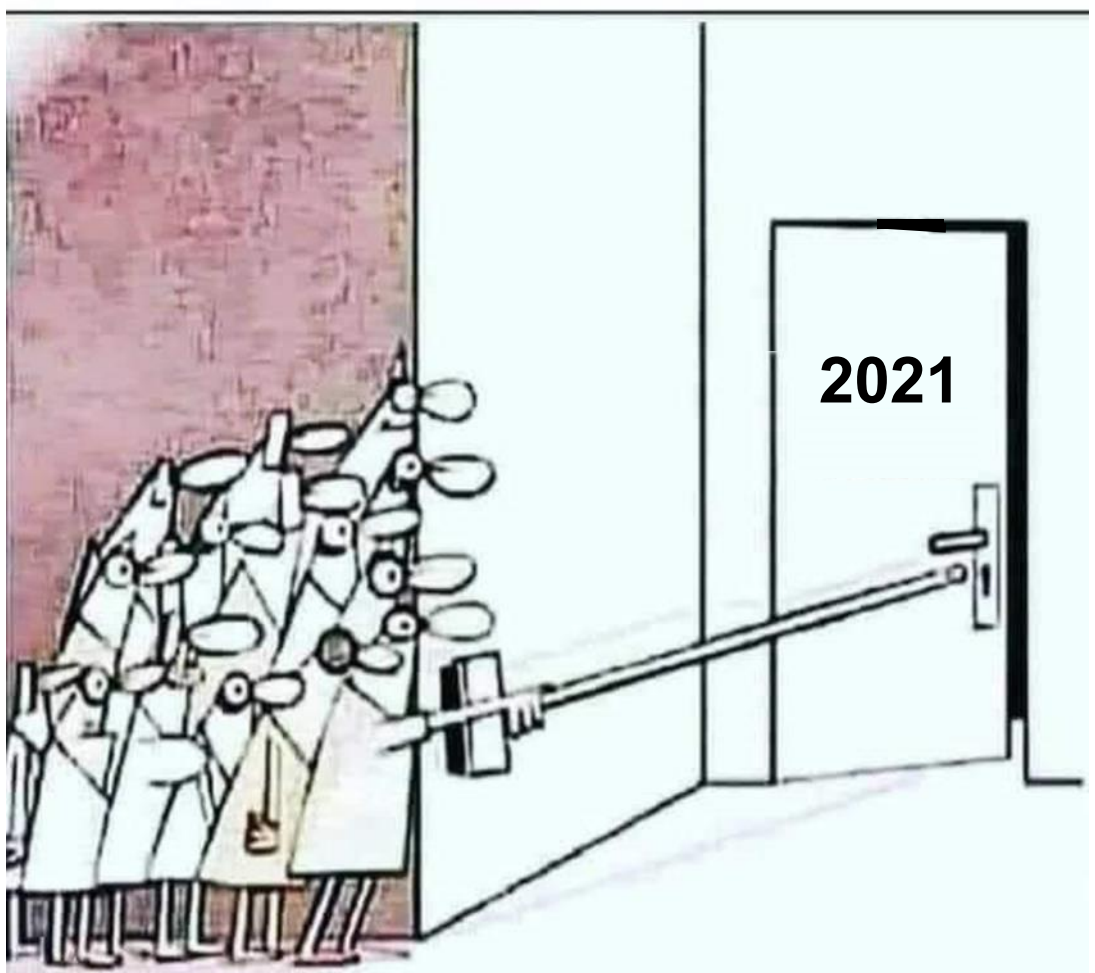




## Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year



### 2020 to 2021

We are gratefully to be able to celebrate Christmas with friends and family, something we never thought possible at various times during 2020. As we gingerly push the door open on 2021 we look forward to a vastly different year from this year, as we slam 2020 shut. The Birkenhead Bowling Club Board of Management would like to wish all the Members and their families, Club Partners and friends of the Club a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels over this festive season. Thank you for your continued support of the Club through this demanding and unique year and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

### Closed until 2021

Brendon has been busy continuing to spray to exterminate the nematodes, while still promoting growth, a real balancing act. Last week the areas of lost coverage due to the nematode attack were reseeded. This was a bit sooner than planned, but the seed was available, and has therefore forced the rearrangement of allocated green space. Thanks all those members that have graciously accommodated these changes, it is very much appreciated. As a result the top green is out of action for the remainder of 2020. This will enable the seed to get a good start and the green overall time to recover in readiness for 2021 and what promises to be a busy first couple of months.

