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# OFFICE BEARERS - 2024-2025

**BOWLS MANAGER** Brett Hughes

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**Brett Hughes** 

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Jose Meneses

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Jose Meneses

Ryan Smith

Gonzalo Astudillo

Jose Riquelme

**CLUB COACH** Brett Hughes



# 2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONS

2024-25 Hillsdale Championship Winner's & Runner up's

### **Minor Singles**

Winner - Ross Brown

Runner up - Darren McKeown

**Consistency Handi Cap Singles** 

Winner - Brett Hughes

Runner up - Gonzalo Astudillo

**Major Minor Pairs** 

Winner - Cyril McNicholas & Scott Townsend

Runner up - Daniell Cinelli & Ryan Smith

### **Major Triples**

Winner - Trevor Watson, Torps Tetava & Ryan Smith Runner up - Pauline Gilmartin, Jodee Hughes & Scott Townsend

### **Major Fours**

Winner - Darren McKeown, Cyril McNicholas, Kevin Fitzsimons & Jason Powell Runner up - Carlos Becerra, Trevor Watson, Jose Meneses & Gonzalo Astudillo

### **Mixed Pairs**

Winner - Jodee Hughes & Brett Hughes

Runner up - Diane Field & Jason Powell

# **Major Pairs**

Winner - Scott Townsend & Brett Hughes

Runner up - Lyle Spowart & Tony Cullen

# **Ladies Major Singles**

Winner - Jodee Hughes

Runner up - Ciara O'Shea

**Mens Major Singles** 

Winner - Brett Hughes

Runner up - Jason Powell

2024-25 Player of the Year - Brett Hughes



# 2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONS



# **BRETT HUGHES**

### Hillsdale Bowling Club 2024–25 Bowls Report

Prepared by Brett Hughes, Bowls Manager

It is with great pleasure that I submit the 2024–25 Hillsdale Bowling Club Bowls Report, reflecting on another successful and progressive year for Hillsdale Bowling Club.

### **Acknowledgments**

Firstly, sincere thanks to our greenkeeper, Chris Bell, for his exceptional work preparing our greens week. His consistency professionalism continue to deliver outstanding playing conditions, and we look forward the exciting to developments of the tiff dwarf green.

A huge thank you to our Bowls Committee – Jose Menese, Jason Powell, and Hamza Yasar – for their tireless dedication in organising competitions, selecting pennant teams, and ensuring smooth operations throughout the season.

A special mention to Jose for his continued support in the administration and coordination of bowls at Hillsdale.

We were proud to see Hillsdale Bowling Club recognised at the Bowls NSW 2024–25 Awards, taking home the Community Engagement Award for our continued efforts in growing and promoting bowls within our community.



### Championships

Congratulations to all members who part the 2024-25 Club took in Championships. With increased participation from both men and women, the Match Committee introduced several new formats to enhance inclusivity and variety:

- Women's Major Singles
- Major/Minor Pairs (Single Entry)
- Consistency Handicap Singles

These additions have strengthened our competitive calendar and encouraged greater engagement from our newer members. We extend our congratulations to all our 2024–25 Club Champions and finalists.





# **BRETT HUGHES**

### **Pennants**

### Pennant Player Launch

Our season launched with a fantastic Pennant Player Day on Sunday, February 9, hosted in partnership with Eastlakes Bowling Club. The day featured a hearty breakfast, a presentation on "Teamwork & Culture Makes the Dream Work," and friendly trial matches — setting the tone for a successful campaign.

### **Pennant Trials & Practice**

The Hillsdale Match Committee organised several valuable pre-season trials to prepare all grades for competition:

- Northmead (all grades)
- Grade 7 Hillsdale/Eastlakes (January)
- Grades 4 & 6 Waverley (February)
- Grades 4 & 6 Clovelly (February)

Regular training sessions, led by Brett Hughes, were held both on and off the green, focusing on skill development and mental preparation. We also had the privilege of hosting Australian Jackaroo and World Champion, Kelsey Cottrell, who delivered an exclusive coaching clinic for our players.





### Season Results

- Grade 4 An outstanding season, going undefeated until the Grand Final. Despite tough conditions at Taren Point, the team performed admirably and proudly represented the club.
- Grade 6 A competitive year with plenty of fight. Although narrowly missing finals, the side's improvement and spirit were commendable.
- Grade 7 (Composite) A fantastic development opportunity for emerging bowlers. The joint Hillsdale/Eastlakes team gained valuable experience and camaraderie throughout the season.

The continued growth and positive results from all grades set a strong foundation for next year.





