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# WET WEATHER? NO PROBLEM! BALLINA SHIRE SPORTS ARE ALL ABOUT FUN, NO MATTER THE FORECAST.

Under 7 Zebra Sharks, Lennox Head Football Club.

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to another edition of Cherry Connect, a forum we use to inform Members about our business and what has been happening in the Cherry Street Sports Group. Our membership continues to grow, with a current membership of 19,144.

The addition of the Colonial Motel, the Homestead Motel and residential properties in Cherry Street to our business has proven to be a success, with profitability strong in all of these areas providing our Group with stable and diversified income streams that are invaluable.

The schedule for the renovations at Club Lennox is currently looking at a start date of March 2025, which allows time to plan out the build and gets us going under construction in the quieter times of the year. Your Board and Management team are continually working on this and whilst it takes time to work through the necessary processes, we believe development of our sister Club is a priority.

It is with some trepidation that I advise that Kaye McLennan has decided to move toward retirement, reducing her working days to 3 per week, Kaye has been an integral part of the Cherry Street for many years and her presence around the Club will be sorely missed when she decides to retire. Trevor (Rico) Oliver has accepted the Finance managers Position and has started with us, he will use his time with Kaye to draw on her experience and knowledge to get to know our business intimately.

Over the past few years, we have selected a major Club Grant applicant to receive funding, in the past we have supported the following charities to make a real difference in our community, those being OUR Kids Foundation, Ballina Hot Meal Centre, the Rotary Club Purple DV Shirt campaign.

This year the Board has decided to support an initiative called Super Tees. They provide Super Tee medical garments to local community kids going through life treating medical conditions in our local hospitals. Please use this link and read their inspirational story. https://www.supertee.org.au/ Recently, a team of Members, Staff and Directors gave up their time to build, pack and personally deliver these boxes of super tees to Ballina and Lismore Hospitals. What a great initiative and a big thank you to those who have given up their time to help.

**JOHN WHITTY** 

Chairman



# &COMMUNITY AWARDS

Social Inclusion 2024 WINNER

**Cherry Street Sports Ballina** 

### **CEO'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

Welcome to the winter edition of Cherry Connect! We are excited to share with you the latest updates from our clubs and community initiatives.

First and foremost, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support of our two clubs. Your involvement and enthusiasm are what make our community thrive. We are pleased to announce that our accommodation businesses are performing well and are profitable. With the second stage renovation about to start on the Colonial motel. Once this is completed at the end of June, the colonial motel will have received a total transformation of every room along with a total resurface of the inground pool onsite. The Proper Cafe at the homestead is now offering breakfast and lunch. As a member, you are entitled to exclusive discounts at the cafe, so be sure to take advantage of this perk. Please speak with our friendly motel managers for members direct booking discounts.

Exciting news! We are thrilled to have been selected as finalists in this year's Community Clubs Awards, under the category of social inclusion for our Purple Friday Campaign. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members and staff, we will be traveling to Sydney to hopefully bring home the award.

Our Purple Friday campaign is gaining momentum, with Pottsville and Alstonville Bowls Clubs joining the club movement to stand against Domestic Violence and promote respectful relationships. We encourage all members to support this important cause by purchasing a purple shirt from Reception. All proceeds will go to the Love Bites program, which aims to educate school-age children about healthy and respectful relationships.

Furthermore, we are proud to announce that Ballina has been chosen to host the 2025 and 2027 Bowls NSW State Championships. Our two clubs will be at the forefront of this prestigious event, welcoming nearly 1000 competitors to town for two weeks of thrilling competition. This event will profit over 1.5 million dollars in economic value to our region. We have partnered with Plateau sports for this event as one of the main criteria to host this event was to have 7 greens available.

In club other news, our marketing team have been working tirelessly, creating new and exciting member promotions. We hope you are all enjoying these promotions. The most exciting new promotion is our long-awaited Phone App, if you haven't already, I encourage you to download this App to keep up to date with all things Cherry Street group has to offer. Exclusive App only offers will be rolled out over the coming months for members enjoyment.

Please keep your eye out for our ever-popular school holiday campaigns, we love keeping the kids active and busy during the holidays and these next holidays will be no different.

To all our Sporting groups we sponsor, thank you for your contributions. Keeping our kids active and healthy is what we love about sport so much. The committees that run these sporting groups we salute you, without volunteers most grassroots sports would not exist so please keep doing what you best. You are noticed and you are appreciated, as a community club we are delighted to be able to assist in keeping grassroots roots sports viable to all to participate.

We have started the process of designing the new renovations of the Club Lennox Sports site, with pre-DA meetings finalised with council and a brief supplied on the requirements from council to have this renovation completed have been tabled. The board of directors are hoping to have a completed design brief by the end of the financial year. Being such a unique location for a club, we need to ensure the renovation is not only compliant but also community focused. As you can imagine the preliminary planning is so important before we start the renovations, with more time invested into these preliminary plans the better the outcome with be for all stakeholders.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and involvement. Together, we can make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Warm regards,

#### **TERE SHEEHAN**

General Manager Cherry Sports Group.



# CLUB LENNOX VENUE MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Welcome to another edition of the Cherry Connect, where we bring you the latest updates and achievements from Club Lennox Sports. We're thrilled to share the highlights of the past few months, showcasing the incredible support and dedication of our members and the broader community.

**New Members App:** We are delighted to report that our new members app has been met with enthusiastic feedback for its user-friendly and convenient features. This technology enables smoother communication and engagement with our valued members, enhancing the overall club experience.

**Anzac Day Record Success:** Anzac Day proved to be an absolute success for Club Lennox Sports, with record-breaking sales and attendance. A fantastic day reflecting the spirit and support of our community, as we honoured and remembered those who served our nation.

**Free Kids School Activities:** Our free kids' school activities during the school holidays were a great success, drawing increased numbers of families to enjoy the services offered by the club. We are very proud to provide enriching experiences for our younger members and their families.

**Club Rebuild Update:** Exciting news awaits with the progress of our club's rebuild plans. We are eager to undergo a transformative revamp. The positive reception of our new furniture sets the stage for a more inviting and enjoyable club environment, marking the first step towards significant developments ahead.

**JB's Blues Breakers:** The monthly Sunday gig featuring JB's Blues Breakers continues to be a massive hit, delighting audiences with their exceptional performances. We're proud to provide a platform for local talent and contribute to the vibrant scene of Lennox Head.

Supporting Local Sporting Clubs: Club Lennox Sports remains dedicated to supporting the outstanding achievements of our local sporting clubs. From the mighty Pirate's Cricket Club, Trojans Rugby Union, All Girls Board Riders, Lennox Head Netball Club, Sharks Football Club and the Lennox Head Surf Lifesaving Club our community sports shine bright. This year, we have committed over \$41,000 in donations to these clubs, a testament to our commitment to grassroots sports development, a substantial contribution to our clubs, and something I am very proud to be a part of. Our Cherry Group ethos "profit for purpose" to give back has never been more prominent and that commitment will not change under the Cherry Street Group banner.

**Raffles for a Cause:** Thanks to your generous support in participating in our raffles every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, we've raised an additional \$16,000 year-to-date for local sporting groups. We believe that 100% of the proceeds should benefit local sporting charities, and we're proud to champion this cause alongside our members.

**Club Events and Functions:** Our club events continue to gain momentum. Our function spaces have been in high demand, offering affordable settings for memorable gatherings. Booking a function is now easier than ever through our hassle-free website.

**Community Fund Impact:** The Club Lennox Sports Community Fund has made a significant impact, raising over \$38,000 since its inception. Through initiatives like the 20c from every Ball and All beer purchased and donations from meal sales, we've supported various charities and initiatives benefiting our local community.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to all Club Lennox Sports members, the Cherry team, and our wider community. Together, we are making a tangible difference and shaping a brighter future for the Lennox Head community. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared vision, your support is very appreciated.

If you have any enquiries about your club or would like any further information, please contact our reception email at clublennox@cherrystreet.com.au or call in and say hi anytime.

Warm regards,

**WARRICK EDWARDS** 

Venue Manager Club Lennox Sports



# SPORTS FACILITATOR REPORT

My name is Ryan Dixon and I have recently been appointed as Sports Facilitator for Cherry Street Sports. I am excited to join the Cherry Street Sports team in my new role and bring my passion for the development and growth of bowls and other sports into the Northern Rivers District region. I spent the amazing last thirteen years on Norfolk Island which was a fantastic experience. I represented Norfolk Island in many International Bowls events and one of the highlights of this experience was managing to earn a bronze medal as skip of the Norfolk Island Triples team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. Considering Norfolk Island has only one Bowls Club and around sixty members it was a fairly unexpected result and became only the second medal in Norfolk Island's Commonwealth Games history.

I have been proud to learn of Cherry Street Sports respected history in supporting our community in many different ways and sport is merely one of these facets. To be able to contribute and network with the community is such a fulfilling career opportunity for me and I endeavour to do my best to generate fulfilling outcomes on Cherry Street Sports behalf in the coming years.

In my months here since arriving in late January, I have really enjoyed meeting great people in this remarkable region and am excited to contribute to this field. To experience this location personally for the first time and enjoy the breathtaking coastal region combined with the world-class sporting venues it boasts has been a great experience. Our bowling greens, under the care of Elfco Greenkeeping also added to my excitement as a bowls tragic. They are an incredible asset to what I wish to achieve for the growth of bowls here and were no doubt a contributing factor that recently secured our proposal to host the NSW State Championships here next year and in 2027. This is the first time our region has hosted this event in history, and I believe that Cherrystreet Sports CEO Mr. Tere Sheehan, along with the professional team here, have really helped create the profile and reputation to have this event granted here. I now also share this vision that Cherrystreet Sports have to continue to be considered as a true strength competitively with facilities and venues that are difficult to better and will be a drawcard to visitors far and wide.

I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing other sporting venues in our region along with Ballina and Lennox Sports Bowling clubs and I believe our location has all the necessary qualities to continue growing as a renowned destination for its beauty and sporting reputation.

I have already created some treasured memories in this unique new role and I have shared great moments with many people who are looking to enjoy their sport and share time to help out where they can. The enjoyment of being a member of proud sporting teams and their affiliated clubs brings invaluable experience to all generations and I truly want to be looking to maintain a positive and inclusive

outlook to ensure that we can welcome everyone to enjoy our respective sports. I want to ensure that the stigma associated (with bowls in particular) are broken into a more current outlook which involves a faster paced, younger persons game, as well as still holding the traditions that are so entrenched into Australian history.

I wish to enjoy a rewarding and fulfilling time at Cherry Street Sports to create growth toward sport in many varieties and help maintain the support that has been shown through sponsorship and Cherry Street Sports' ability to highlight achievements to the broader community. I thoroughly enjoy relating the lessons and morals that sport gives us back into our everyday lives through our careers, friendships and general treatment of each other everyday.

### **RYAN DIXON**



## BALLINA MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

2024 season has been a challenge with the weather playing a major role in our game. For a season determined to have been an El Nino (dry) period this has been the 'wettest drought' ever. However, despite the inclement (rainy) weather our determined and talented greenkeeping staff fled by Duncan Elphick, have continued to produce excellent greens for our competitions and social play.

We began the year with our **Summerland Singles and Pairs Carnival**, sponsored by Cherry Street Sports Club Ltd. and McGrath Real Estate featuring some of Australia's top talent with representatives from Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales, competing in this event over two weeks. With current Australian, State and Zone representative team players involved the standard of play was exemplary. Congratulations to the winers of the pairs title, J. Davis (Wynyard) Tasmania and J Rynne (Carina) Queensland and with our own local representative Neil Burgess (Ballina) and Darren Kemp (Pine River) Queensland, as runners up in the final. In the singles final our own Luke Jones (Ballina) went down narrowly in a close tussle with Kane Nelson (Capalaba) Queensland.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, markers and umpires who provided willing assistance to make the Summerland Carnival and huge success and a highlight for the bowls calendar in New South Wales.

