



CLUB UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Club Sign on Anzac Highway

This sign is showing the signs of sun exposure over the years
A new sign has been requested.

Carville Netball Club

We hosted the presentation day for this club over the last weekend.
The girls aged 8 to 17 and their parents used the venue to its fullest
There were approx 300 people between 12 and 4.
It was very well organised with sideshows and food trucks.
They spoke highly of the venue and are likely to return.
Thanks to our volunteers who helped with bowling and croquet and the bar.

The only downside was some damage to the greens.
We will need more supervision in future events.

Nova Gardens Bowling Club

Nova has asked if they can use our greens for the coming season while decisions are taken on their own replacement.
We both have been working well together and look forward to the coming season.

Bruce Cottle President

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE.

A recruitment poster for Club Holdfast. The top half has a blue background with white and yellow text. The bottom half shows four people in blue and yellow bowls uniforms on a green lawn. There are several bowling balls in the foreground.

Club Holdfast
New Bowls Season –
Join Us!
RECRUITING NEW & EXPERIENCED BOWLERS NOW!

Play on the **BEST GREENS** in **ADELAIDE!**
Enjoy our **FANTASTIC FACILITIES!**
FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUR **FIRST YEAR!**

*Roll up, have fun &
make this season your best yet!*

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..CLUB CENTENARY..

Fabulous Centenary Celebration Event

What a wonderful way to celebrate the Centenary of the Holdfast Bay Bowling and Croquet Club. Sixty members, all dressed in traditional white attire and using the Club's old-style black lawn bowls, gathered for an afternoon of friendly competition and shared history. The weather may have been a little chilly with a brisk breeze, but spirits were high from the very first bowl.

A Grand Opening

The honour of starting the festivities fell to **Wally Watkins**, 99 years young, who proudly rolled the first jack and bowl to warm applause. His participation set the perfect tone for a day steeped in tradition and community.

Bowls... with a Twist

Many members quickly discovered that adjusting to the bias of the old black bowls was more challenging than expected — with quite a few bowls wandering onto neighbouring rinks. To add even more fun, the final end of the first session had to be played with each member's **opposite hand**, resulting in some truly creative bowl placements and plenty of laughter.

Afternoon Tea & Club History

Afternoon tea featured classic pies and pasties, followed by the ceremonial cutting of the Centenary Cake by life member **Rita Mossop**, one of the Club's longest-serving and most cherished members.

John Caskey then delivered an engaging overview of the Club's history, reflecting on the many changes he has witnessed over his 46 years of membership. A special highlight was a

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video presentation produced by Roger Zeuner, tracing the Club's journey from its beginnings in 1926 — a fitting tribute shown on the big screen in the clubrooms.

Second Session Surprises

Before the second session commenced, a wonderful group photograph was taken of all participants — a keepsake for the Club's archives.

The final end of this session introduced another playful twist: players bowled to a make believe kitty, and the actual kitty was rolled last. This unexpected format dramatically changed the scores — delighting some teams and amusing others.

Port, Cheese & Community Spirit

Members returned to the clubrooms to enjoy a tasting of the Club's **Centenary Port**, accompanied by cheese and bikkies. The raffle, well supported by all, added another layer of excitement to the afternoon.

A Celebration to Remember

From the comments received, it's clear the event was enthusiastically enjoyed by all who took part. A heartfelt thank you goes to organisers **Heather Cowden-Tonkes, Sue Allen and Lesley Carey**, as well as the dedicated volunteers behind the bar, and **Dee, Gloria and Roger Z** for their work preparing food, cleaning up, and capturing photographs.

The Centenary celebration was not only a tribute to 100 years of bowling and croquet at Holdfast — it was a testament to the enduring spirit, camaraderie, and joy that define the Club today.

