

A Brief History of Northmead Women's Bowling Club

Early in 1957 it was suggested by the Men's Club that, as a reward for their labours, the ladies of the Auxiliary may like to form a Women's Bowling Club, with Thursday as a suitable day for play.

Mrs Wolinski, who at that time was State President, was invited to a meeting of the Auxiliary to address the members and discuss the proposal. On 25th March 1957 a meeting was held at the Northmead Bowling Clubhouse for the purpose of forming the club.

Those in attendance were Mesdames B. Ball, I. Everingham, R. Diamond, V. Garrets, M. Howard, L. Hudson, J. Loder, P. Magginis, and R. Muir.

Mrs Muir chaired the meeting and was elected President. A Vice- President, Assistant Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Bowls Secretary were elected.

Decisions made at this meeting were that Members to be wives of the Men's Club members, they also had to be a working member of the Auxiliary, membership to be limited to forty, Nomination Fee two guineas and the Annual Fee three guineas. Bank to be the Parramatta branch of the A.N.Z. Bank.

At the next meeting held on **3rd June 1957** it was decided to call the club "**Northmead Women's Bowling Club**". It was decided that members pay one shilling per week to play bowls and the proceeds to be given to the Men's Club at the end of the year in appreciation for the use of the green and the clubhouse.

The first game was played on 6th June 1957 and a follow up meeting was held on 20th June 1957 and it was resolved that affiliation and levies be forwarded to the N.S.W.W.B.A., and the *club was officially affiliated in June 1957.*

FOUNDATION Members were: *Mesdames B. Ball, E. Benham, R. Diamond, D. Dallimore, I. Everingham, V. Garrett, M. Howard, L. Hudson, J. Loder, P. Magginis, R. Muir, E. Murray, K. O'Neill, V. Stoner, E. Williams and M. Whitelaw.*

Subsequent motions passed at Meetings during the first year included- 50 members be permitted to join the club, 8 outside members be accepted with the proviso they would not be permitted to hold executive positions. Also that name badges, hat bands and rule books be ordered.

By the end of the first year, membership had reached 27. The books were closed in 1978 with 200 members. Membership fluctuated over the following years remaining fairly steady at approximately 140. Members were being coached by members of the Men's Club and were becoming very competent bowlers.

FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS: *First State achievements being winner and runner up in the D Pennants in 1958 and division winners of the James Wall Shield in the same year.*

By the end of 1960, functions at the Northmead Women's Bowling Club became annual events: President's Day, Vice-Presidents Day, Secretary /Treasurer's Day and Friendship Day.

FIRST STATE UMPIRE was Ellen Macdonald who passed her examinations in **1972**. There were 6 State Umpires in the Club prior to the introductions of 'National Umpires'.

FIRST NATIONAL UMPIRE was Barbara Anderson who passed her examinations in 1986.

FIRST Level 1 NATIONAL COACH: *Barbara and Joan Sargeant became Level 1 National Coaches in 1988.*

With the formation of Districts in 1986 three members of the Club were elected to Office in "Mitchell District". They were Joan Sargeant for Match/Selection, Fay Carrett as Delegate and Barbara Anderson on Social.
