

# Torquay Bowls Club Inc.



**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
TORQUAY BOWLS CLUB INC  
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## History

Torquay Bowls Club was formed on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1924, then in 1958 a new clubhouse was erected, followed over the years by improvements to the original. In 1984 the Club was licensed for the first time while the clubhouse was again upgraded to comply with licence requirements. Further improvements and additions were made, culminating in the major redevelopment in 2013/14, made possible by a grant of \$1.5m by the State government. The club continues to restructure itself for greater efficiency and to meet the demands of a changing world. New regulations and policy are part of this process.

## Membership

The club operates under the Constitution adopted in 2013 & associated Regulations, Copies of these are held in the Clubhouse. Brief reference is made to Regulations in the following summary, but should be read in full by any member having the need to do so.

In Feb 2018 the Club had 1079 members comprising 399 affiliated and 680 Social members. The club is promoting itself as a community facility with bowls as its main activity for members of all ages. Membership queries should be directed to [membership@torquaybowlsclub.com](mailto:membership@torquaybowlsclub.com)

## Members' Guests:

Members are encouraged to invite visitors to the Club, however there is a limit on the number of visits each year [4 visits per individual].

A member must sign in each visitor and is responsible for the visitor.

The club rules cover all conditions, however special licensing conditions apply to consumption of liquor by under-aged guests of members with meals.

Reciprocal Membership is available to Affiliated members of other bowls clubs.

## Administration and Communication

The Board of Management comprises three executive officers and seven directors who govern the club. A Bowls Committee organises the operational management of Day, Social & Twilight bowls activities under the rules & guidance of Bowls Victoria (BV) & Geelong Bowls Region (GBR)

The Board and other officers are elected in May of each year at the Annual General Meeting. Affiliated members are entitled to nominate for Board and vote at the AGM.

The club bowls activities are published each year in our Fixture Book, which should be available to you from Season Opening Night usually at the end of August. The names and telephone contacts for all affiliated members can be found at the back of the book.

The rules of the club can be found in the TBC Constitution and Bylaws, copies of which can be found in the Club House and on our website.

Our website includes most information about the club from Committee Members and contact details, History, Pennant Team selection and results, Club Championships and the Club fixture calendar including online entry, as well as Twilight Section draws and results to news and entertainment. It has Club documents & Minutes. Make sure it is a place you visit often to keep up to date and informed.

The Club also has a Facebook page to advertise social functions and events, special offers from our Bistro and other up-to-date news. Search for Torquay Bowls Club on Facebook, click "Like" to receive TBC updates in your Newsfeed.

Our preferred method of personal communication is via email. We will send out your Membership Renewal notice each year via email where provided, and we will send you a weekly email from What's On at Torquay Bowls Club to keep you informed of upcoming activities and events. You can unsubscribe from the weekly emails if you do not wish to receive this information.

### **Facilities**

The facilities of the club are available in varying degrees to all members. These entitlements are described in the rules of TBC.

Our greens and spacious clubhouse may be hired by Affiliated members for private functions at a significant discount.

Because we expend so much of our budget on the greens and the difficult climatic conditions, all members are expected to have regard for their condition.

### **Volunteering**

Giving one's time to assist in the running of the club is a **prerequisite** of membership and you will be expected to assist in various ways.

Rosters are created at the commencement of each season for a number of routine tasks. If you have any expertise like building trades, engineering, photography, computer skills or management skills etc, the Board would like to know as it tries to match member skills to volunteering requirements.

Members are enlisted to assist in various rosters. In particular, members are called on to nominate for kitchen duty rosters to assist catering for Saturday & Tuesday Pennant also Wednesday social bowls.



### **Bowling**

Apart from specific tournament events, bowls at Torquay Bowls Club is generally mixed gender. A range of standards is catered for in Pennant competition, played on Tuesday & Saturday in the Geelong Bowls Region.

Currently 6 sides play on Saturday and 4 Midweek sides compete at Pennant.

Twilight bowls operates every Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5.45pm to 8pm during daylight saving hours.

Open Social bowls is also played each Wednesday during the season and on a Saturday as a precursor to season commencement and conclusion of Pennant play at season end.

### **Entering events:**

Unless otherwise advised, pre-entry is required for club events so that the organisers can set up the teams beforehand. This is done by writing your name on the event entry forms to be found in the glass cabinets underneath the club house verandah, or via our Website – [www.torquaybowlsclub.com](http://www.torquaybowlsclub.com)

### **Bowls**

A set of bowls can be expensive to buy. While you are trying out a new sport the club can make a temporary loan of some second hand bowls, but keep in mind that they are old and take a wide path on the green compared to new models.

Newer secondhand bowls and equipment are often on sale at the club by members; please check the notice boards in the clubhouse if you need equipment.

Proper bowls shoes are needed for day time bowls, whilst you may bowl barefoot in the twilight competition. The club has its own approved uniform when its members compete in pennant teams.

### **Restricted Movement?**

Hopefully you are physically fit, but a back problem can be restricting. If you doubt your ability to bowl comfortably, then speak to our members with similar problems or a club coach and discover the solution best suited to your needs. Many people bowl with limited physical ability including those in wheel chairs. The club provides ramps onto the green for wheel chairs.

### **Coaching**

The club has a number of enthusiastic and trained Coaches to help you with your start to bowls. These members are listed in the fixture book and on the website. Other members are always willing to give you the benefit of their knowledge, so don't be frightened to ask for help.

### **Dress Code**

TBC welcomes all members, guests and visitors and would appreciate that all patrons whilst enjoying themselves respect the Club's Dress code and etiquette of behaviour.

