



# **CLUB UPDATE**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **MAY 2026**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025 - 26**



Dear Members

It is with pleasure I give my 2025/2026 Annual report for Club Holdfast.

It has been a privilege to serve the club as President for two years, and I look forward to moving forward as a committed club member. I encourage members to reflect on how they might contribute to the club's future, whether by nominating for a role on the Board or by supporting someone who may be willing to do so.

I have to thank the Board Members for their support and dedication. In particular, I must thank Heather our Secretary who has been a great help to me, her assistance and experience have been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Bruce Cottle, our dedicated Bar Manager for his tireless efforts in managing the bar and his help with functions in particular; Lesley Carey - Bowls Manager; Roger Sanderson - Club Treasurer; Greg Kelleher - Vice President; Rob Christiansen - Site External; Roger Zeuner - Web Site and Marketing; Helen Kotz - Croquet Manager and Barry Allen - Sponsorship Manager.

A big thank you to our volunteers who have been at the Club Working Bee's most Mondays. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Huge thank you also to Glen Crittenden who is continually on a whipper snipper or mower keeping our greens area tidy, nothing is too much trouble for Glen.

Once again, a big thank you to Margaret and John Caskey who have successfully managed our Night Owls Competition, they do a great job. Their band of helpers have been a great support to the Night Owls also, thank you all.

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It was disappointing to receive the news from Holdfast Council that they will not be giving serious consideration to the Living Choice Proposal at this time. Council will conduct a review of sporting bodies and then possibly look at the proposal in time. We just have to hope they will see this proposal as a worthwhile project for our Club, bowls in SA and the Glenelg area in the near future.

This year is the Club's Centenary Year 1926-2026. It has been decided by the Centenary Committee to hold a Centenary Dinner and an Old-Style Tournament later in the year. Centenary Port will be available for purchase.

Volunteers and contributions by Members are needed to make these events a success.

This pennant season has not delivered the results we hoped for. I want to sincerely thank every player who represented the club. Many of our players stepped up into higher divisions and gave their best in challenging circumstances. The commitment to support the club is something we should be proud of.

Next season we will be competing in divisions that better match where we are as a club now which should allow our teams to rebuild confidence and become competitive again. Our focus moving forward is simple: retain the strong group of members we already have, continue to support and develop on the green and attract new bowlers to strengthen the club.

Thank you again to everyone who played, helped and supported the club this season. Your commitment is what keeps our club going and together we can make next season a positive step forward. I would like to wish all croquet and bowls members all the best for the future and hope to see you around the club.

**Sue Allen**  
**PRESIDENT**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT AND PHOTOS

### REPORT ON THE AGM

**Sunday 31 May 2026**

Eighteen members, with four apologies, attended the meeting of the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club held prior to the AGM of Club Holdfast. Manager **Helen** provided an overview of the year's activities and expressed appreciation to all members who

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volunteered throughout the year. It has been a very successful year for the Croquet Club, with around ten new members joining. Sadly, due to ill health and the passing of several long-term members, we also experienced some losses. Our thoughts remain with their families.

Fifty-four members, with fourteen apologies, then attended the **Club Holdfast AGM**. Members enjoyed a morning tea of scones, cream, coffee, and tea prior to the meeting.

The AGM was efficiently conducted, and several important matters were addressed. Unfortunately, there were **no nominations** for the positions of President or Secretary. Members who may be willing to contribute in these roles are encouraged to contact any member of the Board.

**Roger Sanderson** will continue as Treasurer, **Bruce Cottle** as Manager Internal, and **Glen Crittenden** has taken up the role of Manager External. **Helen Kotz** remains as Croquet Manager.

A vote of thanks was extended to **President Sue** and **Secretary Heather** for their outstanding service over the past two years. As no nominations were received for their positions, Sue and Heather have agreed to continue for a further **three-month period** while a strategic review is undertaken in line with the Club's strategic plan.

Treasurer Roger also announced that the Club will seek to secure the services of a **Venue Manager** during this period to support growth and development.

The AGM concluded with presentations to the **Club Bowling Champions**.

A well-run and constructive AGM.