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**Leads & Twos**  
 Entries Close 5pm Thursday 7 January, Played Saturday 9 January

**Green Closed and Cancellations!**

Today Wednesday 23 December the Club is hosting a large corporate, 70 out playing and it is all hands to the pumps, so if you are able to help out contact Emmie 0275 297297. Wednesday 6 January the Club has National Men's Singles section play on the bottom green while the top green is closed for repair, so the Club Day has been cancelled. The top green will be out of action from Saturday 2 January to and including Sunday 17 January this is to reseed the bare spots and give the seed time to take. The Board of Management thanks our regular Wednesday Club Day players for sacrificing their days.

**On the Greens**

*Note: The status of each green may change without notice, always check the greens open/closed board for current status.*  
*Corporates: During December the Club hosts a large number of Corporates that use our greens, these are not list below*

Wednesday 16 December – 9.30am Rod Mahon Memorial (OACT – Ham) – lunch provided  
 Saturday 19 December – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Triples (AC)  
 Sunday 20 December – 9am Sunday tournament (OACT – Ham) – lunch provided  
 Wednesday 23 December - ~~10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)~~- cancelled  
 Thursday 24 December – 1pm Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament (OAC – Single entry)  
 Wednesday 30 December - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry - mufti)  
 Friday 1 January – 12.30pm \$1,000 Pairs Afternoon Tournament (OACP – mufti)  
 Saturday 2 January - Bowls New Zealand Nationals - Men's Pairs  
 Sunday 3 January - Bowls New Zealand Nationals - Men's Pairs  
 Tuesday 5 January - Bowls New Zealand Nationals - Women's Pairs  
 Wednesday 6 January - Bowls New Zealand Nationals - Women's Pairs  
 - ~~10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)~~- cancelled  
 Saturday 9 January – 9am Leads and Twos (AC, Drawn, Single Entry)  
 Sunday 10 January – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided  
 Tuesday 12 January – 5.30pm Christmas Shield – Birkenhead v Northcote – meal included  
 Wednesday 13 January - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)  
 Friday 15 January – BNH Umpires Association Tournament @ Birkenhead (OACT)  
 Saturday 16 January – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (AC)  
 Monday 18 January – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five  
 Wednesday 20 January – 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) – BYO Lunch  
 Saturday 23 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours  
 - 8.30am Men's Championship Fours  
 Sunday 24 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours  
 - 8.30am Men's Championship Fours  
 Monday 25 January – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five  
 Wednesday 27 January - 10am Club Day (AC Single Entry)

**Inside this Weekend**

**Friday 25 December – CLUB CLOSED**  
**Saturday 26 December**  
 Racing – Ellerslie, Awapuni, Wingatui (Thoroughbreds), Westport (Harness) and from across Australia  
**Sunday 27 December**  
 Racing – New Plymouth (Thoroughbreds), Gore (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and from across Australia  
 \* viewing selection is determined by the members.

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## Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament

Tuesday Afternoon 24th December

Single Entry - Mufti - 1pm Start

Bowlers & Non-bowlers welcome

### Request from BowlsNZ

We are needing markers for the Singles – especially 2nd January (Women's Singles Qualifying) and 6th January (Men's Singles Qualifying).  
Chris Lander, Bowls New Zealand, General Manager – Clubs & Community  
*If you are available to offer your services to mark contact Terry Moverley (027 6661618) in the first instance.*  
*Singles in North Harbour are being played at Browns Bay, Mairangi Bay and Sunnybrae.*

### Rod's Day

Monday 17 December 2012 the Club lost an influential member and President over a number of years, Rod Mahon. At the time of Rod's passing himself and Terry Moverley had ramped up the December Wednesday Triples tournament into a ham tournament as a response to another Club encroaching on Birkenhead's tournament day and to ensure Birkenhead's tournament was the one to be at. Rod was initially due to play in the tournament but his illness forced him out of the tournament and he passed away a few days prior to seeing the tournament come in to being.  
That first tournament was full with thirty two teams, tinged with sadness at Rod's passing and naturally become the Rod Mahon Memorial.