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# Community and Inclusivity Programs

### **Blind Pairs**

The Blind Pairs competition remains a highlight of our social bowls calendar — providing a bridge between Jack Attack and more competitive forms of play.

### Jack Attack - Community Fun Bowls Challenge

Two successful Jack Attack programs were held in November and March, attracting over 20 new non-bowlers and creating a fun, social environment.

Our most recent Jack Attack program was in March Winners:

- The Bowl Busters (15 points)
- 2nd: Hunky Doreys (14 pts)
- 3rd: Cookie Monsters (13 pts)

### Special Awards:

- Most Improved Kim & Joey
- Best New Non-Member Becca
- Most Fun Team Maroubra Cats

The continued success of this program has strengthened our connection with the local community and generated new memberships.





### **Events**

### Club & Bowls Events

- Northmead Visit (Sept 7): 40 visiting bowlers joined us for a great day of bowls, BBQ, and raffles.
- Bowls NSW State Mixed Pairs: Hillsdale proudly hosted matches as part of this prestigious event.
- Christmas Bowls & BBQ: A festive end to the year with great attendance.
- Australia Day World Cup Challenge: Winners – Craig Downes, Dave Macca & Michael Johnston.
- BPL Cup: Hillsdale hosted a regional round with 12 teams competing.

### **Region & State Championships**

- Record Metro South East Region entries
- Strong participation in Rookie Singles
   & Pairs
- Regional BPL Cup Finalists: Joe Weisz, Jodee Hughes & Brett Hughes (won 2 of 3 games, narrowly missing state qualification)
- Champion of Champions: Brett Hughes & Scott Townsend reached last 32 in Pairs; Brett Hughes reached last 32 in Singles



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### **Special Events**

- Zone 13 Presentation Night (July 13): Hillsdale was nominated for Club of the Year, recognising our Grade 5 Pennant success and ongoing community contributions.
- Kelsey Cottrell Coaching Clinic (Feb 27): A world-class session combining mental strategies and practical on-green techniques, fully funded by the Bowls Committee to support player development.



### Communication and Member Engagement

Our focus this year has been on strengthening communication, engagement, and transparency. Key initiatives included:

- Hillsdale Bowls Team App: Central hub for updates, championship notifications, and schedules.
- Private Facebook Group: Now at 335 members, fostering community and recognition of achievements.
- Hillsdale Bowls Website: Provides a professional online presence and central resource for members and the public.
- BowlsLink Integration: Used for all championship management and communication, improving accuracy and member access.

### **Growth & Participation**

Membership continues to rise, with a notable increase in female bowlers and social participants.

We proudly welcomed new members: Ciara O'Shea, Micheala McDevitt, Ron Howard, David Byrne, Michael Johnston, Louise Kyle and Scott Townsend — all valuable additions to the Hornets Nest.



# **BRETT HUGHES**

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# Fundraising and Development Opportunities

### Sports Lunch Fundraiser

On Friday, February 28, Hillsdale Bowling Club hosted a Sports Lunch Fundraiser supporting both the Bayside Women's Shelter and the Hillsdale Bowls Program.

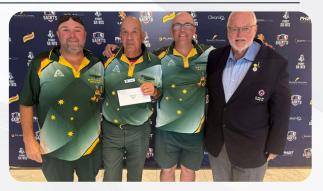
Over 160 guests attended, featuring guest speakers:

- Kelsey Cottrell World No. 1 Female Bowler
- Regan Bayliss Jockey
- Jack Black Comedian/Magician
- Jeff Thomson Cricket Legend
- Hosted by James Sullivan, the event raised an incredible \$16,000 total (\$8,000 each) for the two causes.

### **Bottle Collection**

Our bottle collection initiative continues to support club fundraising. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and effort.





### **Tournaments and External Events**

Hillsdale players proudly represented the club across NSW and interstate, competing at:

Canberra, Narooma, Northmead, Sussex Inlet, Mount Lewis, St Johns Park Leeton and Ocean Shores.

These experiences have strengthened player development and enhanced our club's profile within the bowls community.

### **Looking Ahead**

The future for Hillsdale Bowling Club is exceptionally bright. With new greens, growing membership, and an increasingly professional approach to development, we are well positioned for continued success.

A heartfelt thank you to all members, volunteers, committee members, and supporters who contribute to making Hillsdale a vibrant, welcoming, and successful club. Let's continue to build on this year's achievements and make 2025–26 our best year yet.

Best wishes,

Brett Hughes

**BOWLS MANAGER** 

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