

Deakin Community Award nomination for Keith Horlock – Vermont South Bowls Club - – Seniors category

Keith has played bowls for the last 33 years.

Keith joined the Vermont South bowls club in 2009 and has worked tirelessly for the club and is seen as a loyal, dependable and energetic member.

As secretary, Keith formalised many of the records held on file, computerised many documents and streamlined many aspects of the club for future committee members. As secretary, Keith was responsible for providing the agendas and minutes of meetings and establishing a very clear format that enhanced and simplified the operation of the Bowls Committee.

He is a man of detail. He structured many positions within the club and he was very instrumental when unification and constitution remodelling was evolving within the club in 2011

A superb communicator, Keith has that rare ability to engage with all those he meets in a warm and respectful way.

He listens carefully and responds thoughtfully. Keith was frequently able to offer sensitive, proactive solution focussed approaches to often complex situations. He was valued for his advocacy of involving women in leadership and the sport generally; a commitment he carried on to his work with Eastern Ranges.

Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Involvement

- Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Championship's committee 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, co-ordinating, supervising and running all of the regions bowls championship events. This was a time consuming effort requiring rigorous understanding of rules, managing competitors, facilities and being flexible to manage problems as they occurred.
- During this time he made the Vermont South Bowls Club greens and facilities available for region events, raising the image and profile of the club in the Eastern region.
- Club delegate to Eastern Ranges Bowls region 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21

Vermont South Bowls Club Involvement

- bowls assistant secretary 2011-12
- bowls secretary 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16.
- Club Contact Officer – 2016-17, responsible for receiving and distributing all electronic data to the bowls club from Bowls Victoria and the Eastern Ranges Bowls region. He was diligent in his CCO role, ensuring all peak body communications were distributed appropriately and acted on in a timely way.
- mid-week bowls selection committee 2019-20, 2020-21
- volunteered to be the club host manager for many region events held at Vermont South Club between 2017-2020.
- member of the greens maintenance working group 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16
- co-opted and maintained volunteer roster for weekly lunch duty for midweek pennant 2019-20
- member of gardening group 2012-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-2020.
- always helping at corporate events for fund raising within the club.
- regularly fixes/maintains equipment/utensils.
- always meeting and ensuring new members feel welcome.
- side manager for many pennant seasons 2015-16-17-18-19-2020.
- has played 163 Saturday pennant games for Vermont South.
- mentor to new players to pennant bowls and he played in lower sections to nurture their involvement 2015-16-17-18-19-2020.

Keith's on-going, total involvement to Lawn Bowls and to the Vermont South Club makes him a worthy recipient of a Deakin Community Award.