



CLUB UPDATE

AUGUST 2026

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS REPORT - AUGUST 2026

As my term as President comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the past two years and, most importantly, to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me during my time as President of our Bowls and Croquet Club. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as President. While the role has certainly had its challenges, it has been a rewarding experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to the ongoing development of our club.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Board of Management for their support, assistance and commitment throughout my term. The work of a club does not happen through one person and I have greatly appreciated the time, effort, ideas and willingness of the BOM members to work together for the benefit of our Club. I would also like to thank all of our club members. Your support, encouragement and participation are what make our Club what it is. Whether through playing bowls or croquet, volunteering, helping with club activities, attending functions, maintaining facilities or simply contributing to the friendly atmosphere of the club, every member plays an important part.

Over the past two years, we have faced the usual challenges that come with running a community sporting club, but we have also shared many positive experiences. I would like to acknowledge the volunteers who give so much of their time to keep the club operating. Much of the work happens behind the scenes, but it is essential to the day-to-day running of our Club. Without the commitment of our volunteers, we simply could not provide the facilities, competitions and social activities that our members enjoy.

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I encourage everyone to continue supporting the Board of Management and, most importantly, to remember that the strength of our Club comes from its members working together.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every member for their support during my two years as President. I have appreciated the trust placed in me and the opportunity to represent the Club. I will remain very much a member of the Club and look forward to continuing to enjoy bowls and croquet, the friendships we have made and the camaraderie that makes our club special. Thank you all for your support, your friendship and your contribution to our club over the past two year.

I wish the incoming President, the Board of Management and all our members every success in the future. All the very best for the years ahead.

Sue Allen

Club President

EDITORS COMMENT

Acknowledgement of Service – President Sue Allen & Secretary Heather Cowden-Tonkes



For the past two years, Sue Allen and Heather Cowden-Tonkes have carried the responsibilities of President and Secretary with exceptional dedication. During the first twelve months of this period, they also jointly undertook the role of Treasurer.

In that first year, with no appointed treasurer, Sue and Heather devoted themselves to ensuring the Club not only survived but continued to prosper. They navigated numerous challenges and administrative pressures, keeping the Club financially stable and operational. Their efforts

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were instrumental in maintaining the Club's viability until a part-time treasurer was appointed.

Both Sue and Heather spent countless hours at the Club—often more than at home—and effectively dedicated their lives to its wellbeing. From the outset, they made it clear that they would serve for two years, and they honoured that commitment with integrity and tireless effort.

Club Members owe a very great vote of thanks to these two ladies. Their leadership, perseverance, and willingness to shoulder an extraordinary workload ensured that the Club remained functional, stable, and welcoming throughout a demanding period. Their work, supported by the other Board Members, kept the Club moving forward when it could easily have faltered.



At the AGM in May 2026, all positions were declared vacant. Unfortunately, no nominations were received for the Executive positions of President and Secretary. Sue and Heather generously agreed to continue in their roles for a further three months, until the end of August.

In August 2026, the Club employed a secretarial assistant to help manage day-to-day operations and reduce the workload on the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

At the Board of Management meeting on Monday 24 August, the matter of filling the Executive positions was formally raised. Prior to this, members had been informally approached to determine whether anyone wished to take on either role, but no candidates came forward.

During the meeting, Bruce Cottle offered to assume the role of President. As the meeting did not have a quorum, it was agreed that Board Members would be contacted by email to confirm acceptance of Bruce's nomination. The meeting ratified Bruce's appointment as President pending those responses.

The position of Secretary remains under discussion, however, if you can assist the Club by nominating for this position, all members of the Club would be grateful. If you wish

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to be part of the exciting development of your Club please contact any member of the Board.

Roger Zeuner

RECRUITMENT DRIVE.



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FROM THE SECRETARY

..CLUB CENTENARY..

Dear Members,

EARLY NOTIFICATION FOR YOUR DIARIES!!

Your club is excited to advise that in the 100th Year of the club, we are holding a :

“CENTENARY BOWLS EVENT” on SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2026



And **“CENTENARY DINNER” on FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2026**

Please refer to the attached flyers.

