



# Tiger Tales



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## ERIN ECKERMANN

Erin Eckermann is cool under pressure and a fast learner who has already shone on the national school sports stage.

Age: 16

Home Green: Toorak Burnside Bowls Club

Primary Position & Division: Third, Division 7



Erin Eckermann discovered bowls through her school, having first been introduced to a gym-based, adapted version of the game in Year 7. In just a year and a half she has made a strong impression, finishing second in the interschool competition, representing South Australia at the School Sports Australia Games in Queensland as well as being named the best SA female player of the series! Erin also reached the finals in her first year of pennants.

Off the green, Erin is a passionate actor and filmmaker, achieving a 2025 short film finalist entry in a national competition. Calm, collected and determined on the mat, Erin can play all shots as required and continues to develop under coaching at Toorak Burnside alongside teammate, Aleriya Muir.

## RINK WINNERS

The rink winners for **Round 11** are Carl Hopkins, Michael Bischoff, Gary Hosie and Steve Kelly from the Saturday Division 7 IV team with a winning margin of 12 shots.

**Round 12** rink winners are Aleriya Muir, Erin Eckermann, Ryan Muir and Graham Wright from the Division 7 III team with a winning margin of 26 shots.




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## ALERIYA MUIR

Aleriya has been playing bowls for two years after joining through a youth program run in partnership with Marryatville High School. Sponsored by Toorak Burnside in her first pennant season, she quickly found her feet, helping her team to reach the semi-finals and producing a memorable eight-shot end along the way. One of her standout experiences has been the opportunity to play alongside her dad, who joined the team shortly after she did.

Off the green, Aleriya is a talented Indigenous artist.

Still new to the sport, Aleriya brings determination and natural ability and continues to develop week by week within the supportive environment of a longstanding club and her teammate Erin Eckermann.



## FIRST AID KITS

Our club has two first aid kits with the same contents.

In consultation with the Board:

- One first aid kit is located on the **Umpire's Trolley**. During pennant games, the trolley is placed in a clearly visible location for all players to access, if needed. At all other times, the trolley is located in the small room to the side of the men's locker room and is accessible via the western door (pin code required) or through the kitchen when the clubrooms are open.
- The other first aid kit is located at the **northern end of the serving bench in the kitchen**.

You are asked to record any items that you have used in the notepad provided so that first aid supplies can be replenished promptly.

**Please Note:** The **blue band-aids** are **only** to be used to treat any injuries acquired by those working in the food preparation area.

*Annabel Price*



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Board decided that Annabelle Price deserved the award for January. As well as being a qualified Measurer, Annabel has spent a considerable amount of time over the last month or so updating and restocking our First Aid Kit and creating a second kit, all of which is greatly appreciated.

## DIGGERS' DAY TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel our annual Diggers' Day Tournament due to the extreme heat forecast for the day.

Many thanks to Albert Kruiemel and his team for all their work in getting ready for this event and then cancelling it. Let's hope next year's weather is much kinder to us.

## LYN'S UMPIRE & MEASURING TIPS



If you are not sure whether to roll or carry your bowls to the other end of the green, did you know that there is a law that covers this?

### Do I roll or carry the bowls to the other end?

Dead ends are usually replayed in the same direction unless the skippers or opponents agree to replay it the other way.

However, rolling the bowls back is dangerous and distracting to the other rinks, so they must be carried. It's also possible for stray bowls to roll into adjacent rinks which could upset the head, or worse, the players! 😊

### Law 20.2, Dead end, page 33 states:

"A dead end must be replayed in the same direction unless the skips or opponents in Singles agree to play it in the opposite direction. (If the jack and bowls need to be transferred to the opposite end of the rink before the end is replayed, they must be transferred in a way which avoids distracting players on neighbouring rinks.)"

This also applies to the end of the game if you finish at the opposite end of the green. It's a courtesy to the other players on adjacent rinks, so please carry them to avoid a mishap or a distraction. 😊

### Are all jacks the same?

No, they can vary in size and weight, and are either white or yellow.

A jack for outdoor non-synthetic greens (grass) must measure between *63mm and 64mm* diameter and weigh between *225 and 285 grams*.

A jack for outdoor synthetic and indoor greens must measure between *63mm and 67mm* diameter and weigh between *382 and 453 grams*.

For more information on specifications for bowls equipment please see **SECTION 4.2 – EQUIPMENT: MAT, JACK, BOWLS AND MEASURES**, page 68.

Good bowling 😊

*Lyn Barrington*  
*Bowls Australia National Umpire*

## TIGER PATROL

Lots happening. Cleaning inside and out and keeping the garden and surrounds looking good. The ivy on the eastern perimeter and two large shrubs are being removed as a part of the garden restoration. Lin Turley, Sandy Sandelance and Rob Kraehe have been very busy with this project.

Albert Kruiemel, in particular, with a lot of help from Andrew Mackenzie, are working hard on our new bowls storage room. This picture was not taken on a Tiger



Patrol Monday. It was taken the next day. Albert and Andrew came back to the Club to finish what they couldn't complete at Tiger Patrol. Many thanks to the team.

Thanks also to Alby McKenzie, our Greens Manager, who is doing extra watering during

this hot spell to keep our flowers and grassed areas looking good. And then, at the last Tiger Patrol, he joined us to mow lawns (with Sandy), trim edges and, once again, water the flowers and grassed areas.

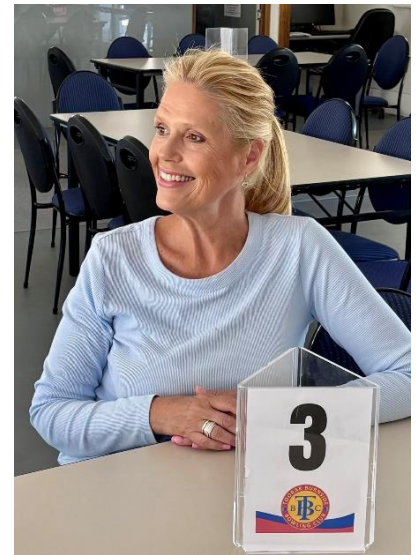
But that's not all! Alby cooked us a brilliant chilli squid entree to Graeme Litsters fish curry, which was also enjoyed by Sue Neale and Carol Dean who were at the Club undertaking their regular banking and stocktake tasks.

By the way... Tiger Patrol is not an exclusive club within the Club. **All are welcome to join us and help with keeping the place clean and tidy.**



## NEW TABLE NUMBERS

We thank Corrina Min for electing to undertake the task of updating our table numbers. Upon her recommendation, the Club purchased three-sided table toppers which also act as a vehicle for advertising.



## BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Just a few reminders from one who has played for many years:

- Skippers who bowl first because their team have won the previous end, should pick up the mat when their opponent has bowled their last bowl.
- Usually Thirds who think that they have won the end should measure if necessary. Both Thirds should agree on the result before informing the scorers and/or Skippers of the score. It isn't rude to offer to measure yourself if the opposing Third offers a result that you are not sure of. If after measuring you can't agree, call an umpire.
- Seconds in Fours teams score, but that does not necessarily preclude them from helping to kick the bowls back after the result has been determined. They can put up the scores while the Leads are bowling.
- The Lead whose team has been deemed to have won the end should go straight back to get the mat and place it on the green where they want it while the others are kicking the bowls back.

A quick game can be achieved by everyone doing their bit.

*Leftie*