Thursday Nights Under Lights featured during the summer months with open club selected pairs playing during the Daylight-Saving period. The event attracted good fields of men and women who enjoyed the cooler evening play during the hottest period of the year and a light supper after the game. It was great to see two of the three greens being filled with players under the lights creating an attractive setting for the Club in the early evenings.

The Open Gender Pennant Season commenced in March with Ballina being nominating teams in all available grades, with two teams in Grade Two and a team in Grades Four, Five, Six and Seven. In all we had eighty six players nominate for selection in the Pennant Teams which is a credit to both the Ballina Men's and Women's Bowling Club. The wet weather impacted on a lot of the games during the Pennant Season causing several games to be postponed or abandoned. At the time of writing the Grade Six team appears to be the only team that will progress as Section winners.

January saw the Club appointment of a Sports Facilitator in a new role for the organization. Ryan Dixon comes to the club well credentialled with a Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal for Lawn Bowls having represented Norfolk Island in 2018 at Birmingham and the Pacific Games in Christchurch New Zealand.

This welcome addition of professional sports administration to the sporting fraternity of Ballina and Lennox Head, predominantly the bowling fraternity, provides an opportunity to increase bowling club membership, enhance skill levels through coaching, develop and integrate carnivals, corporate events, Zone and State Championships into the bowling calendar for both Cherry Street and Club Lennox.

In conjunction with Ballina Coast High School a team of students is being prepared for the Inter-Schools Championships shortly.

Ballina Men's Bowling Club has recently updated our Constitution to adjust to the new appointment as well as providing an avenue for the nomination of Life Membership to deserving members, Consideration will need to be given in the not too distant future for possible amalgamation of the Ballina Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs as this will be a pre-requisite for our club. An item for discussion as our next Annual General Meeting in July.







A big thank you to Cherry Street Sports Club for the supply in May of new lockers and to the members who assisted with the installation in the Men's and Ladies locker rooms .

### **GEOFF WEGG**

**President BMBC** 

# BALLINA WOMAN'S BOWLING CLUB

A warm welcome back after the Xmas and New Year break. We began bowling on the 9th of January and have been enjoying catching up and playing bowls despite the warm conditions.

This year we welcome Ryan Dixon as Bowls Co-ordinator and Facilitator and we look forward to working with him.

Changes to the State Bowling calendar have meant changes to our Club and District calendars. The Millie Kirkland Day held at Evans Head was the last event hosted by the District as we move to changed section boundaries.

We are now completing 2023/2024 our Club Championship events with 2024/2025 events to begin in July.

### **OUR CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2023/2024 ARE:**

### **SINGLES:**

WINNER: W. CLARKE

**RUNNER UP: A. MATTHEWS** 

### **PAIRS:**

WINNERS: M. GRANT H, MCDONNELL RUNNERS UP: W. CLARKE K. HUETT

#### **TRIPLES:**

WINNERS: B. LANE, A. MATTHEWS, W. CLARKE

RUNNERS UP: WENDY THREADGATE, E. BOSWORTH, S. GRADY

#### FOURS:

WINNERS: ANN MACDONALD, WENDY THREADGATE, NAN HOLMES, M. GRANT

RUNNERS UP: S. GORDON, C. CHAPMAN, L. JACKSON. E. REID

#### **NOVICE CHAMPION:**

WINNER: HISON

**RUNNER UP: J. MARTEN** 

#### **CONSISTENCY SINGLES:**

WINNER: W. CLARKE RUNNER UP: S. GRADY

### **CLUB SELECTED PAIRS:**

WINNER:. CLARKE, J. MARTEN RUNNERS UP: K. HUETT, B. LANE

We congratulate the Winners and Runners Up in these events. It is a great achievement. The Minor Singles will be played in May and this will conclude our Club Championships for 2023/2024. Our Club Presentation will be held on the 4th. July to acknowledge these Club Champions.

We congratulate Wendy Clarke, Sue Grady, Maree Grant and Hayley McDonnell for progressing to State in the Senior and State Pairs and Wendy Clarke in the Senior State Singles. Wendy Clarke was successful in her Singles Final and she is the first woman in our club to achieve such success at a State level. We are all so proud of her.

Ballina teams won the District Flags in Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4. At the Pennants Regionals Finals held recently at Ballina our Grade 2 and Grade 4 teams were successful and will now be progressing to State Finals in May. We wish them well.

We hosted this Regional event and we will be hosting the Grade 3 State Pennant Finals in May. We are so proud to showcase the facilities that we have at Cherry Street Sport. Our Open Pennants began in March. This competition is open to both men and women and is being played at a variety of venues throughout the zone. Last year, our Grade 7 team won the State flag, which is a wonderful achievement for our club and further highlights the high standard of our members.

Our Gala Day, held in February was a great success, with team competing from many clubs throughout the district. These Gala Days provide opportunities to enjoy bowls and forge friendships from other clubs.

In spite of the busy schedule of Club and District competition we have continued to play our social bowls each Tuesday. We are happy to welcome new members, Arden Peterson, Catherine Keenan and Lorraine Scerri/Miller and are always keen to welcome more.

A big thank you to Lyn McIlwain, Shirley Baldwin and Evelyn Fox for their great work each Wednesday afternoon encouraging and coaching new members.

A special thank you to Shirley Baldwin for her tremendous contributions to our club – training, coaching and umpiring over the years. Shirley is stepping down from this role but will continue to be a valuable player in our club. A big thank you, Shirley.

We welcome Kristine Albany to our Committee as Club Secretary. Jean Pike held this position for many years, but has had to stand down due to family illness. Jean's contributions and hard work have been so very much appreciated. We wish her well.

We are very pleased with of the success our Ballina Bowls Facebook page. This has become a very informative and up to date means of keeping us all aware of happenings in our Club. We thank our Women's Club administrators, Maree Grant and Sue Grady for the wonderful job they are doing.

A big thank you also to Tere Sheehan for his generosity and on-going support of Women's Bowls, the friendly staff at Cherry Street Sports and Duncan and his green keeping team for maintaining the greens to such a high standard. We are very lucky to enjoy these wonderful facilities.

We are looking forward to another great year of bowling.

#### **ALLISON O'BRIEN**

President



# CHERRY STREET SANDFLIES BOWLING CLUB



The Sunday morning 9am - midday social bowling club at Cherry Street Sports Club. Apart from the 9am Sunday home games against our fellow members, we participate with other social bowling clubs both regionally & interstate with both home & away games.

New members are always welcome & non-bowlers will receive tuition from the seasoned bowlers. Full membership is \$5 per year (fiscal year - not calendar year) Bowls Nomination Folder is in the pigeon holes just inside the Club or nominate by phone 02-6686 0842 on Sunday between 7:30am - 8:15am.

This year the Sandflies were hosted by Nimbin Bowling Club in January - always an interesting experience.

Old Mate's Day' an annual carnival contested by regional social bowling clubs was hosted by Kyogle Bowling Club in February.

In March we were hosted by the 'Stirrers' at Lismore Heights Bowling Club. A team we enjoy great camaraderie with & a game we always look forward.



### St Patrick's Day - Sandflies Green Shirt Day



The Sandflies hosted the Queensland Newspaper Bowling Club in April at Cherry Street.

Always a pleasure to rub shoulders & renew acquaintances with. Our return visit to their home green at Everton Park, Brisbane is in October with an overnight stay. Other home & away games scheduled this year are with the Maclean Highlanders & Queensland's Beaudesert Bowling Club.

### **ALLAN BRITT**

Honorary Secretary Mobile: 0431 032 377

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### RABBIT TRAPPERS

Well, here we are again for the next edition. There is no need to tell you it's been wet and the rain has interfered with everybody's bowls. The Rabbit Trappers we have had good numbers on Sunday morning with quite a few of new members joining us which is good to see. Unfortunately we have lost some old and valued members, Dulcie Strong, Peter Mazzer and Edith Hayes. Our thoughts are with their families. Our AGM was held on 25th February with no change to the committee.

We had a trip to Brooms Head planed but unfortunately circumstances prevented that going ahead. However we are going to Bangalow on 26th May, our first trip to this club.We are going to Tweed Heads on the 23d June and they are coming to us on 1st August. Nerang Golden Manor is paying us a visit on the 30th June and our return trip will be on 27th October.We are having an overnight trip to Tenterfield on 9th November. Our presentation Day is on the 28th July and our Christmas party is on 22nd December.

Until next time, keep well and happy.

### **JIM PIKE**

President

















# BEER OF THE MONTH

\$6 SCHOONERS









**BEAT BLOCKER'S SCORE TO WIN** 

S50 CLUB YOUCHER +

a case of block e grapple beer



STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 2 - 26 JUNE 2024 JOIN IN ON THE FUN FROM 7PM

SWIPE AT THE KIOSK FROM 4PM & PLACE TICKETS IN THE BARREL TO ENTER

"T&C's APPLY, MEMBERS PROMOTION ONLY.





# LENNOX HEAD BOWLING CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS!!! OFF TO STATE TITLES.



Back Row: David Sully, Barry Evans, Phil Sharp, Darren Smith, Brendon Clarke,

Jim Sharp, Andy Ross, Jake Bourke, Grant Bowen.

Front Row: Darren Frost, Lance Martin, Robert Pollack, Don Howell (Manager).

The Lennox Head Bowling Club did us proud recently, and won the Open Pennant Grade 2 Division!

It was an exciting game with spectators on the edge of their seats, as it came down to the last two ends to see who would win the Zone Championship. Lennox Head pulled together brilliantly as a team being successful over Yamba in the final game.

The team will now travel to Tamworth at the end of the month to play in the State Championships, and we wish them all the best in their endeavour.

# LENNOX HEAD WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB

We'll Bowls is back in full swing agai. After Christmas with our Club Championships starting.

Our B Singles was won by Margie Hanaway, runner up Kay Mclaren. Our Triples final is scheduled for June 12th.

Our ladies have already had a lovely day out the other week, first stop At Currumbin Bird Sanctuary for Morning tea and how yummy was that, then off to a Sea World seafood lunch buffet through the canals of Surfers Paradise. If our tummies weren't full after morning tea then they certainly were after lunch.

Our first Gala Day was held on May 6th, with the winners of the day being Lennox Head, Kim Hair, Marisse Windsor and Jeanette Stewart.

Well done ladies, beating some very good competition.

Congratulations to our other teams also and to the ladies that helped make the whole day a success.

2024 gave us a new Life Member in Audrey Dungar, Audrey isn't bowling anymore but is a regular at lunch and raffles after bowls on a Wednesday.

Another Life Member Enid Steele has recently turned a very young 99.

Enid is often seen powering around Lennox in her Gopher so say hi if you see her.

In the photo below is of Audrey posing with our Gala Day winners.

Also is a photo of our recent day out.

We welcome any new bowlers, come along on a Wednesday morning and introduce yourself, you will be guaranteed to have a fun morning.

### **KAY MCLAREN**

**Publicity Officer** 





FRONT ROW LAGER BLOCK GRAPPLE

RAGING BULL LAGER

# STATE OF ORIGIN

JERSEY GIVEAWAY

PURCHASE ANY
BLOCK AND GRAPPLE ON TAP FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO
WIN A NSW

BLUES JERSEY

SIGNED BY STEVE "BLOCKER" ROACH

ASK FOR YOUR ENTRY TICKET!
WINNER DRAWN ON SITE AT HALF TIME OF GAME 3, 17TH OF JULY.
10% OF PROFITS GIVEN TO THE BYRON BAY LENNOX HEAD RED DEVIL
DOLPHINS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB.



### BEER OF THE MONTH

**GET TO THE LINE** 



10% OF PROCEEDS TO BYRON BAY, LENNOX HEAD JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB.







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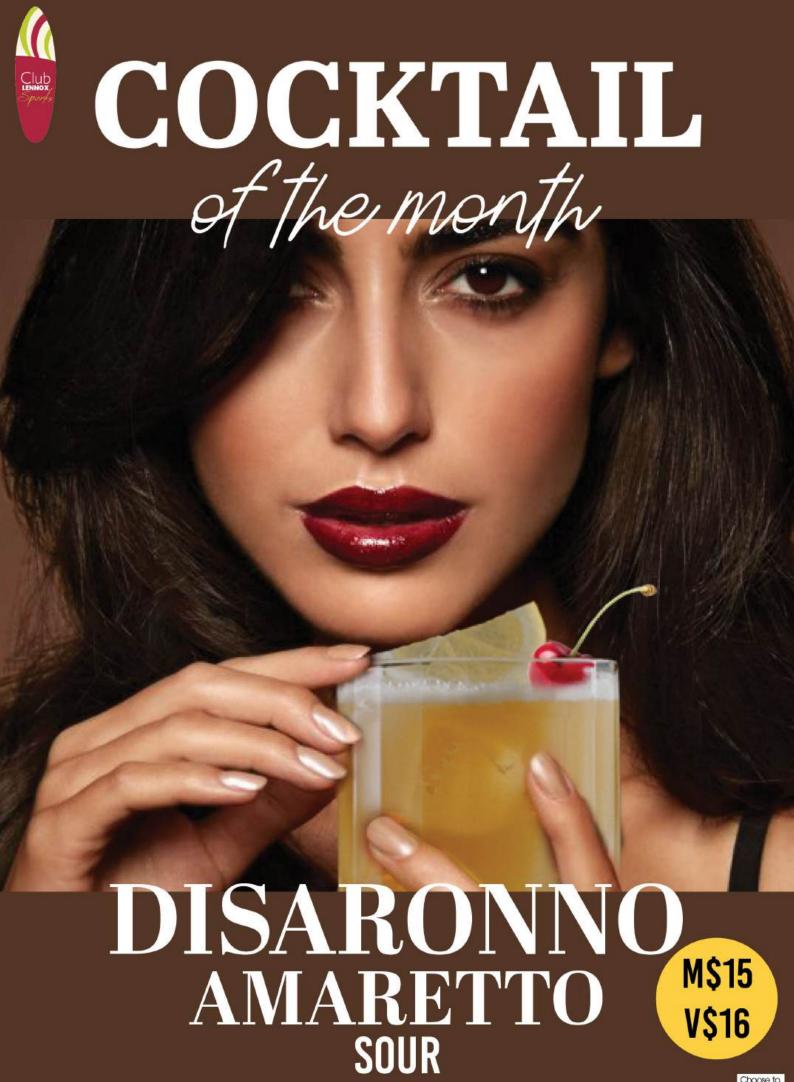
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# CHERRY STREET CROQUET CLUB

Club Vice President Robyn Poynting not only does a tower of work off the field but also on the greens.Robyn was rewarded with her performance with 4 Club Championships, Captains Award, Old Mug Award, and Patrons Award Ricochet with dear husband Neville.

Congratulations Robyn on your outstanding success.

The Croquet Club recently celebrated their 14th Anniversary & Charity fund raising day combined. A wonderful attendance of past and present members enjoyed the day with social activities and barbecue lunch. Ballina Hospital Auxiliary was the nominated organisation for the Charity day with \$1,500 being raised.

Lorraine Whiteman 92 our oldest playing member and Ruby Siviour 11 the Clubs first Junior member to join the Club have one thing in common that is to enjoy playing Croquet. Age is no barrier to playing Croquet and Lorraine is so blessed to have been able to play for so long, into her 19th year now and still be so active and enjoying playing Croquet.

Ruby was presented with a mallet by the Cherry Street Sports Club Management Tere Sheehan for being the first Junior player to officially become a Cherry Street Croquet Club Member. The Mallet was made by Club Member and well known Croquet player Neville Poynting. Neville has made many mallets over the years for numerous Clubs in the Northern Rivers Area.

Club Championships are well in progress with record numbers entered. James Bate & Andrew Mangan have already had success with James winning Division 3 Golf Singles and Andrew Runner Up.

Both players then contested the Golden Mallet Doubles at Southport, along with Wendy Gilmore, Christine Edlund.

James & Andrew gained Runners Up and Wendy & Christine finished a creditable 4th.

Many thanks to our continuous sponsors Cherry Street & Lennox Sports Club, Cherry Street Butchery, The Proper Cafe, Midgee Brafords and Hartleys Fruit Market, Thank you all for your kindness.

The Club has a long list of members that are sick and unwell, our thoughts are with you always.



# FOSSIL ROCK 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT





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# TUES-SUN

Jacks, bowls & a mat are supplied

\$5.00 per person

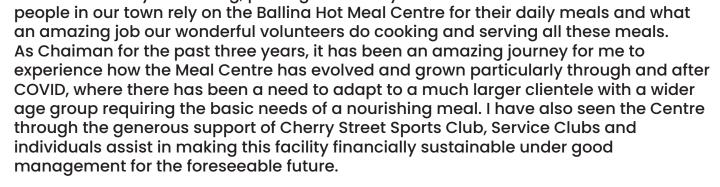
Games on specific greens are subject to availability

# BALLINA HOT MEAL CENTRE

With the AGM approaching in July it will be three years since the Ballina Hot Meal Centre was re-established thanks to the financial support of Cherry Street Sports Club and in particular CEO Tere Sheehan. Setting this vital service up was a huge risk, due to cost of running the Centre and providing wholesome meals to the many disadvantaged people living in and around Ballina. Cherry Street Sports Club gave us the confidence and financial backing we needed to resume the meal service after a six month break due to Covid and losing our sponsor.

Once reopened the Centre proved very popular for many people to have a sit down meal or collect one of the many varieties of frozen prepared meals on offer.

The service has grown from around 120 meals per day to over 300 today. The current demand for takeaways both hot and cold is every increasing, proving how many



At our AGM, I will be stepping down as Chairman and I thank my executive team of Secretary ,Jodie Shelly and Treasurer, Deb Pawsey for their help and support to get this Centre into the stable financial position it is today. Centre Manager, Beatrice Gray, Cook Sarah Gent and the amazing passionate volunteers who work tirelessly thank you. You make a huge difference to the lives of so many people who through no fault of their own are in a position of great need and understanding which you unashamedly provide.

### **COL LEE OAM**

Chairman



### FRIDAY | 7PM-10PM

5th MILO GREEN DUO

**12th NATHAN KAYE** 

19th TIM STOKES

**26th PINK ZINC DUO** 

### SATURDAY 8PM-11PM

**6th HARRY NICHOLS BAND** 

13th JABIRU

**20th PISTOL WHIPP** 

**27th SOUND TRIP** 



### FRIDAY 7PM-10PM

**5th TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET** 

12th ADAM BROWN

19th BEN WHITING

**26th NATHAN KAYE** 

### SATURDAY | 7PM-10PM

6th 3 PLAY

13th COBALT

**20th FAT ALBERT DUO** 

**27th SARAH GRANT TRIO** 

### **SUNDAY 14TH JULY**

4PM-7PM
JB'S BLUES BREAKERS

# KYNAN WALL AUSTRALIAN PARAGLIDER

### **PARAGLIDING SPONSORSHIP**

When you were a kid did you wish you could fly? Did you wear a cape and jump off things?.. have you seen the birdscircling and soaring high up into the sky and wish you could be as free as they are? Ever since the dawn of time people have wanted to fly like a bird.... and now we can!

Paragliding is about as close to actually being a bird as a human could ever be. I learnt to fly Paragliders in Ballina in 2016 with Poliglide (now called Byron Paragliding). It has really changed my life. Every opportunity I get I find somewhere to fly even if it's only for half an hour after work. The license course takes about 2 weeks. What amazes me is that students can often fly solo on the first day of thecourse! After obtaining your pilot's license, you can fly solo and gain hours, under supervision, to achieve intermediate andadvanced ratings.

I spent a lot of time coastal soaring beautiful Lennox head and Broadwater dune before attempting thermic flying at theinland sites near Coorabell and Montecollum. It was here that I discovered the magic of thermalling. It blew my mind! With my magic backpack, that I keep in the back seat of my car, I can jump off a hill after work and suddenly be soaringwith the eagles and circling in invisible currents of rising air up into the clouds. On a good day we "cloud hop" to silentlytravel vast distances. The record for the Northern Rivers Paragliding Club is just over 100km! I've personally flown fromnear Byron bay out past Casino to Mumulgum and Woodenbong. The Australian record is over 400km. All we need is alaunch site and light breezes.

This is the ultimate adventure! Jump off a hill, try to climb in invisible thermals and glide as far as you can. You neverknow if you'll find the next thermal and, as such, you never know where you will end up landing. Often, after landing in acow paddock miles from anywhere, it's time to pack up and walk out to the nearest road to hitch-hike back to where youstarted. The journey home is just as much of an adventure as the flight!

Then, in 2019, I discovered that people race paragliders! I entered a competition near Dubbo and, after being towed into the air by a quad bike with a long rope, we raced around a pre-determined 80km course tagging GPS waypoints on theway to the goal. First to goal wins! I was hooked! For the last 5 years I have competed in the biggest competitions in Australia which are held in Victoria in February each year.

Imagine over 100 colourful Paragliders racing through the Victorian high country... at up to 10,000ft high. It's the most funimaginable! It seems like magic.

As with any sport, at the top end it's a very competitive field with high level (pardon the pun) tactics and the latestequipment to give pilots any slight advantage possible. I have been fortunate to gain good enough results to qualify for two World Cup events in recent years. The first was inSouth Korea in 2022 and again in Romania 2023.

Never could I have imagined that I would be flying Paragliders in Romania! Cherry Street Sports helped me get there and I am forever grateful for that opportunity! The Australian Team selection is based over a two year period and this year I've been selected, as part of the AustralianParagliding Team, to compete in my first ever Category I event; The Asia-Oceanic Championships to be held inMungyeong, South Korea in June.

I'll be competing alongside 20 other Australian Pilots in a field of 120 world class paraglider pilots. I'll be flying a competition wing made by the only Australian manufacturer, "FLOW Paragliders" who are based at the GoldCoast.

Still pinching myself! Incredibly grateful for the support from Cherry st and Flow Paragliders and the Northern Rivers HangGliding and Paragliding Club. The racing competition scene is but one of the many avenues available in this incredible sport. Some people love coastalsoaring, others like to strap on a motor and enjoy the freedom of paramotoring. Some like to hike up mountains withparagliding and camping gear for multi-day adventures flying from a new hill each day after camping on top. And somelove to do crazy tricks in the "Acrobatics" side of the sport.

The equipment just keeps getting safer and more efficient.

Age and fitness are no barrier. The oldest active paraglider pilot in the world is from Sydney and he is 94yrs old!

It really is one of the most incredible sports you will ever try! If you'd like to give it a go, take a tandem flight with Byron Paragliding. Call Chief Flight Instructor, James Banner on 0431991 800.





# CHERRY STREET FISHING CLUB

Fishing through autumn and going into winter has been particularly difficult with far to much rain and for the past four months has been the colour of chocolate in the rivers and outside we've had big seas making it difficult to get outside in spite of this our club members have remained optimistic and like most people with a passion they still try to make the most of it. We have managed a couple of successful outings in April when we held our yearly competition for Murray Cod in the Gwydir river at

Bingara and our worthy winner was John Smith with a couple of cod in spite of the weather. The following weekend six members went to Marlborough sounds NZ and the blue cod there were plentiful and several other species were also caught so it was a great success added to that the weather was fantastic.

Now we are all looking forward to some good fishing coming into winter.

We would like to encourage people who like fishing to join our happy little club regardless of ability and there will always be some assistance given to novices by some of our more experienced anglers, for more information there are always our members available on Monday between 4.30 and 5.30 for our 100 club at Cherry Street Sports Club.

We thank our sponsors Cherry Street Sports Club, Cherry Street Butchers and Ballina Bait And Tackle.

Tight lines to all you anglers out there and fingers crossed for that fish











#### **STEVE SMITH**

President Cherry Street Fishing

### ANZAC DAY - CHERRY ST





### **ALL GIRLS SURF RIDERS**

A swell start to the 2024 season for All Girls Surfriders It's been a perfect start to the 2024 season for the All Girls Surfriders club, enjoying four club rounds so far with blissful surf conditions. We're delighted to welcome Club Lennox Sports back as our Gold Sponsor in 2024, this generous sponsorship, amongst others, allowing us to give all 2024 members their very own club t-shirt!

The season began in February with the first club round. We welcomed new and seasoned members from across the Northern Rivers back to the beach; met with glorious offshore and glassy 2ft conditions.

Our March and April monthly club rounds followed suit with small, clean conditions allowing both rounds to go ahead without a hitch.

May saw us travel south to Emerald Beach for the annual club camp out and monthly club round. It was a fun-filled weekend of camping, a movie and pizza night, and plenty of laughs with the crew. This family-friendly weekend saw over 50 members and families head south for the weekend, where we were again blessed with perfect conditions on the Sunday for the club round; sun-drenched, 2ft glassy waves - how lucky are we!

This year our club has seen more incredible members step up to the plate to support our committee in delivering club rounds by helping out behind the scenes. Thank you to Deb Heath, Marg Bryant and Maz Pentecost who are our February, March and April Club Person of the Month, respectively. A huge thank you to Club Lennox again for sponsoring this, with each Club Person of the Month receiving a double movie pass to enjoy.

During June we see the All Girls Surfriders club represented at the Seas the Day Women's Surf Festival held in Kingscliff with a longboard, opens and two junior teams competing in the tag-team events. This will be followed by our June club round the following week - plenty of surfing ahead for the winter!

With four rounds of the potential ten round season now surfed, our leaderboards across all seven divisions are still wide open. Current result standings are:

#### **Opens**

- 1. Alexis Zahner
- 2. Charlie Hudson
- 3. Matilda Mundey
- 4. Melanie Johnson

#### Longboards

- 1. Alexis Zahner
- 2. Mel Mott
- 3. Maz Pentecost
- 4. Sierra Cummins

#### Wahine (Over 45's)

- 1. Jane Solomonson
- 2. Natalie Edmiston
- 3. Cory A Whitney
- 4. Serena Adams

#### Senior Intermediate

- 1. Emily Freeman
- 2. Jeanie McKillop
- 3. Babette O'Brien
- 4. Suzanne Arnold

#### Junior Intermediate

- 1. Isabel Hudson
- 2. Luca De Stefani
- 3. Amelia Agnew
- 4. Miliani Tighe

#### Senior Beginner

- 1. Susan Perrow
- 2. Christine Cheung
- 3. Nicola Rankin
- 4. Soni Acret

#### Junior Beginner

- 1. Niamh Spinks
- 2. Indy stewart
- 3. Harriette O'Connell
- 4. Molly O'Connell



Round 1 of the 2024 season underway in Lennox Head



Surfers from the Wahine division sharing the stoke at the March Club



Surfers Georgia and Emily about to take to the water for their heat in Lennox Head



Young surfer Eva Bleakley surfing a great ride during Camp Out at Emerald Beach



Our 2024 members shirts proudly supported by our sponsors

# ALL SAINTS NETBALL CLUB

The 2024 Saturday netball competition is in full swing with the first round played on 27th April and continuing through to finals in September.

All Saints Netball Club is excited to have fourteen teams competing this year across all ages from 7 years to our Seniors and including an All-Abilities team.

In total the club has 125 registered players in 2024 which we are proud to say is an increase on last year.

We also have fifteen wonderful coaches including some young representative players who volunteer their time to developing our teams.

This year also brings some new fresh enthusiastic All Saints committee members including new president Mel Franklin. The committee has been hard at work and is keen to grow the club and support our players to have fun whilst developing their netball skills.

We are always looking for opportunities to support our club and in April the Committee was busy at a fund-raising BBQ held at the Ballina Community Day. You will also find one of our teams at Cherry Street Sports Ballina every Wednesday night from 5:30pm selling tickets in the 100 Club.

All Saints is grateful to have Cherry Street Sports Club as its major sponsor and would also like to thank our other sponsors Haymans Ballina, Car Experts Ballina, Coast Inn Motel and Blushed & Beautiful. Thanks also to Baskin Robbins Ballina who supports our team player of the week and Intersport Ballina for stocking our merchandise. We are excited for the rest of the season. Bring it on!



### PURPLE FRIDAY 💙





# BALLINA BEARS CRICKET CLUB

Season 2023-2024 Presidents Report

As always it gives me much pleasure in compiling the 2023-2024 Presidents Report, once again reviewing the great achievements for the club both on and off the field. Cricket season 2023-2024 was the first season that our Club, Association and Cricket Council adopted a Strategic Partnership with Cricket NSW. The season was definitely a work in progress to streamline draws, playing conditions, registrations and everything else involved in cricket administration. The everyday local cricketer may not have noticed any difference however off the field there were many changes for the better and smoother competition that we participate in.

Firstly may I pay tribute to our generous sponsors, our main sponsor The Cherry Street Sports Club is an integral part of our clubs operations and without them our club would not be as successful, special thanks go to the management and staff for their wonderful assistance in every way as they certainly make things very easy when organising functions and events. Also very importantly are our generous sponsors Sidney and Richardson Plumbing, Col Groves Electrical, Dancers Car Care, Ballina Pool Shop, Dominos Pizza, Barlows Ballina, The Cellar, Bunjum, Ballina Scaffolding- again our club could not operate as it does without these generous businesses, lets hope we can support your business in return.

Well done to everyone who participated for the Ballina Bears Cricket Club both on and off the field, let us take a moment and understand that players participated in the U11, U12, 4th Grade, 3rd Grade and 1st Grade. The main thing for me is that we have individuals that took part either playing, supporting, scoring, training and without this integrated network our club would not operate so to ALL of you a big thanks from me on a job well done.

Season 2023–2024 was the first season that we formally participated in an U11 Competition and guess what we did very well. What an outstanding sight on a Thursday to see our young team doing well on Fripp Oval and most importantly enjoying themselves. Once again well done to all of the players, parents, supporters and everyone else involved, good job and the results tell us there is a great future for our club. Following on from there are our mighty U12 team who performed so well both on and off the field, well done to the outstanding players, coaches, helpers, parents and supporters on a great job. We hope to see all of you guys and more next season. Oue club also hosted the Blast programs and my thanks to all people involved in this entry level program, without this program it is very difficult to recruit our future talent.

Moving on to our seniors, both 3rd and 4th grade performed well, making the semi finals in both grades. There were some outstanding performances throughout the season, involving names such as Holmes, Hort, Turner, Roberts, James and even the odd Kapeen. Well done to every single person that competed throughout the season and congratulations on participating well. Special mention to Jordan Holmes and Cody Kapeen for their leadership, a job sometimes known as "herding cats".

Ist grade struggled in the LJ Hooker Premier League, with batting our problem, a big problem. Once again may I congratulate everyone who participated and I sincerely thank you for your efforts. The corner can turn if we want it to, and we may be well on the way to doing that. My thanks also goes to Sam Norris for captaining the team under sometimes difficult circumstances and my gratitude goes out to you, also to Kyle Chapman who stepped in and did a good job, many thanks.

Our club once again hosted the annual North Coast Indigenous Cricket Challenge during season 2023-2024, another successful event occurred and the Kyogle Yowies won the trophy, our local teams need to get that back next year. Well done to all participants on the day as well as all the people behind the scenes, a great day with a great meaning. Our club is extremely proud to have an association with our local indigenous population and I like to see it as "it's not about you, it's not about me, it's about us".

Our club is very thankful to have brand new cricket nets at the beginning of season 2023-2024, these nets are a fantastic upgrade to our facilities, these will compliment our new bowling machine I year ago. Many thanks go out to everyone involved in securing our grant funding as well as working with Ballina Shire Council throughout the process. Special thanks to both Ballina Shire Council and Geoff Jacobs for a fantastic result.

On a more sombre note, our club is losing two respected and hard working executive members in David "Hutcho" Hutchinson and Tim "Hairy" McComish standing down from their respective positions. It is very difficult to write how much thanks and gratitude needs to be extended to Hutcho and Hairy, they have been associated with the club for a long long time and have given up hours upon hours of their own time for the betterment of the Ballina Bears Cricket Club. Both of these custodians have represented our club both on and off the field in an outstanding manner and as time goes by these blokes are history makers for the club, their names etched in the fabric of our club's DNA. We can only say thanks on a job well done and good luck with your time in the future.

That's a wrap for season 2023-2024, congratulations to all award winners and I hope we can all participate in the Ballina Bears Cricket Club in season 2024-2025.

#### PHIL MELVILLE

President Ballina Bears Cricket Club





# THE BALLINA BOMBERS JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB (JAFC)

are excited to have kicked off for the 2024 football season!

This year we have mixed junior teams in the Under 9s and Under 11s. In the Youth competition we have boys Under 13s and boys Under 15s teams. Thanks to our Committee, Coaches and volunteers for all your hard work in getting our Season off to a great start!

Our Ballina Bombers Auskick clinic run by AFL Queensland has been running since early March. We have had some very excited and eager Auskicker's participating on Wednesday afternoons for the last 8 weeks at Fripp Oval in Ballina. The kids were very impressive and showed off all the skills they have learnt towards the last few weeks of the clinic with the modified aussie rules games as part of the sessions and are off to start their Auskick footy season!



Gold Coast Suns Mascot Sunny Ray came for a visit to Ballina Fair to look for new talent! Looks like he found a couple of eager footy fans, and maybe some future Gold Coast Suns.

Support Ballina Bombers JAFC every step of the way and become a club legend by buying a ticket or two in the Toyota Good for Footy Raffle. Ballina Bombers JAFC gets to keep 100% of proceeds, and you'll go in the draw to win over \$290,000 of prizes, including three brand new Toyotas!

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### **Good for Footy**

Thanks to all our sponsors for the 2024 Season. We welcome any past or new players who would still like to join us for the 2024 Season from U9's to U15's!



Website: ballinabombersjafc.com.au Contact: ballinajuniorafl@gmail.com.

### **BALLINA BOXING GYM**

6 months has flown by with some amazing achievements! With so many people that have won their fights, as well as those that tried their hardest in the ring, there are never any losers! We are proud of each and every fighter and also every single person that's coming along to just give boxing a go, for whatever reason.

Some of our recent notable achievements are:

- -Riley Pines over powered his opponent and won the Qld 92kg Cruiser weight Senior title
- -Jessica Aslin dominated and won the Qld 38kg Junior title
- -Amy Bailey showed a lot of skill to win the 57kg Qld Title, NSW Pathway Selections and she was then selected to represent NSW at the Australian Titles in Perth in July
- -Kalani Keane won a tough and entertaining 67kg fight in Southport

Moving forward we have 3 novices that will hopefully be fighting on the Gold Coast at the end of June and our Masters boxer David Officer is already matched to fight at the same tournament

For those of you that might be interested in an alternative to the usual run of the mill gym exercises, boxing might be the thing for you.

Our fitness classes consist of many non-boxers, that range from 10 years to 70 years old both men, women with all levels of experience, abilities and fitness. Regardless of if you are wanting to have some fun while you get fit, or if you are wanting to train to maybe one day fight, this is a sport that is open for almost anyone.

You can train with us and learn to box (non-contact), then if you are ready to take the next step you can try your hand with some light ring work. It's completely up to you.

Be warned though, this sport is extremely addictive.

Pop in and have a chat to us, we welcome any queries.