A total of twenty four hams were given out that first tournament as playing and raffle prizes. The winners (Neil McMaster, Eddy Edwards and Trevor Parker) receiving a full ham each and presented with brand spanking new Rod Mahon Memorial Trophy.  
The tournament hasn't changed much over the past eight years, it is still full each year, hot ham lunch is provided, and hams are still the prizes, although the full hams have gone.

The mention of ham and they come out of the woods. The Rod Mahon Memorial is no exception with players usually at work on a Wednesday, any other month of the year taking the day off in pursuit of a ham for the dinner table. As the tournament ranks swell with the so called "pot hunters" the standard of completion suddenly rises as was the case last Wednesday for the ninth running of the Rod Mahon Memorial. A stunning day awaited the players, initially a field of thirty-two teams but with a late withdrawal the night before left a dreaded bye. With Christmas mince pies and fresh strawberries available on arrival certainly set the tone for the day. Into the first two games back to back the mood out on the green was one of enjoyment and comradery. Lunch and hot ham and potatoes served up with a selection of salads, thanks to Bernie and Stuie slaving away in the kitchen. The afternoon players with full tummies and swapped over from the green of morning play it was into the final two games of the day to seal there final positions for the day.

Each year the Club has been fortunate to have had good tournament partners there to support the day. This year Ryman Healthcare's Bert Sutcliffe Village was that partner with Leanne O'Meara from Bert Sutcliffe Village doing the honours at prize giving. Hams paid out to fifth place and also a chicken for the try hard team. Along with the hams also bottles of bubbly and various Bert Sutcliffe mechanise was distributed amongst the teams.

The winners at a glance:

First: Tony Grantham, Jamie Hill, Jerry Belcher (s) – 4 wins, 28 ends, 64 shots for  
Second: Ray Someone, Trevor Forward, Garry Banks (s) – 3 wins, 22 ends, 54 shots for  
Third: Barry Reyland, Keith Burgess, Lionel Drew (s) – 3 wins, 22 ends, 39 shots for



**Quiz Night - Free Entry**  
**7pm Thursday 14 January**  
**Non-members welcome**

Quiz Partners: Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead,  
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**No Band, Dancing Girls or Fireworks**

Nothing formal planned, no band, dancing girls or fireworks for New Year's Eve. We will welcome in the New Year at 9pm for those amongst us that can't stay awake until midnight, as Colin Barrow suggested just prior to to 9pm last New Year "A Pensioner New Year". The Bar will be open longer than usual that Thursday. It will play it by ear that evening and just see where the evening takes us.

**Umpires Tournament - Birkenhead**

The Bowls North Harbour Umpires Associations tournament at Mairangi Bay on Friday 6 November fell victim to the heavy rain the day and night prior. All is not lost as 2021 sees the BNH Umpires Associations add a new tournament to their 2021 calendar and Birkenhead is pleased to host them.

You don't need to be an umpire to play or enter a team, all bowlers are welcome. Friday 15 January at Birkenhead, Any Combination Triples, 9.30am start, \$30 per team. Sponsored by Emmie Swart Limited (ESL)

To enter email Garry Moverley [gpmoverley@gmail.com](mailto:gpmoverley@gmail.com)

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Open Any Combination Triple Tournament for all bowlers

Birkenhead Bowling Club  
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## Thanks Kaipatiki

The front wall on the Club's street boundary out on Mokoia Road was replaced three or so years ago after a car demolished part of it at the entrance way end and the rest of the wall was deemed in need of rebuilding. The rebuilt wall was never really finished off and over time the low flat top has proved a magnet for dog agility training, kids building confidence (walking along the top), cars backing into it and that is not to mention the skateboarders and scooter riders sliding along it performing their trick moves. As a result the top flat blocks have felt the full brunt of these actions and now are broken, loose, a safety hazard and deteriorating by the day.