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**FROM THE SECRETARY**

**THE HUB**

To begin, there are few machinations in running our club that do not come across the office desk either directly or indirectly into the nucleus of maintaining membership movements, governance matters (more and more regulated each year), association matters of both Bowls SA and Metropolitan Bowls Association, Croquet SA, SA Women’s Indoor Bias Bowls Association, Board of Management, bowls events and function management, financial matters, planning, preparation, diary bookings, recording and data maintenance. And, all sorts of other matters that slip in. What’s going down at Holdy sifts its way through to the hub. It’s a place of commerce of a sports club. There are manoeuvres, intrigue, strategies and “what the heck has happened now” matters! It’s been fun fellow members especially so when a well intent member drops in with a beer in hand with a complaint without providing me with the solution!

Members should be pleased to read the list of what did happen at Club Holdfast throughout the year when so many people be they players or members of the community entered our front door to engage in one or more of the following activities :

**Metropolitan Pennant Players, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday for 18 weeks**

**Men’s Country Carnival**

**Australian Greenkeepers Federation Carnival**

**Night Owls – 104 teams every Wednesday for 10 weeks**

**Women’s Indoor Pennants**

**Bowls SA Finals Week**

**Bowls SA Champion of Champion of Champions**

**Bowls SA Training sessions on and off the green**

**Bowls SA AGM and special meetings**

**Glenelg Probus Club – 120+ Members monthly meeting**

**Glenelg Probus Club Committee monthly meeting**

**Stockdoctors Financial Group monthly meeting**

**Electoral Commission Pre Polling Week when more than 15,000 voters walked through our doors**

**Local Members of Parliament information sessions**

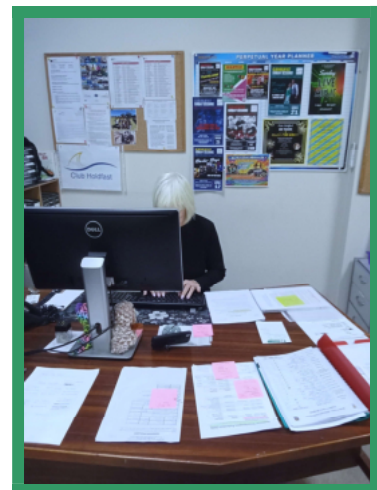
**ACH group each Tuesday through summer for social bowls**

**“Best in the West” four-club annual bowls event**

**Live Music Sessions bi-monthly**

**“Mowtown” Annual Music Session twice yearly and**

**for many private or corporate functions.**



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A big effort by club members!

**Heather Cowden Tonkes**  
**SECRETARY**

## CLUB SECRETARY POSITION

At the Board of Management meeting held on Monday 27 April 2026, it was proposed and carried that the Club begin the process of employing a Part-Time Club Secretary. A detailed Job Description and Position Profile are currently being finalised and will be available shortly.

In the meantime, before the position is formally advertised, we are asking all members whether they know of anyone who may be interested in taking on this role.

This will be a fully paid part-time position, with days and hours to be negotiated with the successful applicant. Normal rates of pay for this type of role will apply.

As you would expect, strong computer skills are an essential requirement.

Please speak with your family, friends, and wider networks. If you know someone who may be suitable and interested, they are invited to contact the Club Secretary to express their interest. [secretary@clubholdfast.com](mailto:secretary@clubholdfast.com)

Roger Zeuner

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# VALE

## Rob TAYLOR

Dear Members, you are advised of the recent sad passing of one of our Club members in Rob TAYLOR.



Rob played Croquet for many years and will be missed by Pennant players and Friday Afternoon Social Croquet players.

Our condolences are with Rob's family in their time of loss.

A private funeral was held.

Roger Zeuner

## Your business performance for April 2026: 410 interactions

See how Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club at 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North SA 5045 performed in April 2026 compared to the previous month.

[See full report](#)

### Your performance at a glance

📞 28

calls  
-26%

💬 0

chat clicks

📍 283

people asked for directions  
-69%

🌐 99

website visits from profile  
-24%

👁️ 1,129

profile views  
-40%

🔍 338

searches  
-66%

*\*An interaction is when a customer calls, makes a booking, is sent to your website, or requests directions from your Business Profile.*

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## **GREEN MANAGER REPORT**

### **TURF MANAGEMENT REPORT 2025-2026**

#### **Acknowledgements**

Thank you to the Board of Management and to all members for their continued support throughout this season. Your patience and understanding during what has been a challenging period for turf recovery has been greatly appreciated.