Monday – Friday 4pm – 6pm Kids classes 4pm – 5pm Adult's classes 5pm – 6pm Saturdays 8–9am

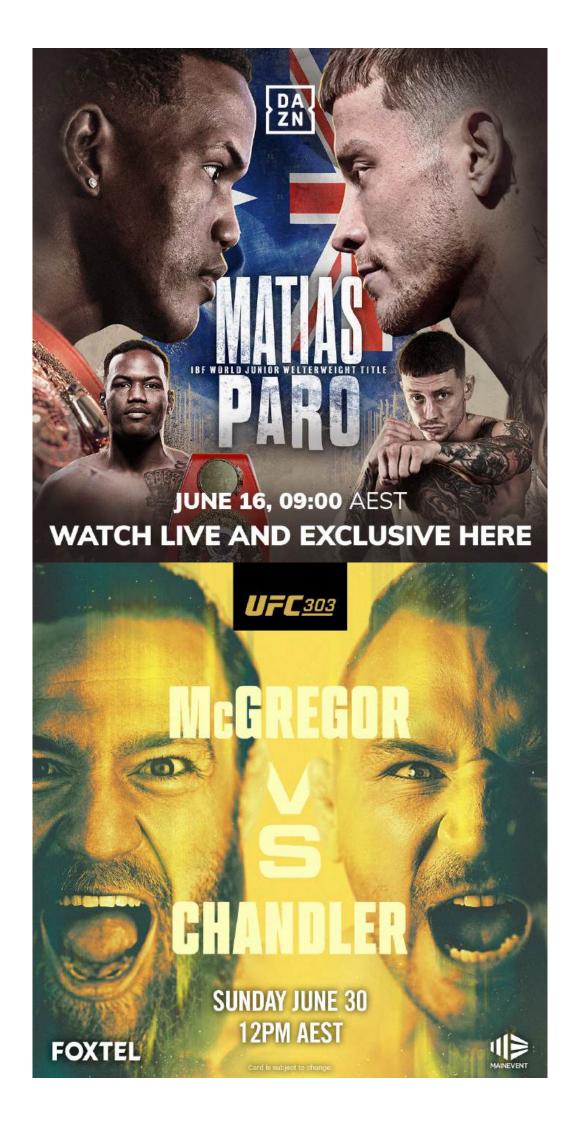
\$15 Casual or \$40 a week

Kids 8 – 16 years Adults 16+

Mixed classes, all abilities.

Nick Pozoglou - Head Coach Bevan Connor - Coach





# BALLINA BREAKERS BASKETBALL

Ballina Basketball's Senior Representative Women's team, the Lady Breakers, were crowned the Sunshine Conference Women's Champions for 2023. The grand final was a thrilling match with both teams fighting hard the entire game, the lead going back and forth, but the Lady Breakers took out the champion ship winning by 2 points!

Two of the Lady Breakers were selected in the Sunshine Conference All Star 5! Sasha Oxland, #9 (back row, second from the right), and Nina Aboitiz (Front row, middle)



#### **DOMESTIC COMPETITION**

Ballina Basketball had just kicked off their Winter Domestic Competitions for both Junior and Senior members.

Our Seniors play on Monday nights at BISC, and now Southern Cross School, as our competition has grown, we are running out of court space at the BISC, so the seniors will all play around four rounds each at Southern Cross over the winter comp. Our Senior domestic comp has grown to a total of 26 teams across Men's div 1 & 2, and Women's competition.

Our junior competition is played on Tuesday nights with a total of XX teams across all age groups U12 – U18.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our first ever Junior Girls competition for the club! The girl's comp is being played on Monday afternoons at the BISC, before the women's competition starts in the evenings.

We've had 32 girls register for this history making competition and we are pumped to be on this journey will these incredible young ladies!



Our Aussie Hoops program, kids aged 5 – 10 years, also takes place on a Monday afternoon at BISC before the senior competition begins.

#### **NORTH-EASTERN JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Our Representative teams (NEJL) are almost half way through their season... with the second of four rounds being played last weekend (May 4/5) in Tamworth.

The NEJL has teams from Ballina, Byron, Lismore, Tweed Valley, Yamba, Armidale, Maitland, Inverell, Taree, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Kempsey, Central Coast, Newcastle and Cessnock. Ballina has teams representing in all age groups from under 12 through to under 18.



Here's our Under 12 and 14 boys' and girls' teams in Tamworth.

#### **SPALDING WARATAH LEAGUE**

Four of our very talented women have joined Lismore Storm for the Spalding Waratah Women season this year, with Lauren King as Coach, and players Sasha Oxland, Pippa Bailey and Nina Aboitiz. The Waratah women are so far undefeated, with a couple of tough games and narrow wins to start off their season.



#### **HOLIDAY CAMPS**

During the April school holidays BNSW hosted the Leanne Palmer Country Development Program session at BISC. We had a fantastic turnout of girls and boys for the session, who received some expert coaching and improved their skills

Basketball NSW also hosted another I Am A Girl, Come n Try session for primary aged girls. Watching the girls dive into new skills and tackle challenges like pros was truly inspiring. Huge shout out to coaches Lauren King, Lauren Frankham, and Angie Vado for their guidance and support throughout.





#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

Coming up toward the end of winter are our Junior North Coast Shield, and Senior Sunshine Conference representative seasons. The NCS competition is a development program for juniors to provide experience at a higher level than social for those just starting out, and heading towards representing our club at a state level with NEJL. Sunshine Conference is a representative senior competition with teams from Tweed, down to Coffs and across to Grafton competing. Keep an eye out for our home rounds advertised on our social pages, so you can come and support our home teams!

#### **NEW COMMITTEE**

Ballina basketball also welcomed a new committee in April this year.

As passionate members of the basketball community, the new committee are committed to fostering growth, unity, inclusion, and excellence within our club. With fresh ideas and dedication, we're ready to take Ballina Basketball to new heights!



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# BALLINA BULLSHARKS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Sunday 17 March our junior representative sides gathered Cherry Street Sports Ballina to celebrate our successes during the representative season. Ballina Touch was able to field 9 teams this year, including 3 development teams. All teams had great success over the course of gala days at Grafton and Ballina and at the Northern Eagles Junior Championships (NEJC) at Coffs Harbour and Junior State Cup Northern Conference at Dubbo.

All 6 of our first teams made the grand final of the NEJC with 3 teams winning the title and 3 runners up. All 6 of our teams made the finals at JSC at Dubbo. All 3 of our development teams were very competitive at NEJC and gala days, putting those players in a great position to trial for teams again next year. This rep season has been our most successful ever in terms of results achieved and this was reflected in 27 players being selected for Northern Eagles teams. Congratulations to all teams, their parents and carers and a big thank you to our coaching staff and referees for your commitment to the kids and our club. It was fantastic to see the camaraderie that existed not just within teams but across and between teams and this is what the Bull Sharks are all about. Whilst not everyone can win an award, everyone can learn, grow and be part of something special with their team mates.

Congratulations to our award winners from the presentation and especially our major award winners:

Ken and Jan Jones Medal - Male player of the tournament at JSC - Khallum Cook Glenn and Donna Wooldridge Medal - Female player of the tournament at JSC - Zali Raudonikis

Award winners from each team were as follows:

#### **U12 GIRLS DEVELOPMENT.**

Player of the Season: Lara Buckley Rising Star: Denika Duguid Spirit of the Team: Ava Cribb

#### **U14 BOYS DEVELOPMENT.**

Player of the Season: Beau Wise

Rising Star: Riley Harris

Spirit of the Team: Tex Coote

#### **U14 GIRLS DEVELOPMENT.**

Player of the Season: Ava Rigby and Charli Short

Rising Star: Mali Cooper

Spirit of the Team: Macey Walker

#### U12 GIRLS.

Player of the Tournament: Malaya Foster

Player's Player: Malaya Foster Rising Star: Ellarose Jukes Spirit of the Team: Zara Rose

#### U12 BOYS.

Player of the Tournament: Conrad Short

Player's Player: Beau Bruncke Rising Star: Zaidyn Alchin

Spirit of the Team: Taj Broadbent

#### U14 GIRLS.

Player of the Tournament: Zali Raudonikis

Player's Player: Zali Raudonikis

Rising Star: Isla Walker

Spirit of the Team: Maddie Mikaere

#### U14 BOYS.

Player of the Tournament: Cahyll Foster

Player's Player: Cahyll Foster



# BALLINA LITTLE ATHLETICS

Ballina Little Athletics had a fantastic 2023/24 season. We had over 260 athletes in our Little Athletics Club – another significant growth from previous seasons. Ballina Little Athletics Inc relocated their home ground to Chickiba Park East Ballina. We were successful in securing a significant Community Builders grant at the end of 2023 which has enabled much-needed upgrades to our new location. The Committee has worked collaboratively with Ballina Shire Council to begin some much-needed improvements including a brand new Long jump pit with rubber runways, a new throws cage, and a shotput area.

We were also successful in securing a local council grant to do much-needed upgrades to the Chickiba Park Canteen facilities and we are currently sourcing everything we need to make it a fantastic community space.

Early December saw our first competition kick-off for the season – The Northern Rivers Zone Championships. We had 61 Athletes competing across two days, December 2nd and 3rd, at Riverview Park, Lismore. We had many podium finishers, new PBs and even two zone records broken!!.



In February, we were set to host the Northern Rivers Multi Carnival, which brings together our six zone clubs for a fantastic day of competitions, where points accumulate, and those with the highest point score in each category are named champions. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side, and we had to pivot our event to Grafton quickly. We had multiple podium finishers for the zone multi – a huge testament to all the families and athlete's dedication.



From zone, 31 athletes represented Ballina at Tamworth at the regional championships, competing for the chance to represent Ballina at the Little Athletics State Championships. We had many athletes podium again at regionals with 13 State qualifiers and 1 regional record broken!



#### Regional Representatives 2024 State team

Our state team comprised of 13 athletes across most athletics disciplines. Each athlete came home with a new Pb and for the frst time in many years Ballina athletes podiumed infour events!

Ballina Little Athletics continues to develop and grow athletics development in the region producing quality athletes. We are very excited for the 2024/25 season with the announcement of a State based partnership between Little Athletics NSw and

Athletics NSW to provide opportunities for athletes from 4 years to Masters!

Support from Cherry St has enabled us to continue to meet the needs of our ever expanding athletics family.





### **BALLINA HOCKEY CLUB**

Ballina Hockey Club has enjoyed the off season and is back into full swing of the 2024 Far North Coast Hockey competition. Participation numbers are up and all players and spectators are enjoying the season so far.

Our junior players of Under 12, 14s and 16s were treated to an inter-association gala day thanks to Tweed Hockey and Casuarina Hockey Club. All junior grades played and held their own against some strong competition. We travelled up by bus as a group and also took a splash at the Tweed Aquatic Centre with its terrific water slide. A great day was had by all and we hope to do an overnight excursion with the juniors again towards the later half of the season. Stay tuned.

Our two youngest grades Mickey and U10 are enjoying the benefit of an additional association training program as part of the NSW "Hook In To Hockey" program. This allows opportunities for our youngest to train as a group and meet and enjoy children from other clubs in our association while developing their basic skills. This has also delivered extra value for our parents in being able to see their children enjoy more time playing our exciting game.

Our club has enjoyed the support of local business that are so important to clubs such as ours, their invaluable support is part of our success and our executive and members would like acknowledge the support of our Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for 2024

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Our senior teams are a fine example of the great sportsmanship we have at the club and are as always striving to improve on the success of last season, our Division I women taking away the 1st place trophy last year. Thanks to our coaches for always being available to help our players and thanks to our parents for the effort and commitment to bring your child to games each week.

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To keep an eye on all of the above and why Hockey is the right choice for you and your family you should keep an eye on our social media for updates on the 2024 season, or just reach out to the club at secretary@ballinahockey.org.au so we can get you on track to be part of this great club that just ticked over 101 years in 2023. We look to seeing all of our members and potentially our new members in 2024.