An application to the Kaipatiki Local Board to assist with funding towards an upgrade of the concrete fence at the Club was lodged. We were not successful in getting the full amount applied for but we were successful in getting a large part of it (approx. \$4,600). Thanks goes out to Kaipatiki Local Board for their funding assistance.

## Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament

Stuie has treated his body like a temple and incredibly stood the testament of time, it is fortunate we still have him here today. Initially this tournament was run as a bit of a joke to celebrate Stuie's 59th birthday, in preparation for his 60th the following year. Nine years on the annual tournament on the afternoon of 24 December has continued to prove popular. Curtis Ennor has run this for the past five years and kept it going in the spirit it was intended, light hearted and fun, and has done a fine job. He has again at the helm this year.

Thursday 24 December, names in by 12.45pm, play starts 1pm, three short games, prize giving and all over around 4pm. Open to bowlers and non-bowlers, Single Entry, Mufti, \$5 entry, loads of prizes. Come and join in the fun as we celebrate Stuie's birthday.

## Charity Tournament - Saturday 6 February

For many years on Waitangi Day Bowls Birkenhead and in recent years supported by Birkenhead RSA, have raised funds in support of charities.

Last February it is all in support of Harbour Hospice, a charity with many ties to the Club. A couple of years back we cracked the \$10,000, let us crack it again in support of Harbour Hospice again. Entries are now open, teams of fours, any combination, mufti (many teams dress to a theme and some just dress up), a non-bowler in each team is encouraged. After all this is a fundraiser day for a fantastic cause, the town hall clock is not on the line. Items to donate for raffles and auctions ring Louise Fox 021 2357121.

## Last Coaching for 2020

The last Monday coaching session of the year passed last Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> December. Coaching will resume in the New Year, around mid January, date to be advised.

## Seafood Full

As per usual the Wheels on Wairau Seafood tournament has proved as popular as ever with the full house sign going up last week. If you have missed out you can still join the reserve list. Sandy is now looking for payment, \$200 per team, as your spot is not secure until full payment is made.

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## The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright putting one mans perspective on the sport of bowls. Well its that time of year when you don't want to be a pig as butchers line you up for pickling, roasting and bacon as every part of your anatomy is carved up in the name of festive cheer. Remember it's only festive if you're the one wrapping you gob around the poor pigs honey cured loin leg smothered in marmalade and cloves. On Sunday I was asked to play for a few of those legs as Mick Moodie lined me up in the hope I might fill his fridge with at least one. He also recruited one of the best lady bowlers in the country in an effort to restrict the amount of good bowls he would need to play. It was a good move by Mick but he failed to inform me that Trish Croot was taking a more relaxed approach to bowls this year and she had decided that bloody Santa suits were our dress code of the day. Now I use to wear a Santa suit at the Auckland Police Stations kids Xmas Party a few years ago but had to give it away after I moved to a police squad that investigated paedophiles. Trish had decided that Mick and I had physiques that would cut a gorgeous site on the greens and ensured that the suits didn't fit us and that the jackets had no buttons to keep our floppy bits restrained. What was supplied was a plastic belt that struggled to keep 60 years of booze strapped in so that no body could see a body that needed a bit of liposuction. As for my man boobs they were as free as a set of testicles in a nudist camp. To make matters worst we drew a team of three ladies first who took great delight in eyeing me up and trying to work out whether I had implants or not. Now I'm not shy as over 3000 ladies have seen me naked in my lifetime. 2997 were pissed, one gave birth to me, one gave birth for me and the last one ensured my tubes were tied.



It was a tough start to the day as for the first few ends I tried keep my stomach and man breasts from fallen out. The sweat dripping down my back and into my crack tended to send my mind elsewhere instead of concentrating on my line and length. My length was so short it wouldnt have kept Linda Lovelace happy so eventually it all came off and and we returned to some sort of normality in an effort to get ourselves back into the game. We managed to be holding a draw with the opposition skip having one bowl to play. She didn't let her team down and drew a screamer that had us wishing we could crawl back into our Santa suits. Our next game was against a stacked Brown's Bay team who contained the legendary Colin Rogan. Now Colin and I started in the same year and he went onto win 40 Centre titles and I went onto win fuck all. The reason for that is that Colin is the only man I know who has had a love affair with a weed. When I left Brown's Bay in 1999 my last memory was Colin Rogan practicing on those then star weed greens. When I returned in 2007 he was still there.... I'm sure if he could have had sex with that weed he would have but in the end all that practice paid dividends and he deserves every one of those titles. As for our game well we pummelled them into submission 9 - 5 and went onto win the rest of our games. It wasn't enough to bring home the bacon but at least I got some sun on my belly button. Mery Xmas everybody and I hope life treats you better than that pig you are about to go stuffing into your mouth.