#### **Turf Recovery — A & B Greens**

This has been a very difficult season for turf recovery following the bore water and salt issues affecting both A and B greens. The recovery process has required careful and sustained management, and we are pleased to report outstanding results.

Both A and B greens have come back extremely well through a targeted management program encompassing:

- Correct fertilisation and fertility management
- Targeted fungicide applications
- Salt flushing programs

**Most notably, we have achieved approximately 99% recovery without the need for any plugging — a tremendous outcome given the severity of the initial issues.**

#### **Volunteer Recognition**

A very special and sincere thank you goes to Colin, Rob and Glen for their outstanding volunteer work in maintaining the outside areas of the club and surrounding. Their dedication and contribution has been invaluable and is very much appreciated by the entire club.

#### **Tournament Season**

The club hosted a number of significant events this year, including Championship Week and the many Bowls SA Days held at the club. These events were very well received and reflected positively on the quality of our facilities and turf presentation.

#### **Croquet Courts**

The croquet courts have held up extremely well during this season. Scarifying has been completed and height of cut has been adjusted to suit both members and visitors. We will also be looking into aeration in the next two weeks.

#### **Closing Remarks**

In closing, once again thank you to everyone — the Board, our members, and our volunteers — for your support, patience, and commitment throughout the season. It is very much appreciated.

**Bradford Porter**

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## **BOWLS MANAGER REPORT**

As reported in April Newsletter

## **CROQUET MANAGER REPORT**

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The member's numbers are up to 38.

We have 17 SACA members, 19 Social members and 2 Associate members.

We lost 12 members through ill health and death this year.

We had a successful year both socially and pennant participation.

9+ won their grade and was awarded the banner. Well done to all who played in it.

Wednesdays are our popular day with up to 18 players at times.

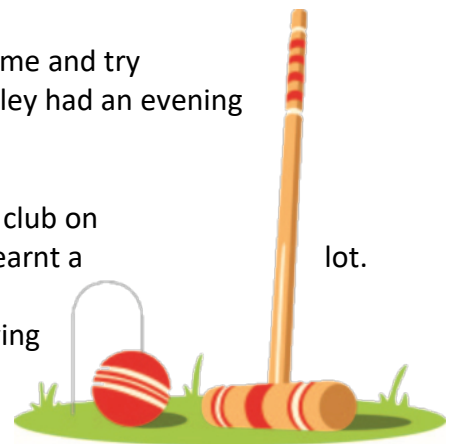
The other pennant teams did well.

We had a couple of successful social evenings. SAFM had 'come and try croquet.' A group (called Stitch club) of 24 run by Gary Laishley had an evening spoilt by poor weather cold and a bit rainy.

An evening was held by Zac Cowan of the Seacliff Life saving club on Resuscitation and use of the Defibrillator Machine and we learnt a

lot.

We had enjoyable afternoon at Desley and Colin's place playing croquet and BBQ afterwards. Thankyou to them both.



Also thanks to the members who attended to the garden outside the croquet rooms.

Well done.

We have helped with catering for the Bowls Champion of Champions week. Thanks to all who helped, also to the Bar staff.

A Christmas lunch was held at The Junction Hotel and was enjoyed by all.

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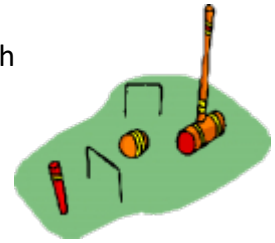




One of our members, Urbicia passed away. She was a long time member and was still playing bowls and croquet aged 89 which is a great effort.

A really big thank you to the committee who helped throughout the year. Thanks to Ruth our captain for organizing teams each week. Sometimes it is difficult to fill the teams.

Also a very big thank you to Roger who had been a wonderful help with decision making and other problems. I could not have done my job without his help.



Helen Kotz Manager

## ***Music at the Club – Sunday Session*** **CONTINUING OUR NEW CLUB INITIATIVE**



We would love for Club Members to come along with their friends creating an enjoyable atmosphere in the Club.

### **\*\*Sunday Sessions at Club Holdfast\*\***

Join us once a month for an afternoon of live music and great vibes at **\*\*Club Holdfast\*\***!

**\*\* Sunday 21st JUNE 2026\*\***

Music from **\*\*2pm–5pm\*\*** | **\*\*\$10 entry per person Bar open from \*\*1pm–6pm\*\***

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We're excited to have

**BARKER BOYS**

. Everyone's welcome—bring your mates and soak up the sounds.