A booking sheet will be provided in the foyer aside from advising Lesley Carey or the secretary@clubholdfast.com of your participation in either or both events.

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The dinner menu will be posted in the foyer as well. Please ensure that you advise of meal selection for the 9th October.

With regards

Heather Cowden-Tonkes
Secretary



**THIS WILL BE A FANTASTIC EVENT IN CELEBRATION OF OUR
CENTENARY.
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS REGISTER THEIR TEAMS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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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.

If you can confirm your attendance and your menu choice that would be appreciated.

Booking sheet is in the foyer.

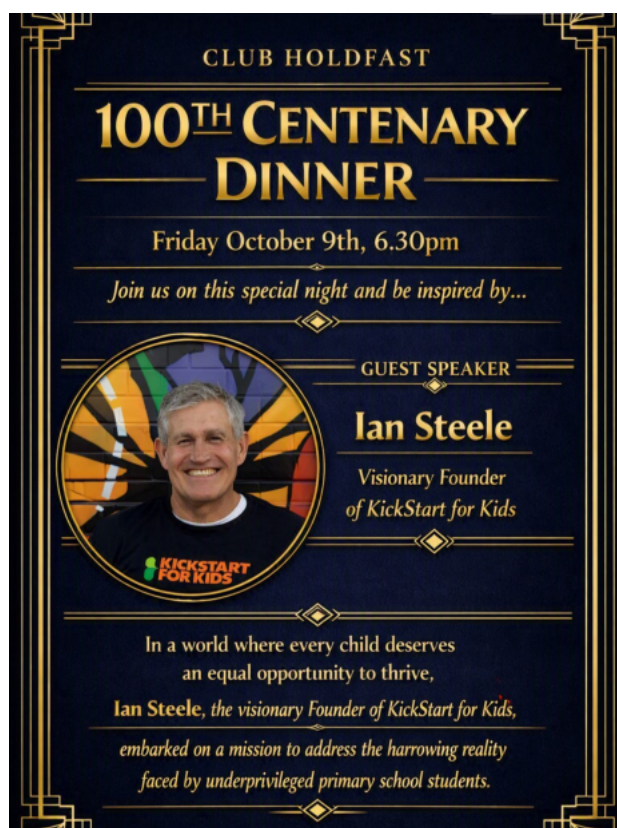
Look forward to celebrating our 100th centenary celebration

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.

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We hope you enjoy exploring this special Centenary collection.



HOLDFAST BAY BOWLS AND CROQUET CLUB CELEBRATES IT 'S CENTENARY

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLUB

HOLDFAST BAY LADIES

1931

Men and Ladies mixed Bowling Club formed.

1933

Ladies broke away from the Mens Club and formed the Glenelg Woman's Bowling Club with their greens on the Glenelg Oval.



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**1947**

Ladies Bowls moved to land obtained from The Camden Recreation Trust.
Now Novar Gardens Bowling Club.

1988

Ladies Club amalgamated with the Mens Bowling Club at current location.

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

Brief History

In 1902

the Glenelg Croquet Club played its first games on the lawns of a private residence.

In 1906

the Glenelg Club was granted a lease on a sale site at the southern corner of Rugless Terrace and Brighton Road, Glenelg. This site was home to a clubhouse and two full size courts. This site is currently occupied by a car park servicing the Glenelg Oval Precinct.



In late 1917

the GCC and the HBCC merged under the Glenelg Croquet Club Banner enjoyed tenure at Rugless Terrace for the ensuing 99 years.

December 10, 2021

Was the day that the GCC was to leave its home of nearly a century and move to a site within the Holdfast Bay Bowling Club grounds.

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The Glenelg / Holdfast Bay Croquet Club can trace its lineage back to 1902. It is the oldest, continually operating croquet club in South Australia.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BOWLING CLUB

1926

Formation of the Club

1927

Official Club Opening. Club situated corner of Anzac Highway and Adelphi Terrace.

