

SLBC NEWS



14 January 2026

This weekly update is sent to members of the St Lucia Bowling Club. To contribute Club news or general bowls items of interest to Club members, please email them to the Editor, Pamela Miller – pamela.miller1@bigpond.com

SUMMARY OF BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL GRANTS - 2025

We associate the Brisbane City Council (BCC) with being our Club's landlord. However, they have also been of great assistance with grants we received during the past year.

Members would have noticed the new electric (battery operated) greens roller - an invaluable piece of equipment to maintain our good greens. The major portion of the funding for this roller was obtained from a grant received from the Brisbane City Council under the program of "Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs - Communities Support".

St Lucia Bowling Club recently replaced the security system in the bar area of the clubhouse. As the old alarm system was not functioning, the new system (wholly funded by the BCC's "Lord Mayor's Safer Suburbs Grant") provides greater security in this area of the club.

The BCC is currently considering SLBC's application to install LED lighting to one green. The application, submitted in October, is still outstanding with an update expected in the first quarter of 2026.

In addition to the above grants, there was an amount received from the BCC under funding titled "Seniors Celebration 2025-2026". This contributed towards our Club's Christmas Presentation function held in December.

Through the process of grant seeking, the Brisbane City Council has been very supportive in both assistance given in the application stage and the allocation of grants towards St Lucia Bowling Club.

- Tim Salway, Grants Officer

MERLO COFFEE CUP

As the Merlo Coffee Cup begins play on 31 January, the selectors are starting to look at team compositions for the first few games.

Trial games will be played on Saturday 17 and 24 January. If you have your name down as being interested in being selected in this year's Merlo Coffee Cup, please make sure you wear your competitive socks on those days.

Please also ensure the absentee list on the noticeboard is up to date so selectors know when you are, or are not, available.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain

Captain's Corner

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coming up during the next month or two:

- **7 January 2026** – Attention Male Members who are interested in being considered for **Brisbane District Men's representative teams** for the 2026 season. An online Expression of Interest form has been created in BowlsLink for players wishing to be considered for 2026 BDBA representation. To submit your EOI, please log in to BowlsLink and look under the 'Events' section. (Type "Brisbane" in the search box to assist finding the form), or follow the link shown here :
<https://bowlslink.com.au/public/event/42f3a070-efab-4fc7-9fcf-899c35f6b30c>. If there is an issue placing your EOI, speak with Pam Salway.
- **25 January 2026 – The 2026 Ambassador Cruise Line World Indoor Bowls Championships** – Play has started and events will run until 25 January 2026. This event features the world's best bowlers competing indoors in many disciplines. Games are available to watch on The World Bowls Tour YouTube and Facebook channels.
- **28 January 2026** – Nominations are now open for the **Champion of Club Singles** events for both men and women. Closing date for nominations is 28 January 2026. Games will be played February. Entries must be placed via BowlsLink. If you have trouble entering, simply speak with Pam Salway for assistance.
- **31 January 2026 – Merlo Coffee Cup commences.** You can still register your interest in selection to play in this competition which runs until 28 March 2026, place your interest via SLBC's website "Register for Bowls".
- **14 February 2026** – Nominations are open for the "**Beginners Cup**" novice event. Nominations close on 14 February 2026. You need to have been playing for three years or less to enter. It is an open event. This competition will run during February/March. Please list your entry via the SLBC's website. A button is on the "Register for Bowls" page.
- **16-20 February 2026 – Bowls Premier League 23** will be played at Moama Bowling Club. The BPL is the sport's made-for-television showpiece event. Watch on Bowls Australia's YouTube channel or Fox Sports / Kayo.
- **20 February to end March 2026 – Ladies/Women's Autumn Pennant.** SLBC is hoping to go one better than in 2025 by winning the Pennant. If you are available to play and have not yet let us know, please do so by registering your interest on the St Lucia Bowls Club website at the bottom of the "Register for Bowls" page.
- Coming up in April will be the **BDBA Men's Senior Pennant** competition. Watch this space for more information.

- Pam Salway, Bowls Captain



Invitation to Express Interest for 2026 Brisbane District Men's Representative Teams

The Brisbane District Bowls Association (BDBA) Selection Panel invites all current and prospective players to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be considered for selection in the Brisbane District Men's representative teams for the 2026 season.

HOW TO APPLY

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EVENTS TO BE PLAYED

Open – available to all players

- State District Sides – May 2026
- Practice Game against Cunningham District (prior to State District Sides) – April 2026

Over 60s – restricted to players who are 60 or over

Inter District Challenge – September 2026

Senior Quad Series – June 2026

Further details of each event, including dates, locations, and eligibility, are provided in BowlsLink when you complete your EOI.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All players—past and prospective—must complete a new EOI to be considered for 2026 selection.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the BDBA Selection Panel.
(selection@brisdistba.org.au)

We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest and wish all applicants the best of luck for the upcoming representative season.

Kind regards,
BDBA Selection Panel