**\*\*Club Holdfast\*\*** — 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North  
(08) 8295 1444

[secretary@clubholdfast.com](mailto:secretary@clubholdfast.com)

**LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU—SEE YOU THERE!**

These events aren't just great fun—they're vital to the Club's growth and sustainability. Members are encouraged to come along, support the initiative, and share in the celebration of community through music

**CLUB HOLDFAST**  
**SUNDAY SESSIONS**

Club Holdfast logo

*Where the weekend lingers a little longer*

**Barker Boys**

ROCK-RHYTHM-SWING

\$10 ENTRY AT THE DOOR  
MUSIC 2-5PM / BAR OPEN 1-6PM / TABLE BOOKINGS PH 8295 1444

**21st JUNE**

**HOLFAST BAY BOWLS & CROQUET CLUB**  
583 Anzac Hwy, Glenelg North (Enter Off Darwin Street)  
FREE ON-SITE PARKING

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## KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

### SITE EXTERNAL REPORT

#### SITE EXTERNAL 2025-2026

The major outside project this year was the replacement of the artificial carpet and timbers on D green. The carpet, timbers and rubber backings were in a very bad state of disrepair and had to be completely replaced. After much discussion/deliberation about whether we could do this ourselves, it was decided to contract out this work at a cost of \$10 000. Work was completed in time for the start of the 25/26 season.

Another problem has been the continuing decline/disrepair of the electronic scoreboards. It was discovered, after asking Force Electronics to look at the repair of these, that this was unachievable. Subsequently, these scoreboards have been retired and replaced with our old but workable manual scoreboards.

Our ageing site continually throws up problems with infrastructure breakdowns inc. plumbing, power, lighting etc, etc. These are dealt with on an as required basis as we never know where the next issue is coming from.

Our regular Monday morning working bees continue, both inside and out with carpets vacuumed, tables wiped, bins outside and in emptied and cleaned, bottles and cans cashed in, pruning and minor garden work done as best we can.

Many thanks to the Monday morning regulars, Des Schumacher, Rod Sullivan, John Kibble, Barry Allen, Peter Pole, Bruce Cottle.

The large amount of grassed banks we have need constant mowing and edging. This task would be beyond me without the help of Glen Crittendon. Thanks Glen!!

Thanks also to Henry Timmers for his continuing advice and help on many maintenance issues, both inside and out.

**Rob Christiansen**

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## **SITE INTERNAL REPORT**

### **Bar**

Our selection of wines has satisfied the customers.

Reillys has proven to be well loved and Sav Blanc and Shiraz highlights.

Horndale has a slightly different product range and has supported the club over many years.

Recently Phil from Horndale has provided us with The Centenary Port. This special port is available for sale now to celebrate the 100 years.



**Coopers** is the only major local brewery remaining in SA.

They have been generous in supporting local sporting clubs and sponsor Bowls SA and the state titles held at Holdfast last month.

Our customers enjoy their product range with Coopers pale and 3.5 Dry being top sellers.

Coopers recently had a competition to promote their product range and we won a prize. A tour of the site with lunch for two people. This will be offered as part of a raffle prize in the coming season.

**Point of Sale (POS) system.**

We use the POS system to make transactions at the bar.

We have moved over to Swift Pos recently; it is locally supported and offers better features than alternatives.

### **RSA Volunteers**

Thank you very much to our volunteers who have Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) accreditation. These people have been rostered on during the various external functions that are held at the club, generally afternoons and evenings.

This is the main way that the club makes money.

### **Cleaning and Maintenance**

Each Monday a small group assists with cleaning floors and tables and outdoor maintenance.

This maintains the club in its best presentation.

If you can afford two hours on Monday morning we would like to see you.

### **Volunteers**

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The club is kept alive by the volunteers who run most events.  
We do appreciate your help.

**Bruce Cottle**  
**SITE INTERNAL**

### **MEDIA AND WEB REPORT**

## **CLUB HOLDFAST HAS A WEB AND FACEBOOK PAGE.**

The web site is located at [www.clubholdfast.com](http://www.clubholdfast.com)  
To access the web site enter this web address into your web browser, google chrome, safari etc. or search google for club holdfast  
The home page will be displayed with a menu across the top if using a computer or on the home page if on the ipad, tablet or phone.

