



# DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



## December 2017

### Presentation Day

One of the 2 big days in each Club year, and what a day this was. With 70 bowlers and 10 guests this was our best-attended Presentation Day in memory. Just as well we had the auditorium – the BBQ area could not have managed these numbers. Highlights of the day included:

The presence of our new shirt sponsor **Living Choice**; the presentation of a shirt to LCA General Manager Tim Bentley by designer



Monique Rees; the opportunity to share his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with our **Patron Ralph Ryan**; the announcement of the new

**Bowler of the Year Award** to Mark McLaughlin;

the announcement of **Club Member of the Year** to Gary Dowling, who received the Eric Blackwood trophy



### Sponsors

Our Sponsors are very special to us. Their involvement enables us to maintain a fee structure that is competitive and provides value to members in many ways. We are also able to conduct a major tournament which attracts some of the nation's best bowlers. Our focus is on well-known local businesses where there are opportunities for reciprocal

business. At this time all our scoreboard signs are taken. Some vacancies are available on the drinkstand signs which we hope to sell in the new year, and we are looking at a further signage opportunity for businesses wanting more than that. Total income from sponsorship, including cash and goods donated exceeds the total of membership fees. To top all of this is the value of the facilities provided by the Davistown RSL Club without which we could not exist.

Members will know that we have consistently promoted the value of our sponsorship associations and we encourage members to use their services where possible.

Main sponsors are: Bendigo Bank, Creightons Funeral Services, Living Choice Australia, Mitre 10 Kincumber, The Travellers Hut and Tyrepower



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### Rookies Pairs State Finals



Going to a State Final is a very big thing for any bowler, no matter what the contest. Only a few bowlers ever make it. We were delighted and proud to have **Dave Compton and Craig Hillock** represent us at the State Final for Rookies pairs. This took place at Raymond Terrace in October and our guys were very well supported by a large team of Davo members. They competed well in their section and will be better competitors next year as a result of that experience.



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If you have been looking at our website recently, and many have, then you will have noticed the much-improved appearance. The decision by the Men's and Women's BCs to operate one combined website means that there is more news to report and a much bigger readership. Keep an eye on it – it's where most Club news is now found.  
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### Junior Development Squad



Our plans to form a Junior Development Squad began to take shape in November when we hosted 60 students from Brisbane School on 2 occasions. Don Campbell was the driver of this initiative and was very well supported by an enthusiastic Coaches group from both Clubs. The schoolchildren were all very well behaved and some displayed an ability to bowl that caught the attention of onlookers. Our aim is to get a group of 5 or 6 youngsters who want to bowl and enable them to take part in our game. As we know – most of those who will represent Australia at next year's Commonwealth Games began bowling when they were 10 or 11 years of age.

Whilst our efforts have focussed on the local school we will welcome anyone who wants to be considered. Perhaps you know someone – a family member or neighbour – who would like to tryout. And who knows – perhaps we can find a future Australian Rep in Davo?  
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**Congratulations to our Patron Ralph Ryan on his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday**