



# ***The Wattle***

**A newsletter for Pennant Hills Women Bowlers**

**Latest news from the Ladies Club**

**February to May 2025**

Apologies ladies for the delay in producing our **Wattle Newsletter**. Seems I have been busy with bowling commitments and work. Fancy having bowling commitments... I guess that happens when you belong to a bowling club!! Anyway, here we go.

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2025** saw the final of the **Club Fours Championship** between Karen Svenne, Lesley Henry, Shylie Little and Cath Foster v Jenny Partridge, Jenny Chandler, Lynne Lockwood and Orma Downs. The game was neck and neck with some great bowls played by all players. At one stage Cath's team were holding 5 but Orma came in with a magnificent shot to convert it to 1 up to her team!! Not good for one's heart!! Final score was 24-9 to Cath's team but there was no way that score was an indication of how close the match was. Well done to all ladies who competed in this championship.



Cath Foster, Shylie Little, Lesley Henry, Karen Svenne. Jenny Partridge, Jenny Chandler, Lynne Lockwood, Orma Downs.

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2025** saw our **Grade 4 Pennant Players** head off to Wiseman Park Bowling Club (Wollongong Area) for the State Pennant Playoffs.

Five intrepid supporters (Cath Foster, Lesley Henry, Ros Krempin, Judy Butler and Karen Svenne) decided that they would commute down to cheer our girls on. Leaving Pennant Hills around 7.00am they encountered some light sprinkles on the walk to Pennant Hills Station. They arrived at the newly renovated Central Station and headed for platform 25 which was located way way down in the depths of Central. This took us directly to Wollongong station. Along the journey, the sprinkles become light rain but by the time we reached the bowling club it was torrential. Surely, they couldn't play in this weather? but we did know that NSW Bowls were on a very tight schedule to get the matches in. Even so.... As we walked to the greens, we noticed there were no players on them. Rinks were flooding and everyone had been called in for a slight delay. The announcement that the rain had eased off and play could commence amazed everyone. Eased off? The rain was torrential. Play recommenced with reduced ends but quite frankly no one could hold a bowl. Dry cloths?? Was there such a thing?? Hard to distinguish which team was which as rain jackets were certainly the order of the day. Our girls did well in the tough conditions and only just went down. Then the announcement that play would be abandoned for the day came as no surprise.

Congratulations to all our girls who played in those atrocious conditions.

Kerry Havron, Rosemary Stevens, Lynnette Lynn, Fay Brown

Jane Edgson, Margaret Harris, Julie Ortlepp & Beth Kennett.

I bet they will never forget that playoff.

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2025** was our fun **Major/Minors Pairs**

This year the winners were Orma Downs and Del Ayre.

Runners up were Kerry Havron and Fay Brown.



Winners: Del Ayre & Orma Downs.



Runners up: Fay Brown & Kerry Havron



**31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** was the State Playoff of the **Zone Senior Triples** to be held at Lennox Head. Cath Foster, Shylie Little and Karen Svenne won this event back in July 2024. Unfortunately, Shylie was unable to make the journey, so Anne Moyes filled in and Jan Sexty came as the reserve player. The girls had 2 wins out of 3 in their section but not enough points to make it through to the semi-finals. Still, they were happy to have come 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16. Whilst it is a long way for supporters to come and cheer the girls on, they did see 2 familiar faces in the crowd who were sending out their positive vibes.

It was our long-term members Jenny and Alan Stone who have moved into the area. So lovely to see them.



Cath, Jan, Jenny & Karen

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2025** was the final of the **Club Triples Championship** between Jenny Chandler, Jenny Partridge and Orma Downs v Lesley Henry, Del Ayre and Judy Butler.

Some great bowls played by all ladies, but Orma's team struck an "on fire" Judy Butler who could do no wrong!! Sometimes you just have one of those great days, but it is a team effort, and all players contributed with some great shots. Final score was 24-16 to Judy's team.



