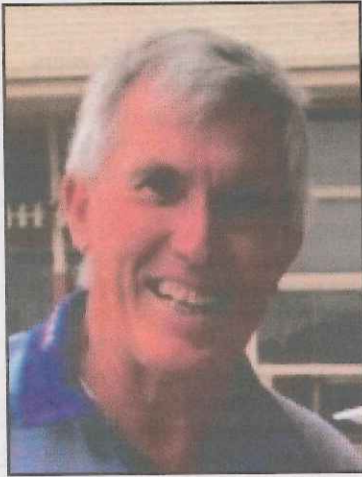


# Ex Services Bowls



2021 Major Singles Finalist  
John Goggin.

### Zone 8 Senior Fours:

Cootamundra Ex-Services Jim White (Sub), Dick Smith, Mick Barber & Terry McDonald played great bowls for most of the weekend but, fell at the last hurdle beaten in the final by Howlong 23-15. Great effort fellas.

### Club Major Singles Championship:

John Goggin played Geoff Manwaring in a semi-final of the Major Singles. John got off to a great start to lead 15-5 and looked in control but, Geoff managed to get within two of John 20-18 but John won all

remaining ends to secure a 31-18 win and a spot in the final where he is waiting for the winner of the other semi-finalist Terry McDonald & Don O'Neill.

### Social bowls - Wednesday 7th

Saw three triples games with Ryan Radnedge (a junior), Terry Cosgrove & Geoff Hillier defeat Bob Gay, R. Marhan & Peter Hoang 18-13. Brian Driscoll, Phil Ager & Jim Deacon defeated Aidan Smith (a junior), Mick Andrews & Grumpy Fisher 23-11 while, Keith Hampton, Ned Kelly & Kevin Medcalf defeated Ginger O'Brien, Paul Cockram & Duck O'Neill 21-16.

### Sunday 11th

Neil Blackett & Bob New defeated Ned Kelly & Craig Jordan 26-20. Brian Driscoll & Mark Devere defeated Ginger O'Brien & Roger Goode 21-13. Todd Cowled, Paul Cockram & Jeff Cook defeated Noel Wilson, David Large & Mick Willis 21-14 while, Phil Ager, Kevin Medcalf & Duck O'Neill combined to defeat Ryan Radnedge (a junior), Bob Gay & Geoff Hillier 24-14.

Greg (Grumpy) Fisher



### Major Pairs Champions 2021 (Des Guthrie and Bill Manwaring)

Our club has been awarded the Zone 8 qualifying playoffs for the Over 40s pairs. We will host 2 rinks of sectional play with 4 teams playing a round robin to qualify for the final. The other half of the entries will be playing off at Narrandera with the final being played at a venue to be decided. Our President Charles Willis is involved in these games which are to be played on Saturday 24th July.

Last Sunday brought us the weather we so badly deserved and with it the final of our clubs Pairs Championships. Graham Davidson and Ned Miller were pitted against Billy Manwaring and Uncle Des Guthrie in what was expected to be a battle to the end. However the card shows this not the case.

Graham & Ned led 3-1 after 4 ends then had to wait until the 11th end to trouble the score

board again. A score of one on this end was to be the last time they scored as they eventually pulled up stakes after end 16 with the final result being 31 to 4. Uncle Des was so consistent with his draw shots that Ned happened to offer his set of bowls for sale after the game at any price. Ned, the real answer is more practice.

The winners not only were too good, but if any good fortune was offered it generally favoured Bill & Des with some very good results, well done boys and good luck in the District champion of champions.

Social games on the same day ; Graham Worboys & Roy Cleveland defeated Ron Johnson & John Malone 22-10 & Scott Wilkinson, Di Buchanan & Geoff Hagan were just too good for Peter Rasmussen , Betty Cleveland & Kerry Ryan winning 18-14. The latter team won the jackpot of \$180.

Our team of John O'Loughlin, Chas Willis, Tony Ward & Scobie Breasley travelled to Young last weekend to contest the Presidents Reserves Fours and enjoyed success in the first round defeating a team from Narrandera Bowling Club after having to play an extra end. Having a bye in the afternoon they travelled back to Young Sunday morning to play a team from West Wyalong in what turned out to be the final. The West Wyalong team skippered by an ex Zone 8 skipper we all know only as "IRISH" were a bit top heavy and defeated our boys 27 to 17.

*Good bowling fellas winter is nearly over. DM for Artie [ who is back home again I believe, welcome home Arthur ]*

## Coota Library Receives Grant

Cootamundra Library has been awarded a \$500.00 grant from National Backyard Cricket, a fundraising program established by national charity The LBW Trust. National Backyard Cricket raises funds for education projects offered in country libraries across Australia and overseas tertiary education. The funds were the result of the inaugural National Backyard Cricket program which was held around Australia over last summer. In support of country libraries, Harvey Norman have matched the funds raised for libraries enabling the program to support the technology needs of more libraries.

Cootamundra Library is one of 54 country libraries across Australia to receive a funding grant. The library grant-making process was managed by Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA), a national non-profit that represents the 12-million Australians who are members of their local public libraries. Cootamundra Library will use the funding to buy Lego to establish a Lego club for children. The club will be held on Saturday mornings from 10.30am till 11.30am.

There were 125 games of backyard cricket played during the National Backyard Cricket campaign, with over

320 donors helping to raise more than \$125,000. The events were supported by cricketing royalty including; Justin Langer, Alex Blackwell, Ryan Carters, Russel Arnold, Alyssa Healy, Ed Cowan and Michael Holding.

David Vaux, Chair of The LBW Trust said, "This year's National Backyard Cricket day was an opportunity for families and communities across Australia to come together and have fun playing our iconic game after an extremely challenging 12 months, while supporting an important cause at the same time. We are so thrilled we can support local libraries as we know they

have a powerful impact on learning and life outcomes.

"Public libraries offer a range of services to their communities including facilitating safe study spaces, holding computer literacy classes, and offering assistance with resumes and cover letters to help people gain employment. There is a particular need for increased funding in rural and regional areas to support this work. We are really pleased we can provide funding to support this work."

For more information please visit <https://nationalbackyardcricket.com/>.

## SPORTING TIMES

\*\*Australian sport was in the headlines last weekend with Ashleigh Barty and Dylan Alcott winning tennis' ultimate prize - Wimbledon. Ash, as a youngster from Ipswich, idolised Evonne Goolagong/Cawley who won Wimbledon for the second time in 1980. Barty had a dream to follow in Evonne's footsteps and 41 years later she realised that ambition by becoming the Wimbledon champion. Showing great skill and determination, Ash overcame a serious injury prior to the tournament to claim tennis' top trophy in a humble and respectful manner. Dylan Alcott is building an impressive resume in wheelchair tennis and continues to dominate the sport. Dylan is another modest champion and joins Ash as tremendous role models for all sports people, especially our younger generation. Both players will now head to the Olympics in Tokyo.

\*\*Junior sport gets another boost in town with the Cootamundra Sports Stadium to host programs in junior netball, basketball and soccer. All three sports will be played in two divisions for boys and girls aged 7-10 and 11-14. Games will be played between 4-6pm, starting with netball on Wednesday July 21, basketball on Tuesday July 27 and soccer on Monday, August 2. Each session

will be for one hour which includes a warm up, structured game, cool down and game debrief. Further information on the three sports is available from the stadium, swimming pool office or via their facebook page. It is great to see more opportunities for young people to get involved in a variety of sports happening again in the town and utilising the indoor sports stadium.

\*\* Continual wet weather has led to Cootamundra's sporting fields feeling the pinch. Several grounds are waterlogged and with more rain this week sporting clubs and Council will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure grounds can remain open for games and training in the next few weeks.

\*\* Zone 8 Bowls completed their annual men's championships, with several Cootamundra teams in the draw. The Cootamundra Ex-Services' triples team of Kevin Medcalf, Mike Barber and Terry McDonald won the Senior Triples, defeating Wagga Rules Club 22-20 in the final to qualify for the NSW State finals. The Club featured in two other finals but were runners-up in a strong performance by all players.

\*\*Cootamundra's sporting history: July 1961: The president of the Cootamundra Country Club Bowls Associ-

ates Mrs Edna Williams congratulated six bowlers on passing their examination to become club umpires - a first for the Cootamundra club. Those who gained accreditation were Mollie Dopper, Mill Dickson, Edna Harris, Sel Orgill, Ene Watters and Edna Williams. July 1971:

Cootamundra Turf Club member Roley Forsyth was nominated by the local club for the position of vice-president of the Southern District Racing Association (SDRA), which administers thoroughbred racing in the south west and Riverina regions. The SDRA Annual General Meeting is to be held in Wagga early next month and Forsyth is expected to be elected to this senior position. July 1981: At the Annual General Meeting of the Cootamundra Men's Ex-Services Bowling Club Stan Whitechurch was elected president, Max Hull as secretary and Eric Armstrong as treasurer. July 1991: Robert Hargraves and Ian Whybrow won the Cootamundra Golf Club foursome championship after a sudden death playoff with Wayne Loiterton and Kevin Deep. Both pairs finished the 36 holes with an aggregate score of 149. July 2001: The Cootamundra Darts Association awarded Life Membership to Col Maxwell for his ongoing support of the organisation at their Annual General Meeting. Shirley Lopez was elected as president, Di O'Neill secretary and Chris Yardley treasurer with Carol Waugh the publicity officer for the next 12 months.

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