The Clubs Facebook group is called Club Holdfast. This also contains a lot of Club information, photos and activities by members. If you wish to join the log into facebook and search for **Club Holdfast**. If you have trouble accessing either of these facilities please contact Roger Zeuner 0421127657.

**You can access the facebook group using this link.**

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If you have any cartoons or funny jokes for the club update, please send them to me at [rogerzeuner@gmail.com](mailto:rogerzeuner@gmail.com)

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### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE.

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#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Brooster2065	79
2	gloriuz	77
3	GraemeStar	74
4	SuzieA	73
5	Kebro	70
5	Magpie Power 77	70
5	Nell	70
8	Brad porter	65
8	lthealey	65
10	margf	62
10	Rogerz	62

Well Done BROOSTER

# VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We have had a very busy year with plenty going on at the Club. Outside events and also the last of our pennant season. Croquet members have commenced their new pennant season with some good results.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with special events coming up.

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**Bowls SA Media Day 1 – Open and Senior Sides - 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Media Day 2 - U/18's – 30<sup>th</sup> August**

We require volunteers over this period and we will be establishing a roster for volunteering. If your name is on the roster and you are unable to attend then you must get a replacement for yourself to fill the roster.

Please advise Heather or Sue if you can assist. We cannot rely on the same old members to do the work.

**Remember this is YOUR club and unless we have volunteers to assist the volunteers currently keeping the club running then the one hundred year history of the club may be in JEOPARDY.**

**THINK ABOUT IT AND HELP THE CLUB SURVIVE**

Roger Zeuner

**..CLUB HISTORY..**

To acknowledge the Clubs 100 years of existence, I intend to include snippets from a history of the Club written by Jim Baldwin in the following Newsletters.  
Some interesting reading, facts and history.

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## 1927

### Holdfast Bay Bowling Club History : 1927 -

29th September, 1927, First Annual General Meeting. Mr. Eicke voted to the Chair. Those present: Messrs Eicke, Apps, Hughes, Heward, Forbes, Steele, Burns, Gilbert, Gilmore, Thorpe and Wickes.

Proposed and Seconded that Mr. Eicke sign all preliminary minutes prior to Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Secretary's report read received and Carried.

Mr. Eicke spoke on the work carried out by the Committee and gratefully acknowledged the support of all who helped.

Treasurer presented Balance Sheet which was Moved, Seconded and Carried.

Following Officers were elected:

President: Mr. H. Eicke, Vice Presidents Cr. P. Burns, Mr. E. Rowley

Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. J. Apps.

Committee: Messrs A. S. Hughes, C. Heward, F. B. Thorpe.

Auditor: Mr. W. Steele

New members elected: Messrs Wickes, A. Reed, Merrett, and M. James.

Moved and Seconded that the subscriptions for this season be 3 guineas. Carried

Resolved that the green be formally opened on 5th November, 1927. Opening to take the form of more "family" than "official" and opening to be performed by Mayor of Glenelg, Mr. Rugless.

Informal discussion : re Electric Lighting.

Newspaper report of Opening.

8th October, 1927: A demonstration of the Ransome Motor Mower and all agreed it was a great success and its purchase approved.

Secretary reported having met the President and Secretary of the Bowling Association.

Moved and Seconded that we join the Association. Carried.

Mr. Thorpe kindly undertook to provide Invitation cards for the Opening Ceremony and the Secretary authorized to secure Mr. S. J. Jacobs and the Mayor to perform the ceremony.

Mr. Eicke and Mr. Burns to convene a meeting of ladies to assist at the Opening.

The work on the green was approved and Secretary authorised to employ 2 men until further notice.

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**BOARD of MANAGEMENT 2025/26**

**PRESIDENT**

Sue Allen

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Greg Kelleher

**SECRETARY**

Heather Cowden-Tonkes JP

**TREASURER**

Roger Sanderson

**COMMITTEE**

Bowls – Lesley Carey

Croquet – Helen Kotz

Media and Marketing – Roger Zeuner

Site Internal – Bruce Cottle

Site External – Rob Christiansen

**LIFE MEMBERS**

Barry Allen

Sue Allen

John Caskey

Margaret Caskey

Heather Cowden Tonkes JP

Colin Hall

John McDougall OAM

Rita Mossop

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