Judy Butler, Del Ayre, Lesley Henry



Orma Downs, Jenny Partridge, Jenny Chandler

## ANZAC Day Ceremony & bowls



**Anzac Day, on 25 April**, is gazetted as a National Day of Commemoration in Australia. The day recognises and commemorates the contribution of all people who have served Australia in times of war and in war-like conflicts.



A great turn out for our ANZAC Day Ceremony and game of bowls. Day commenced at lunchtime with a sausage sizzle followed by 2 games of bowls. Once the bowls matches were completed, we met for drinks and the raffle and then it was time to commence our Ceremony. John Archer took us through the formalities allowing us to show our respects, and we then had our young bugler Rory Martinic complete the service.

Big thanks must go out to all who organised the event and made it such a success.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025** saw Karen Svenne and Shylie Little play the first round of the **Champion of Champions Pairs** at Cabra Vale Diggers Club against the team of Catherine Weir and Roslyn Clarke from Northmead. Pennant Hills won their match 25-16. A big shout out to Lesley Henry and Janet Stevenson who came out to support us. The next match was against Waverley in the heavy rain and storm at Mount Lewis. Pennant Hills won that match 19-3. Having won our section, we went on to play at Merrylands on the carpet and struck a very experienced Cabramatta side, losing to them 25-15. This Cabramatta team ending up going on to win the event, so we don't feel disgraced. A great experience and we were both very proud to represent Pennant Hills.



Perhaps someone should have told them it's not rocket science!!

Our Open Pennant teams have had great success in all our three grades. We had teams in Grades 5,6,7. All finishing well with Grade 6 taking out the final on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Toongabbie**. Thank you to all the ladies who played and reserved. A great achievement indeed.

Ladies from the Women's Club who played in the Open Pennants were:

Lesley Henry, Anne Moyes, Karen Svenne, Lara George, Fearney Fisher, Kerry Havron, Cath Foster (Reserve), Jenny Partridge (Reserve).





**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025** is the final of the **Minor Singles** between Lara George and Glenys Rentoul. This should be a “cracker” of a match, so come down and support the girls.



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025** is our Fashion Parade. Not only will it be fashion, but it will also be handbags and jewellery. How good is that?? Bring along some friends. Just make sure you put the number of how many friends you will be bringing along on the list on the board. This helps with catering for the morning tea. Oh, if you can please put your name down to bring something for morning tea this will be well appreciated. Bought or baked, either will do!!!





## 2025-2026 PHWBC Membership Fees Due

Please note our Annual fees are due 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025     \$250.00

You can pay your fees directly to our Treasurer Dina Waters on a Tuesday or Thursday or Direct Deposit to PHWBC

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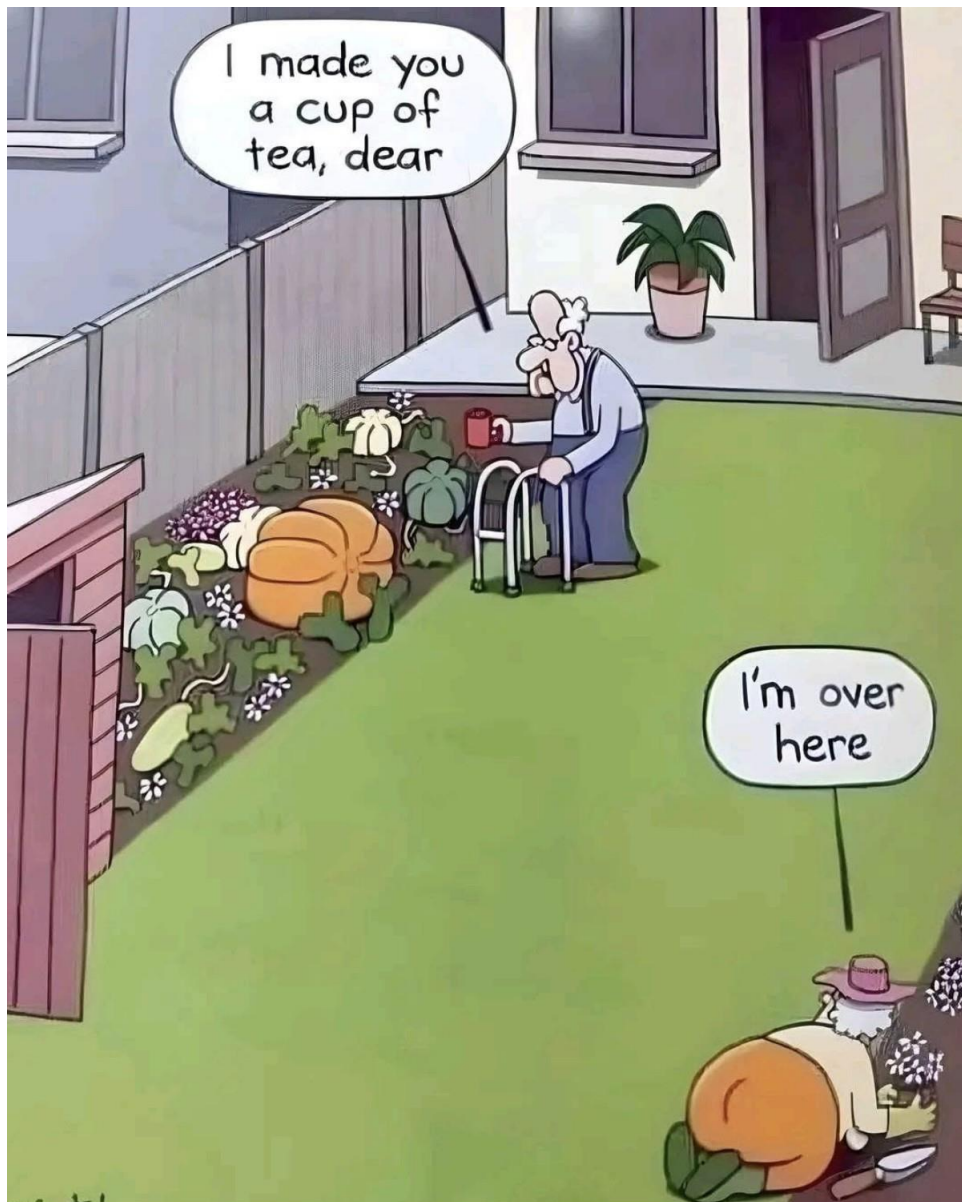
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**PLEASE DO NOT PAY YOUR FEES AT THE BAR**

If you do not wish to bowl but would like to stay socially connected to the club, please consider joining the Golden Oldies for 2025-2026 for a cost of \$40pa.

Now for a few laughs:





*What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates.*

*My girlfriend keeps accusing me of cheating. She's starting to sound like my wife.*

*Did you hear about the actor who broke his leg onstage? He's still in the cast.*

*Why did the pharmacist walk on her tiptoes? She didn't want to wake the sleeping pills.*

*I wanted to buy a pair of camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.*



*I had a date last night, and it was perfect. Tomorrow, I'll have a fig.*

*Why did the lobster blush? Because it saw the ocean's bottom!*

*Want to know why nurses like red crayons? Sometimes they have to draw blood.*

*Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb.*

I know... Not that funny but I must admit I did have a bit of a giggle at some.

## **If**

*If you can always roll the jack, right at your skipper's feet,  
If you can always draw the shot, the one that must be beat.  
When asked to play a 'yard on' do you judge it to perfection?  
And when you're called to drive, can you always make correction?  
If you can come up smiling when the other bloke,  
Puts your good shot out of play and treats it as a joke.  
If you're the one who saves the day, I'll say to you my son,  
"You're a bloody hero, what's more the only one!"*

## **Advice**

*" If your Skip wants an opinion, He'll give it to you".*

*Lead: "How much am I short?" Skip: "You ought to know, you're closer to it"*

## **Definition of a Novice:**

*A new convert to bowls who confesses he knows nothing about the game and then becomes angry when you agree with him.*

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the **Wattle**.

As always, good health, good bowling & most importantly good laughter on the greens.

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Cheers, Karen