Roger Zeuner

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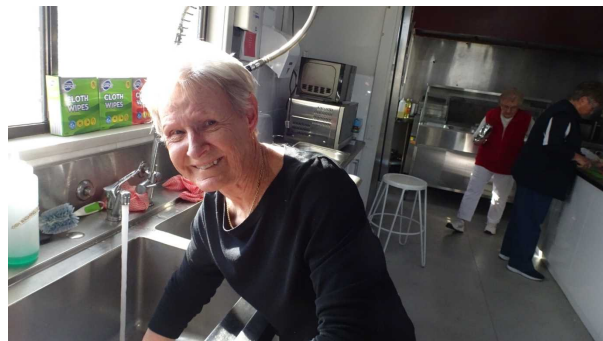
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Hi all

With our 100th Centenary Event approaching, we are delighted to share that we have a guest speaker attending.

Please find attached the Centenary event flyer, guest speaker information and also the menu options available on the night.

The Dinner has been fully subscribed. Thanks to the members attending.

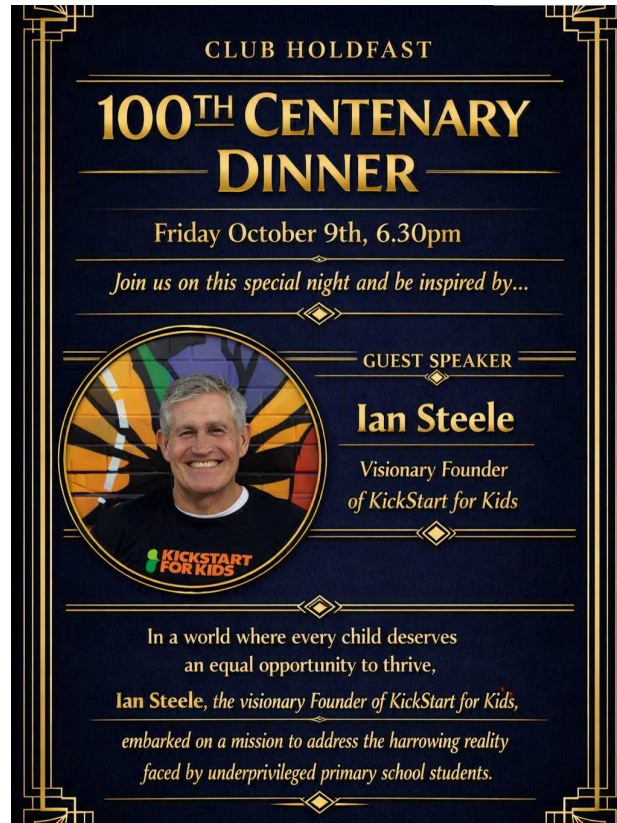
Look forward to celebrating our 100th centenary celebration

Cheers

Narelle and Heather

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HISTORY OF THE CLUB ON DISPLAY

Centenary Display – Library Area

Members are invited to **view the history items prepared for the Club's 100th Anniversary**, now on display at the back of the Club in the Library area.

This space — normally home to the Club Library — has been transformed to showcase **trophies, memorabilia, and historical highlights** from our first one hundred years.

We hope you enjoy exploring this special Centenary collection.

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HOLDFAST BAY BOWLS AND CROQUET CLUB CELEBRATES IT 'S CENTENARY

GREEN MANAGER REPORT

Subject: Greens Maintenance Update Summary

After a wet winter, the greens have held up well. A comprehensive program of applications, scarification, aeration and weed control has been carried out across all playing surfaces and surrounds. A summary of the work completed is set out below.

Work Completed

Fungicide, Herbicide and Fertiliser Applications

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Applications of fungicide, herbicide and fertiliser have been carried out across all turf surfaces.

The croquet courts received additional herbicide applications to target poa annua (winter grass).

Scarification

Scarification has been carried out on A, Band C greens, in two different directions on each green.

Aeration

Aeration has been carried out on the ends of all greens.

Grass Surrounds

Herbicide has been applied to all grass surrounds, including the north end of the croquet lawn and the grass plot near the entrance gates.

Grass surrounds are being maintained on an ongoing basis, including mowing and edging.

Notes

The additional applications and cross-direction scarification reflect a proactive approach to managing poa annua and thatch following a wet winter. Surrounds maintenance continues to be kept to a high standard.