(Now the Watermark Hotel) in a 100 year old structure which was at one time the stable and coach house of the seaside residence of the first Governor of South Australia.



Original Club Rooms 1927

1933

Ladies members limited to 24

1946

Ladies members increased to 32

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1947

Ladies moved to Camden park 489 Anzac Highway

The land was obtained from the Camden Recreational Trust. This was March, 1947.

Now Novar Gardens Bowling Club

1954

Members obtaining land opposite Brighton Road,
on Anzac Highway, current location 583 Anzac Highway

1955

New Club House and Greens opened. Electric Lights installed.

1987

Holdfast Bay Men's Club voted to admit women members
once again and amalgamated with the Ladies
Glenelg Bowling Club

1988

The amalgamation of the two Clubs took place very smoothly and successfully.
The 1988/89 Season commenced as a Mixed Club.

1998

Redevelopment of 583 Anzac Highway
New greens. Highways Dept constructed a wider
Anzac Highway resulting in the club losing a green

2001

Amalgamation with the Glenelg Croquet Club
New name Holdfast Bay Bowls and Croquet Club Inc.
Trading as Club Holdfast

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NEW SECRETARY ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT

The Board of Management is pleased to announce that, following recent interviews for the position of **Secretary Assistant**, the Club has appointed **Narelle DANDY** to the role. Narelle lives locally and brings a friendly, capable presence to our office team.

Narelle will commence duties on **Monday 3 August 2026** and will initially be available in the office from **10.00am to 2.00pm** on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.



Members are encouraged to make themselves known to Narelle. We are confident she will be a valuable support to our volunteers and a welcome addition to the Club's administration.

Roger Zeuner

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Editor Roger Zeuner

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SEPTEMBER 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
September	Every Wednesday and Saturday through the month Social Bowls. Contact Club for details.	
4 th	Bowlslink Training	9.30am to 2pm Dining Room
	Torrens Connect 42 people for bowls	
6 th	Sunday Session Music Barker Boys	
7 th	Roll Back	9-10am
	Probus Committee meeting	1pm
8 th	Presenter and Assessor Training	ALL DAY
9th	Presenter and Assessor Training	ALL DAY
11th	Probus Meeting	9 – 12noon
13 th	Club Centenary Tournament	
14	Roll Back	9 – 10am
16	Stock Doctors Dining Room	

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18 th	Club Coach Course Dining Room	0930 – 1600
	SA Water Bowls 50 people	
21	Roll Back	9 – 10am
	Bowls SA AGM	1.30pm
24 th	Water Industries Operations 50 people	10 – 3 pm
25	Peter Gillen Triples	
27	Garville End of year Netball 300 people	11 – 4pm
28	Roll Back	9-10am
	Probus Committee meeting	1pm
30 TBA	Come and Try School Programme	

If you are interested in any of these events
Contact the Club 82951444

GREEN MANAGER REPORT

Greens report

No Report.

CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

Croquet Report August 2026

The weather has at times been very inclement and cold of late but we still have our members turn up on Wednesdays and Fridays for social croquet.

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Our Autumn / Winter pennant season has come to an end with our pennant teams being very competitive. Unfortunately no pennants success but the season was successful giving our players much exposure to pennant competition.

Special mention to Ruth Dunn our Club Captain who has been able to organise the players very efficiently.

On Friday 14 August the Croquet ladies made sandwiches for the Probus Club who meet at the Club once a month. From the feedback received they were well received and they are looking for the same at future meetings. WELL DONE LADIES.

We are now looking forward to better weather and the Spring Pennant Season.

I also wish to acknowledge all our Pennant Players who represent this Club very well and professionally.

Helen Kotz

THANKYOU TO THE CROQUET LADIES FROM THE PROBUS CLUB

I am writing this personal note as president of the Glenelg Bay Probus Club.

I would be grateful if you could convey my thanks to the ladies who prepared the excellent sandwiches for lunch following our birthday meeting last Friday. They were well received and I only heard good remarks which is pleasing.

