

## **Announcement**

## Thursday March 14th, 2024

## cluBarham to host 2025 and 2026 World Champion of Champions

World Bowls is delighted to announce that cluBarham in NSW, Australia will be hosting the 2025 and 2026 World Bowls Champion of Champion events.

World Bowls CEO, Neil Dalrymple advised that the Board of World Bowls had made their decision last week following an Expression of Interest process.

"I thank cluBarham and CEO Jason Wallace for their interest and for what was a very impressive submission to host this prestigious World Bowls event. All international players who qualify for this event will be in for a great Australian cultural experience together with the opportunity to play in a world class bowls facility."

Bowls Australia's Chief Executive Officer Matthew Kennedy said the announcement reinforces the strength of the sport and capability of clubs in Australia to hold major events.

"BA heartily congratulates cluBarham on its successful securing of the rights to stage two editions of the World Champion of Champions event, in 2025 and 2026. It is a coup for the region and demonstrates the strength and capabilities of clubs within Australia to hold major events," Kennedy said.

"Australia has a particularly rich history and strong association with this event, both in the staging and winning of the competitions, and I'm sure that cluBarham will be an outstanding host venue and do World Bowls proud."

Bowls Victoria's Chief Executive Officer Tony Sherwill said that "The facilities at cluBarham, particularly with a second covered green being installed this year, are first class. So great to see such a prestigious event being showcased in a new area".

"One thing is for sure, Jason and his team at cluBarham will be fantastic hosts. They've hosted State and National level events previously and everything they do is impressive".

Jason Wallace, Chief Executive Officer was delighted to be granted the opportunity to showcase their world class under cover bowls facilities on the international stage by hosting the World Bowls Champion of Champions Singles in 2025 and 2026.

"cluBarham has great support from the Murray River Council, Gannawarra Shire and Destination Murray Region. We are all excited to be able to showcase to State, National and International audiences our beautiful region and all the wonderful tourism attractions and natural amazements on offer."

"The partnerships formed between cluBarham and World Bowls, and Bowls Victoria is of great appreciation as we progress Barham Bowls (cluBarham) as a national boutique Bowls and major events facility. Our region opens a big welcome to all Nations and look forward to the very best singles bowlers

world-wide competing at our premium facilities, and will enjoy superb hospitality, comfort, and genuine experiences our region has to offer".

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