

Media Release

2018 Sixth Bowls Australia National Bowling Arm Sides Championships

The NSW Woomearas Bowling Arm Committee is pleased to announce that East Maitland Bowling Club will host the *2018 Sixth Bowls Australia National Bowling Arm Sides Championships* from Sunday 9th September through to Thursday 13th September 2018.

This will be the first time that representative bowling arm sides from **all** states will be competing against one another for individual shields as well as the coveted Bowls Australia Trophy. There will be 112 players, coaches and managers along with a host of supporters involved in this prestigious annual event.

NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania will play in 3 teams of 5 against at least one state each day in disciplines of Singles and Fours along with Pairs and Triples.

The schedule for this prestigious event includes:

Official Practice Day:	Sunday	9 th September	10.00am – 12.00pm; 2.00pm – 4.00pm 5.30pm: Charity Welcome BBQ
Tournament Dates:	Monday	10 th September	8.00am – 9.00am: Welcome Ceremony: 9.00am: 3 Games of interstate play
	Tuesday	11 th September	10.00am: 2 Games of interstate play 2.30pm: Afternoon Team Photographs
	Wednesday	12 th September	9.00am: 3 Games of interstate play
	Thursday	13 th September	10.00am: 2 Games of interstate play 6.45pm: Presentation Dinner
Newcastle Excursion:	Friday	14 th September	9.00am – 12.30pm

As this is an historic event, distinguished guests being hosted by Bill Hopkins OAM, President of EMBC will be Darryl Clout, President of Bowls Australia; Neil Dalrymple CEO Bowls Australia; Duncan Tait, Director of Bowls NSW; Maryann Parcel, President Womens Bowls NSW and John Smith OAM, President of Newcastle District Bowling Association.

Over recent years there has been many thousands of bowlers Australia wide who have begun to use a variety of bowlers arms (which are hand held mechanical devices) to assist them to continue playing in Lawn Bowls when usually they would have dropped out of the game due to infringing medical problems. It has been suggested that the use of a bowling arm by players has continued to be the biggest growth area within the sport.

East Maitland Bowling Club extends a warm welcome to all bowlers to be present to see exciting games of quality bowls as well as enjoying the pleasant hospitality available within the club's premier facilities.

Any inquiries may be made by contacting Allan Starrett on 04 044 69 669.