@ Cherry Street Sports Club. 23rd March, 4pm











# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DINNER





### **BALLINA NETBALL**

We are in the thick of our representative season.

Our senior teams, 15's,17's, Opens, 17's boys and All abilities head to Sydney on the June long weekend for State titles.

This is the first time our Boys and All Abilities have been to State Titles and we are the only association in the Far North Coast and North Coast regions taking teams.

There are only 4 All Abilities teams in the whole state competing so we are beyond proud that we are one of them.

Coach Karen has done an incredible job bringing this team together, they play in our mainstream Saturday competition and are a team full of skills and fun.

Our boys attended their first carnival in Casino on the 5th of March and showed so much potential we can't wait to see what they and Coach Lucas can bring to state titles.

Ballina netball has a record of 8 teams heading to State Titles in June and July which for a small association is an incredible achievement!





# BALLINA TRIDENTS VOLLEYBALL

Ballina Tridents have had an exciting start to our 2024 season. This year is our first ever year entering our junior boys team into the Premier Volleyball League in QLD to compete at an elite level. Whilst we have not had a win thus far, we have been putting up some strong competition and considering our athletes are 15/16/17 years old competing against men's teams, their results are outstanding.

Our senior mens and womens teams have also been competing in tournaments both north and south between Birsbane and Coffs Harbour. Our most recent tournament in Brisbane, The Flaming Chalice, is the largest in QLD with 119 teams competing. Our women's team brought home the silver medal for division 1 and Emma, our captain and head coach was nominated tournament MVP.

Prior to this,we travelled to Coffs for their annual Midway Easter tournament. All of the Tridents teams played in the gold medal matches for all divisions we entered teams in across juniors and seniors. This is a huge achievement for our club to have all athletes who attended coming home with a medal. Silver for the senior mens and junior boys and gold for the senior women's team.

We have recently upgraded our jerseys and printed our major sponsors' logos on the back. We are waiting for our next shipment to arrive and are excited to have the whole club in their new Tridents gear!

Whilst our junior program is at capacity for the season, we encourage players 18+ to come and have a social game on Friday evenings at the BISC from 5:30-7:30pm. This is open to all levels of experience and is just \$10 per session.



# BALLINA BIN CHOOKS WATERPOLO CLUB

And that's a wrap!

The 2023-2024 waterpolo season ended on a high for the Ballina Bin Chooks with the Ballina Bin Chicks taking out the women's A grade final in a grueling game against Lennox Head. Another congratulations to the Bin Roosters who also came runners up in the open B grade final.

All five Bin Chooks teams put up a tough fight on finals day followed by a club party at Cherry Street Bowlo to end the season on a high. We couldn't be more proud of all our players.

Congratulations to each of the players who were nominated by their team members to win the 'players player' award and big shout out to Scotty and Cazz who took out the annual 'Top of the heap' award for being the ultimate club members.

This year was the clubs biggest season yet with so many new players joining the fun. If you would like to become a Ballina Bin Chook for the 2024-2025 season, please contact us via our website at www.binchooks.au. All players, new or experienced, are welcome to join.

Registrations for next season open in September 2024.

See you in the pool!



### LEBA BOARD RIDERS

It's been a busy Autumn period for Lennox-Ballina Boardriders (Le-Ba) with loads of team and individual competitions taking place in between our regular monthly club rounds. At the start of March, we had an incredible weekend at the Australian Boardriders Battle (ABB) held at Burleigh Heads. Our team stormed home to a 3rd place finish out of 42 of the best boardrider clubs all around Australia with many of those teams stacked with current and former CT level surfers.

In our Day 1 opening round heat, the team of Mikey McDonagh, James Wood, Harry O'Brien, Jai Glindeman, and Nyxie Ryan powered to victory with all surfers dropping good scores, especially Scrap's 6.33 for two big and critical hits, before charging up the leg-burning Burleigh Hill with all the Le-Ba groms to release the next surfer in the heat. Day 2 saw an increase in swell (and sweep) to a solid 5-6ft with very challenging conditions for all teams, but ultimately suited our Le-Ba surfers well given their talent and experience in surfing big and unruly east coast point breaks.

We added super grom Max McGillivray into the mix for our quarter final match-up with Scrap moving up as an "open" surfer, and both got the job done as we cruised through to the semis later in the day. Another lineup change for the semi saw goofy-foot phenom Keenan Crisp slot in as our junior surfer straight from the late shift at Lennox Pizza the night before. In typical Keenan fashion he absolutely belted a couple of big sections on his backhand to give us a 5.17, our second highest wave score of the heat behind Mikey's opening 6.83 and set us up for an impressive and deserved win against Noosa, North Shelly, Margaret River, Snapper, and Ulladulla. The team only had a quick 20-minute break before they were back out there in the final against Burleigh, North Shelly, North Shore, Noosa, and Torquay.

The sheer brilliance of Mikey McDonagh was on display all weekend and the start of the final was no different with Mikey getting to work straight from the hooter to drop a 7.83 after snagging a long wall which allowed him to do multiple critical manoeuvres and a big finish with his trademark technically perfect and powerful style being justly rewarded.

Woody and Scrap followed with two more good scores continuing the amazing consistency they showed all weekend before Keendog got back out there and completely demolished two huge sections on a big pitching right hander and riding out cleanly to the roars of the massive Le-Ba support crew perched up above the Burleigh rocks. Following Keenan's 7.77, Nyxie got us another crucial score and importantly left us with enough time for Mikey to do the rock off and paddle back out as our power surfer for the final wave of the heat with about 8 minutes to go.

Never in doubt, even battling the torrent that was trying to sweep the surfers up to Broadbeach, Mikey takes off on another 6 foot bomb and goes to town with more world-class surfing and drops a 7.6 before doing the Burleigh hill sprint one final time and getting over the finish line with about 20 seconds left in the final giving us a 3rd place finish overall, 1 point ahead of North Shore in fourth and 1.5 points behind North Shelley in 2nd. Burleigh ultimately took a well-deserved win in the final with some flawless surfing from all their competitors at their home break, but to say we are so proud and stoked to be ranked as the 3rd best boardrider club in the country (2nd in NSW) for 2024 would be a huge understatement. A \$5k cheque and an epic 3rd place trophy is also nice of course. Special shout out to all the Le-Ba crew who came to support all weekend and John Stewart for driving the bus.

The Le-Ba groms were the real MVPs of the event setting the pace for the team as they sprinted up Burliegh Hill throughout each heat with the surfers, screaming, waving flags, carrying boards, and dodging

security who were trying to limit their numbers on the runway, but they were having none of it! In April, we had a huge contingent of Le-Ba surfers competing in the Barney Miller Classic at Sawtell. Shelby O'Rourke and Cleo Beesley made it to the final of the U12 Girls; Owen Kilby had a quarterfinal finish in the U16 Boys, Mia Baker came third in the U18 Girls, Shannon Harrison and Oscar Loudon had a quarterfinal finish in the U18 boys, and Keenan Crisp came second overall in the U18 Boys. Gordon Kilby, Troy Walker, Jake Baker and Ben Beesley also competed in the over 40's division at the event. The same weekend, Conor O'Boyle, Izzy O'Boyle, Cooper Walker, Ashton Crowley, Jemma Crowley, and Chloe Crowley travelled down to South Australia to compete at the Berry Bay Surf Jam.

All surfed exceptionally well and were able to bring heaps of prizes and silverware back to Lennox with a couple of divisional winners within that group.

May was a month for the history books for our club due to the incredible performance of Mikey McDonagh at the Gold Coast Pro held at Snapper Rocks; the first stop on the WSL Challenger Series for 2024. There wasn't a dry eye between Lake Ainsworth and North Creek Road as all of Lennox tuned in to watch Mikey take down Sammy Pupo in the final of the event on Saturday May 4th. This is a huge step for Mikey towards qualification for the 2025 Championship Tour (CT) with another 5 stops to go ending in Brazil in late October where final rankings will be determined, and the top 10 surfers will gain automatic qualification for the WSL 2025 CT. The importance of getting a win and the associated 10,000 points at the first stop of the Challenger Series can't be understated.

Mikey paced himself beautifully throughout the entire event with some solid surfing through the opening rounds, but it was at the Round of 16, where the event goes down to two-man heats, that Mikey really stepped into gear. He cruised through his Round of 16 match up against Japansese live wire Hiroto Ohhara where he would set up a Quarterfinal clash with Yamba's high-flying Dakota Walters. Dakota got off to a hot start, but Mikey used his priority to perfection to secure a crucial 7.77 for his last wave of the heat to progress into the semi-final against Josh Burke. In the semi, Mikey again made good use of his priority bringing in an awesome 8.33 in the final moments of the heat, and with that set up a final match-up with Brazil's Sammy Pupo who had been surfing equally as impressive as Mikey all event. Although only 22 years old, Mikey looked like he'd been surfing Challenger Series finals for a decade showing poise, calmness, and precision wave selection making sure he was always on the best waves to come through and limiting Pupo's opportunities on potentially high scoring waves. Mikey led from start to finish showing his amazing repertoire of manoeuvres in right hand point breaks with the boys on the beach celebrating every turn so loud it could pretty much be heard all the way back down at the Lennox bowlo. The scenes on the beach were epic, with the lads chairing Mikey up the sand to celebrate with more friends and family and cementing his rightful place atop the rankings of the WSL Challenger Series where he belongs.

This victory wasn't just a win for Mikey and his family and friends. It was a win for super-coach Woody, it was a win for everyone who surfs with Mikey out at the Point, it was a win for all the local grommets who look up to Mikey with their own dreams of winning the Gold Coast Pro someday, and it was a win for our whole town as we continue to produce some of the best surfers the world has ever seen! So, congratulations and thank you Mikey, and let's keep this thing rolling!



### ANZAC DAY - LENNOX



# LENNOX HEAD PIRATES CRICKET CLUB

Season wrap

The 2023/2024 season was a very successful year for the Lennox Head Pirates Cricket club.

We had 4 senior teams and 5 junior teams.

Our Coastal league team was minor and Major Premiers. This was a great team effort by Nick Asser and his team. Special mention to Blake Kernaghan for his 6 wickets in the semi final and his 5 wickets in the final.

Third Grade Green were minor Premiers and just fell short in the semi final lose to Bangalow. A great season for Adrian Zakara and his team. Levi Shouldice with 40 wickets for the season was a standout.

Third Grade White was a father and son side. Some of the dads coming out of retirement to play this year was great to see for the club. We hope to see them all back next season. 4th Grade had a difficult season finding it had to put the same team on the park each week. The stand out was John Joblin with his first 100 for the club.

In the juniors we had under 16, under 14, two under 12 and under 11.
Under 16 had a sold season and a big thank you to Anthony Acret for coaching this team for the past 7 season he had done a great job with this team and was great to see most of the team playing senior cricket for the pirates.

Under 14 finished the season 3rd on the ladder. They then went on a tear in the finals and won their semi final and then the final to be the Major premiers. The player of the final was Tally Churton This was a great effort but the team. Thanks to Terry Rose for coaching the team. Under 12 Buccaneers had a slow start to the season but come home strong beating the top 3 team in their last 3 games. They missed out on the finals by 1 point and would have been hard to beat if they made the playoffs. Thanks to Scott Coster for coaching the team.

Under 12 Swashbucklers had a good season finishing 3rd on the ladder. They then beat Pottsville in the semifinal and Bangalow in the final. The player of the final was Jacob Palmer. Thanks to Berrick Barnes for coaching the boys.

We are a club would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers for the help they e give us to run the club. We are always looking for new players and people to join this great club

Up the pirates



Under 14



Coastal League



Under 12

# LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

The 2023 / 24 surf life saving season officially closed on ANZAC day, and what a season it was!

We had 298 Nippers join and participate in our junior program including Sunday Nippers, twice weekly Board Training and Saturday Iron Training.

