

Mannum Bowling Club Golden Jubilee information.

Bowls were first played at Esmeralda, in Mannum, during 1936. This was a private green and had limited membership. Following Council purchase of lots 3, 4 & 5 in Randell St. in July 1947 for the purpose of a bowling and tennis facilities the Club shifted to its present site, Shearer Sports Park, in 1952. Bowling commenced in the Lower Murray Association in 1953 and in 1956 Mannum shifted to the Hills Bowling Association where it remained until 1993 when the men's bowling club returned to the Lower Murray Bowling Association for its regular pennant competition. In 2002 the women's bowling club shifted from the Hills Bowling Association to the Lower Murray Women's Bowling Association.

In 1956 the greens were completely covered with water as the River Murray floodwaters rose. Bowls continued at neighbouring clubs until the greens were able to be used. Today we have magnificent Santa Ana greens and play bowls all year round. Current membership is one hundred bowlers with four men's and two women's pennant sides being entered in the local competitions.

Mannum will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee on 20th September 2003. Past records, photographs and memorabilia will be on display during the day. Following a lunch for invited guests a game of bowls will be held for past and current members. High tea will be available for all guests prior to the evening's entertainment provided by members. This promises to be a great evening for everyone and it will provide the opportunity for renewing past friendships and also a chance to follow the history of the club through to the present day.

The committee is very interested in receiving any information regarding the early history of the bowling club along with any memorabilia that people may have. We would like to be able to copy photographs for our records and if possible use memorabilia for display purposes over the Jubilee weekend. If you are able to provide any information or assist in any way with photos or items of interest please contact a committee member.

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