Before 7 pm all Patrons are expected to be in neat and tidy attire.

After 7pm a Neat Casual Dress Code applies.

- ◇ Footwear must be worn at all times when inside the clubhouse.
- ◇ Bare feet while playing, are acceptable ONLY when participating in Barefoot Bowls and Twilight events.
- ◇ When games conclude, footwear must be worn.
- ◇ No Sleeveless Singlets, Swimwear, or Beach attire.
- ◇ Head Wear, Males are NOT to wear Hats or Caps in the Club Rooms.
- ◇ Caps and Hats may be worn on the deck or greens, whilst in direct sunlight.

- ◇ No offensive Logos are to be worn on Clothing or Caps/Hats.

The Board of Management reserves the right to ask any member or patron to vacate the premises if the above dress code is not adhered to.

Members are responsible for the behaviour and dress of their guests.

### **Members' Property**

The Club is not responsible and has no liability for members' possessions, bowls, etc. stored or located on Club property

### **Times for Play**

All official bowls activities are managed by the Bowls Committee and its sub-Committees.

Events and dates are listed in the Fixture Book and on the website.

Times of play are listed on the Entry Sheets for Social Bowls and on the Draw Sheets for Tournaments.

Green fees for play, where applicable, are paid on the day of the event.  
(Championship entry fees are to be prepaid)

Players are requested to report at least 15 minutes before Social and Tournament events and at least 30 minutes before Pennant matches, unless the Manager indicates otherwise.

Pennant starting times are listed in the Fixture Book and have priority. Practice is available at other times when the greens are open and not fully booked.

Both greens are closed on Mondays for maintenance and rest.

### **Affiliation**

Affiliation with Bowls Victoria & Geelong Bowls Region is required for all pennant and club social bowlers.

## **Club Colours and Uniform**

- Club colours are royal blue and gold.
- The Torquay Bowls Club pennant shirt and pants have been registered by the Board.
- The Torquay Bowls Club Pennant uniform will include –
  - a. Registered pennant shirt
  - b. Pants/shorts/skirts/skorts are royal blue and must have the Bowls Australia logo.
  - c. The club standard cap (blue with a double stripe) may be worn. Caps will be sold to members at cost plus \$2.
  - d. When a new member chooses to play pennant, the cost of their first pennant shirt will be subsidised by the Board. Any subsequent shirt purchase is at cost.

Members are encouraged to wear name badges. Member Services can obtain them for you at a cost of around \$10. Please order by writing your name, as you wish it to appear on the badge, on the list which is usually displayed near the Bowls Office

Some members prefer their name embroidered on their shirts, jumpers, jackets, caps/hats. If so, the place to go is:

**Paragon Embroidery**, 16/6-10 Apparel Close, Breakwater 3219

or

**Hip Pocket**, 180 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong West, 3218  
Email: [geelong@hippocketnetworkwear.com.au](mailto:geelong@hippocketnetworkwear.com.au)

Bowls attire & equipment is stocked locally by:-

**Geelong Bowls Shop**, 7-9 Ballarat Road, North Geelong 3215  
(Within the City of Geelong Bowls Club complex)

Email: [geelongbowlsshop@gmail.com](mailto:geelongbowlsshop@gmail.com)

## **Membership**

Class of Membership - There are two classes of Membership - Affiliated and Social. Affiliated members & Junior Affiliated members [under 18] may play in all events listed in the Club Fixture Book, the only exception generally being special Invitation Fours events.

Social Members CANNOT play bowls.

Affiliated members of another Bowls Club may apply for a "Practice only Membership" for \$50 per season.

## **Membership Cards**

Our Club rules require your members' card be carried at all times at the Club, the Point of Sale Cash Registers require your electronic member card to be swiped to receive membership discount service at the bar and in the Bistro.

## **Financial Year**

The Club's financial year concludes on the last day of February. Annual fees are due on the 1st March each year and must be paid within six (6) weeks of that date. An invoice will be sent to members in February each year. Membership fees can be paid by either of the following ways.

### **Via Bank transfer (EFT)**

Our Bank Details are:-  
BSB 633 000 Account No. 1294 15709

**YOU MUST SHOW YOUR FAMILY NAME AND/OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO IDENTIFY YOUR REMITTANCE AND EMAIL YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION TO [membership@torquaybowlsclub.com](mailto:membership@torquaybowlsclub.com)**

### **Via Payment at the Bar**

You can pay at the Bar in the Club with Cash, Cheque, Credit or Debit Card. Please have your membership card with you.

## **Membership Renewal Cards**

**Membership cards are deactivated each year, and reactivated on payment of membership subscription. Cards are not replaced each year, so please retain your card or return it to the Club if you are not renewing.**

Cards for New Members will be posted to the address shown on your application shortly after receiving your remittance.

Membership cards need to be replaced from time-to-time if they cease working. Replacement is usually done within two weeks and can be collected from the Bar.

Lost cards should be reported at the Bar and will also be replaced within two weeks for collection from the Bar. Lost Cards incur a \$10 replacement fee.

## **BISTRO AND BAR**

The Greens Bistro and Bar is open Monday to Sunday (varying seasonal hours) serving Coffee, Cakes, Lunches and Dinner.

Members benefit from discounted prices on presentation of their current Membership Card.

The Bistro and Bar can also help with Events, Weddings, Birthdays, Wakes, etc. Just speak to Front of House for further information.

**We welcome you to your club and hope that you have a long and enjoyable membership playing a game that can enhance your physical, social and mental wellbeing.**