We had Juniors and Seniors competing at Cudgen, Yamba, Byron, Ballina, Lennox, Burleigh, Mooloolaba, Kurrawa, Coolangatta, Warilla and Manly, achieving amazing results including top six and podium finishes! Our NSW Country and State teams looked especially slick in their competitor kit thanks to the wonderful generosity of Club Lennox Sports.

We hosted a special Surf Skills clinic run by Ky Hurst for our Nippers and Seniors which was again generously sponsored by Club Lennox Sports for the second year in a row, we're so grateful for this support and the kids love this clinic and gain a lot from it. 20 Nippers and Seniors took part in a special Drone course designed especially for Youth.

In the last six months, 20 members completed their Bronze Medallion, 3 IRB Drivers and 5 IRB Crew complete their training and assessment, and 3 of our U14s completed their Surf Rescue Certificate ('SRC').

We patrolled the beaches every weekend and public holidays for six months. We christened two new IRBs – "Larry' and "Ali-Maria" – honouring and named after three of our late members.

And excitingly, we celebrated two of our members achieving 60 and 70 years of service and we celebrated our 50-year anniversary!

The support provided by Club Lennox Sports was so gratefully received, their commitment to our surf club and community is very much appreciated.





## LENNOX HEAD TROJANS RUGBY UNION CLUB TROJAN TALK 2024

"And so this is Christmas And what have you done? Another year over And a new one just begun" For the Trojans – heaps

To start with – we are back in 1st grade and currently sitting at 5th on the table, a couple of washouts haven't helped our cause but again, we're back to fielding U18's, 2nd Grade & 1st Grade in the Senior Competition and the lads have been training the house down. Club spirits are at a high following on from the amazing end of year Presentation held at our tremendous club sponsor; Club Lennox Sports.

### But what have we actually done:

We bought a new scrum machine from the Qld Reds, an Enforcer made by a mate of former President Kel Langfield, Matt Corkhill at a country town called Boorowa. Great bit of training gear to advance our scrummaging, and already showing dividends against WAR on 18 May.





Our Girls Coach, Brett McLaren, (seen here with Trojan's Isla Gillan) who had been Head Coach of NSWCRU Northern District Under 18's Girls Comp was named as Assistant Coach to the NSWRU Under 18's Girls. Congratulations Brett, huge effort and lots of travel.



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Our 1st Grade Coach, Scott Jenkins was also awarded a "Certificate of Commendation" at the Ballina Shire 2024 Australia Day Awards for his voluntary contributions to coaching Rugby Union, both Mens and Girls.

It's also our 25th Anniversary since Rick Buhl and Mick Sheather met and thought it would be a good idea to start a Rugby Union Club in Lennox. To commemorate this tremendous occasion (many thought we would fold in the first few years) we are taking orders for a "Retro" original cotton long sleeved jersey. They have already been a huge hit with orders flooding in from far and wide, including Perth, Asia, N.Z. and the U.K

But what of our Juniors, we sent our Under 12's to the annual TAS Carnival at Armidale.

Quite a treat as our young Trojans were piped onto the ground. New friendships were made and it really opens their eyes to see how big Rugby Carnivals can be.

And some great rugby was played.

And last but not least, winter is nearly here and time for the Trojans to get back to Club Lennox Sport's Schnitty Thursday.

Yes supporting our Sponsor Club

Lennox Sports no matter what the weather after Thursday night's training. Pictured are the Trojans, freezing cold night in June, two heaters working and only ones either brave enough or stupid enough to sit under the marquee, or was it that the just smelled too sweaty to go inside?













# RAINBOW REGION DRAGON BOAT CLUB NEWS

### **RECENT SUCCESS**

Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club (Lennox Head-Ballina) successfully competed in the Kalang Regatta at Urunga in early May. In a field of 15 clubs from as far south as the Central Coast, they were strong competitors.

Saturday's first event was the 100m Dash, where Rainbows placed 3rd followed by 2nd in the 7.5km marathon, which is an indication of the club's capacity to be strong in both long and short course racing. Congratulations to Rainbow's local friendly rivals, Ballina DBC who came first in the long course by just 18 seconds.

Then on Sunday, Rainbow Dragons went on to win gold in the Women's 20s boat and placed 3rd in the Women's 10 boat. This meant that Rainbow Region placed in four out of the seven events over the weekend.

Dragon Boat Regattas are popular, not only for the competition but also for the laughter, fun and connection off the water, and Urunga was no exception. This great event, and the success achieved by Rainbow Region, was just what the club needed following the cancellation of both State Championships and the Regional Regatta due to heavy rain in Penrith.

If you're looking for a new sport that is good exercise, great for all ages and genders and a lot of fun, why not give dragon boating a go. If you're interested in joining a passionate, competitive and friendly club, you can contact Rainbow Region via www.rainbowdragons.com.au or Facebook – Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club. RRDBC would like to thank Cherry Street Sports Club for their ongoing sponsorship and support.

### RAINBOW REGION DRAGON BOAT CLUB REGATTA

Rainbow Region DBC is proud to host their own Regatta at Shaws Bay on August 24/25. This regatta draws many clubs from NSW and QLD for two days of strong competition and great fun, including a "State of Origin" race. This year's regatta will also include a flag race, where the boat's drummer must collect a flag on the way to the finish line, and an Over 70's race, which is a first for any regatta. Dragon boating is a sport which attracts people from 12 to 80+.

The RRDBC Regatta is also one of the few regional regattas to include a Community Teams Challenge, where gym groups/sporting teams/corporate teams can learn some basic dragon boating techniques prior to the regatta and then race each other on the day. If you have a group who would be interested in giving dragon boating a try, this is the perfect way to get a taste for the sport, try something new, encourage team-building and enjoy a great day. You can contact Sue on 0418 789 126 or Carmel on 0402 235 602 for more details.

RRDBC would like to thank Cherry Street Sports Club for their ongoing sponsorship and support, and Ballina Shire Council who are the major sponsors for this event in 2024.

Include the Community teams flier and the regatta flier

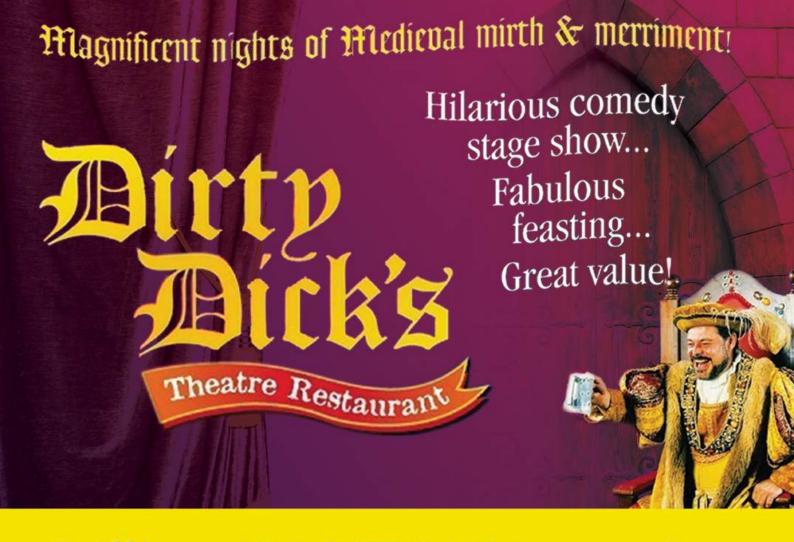






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### TINTENBAR EAST BALLINA CRICKET CLUB

Tintenbar East Ballina Cricket wrapped up the 2023/24 season with a joint presentation of both senior and junior clubs held last month.

We celebrated the achievements of many future and retired stars of our great club. A near capacity field of both clubs was in attendance highlighting the strong Club culture the mighty Fireweed spirit breeds among all those lucky enough to wear our colours.

All our junior coaches and players were well supported by our senior members in a great show of club unity. And likewise, healthy numbers of junior players and parents stayed late to help celebrate the senior club well into the night.

Most notably we acknowledged the efforts of a great u14 side who went through the entire season without losing a game, unfortunately falling short in the G.F to a good Lennox team. A fine bunch of young cricketers who played with excellent skill and passion for the game on show from both clubs. Congratulations to coach Michael Warburton on a great season and congratulations to Lennox Pirates on being premiers of the BDJCA U14 comp for season 23/24.

Major award winners from the evening.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Dave Dirou

### **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Abe Crawford

### **BEST NEW WEED**

**Ross Yelseth** 

### **MOST IMPROVED**

Sam Smith

### YESTERDAY'S HERO BRETT CRAWFORD

### **COLIN EARL JUNIOR CLUB PERSON**

Peice Bull

### **BARBARIAN AWARD**

Nathan Hoey

Transition from one eye hand sport to another was made a little easier for some of our past greats and friends of the club as we graced the excellent greens, under lights at Cherry Street Sports.

We held twilight lawn bowls sessions throughout the Autumn and want to extend our gratitude to Cherry Street Sports for the fantastic opportunity to re-hone lost skill and being able to share good times with a sport that has no bias (no pun intended) of generations gender or dress code...

The club will be holding its A.G.M at Cherry Street Sports though the month of July. Some important decisions to be made at this meeting for the future direction of both Junior and Senior members of or club. Please check out our Facebook pages for all the details as a firm date is yet to be set.

For any new or returning folk who wish to participate in the season 24/25, likewise follow us on Facebook to stay connected.

Up the Bar!



### TINTENBAR EAST BALLINA FOOTBALL CLUB

A Remarkable 2023 Season and an Exciting 2024 Ahead\*\*

The Tintenbar East Football Club had an exceptional 2023 season, highlighted by our 40th birthday celebrations, grand final victories, and the introduction of our first-ever Summer 6's competition.

Our 2023 Soccer season saw us celebrated our 40th birthday with a fantastic community event in June, held at our Cumbalum fields. Highlights included delicious food from Lennox Smoking Barrel and Butcher Baker Bangalow, as well as coffee, fairy floss, and snow cones. To give back to our community, we offered free jumping castles and an inflatable obstacle course, which were a hit with everyone. The day was filled with games from MiniRoos to Seniors, enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

Our 2023 Winter competition concluded with our all-female point score teams delivering outstanding performances. The Under-15 Girls team clinched their Grand Final with a 1-0 victory, while the Under-14 Girls team triumphed with a 2-1 win. Both teams also received the Player of the Grand Final award. As a small club, we are proud that most of our competitive teams reached the semi-finals or further. Special congratulations to our Under-14 Girls, who represented the club at the Champions of Champions competition and emerged undefeated and without conceding a goal. We wrapped up 2023 with the debut of the TEBFC Summer 6's Competition. This was held every Thursday night from September to December at our Cumbalum fields.

Hosting this competition was a last-minute decision, made to support our local soccer community after many teams missed out on entering the space restricted Bangalow Summer 6's competition. With only three weeks of preparation, our dedicated volunteer coordinators organized a significant community event featuring 20 teams from across the region. The competition was a resounding success, and we look forward to an even bigger and better competition in 2024.

The club began 2024 on a high note, with our Men's Open B team winning the pre-season ANZAC Day Cup Finals, and Joey O'Grady being named Player of the Final. Our club has seen significant growth in 2024, with approximately 320 registered players, a 20% increase from last season. The rise in membership spans all age divisions, with the most significant increase in MiniRoo players. This growth is largely attributed to our Free Soccer Skills sessions for 5-7 year-olds, which we held in February and March. This generated great interest in the sport, and we are excited to see these young players develop their skills and become future soccer stars.

The official 2024 Soccer season has started off with the customary postponement and cancellation of games due to the Northern Rivers' relentless rain. Despite this, we have kept our players active by utilizing the BISC sport centre for Futsal games. Our coaches have been creative with training locations, from beaches to parks, ensuring our players are ready for when the season fully kicks off. We are optimistic about a positive, fun, and drier season ahead.