Mike Cartwright out of "The Dog House" and in the true spirit of Christmas, out on the greens last weekend in search of a ham.



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**SUMMERSET NATIONALS 2021**  
SINGLES & PAIRS 2 - 8 JANUARY

**Pairs, Pairs & More Pairs**

Birkenhead initial had two greens available for Bowls New Zealand's use during the National Singles and Pairs and we were looking forward to a busy week. But after receiving an A- grade for both greens the nematodes attacked the top green and we notified Bowls New Zealand that our top green was now not up to standard and we were pulling it from use as Brendon jumped in to start the rescue. Still one green available and we had singles and pairs, but upon closer inspection a couple of imperfections were present and we have had to reduce the available rinks to six. Bowls New Zealand were understanding and have now given us pairs each day. Bowls New Zealand are desperately short of markers for singles especially 2nd January (Women's Singles Qualifying) and 6th January (Men's Singles Qualifying) and we understand Browns Bay is in desperate need of assistance in this area. If you are able to offer your marking skills contact Terry Moverley in the first instance (027 6661618)

**Birkenhead's greens allocation for Summerset Nationals:**

- Saturday 2 January - Men's Pairs Qualifying
- Sunday 3 January - Men's Pairs Qualifying
- Wednesday - 5 January – Women's Pairs Qualifying
- Thursday - 6 January – Women's Pairs Qualifying

**"Getting Started" Available**

"Getting Started" - Basic Techniques of Lawn Bowls is a 34 page handbook produced by the Wanaka Bowling Club with significant material and editorial assistance from BowlsNZ. Bowls NZ not only supplied suitable text and diagrams but also were involved in the editing process to ensure the handbook is fully compliant with current New Zealand practices and coaching protocols.

This would be possibly the only publication currently available in New Zealand that specifically focuses on the needs of newer bowlers although there are timely reminders for more experienced bowlers.

Limited copies of the handbook are available from the Birkenhead Club Bowls Shop at cost, \$17.00 per copy

**From the Centre**

All Centre tournaments must be entered online at any time before the entry closing date. The Club no longer handles Individual entries and payment (Centre fours, triples, pairs, singles etc.) We have been informed by the Centre that the entry forms in the Centre handbook are no longer in use.

The information below is exacted direct from the Centre (Received 21/12/20 - email)

1. Masters. Last two days left to get your Masters entries in. Closes midnight 23rd December. We have received more entries than last year (fantastic!) but the more the merrier.
2. Centre Events. The next Centre event is the Womens Pairs on 7th February 2021
3. Club tournaments. There next Club event is the Cadness Cup in March 2021.

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**New Years Day**  
**\$1,000 Pairs Afternoon**  
 Any Combination - Mufti - \$20 per team  
 12.30pm start, Friday 1 January 2021

Tournament Partners:

**12th Annual Women's Pairs**

Under the Presidency of Rod Mahon the men of Birkenhead voted to allow women full membership of the club. Emmie Swart and Leanne Chinery were the first women to sign up and set out to put Birkenhead on the map of women's bowls and announce that the women had arrived. Thus the Women's Open Pairs Tournament with its big money and high class was born. The initial tournament, organised in a short period of time, with prize money of \$4,300, was an overwhelming success. In 2013 and in its fourth year with "Slipp Inn" sponsoring for the third consecutive year and prize money was \$6,500. 2014 the tournament reached its fifth year and to celebrate the prize money was raised to \$7,000. 2015 and 2016 saw the tournament full early again with a number of teams in reserve. 2017 the weather intervened and unlike 2013 the 2017 tournament was forced to be abandoned. 2018 saw the \$6,500 Women's Invitation Pairs successfully played out on the greens at Birkenhead with Natasha Grimshaw and Gaylene Harvey (s) taking out the top prize of \$1,500. 2019 saw the tournament move forward to a new date slot in mid-February, and endorsed by Bowls New Zealand as part of the Summer of Bowls. A number of current New Zealand Blackjacks swelled the field, but it was Trish Croot and Lisa White that came through to shine and be crowned tournament winners for 2019. 2020 and the tournament had the pleasure of Australian bowling legend Karen Murphy in the field. Karen selected Mairangi Bay's Colleen Rice, from the coaching clinics held over the few days prior, to partner up with Karen. The pair made it through to the final only to come runner-up to Anne Muir and Sue Wightman. We are again grateful for the continued support from "The Good Home Birkenhead". And Bowls New Zealand. Tournament entry nominations & enquires phone 0275 297297

Past Winners:

- 2010 – Jan Jones, Noelene Culpan(s)
- 2011 - Dale Lang, Genevieve Baildon (s)
- 2012 – Chrissie Peers, Denise Samuel (s)
- 2013 - Fay Yates, Jenny Jones (s)
- 2014 - Kerrin Roberts, Elaine McClintock (s)
- 2015 – Anne Dorreen, Lisa Parlane (s)
- 2016 – Estelle Hickey, Lynda Ralph (s)
- 2017 – Auckland Weather – Abandoned
- 2018 - Natasha Grimshaw, Gaylene Harvey (s)
- 2019 - Trish Croot, Lisa White (s)
- 2020 - Anne Muir, Sue Wightman (s)

**Housie! - Thursday 21 January**  
 Caller: Kevin "Scratchy" George  
**Cash Prizes First Game 7pm**  
**Housie cards only \$1 per card**  
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*\* Except Christmas day, The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed to promoting responsible gambling.*

### Birk'o Hospitality

There will be a number of visitors in the Club over the festive season and especially with the Nationals being played on our greens and around town early January. Some outsiders will base themselves at our Club for the Nationals as they have already heard what a welcoming club we are.

Ensure we make all visitors welcome and show them the Birk'o hospitality that we are known for and makes our club stand out from the rest.

### Timely Reminder

#### Club Urges Caution After Being Scammed Out of Thousands of Dollars

*Reproduced from Bowls Australia's website, Written by Lachlan Williams*

Bowls clubs are being warned to be vigilant when paying large amounts of money for bills after a club was scammed out of more than \$20,000 earlier this year.

The club, which wishes to remain anonymous, contracted to make capital upgrades at their venue, with the issue coming when the club was finalising its last payment of slightly more than \$20,000 to the contractor.

"It was the final instalment of a four part payment. Before finalising the final payment, our bookkeeper received an email saying to send the money into a different account from the three previous times," the club's President said.

"Within a few days we had figured out the email account had been hacked. The invoice that was sent looked the same as the others, just the bank details were changed."

Known as a Business Email Compromise, the scam works with a hacker infiltrating the club's email account, searching out an invoice then masquerading as the legitimate business from which the original invoice came.

The email includes a request to pay the invoice amount into the alternate bank account due to some issue with the original account. Once the invoice is paid, that money is gone and the original invoice remains unpaid.

The club President said it was only when they spoke to the builder who had not received the money that they knew something was wrong.

"As soon as we found out we went to the police and our bank. It has been referred to the Australian Cyber Securities Centre, but we aren't sure what will happen from here."

The club has not been able to be reimbursed from its bank to date, and is still holding onto hope they can cover some of the damage. Contact was also made to the club's insurer and although the club had cyber risk endorsement as part of standard cover, they were advised they were not covered for the types of scams or falsification of invoices, such as what occurred.

The President said this unfortunate incident should serve as a warning to other clubs to "be aware and alert".

"If something seems off, it is best to double check, especially when dealing with large amounts of money," he said.

"Scammers are clever these days so as clubs we have to ensure we have measures in place that it doesn't happen again.

"We have put in place some best practice guidelines and taken a look at the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission scams guide, which I would recommend to other clubs."

It is important for clubs, when paying invoices of a considerable amount, to should first contact the provider of the invoice and verify the bank details to ensure future similar situations are avoided.

