Bash 2025
Winner PETER CARUSO
Runner Up LINDA GROGAN

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**Ladies Committee Christmas luncheon at Bribie Golf Club with the Ladies Committee and volunteers**



On Monday evening 17th March the Ladies Committee held its first **Trivia Night** with the theme being "St Patricks Day". We had a wonderful response to our advertised evening with 79 people attending. There were club members and friends of members so the mix was really great. As with any event, the first night was "here we go, let's hope we get it right", and I really think we did very well.

There were some very challenging questions with a variety of subjects but everyone rose to the challenge. Thank you to all who helped put it all together and thank you to our friendly bar staff Robert and Gaynor for a job well done. We hope everyone enjoyed their evening.

We will advertise the next Trivia Night when we organise a date. Again, THANK YOU.



The leprechaun is sure that everyone enjoyed themselves!



**Outgoing President Wendy had a busy time presenting badges  
at the 2025 Ladies Section AGM**



Vice President Carol Oates  
with Wendy



Junior Vice President  
Sue Francis



Assistant Games Director  
Julie Sibthorpe



Committee member  
Joanna Horsley



Incoming President Dee Morrison  
with outgoing President Wendy



Secretary Deb Connolly

Sandi Hodges was  
presented with her  
Super Veterans  
badge



Deb Colmer and Ellen Corrick  
received their Veterans badges



Games Director Mary Doorley  
with outgoing  
Games Director Clare O'Donohue

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**For a chance to win  
put your receipts in!**

## Monthly Sponsors Draw

To participate, place your named receipt in the entry box from one of our sponsors below to win a monthly prize. Good luck!

Feb / March '25

### ACCOMODATION

Bribie Waterways Motel

### AUTO/MECHANICAL

Martin Jonkers Motors

Morayfield

Island Auto Repair

All Terrain RVs & C'van Repairs

Wilkies Auto Centre

Granttech Auto & Marine

Services

Bribie Island Bike & Mower

Repair Shop

Island Body Works

### ACCOUNTING/SOLICITORS

Wallace Davies Solicitors

Files & Stibbe Lawyers

### FOOD/CATERING

Aussie Meats & Seafood

Avondale Meats Banksia

Bribie Island Hotel

Blue Pacific Hotel

Bongaree Hot Bread

Wrights (Banksia) Fruit Barn

Beefy's Pies

Bribie RSL

La Vera Pizza

Annie Lane

Dominos

Sylvan Beach Seafood

Savage's Seafood

The Village Deli

Spinnaker Sound Cafe

Scoopy's Family Cafe

Serenity Cafe

Kenilworth Bakery

### FUNERALS

Traditional Funerals

### HAIR & BEAUTY

Beauty Retreat

Frankie & Co

Hair 4507

K Beauty

Qld Laser & Cosmetic Clinic

### HOUSEHOLD / OUTDOOR

Sandy's Sheet Service

Bribie Storage

Bribie Sand & Gravel

Coastal Pest Control

Harden Up Concrete

Bribie Island Curtains & Verticals

Local Lads

Irelands Flooring Solutions

Sunshine Fencing

Leading Appliances

Mattrest Bedding

Mitre 10

### JEWELLERY/FASHION

Attractions

Flair Jewellery

Pina Colada

Inner Room

Robbie's Crystal Cauldron

### LIFESTYLE/MEDICAL

Bribie Island Physiotherapy &

Lifestyle Gym

Specsavers Bribie Island

Moreton Eye Group – N/L

Audika

Bribie Island Chiropractic

Bribie Is Skin Cancer Clinic

### LIFESTYLE/MEDICAL continued

Medical Equipment Sales

Bribie Acupuncture

### POOLS

Poolwerx Bribie Island

### PHARMACY

Bongaree Pharmacy

Priceline Pharmacy

Star Discount Chemist

Community Pharmacy Bongaree

### REAL ESTATE

First National

Wilson & Co

Harcourts Bribie Island

Remax Advanced

LJ Hooker

Knobel & Davis

### SIGNS

Bribie Island Signs

Unit Plaques & Trophies

Donovan Signs

### SPORTS

Bowlers Paradise

Leading Edge

Island Bait, Tackle & Bikes

Lawn Bowls 2 U

### STATIONERY

Nextra Bribie Island

### TRANSPORT

Bribie Island Coaches