As per conversation, the logos will be applied on Friday the day of the dinner

Yesterday saw a lot of dumping divots throughout on B green, as I showed Bruce late in the afternoon.. I'm all for outside functions but there needs to be members looking after them..

Communication is extremely important. Clear and timely communication between myself the Board is essential to the ongoing success of the greens program. Yes the white Board will be updated every Monday

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As the pennant draw is out now, Can you please forward all correspondence re home and away draws etc

If you have any questions or queries please feel to contact me

Brad PORTER

CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

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Pennants have been doing well. 12+ is top of ladder and 9+ is 2nd. 9+ is also being played on Thursdays.

A big congratulations to John Rutter. He won the Singles 9+ tournament at Hutt Rd 2 weeks ago. Well done John.

The greens recently have not been good. There is a troublesome weed which is hard to get rid of and Brad is trying to eradicate it with sprays and cutting but that is not successful. Plenty of complaints.

Now the weather is improved our numbers are better especially on Wednesdays as that is the popular morning.

Helen Kotz Croquet manager.

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GARDENING DAY AT THE CROQUET FACILITY



Members of the **Club Holdfast Croquet Facility** spent a productive morning tidying, pruning, and refreshing the garden area in front of the croquet room. The teamwork was fantastic, and the results speak for themselves — the garden is looking **clean, neat, and beautifully cared for.**



A warm **thank you** to the members who



volunteered their time and effort. Your contribution makes a real difference and helps keep our club welcoming and attractive for everyone.

9+ CROQUET — A PROUD SHOWING AT HUTT ROAD

Three of our members dipped their toes into the **9+ Croquet Competition** on **Thursday, 10 September 2026**, held at the home of Croquet in South Australia, **Hutt Road**.

A big **congratulations** to these members for taking the opportunity to **test themselves against strong competition** and represent Holdfast Bay with enthusiasm. By all accounts, each of them **played confidently, competed strongly, and acquitted themselves extremely well** throughout the day.

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It's always encouraging to see members stepping forward, embracing new challenges, and showcasing the spirit of our club. Well done to all involved



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Where did that BLxxxxxxx Ball Go

WINTER PENNANTS — STRONG SEASON SO FAR

Our **Winter Pennant Teams** are acquitting themselves **exceptionally well** this season. Week after week they're showing skill, determination, and great club spirit.

Keep up the excellent results — Holdfast Bay is proud of you.

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9+ Division: Progressive Standings											
9+	Matches	Wins	Ties	Losses	Points	Games Won	Games Lost	Net Games	Hoops Won	Hoops Lost	Net Hoops
Tea Tree Gully	6	4	0	2	8	21.5	14.5	7	172	143	29
Holdfast Bay	6	4	0	2	8	21.5	14.5	7	165	160	5
North Adelaide	6	4	0	2	8	20.5	15.5	5	170	153	17
South Terrace	7	3	0	4	6	23	19	4	203	200	3
Millswood	5	3	0	2	6	15.5	14.5	1	129	141	-12
Norwood	6	3	0	3	6	18	18	0	169	162	7
Brighton	6	3	0	3	6	17.5	18.5	-1	141	123	18
Hyde Park	6	2	0	4	4	16	20	-4	150	148	2
Glenunga	6	1	0	5	2	8.5	27.5	-19	118	188	-70

12+ Division: Progressive Standings											
12+	Matches	Wins	Ties	Losses	Points	Games Won	Games Lost	Net Games	Hoops Won	Hoops Lost	Net Hoops
Holdfast Bay	9	8	0	1	16	39.5	14.5	25	286	191	95
Hyde Park	9	7	0	2	14	32.5	21.5	11	245	198	47
Norwood Blue	9	2	0	7	4	19	35	-16	199	275	-76
Norwood Red	9	1	0	8	2	17	37	-20	207	273	-66

CONGRATULATIONS — JOHN RUTTER CLAIMS THE 9+ TITLE

A big congratulations to **John RUTTER**, who successfully won the **9+ Golf Croquet competition** at **Hutt Road** over the past couple of weeks.