With good wishes,

Lenore Jones

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CROQUET PENNANTS — MID-WINTER BATTLES AT HUTT ROAD

Mid-season during winter saw our **9+ and 12+ Pennant teams** take to the lawns at the home of Croquet, **Hutt Road**. The popularity of the sport was on full display, with the **car park overflowing into the parklands** as players and supporters gathered for the afternoon's matches.

The day began under **blue skies and sunshine**, though the **wind chill was biting**. Our **9+ team fought hard**, going down by only a narrow margin.

- **Darren and Lia** secured a solid win in their doubles match.
- **Gloria and Ruth** played out a draw, with the **session clock** shortening games and adding extra pressure to every shot.

The **12+ team** enjoyed sunshine at the start of their games but finished in the **rain** — classic Adelaide winter conditions. Despite the weather shift, they delivered a **strong win**, keeping themselves **well in contention** as the season continues.

A chilly, competitive, and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of croquet for all.

Roger Zeuner



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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.

MUSIC AT THE CLUB

****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 Sept 6th 2026****

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

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

******NOTE FREE DRINK FOR EVERY FATHER.******

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

KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

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CLUB HOLDFAST SUNDAY SESSIONS



Where the weekend lingers a little longer

Barker Boys



ROCK-RHYTHM-SWING

FREE DRINK FOR ALL FATHERS
\$10 AT THE DOOR
MUSIC 2-5pm / BAR OPEN 1-6PM
Table bookings phone 8295 1444

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

SUNDAY
Sept
6th

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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! 🍷



SPONSORSHIP REPORT

SITE EXTERNAL REPORT

SITE INTERNAL REPORT

Storage in Cold Room

New racks have been installed in the Cold Room

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During the bowls season the cold room stores dozens of cartons stacked four high and we ran out of space.

New racking allows the stock to be better spaced and easier access.

Waste Oil

The oil used for cooking has been stored pending removal

We have used a company that charges us to collect the oil previously

This has now been recycled at no cost

Thanks to Paul Spiers for both these undertakings

Probus

This organization meets monthly at Club Holdfast with roughly 100 people

Recently the usual venue where they go to for lunch was unable to accommodate them.

The ladies from Croquet led by Rosemary O Niell made assorted sandwiches for this group.

This was well received.

Thanks to all involved

Bruce Cottle

CLUB HOLDFAST HAS A WEB AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

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.

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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

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE.

← Prev Round 24		
#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Nell	150
2	Brooster2065	148
3	GraemeStar	147
4	gloriaz	146
5	SuzieA	142
6	Brad porter	139
7	lthealey	135
7	Kebro	135
9	Magpie Power 77	134
10	Rogerz	132
11	margf	129

Well Done to Nell

Unfortunately BROOSTER picked against the POWER in the last game to his detriment.

To show that he is a good Sport, Brooster has penned the following ditty, titled the Front Runner Demise.

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The Front Runner Demise

Footy tipping is a lonely business

Each week we consult the Oracle to discover who will receive the vote

Some use tea leaves or expert suggestions

Some use common sense

(One thing is certain; the thing about common sense, it's not common)

After round 12, the scoreboard at Club Holdfast was

Front Runner 84 in front by 2 and Nell was 74

(Who is Nell you ask -watch this space)

Keep up the good work; all will be well.

Round 15 - 95 to Nell 92 (3rd) –Hmm

Round 19 -118 to Nell 117- better watch out!

Round 22 -137 to 137

Last round Front runner is leading by one

Result for last round Nell 7 Front runner 4

Congratulations to Eskimo Nell aka Sue Crook (Champagne popping)

Commiserations to Front Runner aka Bruce Cottle (Sobbing)

Well done to all who participated

Until next year



Well Done Bruce.

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

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club running then the one hundred year history of the club may be in JEOPARDY.

THINK ABOUT IT AND HELP THE CLUB SURVIVE

BOARD of MANAGEMENT

2026/27

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Sue Allen

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Heather Cowden-Tonkes JP

TREASURER

Roger Sanderson

COMMITTEE

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Croquet – Helen Kotz

Media and Marketing –

Site Internal – Bruce Cottle

Site External – Glen

Crittenden

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