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## January Christmas Shield

The annual tussle between Birkenhead and Northcote has been rescheduled from early December to 5.30pm Tuesday 12 January at Birkenhead Bowling Club when Birkenhead will defend the Shield.

Open Men, Open Women and 1-5 Year AC teams – mufti, \$5 per player includes a free meal. Supporters \$5 for a meal. Names on the white board in the Club if you wish to play.

## BeezKnits

The Club utilises the resources within its membership to support the premature babies. These little ones need all the help they can get to give them a fighting chance to be future bowlers.

Our members knit booties, hats, mittens, vests, blankets and much more to keep the premature babies and newborns leaving Kidz First Hospital warm. From a small informal group the "BeezKints" have been formed, knitting for a specific purpose and donating all. The "BeezKnits" operate from the Club, where the Birkenhead Bowling Club has become a drop-off point, delivering knitwear to Middlemore on a regular bases.



If you're keen to help out or join the "BeezKnits" contact Emmie (0275 297 297) or Louise (021 2367121).

Talking to a member of the Middlemore Foundation Wool Programme they currently need knitted blankets, peggy squares and cardigans.

Donations of wool (4 ply & 8 ply) to the Club (or money to purchase wool) will be gratefully accepted at the Club, it is amazing how far one ball of wool or \$5 will go for the wee ones.





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**Bar Open!**

Yes it's all true, while others are closed or running reduced hours over the festive season Birkenhead goes the other way and extends its opening hours. Below are the scheduled operating hours through to Sunday 10 January. These subject to change dependant on available staffing levels and patronage.

**Birkenhead Bowling Club**  
**Christmas | New Year Trading Hours**  
 Times are subject to change, dependant on staffing levels and patronage.

**DECEMBER**

|           |      |              |  |
|-----------|------|--------------|--|
| Wednesday | 23rd | 3.30pm - 8pm | Corporate using Green  |
| Thursday  | 24th | 12pm - late  | 1pm Stuie's Birthday Mini Tournament<br>(Open Single Entry, Any Combination - mufti) |
| Friday    | 25th | Closed       | Christmas Day  |
| Saturday  | 26th | 11am - late  | Boxing Day   |
| Sunday    | 27th | 11am - late  |  |
| Monday    | 28th | Midday - 8pm |  |
| Tuesday   | 29th | Midday - 8pm | 10am Club Day - Mufti<br>(Any Combination - mufti)                                   |
| Wednesday | 30th | Midday - 8pm |  |
| Thursday  | 31st | Midday - 8pm | New Years Eve  |

**JANUARY**

|           |      |               |  |
|-----------|------|---------------|--|
| Friday    | 1st  | 11am - 8pm    | 12.30pm \$1,000 Afternoon Pairs<br>(Open, Any Combination - mufti)<br>Club Night<br>Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 |
| Saturday  | 2nd  | 8am - late    | BNZ Nationals - Men's Pairs  |
| Sunday    | 3rd  | 8am - late    | BNZ Nationals - Men's Pairs  |
| Monday    | 4th  | Midday - 8pm  |  |
| Tuesday   | 5th  | 8am - 8pm     | BNZ Nationals - Women's Pairs  |
| Wednesday | 6th  | 8am - 8pm     | BNZ Nationals - Women's Pairs<br>Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500  |
| Thursday  | 7th  | 3.30pm - 7pm  |  |
| Friday    | 8th  | 2.30pm - 10pm | Club Night<br>Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500   |
| Saturday  | 9th  | 11am - 10pm   | 9am Leads & Twos<br>(Single Entry, Any Combination, Drawn)   |
| Sunday    | 10th | 11am - 10pm   |  |

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### Bee on Holiday

There will be no Bee Express published Wednesday 6 January as the Bee is flying off on holiday in search of some Manuka. Wednesday 13 January will see the next Bee Express back in your email boxes. Until then have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

A special tanks to Mike Cartwright for his irregular columns during the dark days of "Level 4 Lockdown" and then again later in the year. Thanks to all those that have supported the publication, the feedback has been great.



### Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on long time Club Partner Dil's Funeral Services.

*By Stephen Dil*

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