In August, we will host the Newcastle Permanent Primary School Gala Day, bringing together primary schools from across the region for a day of exciting competition. With over 400 children expected at our Cumbalum Sporting Fields, this event promises to be a fantastic experience.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our committee, coaches, and volunteers for an incredible 2023 season. We look forward to an even better 2024. If you're interested in joining a fun, vibrant team, please reach out via our Facebook page or email us at secretary@tebfc.com. We welcome new committee members and volunteers.

Finally, a special thank you to our wonderful sponsors for making all this possible:

- Coral Homes
- Cherry St Bowling Club
- Ballina RSL Club
- Cape Byron Plumbing
- Aquarium Zone Ballina
- O'Grady's Transport & Removals

Thank you for your continued support.

### **STEVE WILSON**

President, Tintenbar East Football Club







JOEY O'GRADY

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### SEASIDE PHYSICAL CULTURE

As a passionate volunteer community dance/physie teacher, Miss Beka is definitely using her PASSION for PURPOSE.

She is passionate about giving back to our community through her joy of dance.

Becoming a BIG friend to all and helping every child she's meets, tiny and tall in our community to develop their self-concept and self-identity, which will translate into all parts of their lives.

Everywhere's a dance floor when your Miss Beka! This year Miss Beka has been dancing her way around both Clubs with her Tiny dancers and then through the holidays we got our groove & sparkle on with the Cherry Holiday Day Discos.

Her most recent highlight was dancing up on stage with Little Cherry at the annual Our Kids BIG Day Out fundraiser event at Missingham Bridge Amphitheatre.

This is Miss Beka's 5th year of being involved in such a fabulous event for the Our Kids Organisation and it was again a sunshiney & fun day out for all the kids in the community.

Do you have a tiny person in your life?

If Yes, you must come on down to either Club throughout the School Term to try a precious morning Tiny DANCERS Class.

TINY Dancers will teach your preschooler not only the joy of dance, but also the social skills they will need at school.

Tiny Dancers is our fun, activity based class with action songs, dance moves, ballet, hulla hoops, bubbles, rainbow ribbons, & nursery rhymes time that our Mums, Dads and grandparents love to share with their little ones.

"I feel so blessed for all the support from our members and have loved the opportunity to watch the community jumping at the chance to take their Tinys to our favourite local family Club in town, where the whole family feels comfortable with the added bonus that the children can join the fun, get dancing, make new friendships while building confidence in their own fun nurturing surroundings of their Sports Club environment."

"It's great to have the Cherry Street Sports Group also share my belief that dance, fitness and confidence building can play a positive role in the community and in the health and wellbeing of the young people in our town.

I feel like the luckiest dance teacher to spend this time with the members of our Ballina & Lennox communities while promoting Dance, Physie, Confidence & Friendship together."

Thank You again, Cherry Sports Group and members for playing a vital role in making this Miss Beka mission a reality for the past 8 years.

### JOIN A DANCE CLUB THAT BELIEVES IN FUN, FITNESS AND FRIENDSHIP. – PHYSIE

You can start physie at any time during the year and Term 2 is the perfect time to start something new, meet other girls and women who love to dance and make some new friends.

Physie is the perfect introduction to dance for dancers, big and small. Build confidence, make lasting friendships and have fun at every class.

Classes are held on Mondays ,Tuesdays & Saturdays and we cater for 2 years right up to Adult classes.

Miss Beka cares about each of her members becoming the best they can be. I just love that our members feel comfortable the moment they arrive for a class and leave feeling stronger, more positive, happier and healthier than before!

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- \* Develop lifelong friendships
- \* Improve self-confidence, posture, flexibility & coordination
- \* Learn, grow and have fun
- \* FREE trials available for New Members

Email Miss Beka now and become our newest member of Seaside Physie & Dance Club.

The best way to discover Physie is to come in for a FREE trial class! It's not too late to join the physie fun. seasidephysie@gmail.com

Our Not-For Profit Community Club has been providing affordable physical fitness & dance classes to members of Lennox Head & Ballina since July 2020.

Seaside Physie Club would like to acknowledge our major sponsor 'The Cherry Sports Group.

Your generosity & support of our local club is very much appreciated. From all our members, we give you a very big Team SEASIDE Thank You!

In 2024, Seaside Physie is reaching out to our incredible local businesses for sponsorship support.

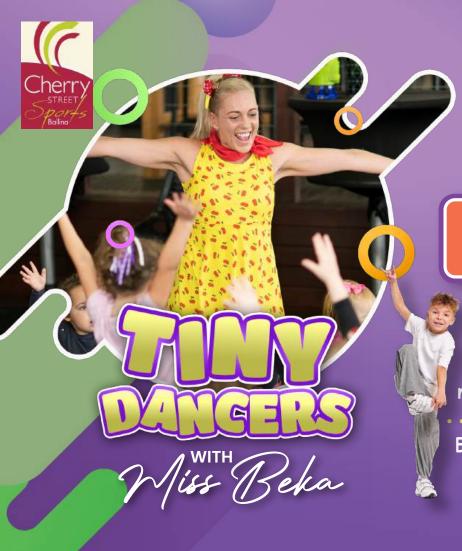
If your business is interested in being a part of our journey and making a positive impact, please connect with Miss Beka.

Together, we can keep the spirit of physic alive and thriving in our seaside communities!









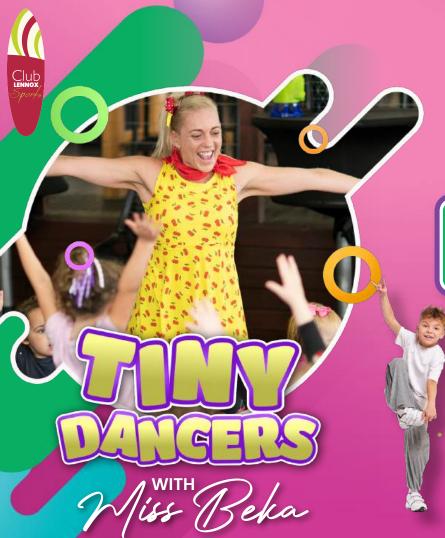


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### FITNESS KIDZ 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM

**Exciting Activities on the** greens with Mr. Brad. FREE



### BACKYARD GIANT GAMES 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

- ★ Noughts and Crosses ◆
  ★ Quoits

- ★ Jenga ★ Connect 4
- ★ Cornhole ★ Ladder Golf

FREE

For Purchase Fairy Floss, Pop Corn & Snow Cones



### KIDS DISCO WITH MISS BEKA 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Kids Disco with Miss Beka. All ages up to 15.



KIDZ KLUB 5:00 PM

Arts & Craft FREE





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Kids Disco with Miss Beka. All ages up to 15.



### **KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY**

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### **FITNESS KIDZ** 10:30 AM -12:30 PM

**Exciting activities on the greens** withMr. Brad

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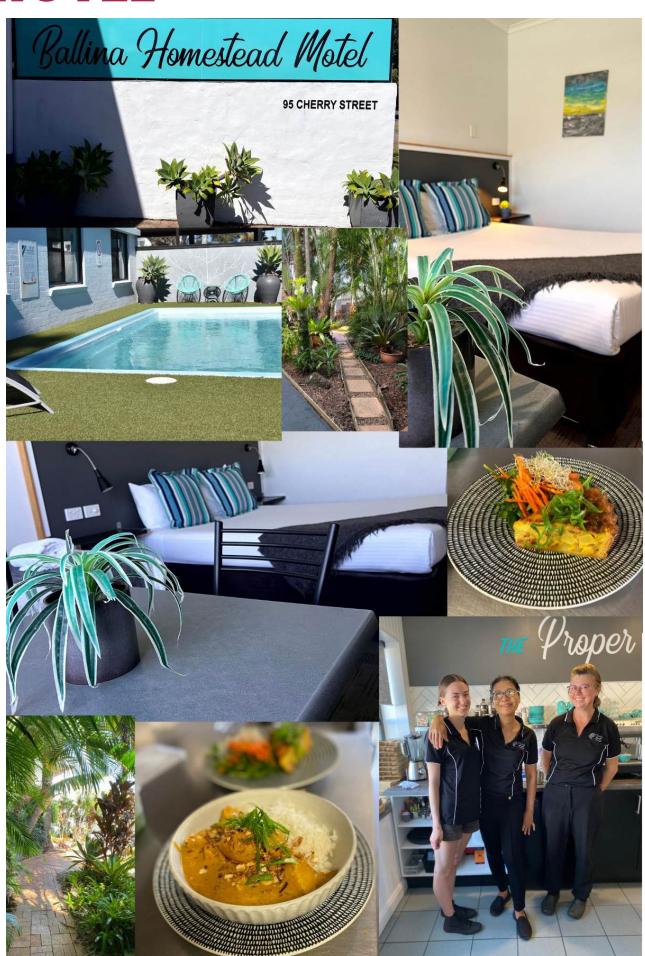
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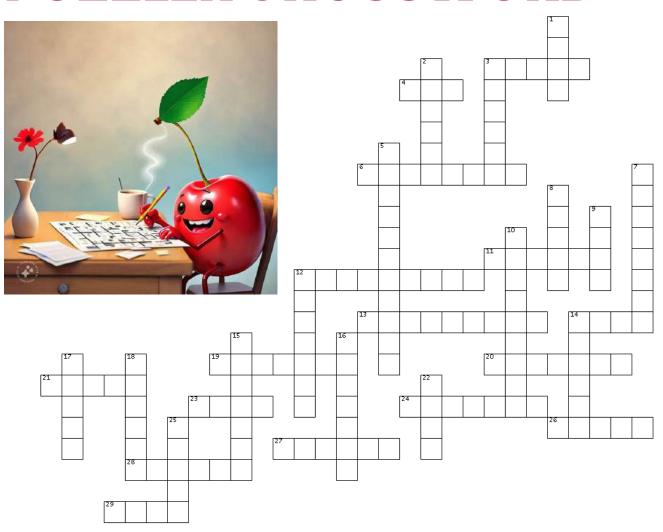
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### THE PROPER CAFÉ



### CHERRY'S WINTER PUZZLER CROSSWORD



### **DOWN**

- 1. Made from hops
- 2. A period of the year
- 3. Start out empty and finish full
- 5. From old and often outdated to new
- 7. If you're lucky this may happen once a year (2)
- 8. A singular phrase often referring to plural time frames
- 9. The mastermind in one of the areas of both Cherry Street and Club Lennox
- 10. A fun reason to get together
- 12. A game that used mallets
- 14. Test your general knowledge in this game
- 15. A game where you purchase a ticket
- 16. Club Lennox has this option for members (3)
- 17. They say this began in the 70s and ended in the 80s but the clubs still have them occasionally
- 18. A place to lay your wary head
- 22. Sometimes this differs from the original (2)
- 25. Something that a lot of members will go to when they first come to Cherry Street or Club Lennox

### **ACROSS**

- 3. A notable part of the Cherry Team and a famous kids cartoon character
- 4. Guide Cherry & Lennox's list of names relating to music (2)
- 6. The alternative to bowling (2)
- 11. Get the message out by this piece of clothing (2)
- 12. Something you can get at Cherry Street and Club Lennox
- 13. We are this
- 14. Small movers (2)
- 19. A fancy word for a type of shelter
- 20. The game that takes seconds to learn but a lifetime to master
- 21. Something that happens 3 times a week at cherry
- 23. A type of restaurant
- 24. One of the many options for kids offered at both clubs (2)
- 26. These can be either live or recorded
- 27. A small round fruit with a pip
- 28. Activity involving physical exertion





### **AVAILABLE HERE**



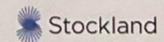
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### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**



received approval from Tintenbar Shire Council in March 1960 for a 21 year lease for the site marked by Lennox, King, Gibbon and Stewart Streets. The land was donated by developers of Lennox Head Estate for the 1924 auction as Recreation Reserve, although it was 1956 until found as not officially transferred to Council.

Source: Lennox Head Residents Association Photo: Early 1960s Bowling Club and Bark Hut