John has shown **remarkable improvement over the past year**, steadily strengthening his game and confidence. His win is **thoroughly deserved**, reflecting both his commitment and the skill he has developed through consistent practice and determination.

A wonderful achievement — well done, John.

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BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

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Pennants

2026/27 Pennant draws have finally come out last weekend. Saturday Pennants commence on 10th October, Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 15th October. Unavailable lists will be displayed on notice boards this week, also printed draws made available to all players. We have teams entered in:
 Saturday Div 2W, Div 4W, Div 7W,
 Wednesday Div 2S, Div 4W,
 Thursday Premier, Div 2W

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Nova Gardens Club have the use of our greens this season. Saturdays greens will be used on alternate days, also on Wednesdays. Ladies Thursday games will be played by both clubs on the same day.

Tournaments

The Centenary Tournament was held on 13th September and was attended by 60 bowlers dressed in white and using old black bowls. Centenary cake and Port were enjoyed by all.

Peter Gillen Memorial Open Triples was well attended on Friday 25th September. My apologies for being unable to attend.

The Annual Prawn Day Tournament sponsored by Streaky Bay Marine Products is being held on 1s: November. More entries required.

Lesley Carey Bowls Manager

SITE EXTERNAL — SPRING PREPARATION

We're about to see **Brad Porter's** hard work come to life across our greens. With warm days and mild nights ahead, both our **bowling surface** and **croquet lawns** will soon be at their very best.

To help keep the surrounding garden areas looking just as good, we're asking for a few extra hands. If any member can spare a little time for tidying and light garden work, please add your name to the notice in the foyer.

Let's put an end to working bees that consist of just

ONE BEE.

Glen Crittenden

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FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION **— 2025/2026 SEASON**

The **Footy Tipping Competition** came to an exciting finish, with the lead changing hands in the final couple of weeks. After a tight battle right to the end, **Sue Crook** emerged as the **overall winner**, narrowly edging out the long-time competition leader.

As you can see from the photograph, the prize for this season was worth the effort.

Roger Zeuner

MUSIC AT THE CLUB

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 – A STANDOUT AFTERNOON

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Yesterday's **Sunday Sessions** proved to be another outstanding success, with **more than 100 people** coming along to enjoy the always-popular **Barker Boys**. The atmosphere was lively, the music was fantastic, and the dance floor stayed busy all afternoon — quite exceptional considering it was **Father's Day**.

While community attendance was excellent, it remains a challenge to encourage more of our own members to come along and enjoy these great afternoons. These events are created for everyone, and the support of members makes a real difference to the Club's spirit and sustainability.



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****Sunday Sessions at Club Holdfast****

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

**** Sunday 25th OCTOBER 2026 ****

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

We're excited to have

VIGILANTES.

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

****Club Holdfast**** — 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North
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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

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KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

CENTENARY PORT FOR SALE



It's time for all members to get behind our Centenary celebrations. This year marks a significant milestone for the Club—**100 years of history and community.**

To help commemorate this special occasion, the Club has released a **Centenary Port**, and it is proving to be a great success.

Bottles are available from the Club Bar for the modest price of **\$20 each**. Be quick though the first order sold out very quickly.

We encourage all members to support this initiative by purchasing a bottle or two—whether to enjoy yourself or to share with family and friends.



Once you've tasted it, we're sure you'll be back for more.

Thank you for supporting our Centenary celebrations. Cheers to 100 years! 🍷



CLUB HOLDFAST HAS A WEB AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

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The web site is located at 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.

[Club Holdfast | Facebook](#)

If you have any cartoons or funny jokes for the club update, please send them to me at

rogerzeuner@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We have had a very busy year with plenty going on at the Club. Outside events and also our pennant season.

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

Please advise Narelle in the office if you can assist. We cannot rely on the same members to do the work.

Remember this is YOUR club and unless we have NEW volunteers to assist the volunteers currently keeping the club running .

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THINK ABOUT IT AND HELP THE CLUB PROSPER

All communication may be directed to secretary@clubholdfast.com

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