

TBBC NEWSLETTER

TIGER TALES



*Welcome to the Toorak Tigers,
Ronny ... and Hendrix!*

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLUB COACH RON DAVIDSON

The TBBC Board is thrilled to announce the appointment of Ron Davidson as our new Club Coach.

A former Premier Division player at Adelaide Bowling Club, Ronny is a passionate club man who is committed to developing players and driving success across our pennant teams as well as fostering a positive, inclusive club culture, both on and off the greens.

We congratulate Ronny on his appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CLUB PATRON GRAHAM WRIGHT

The TBBC Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Graham (Leftie) Wright as our new Club Patron.

During his 40+ years at the club, Graham has made remarkable contributions in numerous capacities, displaying unwavering commitment, leadership and support. We sincerely thank him for undertaking this new role.

*Please see Page 3 for a brief
history of Leftie's beginnings
at our club.*

**THE 2026-2027 PENNANT SEASON
PLAYER AVAILABILITY FORMS**
are due by Wednesday 19 August 2026.

Please email your completed form to Corrina Min (Chair of Selectors)
at **selectors@toorakburnsidebowls.com.au**
Alternatively, printed forms can be brought to the club office.



**SCHOOL SPORT SA
U18 STATE TEAM**

**Congratulations
Erin and Aleriya!**

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that **Erin Eckermann** and **Aleriya Muir** have both been selected in the South Australian team to play in the School Sport Australia Bowls Championships 2026 to be held at Ocean Grove bowling club near Geelong (Victoria) in early September.

Ryan Muir (Aleriya's dad) said, "It's fantastic news for the girls and, of course, for the club as well. The support they've received from everyone at the club has played a big part in helping them get to this point It's an incredibly tough team to make. Only 10 players are selected, with no separate boys' or girls' teams – it's simply the best 10 players chosen from those who trial."

Have a wonderful time – we are so proud of you both!

A MESSAGE FROM RONNY

Welcome everyone to the 2026/27 season of bowls.

I am very excited and proud to be a member, player and coach for the mighty Toorak Tigers this year!

The start of the season is rapidly approaching, so it's time to start thinking about your preparation for the first games. Some of you have been playing winter bowls, but those of you that haven't, should be aware of the fitness requirements to make it comfortably through a 21 end pennant game and doing something about it.

Ideally, we will meet Round 1 in good form. Early season wins are critically important to the overall season performance, so we want to give it our absolute best shot to make a great start.

Pre-season trial games have been confirmed with other clubs, which all players should be available to play in, if at all possible. Please indicate your availability for these games and practices on the sheet that will soon be placed on the ledge next to the bowls storage room.

Official club practice will commence as soon as our greens are available (probably early September). I will be available to all members for coaching assistance and happy to provide small group or one-to-one coaching at suitable times.

From time to time, I will also be giving short, informative talks on all aspects of bowls technique, tactics and sports thinking in general.

Looking forward to a great season together, competitively and socially.

Ronny Davidson
CLUB COACH



GRAHAM WRIGHT ***A Brief History at Toorak***

The Men's World Bowls Competition was held in Frankston, Victoria in January 1980. A friend, who lived on Grant Avenue, and I had seen games on TV and thought we might give it a go.

During February of that year, we walked along Grant Avenue to the Club on a Saturday afternoon and enquired about trying the sport. It was suggested we return the next day and play mixed social bowls, which we did, and continued to do until that bowls season finished.

I joined the Club for the 1980-81 pennant season and played the year in the lower divisions. I did, however, enter all the Club tournaments and managed to win a few games against second team players, and was noticed.

My first game in the top side was on 24 October 1981 at Mt Barker, and I lead in a team that had three losses in a row. I was moved to another rink for my fourth game and experienced my first win at this level. Max Miller was the skipper and I lead for him for the rest of that season.

In November 1982 I was playing three for Max. All he wanted was draw bowling - bowls on the head. The 1981-1982 season was a great for me. I was runner up in the Men's Singles, losing 25-9 to my skipper, Max Miller. However, I did win the Men's Pairs with Andrew Mole, a parent at Marryatville Primary School where I taught.

Since those early days, I have played every position in the rink, and by 1987 was skipping in the first team. I was President for a year while still working, and I have been involved in most roles that a bowling club can offer. Being a Selector was not my favourite role. I played Wednesday pennants during the school holidays and, when I retired from teaching in 2003, played both Wednesday and Saturday pennants, missing only a few games.

Graham Wright
CLUB PATRON



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 SA U18 TEAM

Congratulations Aleriya!

On 24 July 2026 Bowls SA announced the Under 18 teams (boys and girls) that will be representing South Australia at the upcoming National Championships 2026 event. To be held in Perth, WA at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club in the first week of October, the state will send a strong contingent of players for the Under 18 Championships.

Following her consistent performances through trials and the U18s five-a-side, **Aleriya Muir** has earned selection in the girls' team. We are so excited for her! We know she will do us proud – she already has!

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