

## Lawn bowls and Juniors

- Under 18's are the fastest growing demographic in bowls, memberships increasing 10% per year.
- Kelsey Cottrell was selected to play for Australia at just 16 years of age.
- Bowls is the ninth most popular sport in Australia.
- Bowls is an international sport, World Bowls boasting 46 countries.
- The average age of the Australian Bowls team is **lower** than the average age of the Australian Cricket team.
- The four finalists in the Australian Open Ladies Pairs final were all under 21 years of age.
- Attend the Australian Championships to see the high percentage of participants in the youth demographic enjoying great company, and a challenging sport.



## The Hampton Bowls Club Community

Hampton Bowls Club is conveniently located in the heart of Hampton, on the corner of Fewster and Earlsfield Roads. It's within minutes walking distance of the Hampton street shopping strip and train station. The local bus stop is just 50 metres walk, making the Hampton Bowls Club a central location for everyone.

The club boasts 3 lawn bowls greens, car parking for up to 120 cars and a clubhouse offering member and hospitality facilities.

Locals make up about 90% of the membership, with all age groups represented. Parents and Guests are welcome at any time, and many social and corporate groups use the club for events, meetings or parties.

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## Start your students on a life-long sport with Hampton Bowls Club



Let the Hampton Bowls Club community be your school sports community

## Why bowls?

Lawn bowls has a number of unique inherent features that make it a welcoming sport for everyone:

- Challenging – bowls requires hand-eye skill, concentration and tactical nous to excel.
- Inclusive – gender and physical size or athletic capability does not matter. The sport is also ideal for children with disabilities.
- Social interaction – bowls is a wonderful team sport and fantastic social experience
- Non-threatening – bowls is a non-contact sport that encourages respectful competitiveness
- Community – bowls fosters community spirit and values. Clubs are caring environments where real friendships are the most valuable commodity.

*"The enthusiasm of our students was very clear... it has been a very good experience for them."*

*SH Newton, Caulfield Grammar Principal*



## What are the pathways for development?

**Hampton Bowls Club is an active participant in Schools programs\***

### Come and Try

Students get to just have fun playing traditional bowls and also unique bowls "games" like Golf, Football, Tug of War and Spotty Bowls. We can work with you to fit these activities into your school curriculum

### School Sport Victoria Competitions

Secondary schools compete in a Division with winners going on to a Region, leading to the State finals. Officers from School Sport Victoria are in attendance.

### Schools Pennant

Schools Pennant is a team competition in late February to the end of March that has been running for several years and there is considerable prestige involved.

### Hampton Bowls Club Development Squad

Hampton has an extremely successful history in developing youngsters in the sport, with State and National representatives involved in the past.

### Open Club Competitions

Junior members are eligible to enter Club Competitions of all kinds, both open and junior. Junior members who join from this Schools Program enjoy membership for just \$10.

**\*Hampton nationally accredited coaches (with Police checks) give full support for all these opportunities**

