

Club Helensvale proudly presents the:
\$60,000 Coca Cola National Club 5 a Side Challenge
Monday 5th – Thursday 8th September 2016

The countdown is on to one of the most prestigious and lucrative events on the National calendar with just under three weeks til kick off at Club Helensvale on the glorious Gold Coast.

2016 will see the staging of the tenth annual National Club 5 A Side with all the exciting action to commence on Monday 5th September.

With a massive prize pool on offer and a first place cheque of \$20,000 up for grabs, 20 powerhouse teams from six states across the nation have accepted Club Helensvale's invitation to participate in the highly sought after four day event.

As always the event is shaping up as a must see showdown with the prestigious field a real 'who's who' of the bowls world. The elite list of players are sure to ignite the Helensvale greens while competing for the elusive title and big cash prizes.

The line-up, which contains 50 international representatives, will feature the inclusion of numerous World Champions and legends of the sport in Jeremy Henry (Warilla), Brett Wilkie & Mark Casey (Club Helensvale), Ian Schuback & Rowan Brassey (Cabramatta), Ryan Bester & Ryan Burnett (Broadbeach), Ben Twist (St Johns Park), Ali Forsyth (Clayton), Natasha Scott, Kelsey Cottrell, Karen Murphy & Rebecca Van Asch (Australian Women) and the very popular crowd favourites Kelvin Kerkow (South Tweed), Aron Sherriff & Steve Glasson (Mt Lewis) – just to name a few.

Some new and talented faces to keep an eye on in this years competition will be New Zealand Internationals Shannon Mcilroy and Paul Girdler who will play for Taren Point and Hamilton Bowls Clubs respectively, West Australian Ace and former Australian U25 representative Daniel Trehwella who will join forces with NSW club East Cessnock, and reigning Australian Indoor Champion, Carla Krizanic, who will take to the green with her Australian Women World Bowls teammates.

The star-studded Australian Women's Team, who last competed in the 2012 event, will be looking to fire on all cylinders against some of the best quality clubs from across the country. In a sport where men and women can equally compete, the ladies who are preparing for the World Championships at the end of the year, will be sure to keep the crowds entertained and the scoreboards ticking over in their favour.

Defending champions and recently crowned NSW State Pennant Winners, Warilla, will again be keen to feature in the finals day action, after winning their third National 5 A Side title last year. With the same five players making their bid for back to back success, their experience and class should again see them finish at the pointy end of the competition.

Hometown heroes Helensvale Hawks have missed just one finals day action in the events nine year history, an incredible feat considering the high-class quality of the field each year. Four internationals of Casey, Wilkie, Rice and Kiepe will welcome talented Queensland representative Mark Thatcher in to the side to take part in his first ever 5 A Side with the top team. With the support of the local and vocal Hawks members these boys will be tough to beat.

Victoria will be strongly represented by the teams from Altona and Clayton Bowls Clubs. Clayton are the most successful Victorian side in 5 A Side history finishing a gallant runner up last year. With a new look line-up including Canadian starlet Kelly Mckerihen and led by the talented Kiwi Ali Forsyth they will be keen to go one better this year.

Canadian 'Master Blaster' Ryan Bester will again be the driving force behind Queensland's Broadbeach Bulls colours. Included in his five will be Scottish International duo Ryan Burnett and Kevin Anderson, who made the move out to Australia last year to further their bowls careers with the strong Gold Coast club.

South Australia will have two sides represented with Adelaide and Ascot Park aiming to be the first ever South Australian champion of the event. Adelaide missed out on finals action by the slimmest of margins last year, and with Australian Squad members Scott Thulborn and Max Kleinig in the ranks these boys are more than capable of producing the goods required for success.

This year's event also welcomes back one of Tasmania's favourite sons with former Australian Representative Mark Strochnetter keen to spearhead his Longford teams attack on the elusive title. Strochnetter, who has played over 300 interstate matches for his beloved Apple Isle, could prove vital to his sides drive to claim a few international scalps in the 2016 event.

The \$60,000 prize pool is sure to make the competition fierce. Featuring singles, pairs, triples and fours, each team is asked to field their best five players, regardless of sex, with the top-four teams qualifying for the semi-finals on the Thursday following three action packed days of round games.

A Calcutta will be held on Sunday September 4th from 6:00pm preceding the tournament before the draw is finalised. This is a must see event with clubs last year selling from as little as \$100 all the way up to \$3000! Spectators and potential bidders are all welcome to attend this fun and enjoyable evening.

The National 5 A Side competition, commencing Monday 5th, will start at 8.30am daily and winds up on Thursday with presentations at 5.30pm. Get down to Club Helensvale to see this tantalizing feast of bowls unfold!

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Competing clubs and players:

\$60,000 NATIONAL CLUB 5 A SIDE CHALLENGE

CLUB	STATE	SELECTED PLAYERS				
CABRAMATTA	NSW	RAY PEARSE	COREY WEDLOCK	IAN SCHUBACK	ROWAN BRASSEY	BEN MORTHORPE
MERRYLANDS	NSW	PAUL WEBB	SHAWN THOMPSON	ANDREW HOWIE	ZELIKO TRBARA	MICHAEL CLARKE
MT LEWIS	NSW	STEVE GLASSON OAM	BEN GLASSON	GARY WILLIS	ARON SHERRIFF	ROBBIE CHESHER
RAYMOND TERRACE	NSW	MATT BAUS	LENNON SCOTT	JASON STOKES	IAN LEAN	SHANE EVANS
ST JOHNS PARK	NSW	BEN TWIST	NATHAN WISE	MAT PIETERSEN	CHRIS HERDEN	MARK BERGHOFER
TAREN POINT	NSW	WAYNE TURLEY	DAVID AXON	MIKE NAGY	SIMON LYTTLE	SHANNON MCILROY
WARILLA	NSW	JEREMY HENRY	AARON TEYS	HARLEY MCDONALD	GREG JEANS	JESSE NORONHA
EAST CESSNOCK	NSW	SAM CLOUGH OAM	DANIEL TREWHELLA	DANNY MATHIESON	GREG BURGOYNE	SCOTT DE JONGH
BROADBEACH	QLD	RYAN BESTER	RYAN BURNETT	KEVIN ANDERSON	JAMIE SMITH	SEAN INGHAM
HAMILTON	QLD	STEVE TONG	SHANE LEONARD	MICHAEL BROWN	JASON MOORE	PAUL GIRDLER
HELENSVALE	QLD	ANTHONY KIEPE	BRETT WILKIE	MARK CASEY	NATHAN RICE	MARK THATCHER
PINE RIVERS	QLD	ALEX MURTAGH	ROBBIE WILD	AARON HEWSON	TRENT HEALEY	SEAN BAKER
SOUTH TWEED	QLD	KELVIN KERKOW OAM	STEVE HALMAI	BARRIE LESTER	NIGEL SMITH	NEVILLE JENKINS
ADELAIDE	SA	SCOTT THULBORN	BRETT DAVIS	MATTHEW NORTHCOTT	MAX KLEINIG	ALAN HURST
ASCOT PARK	SA	NATHAN PEDERSEN	DAVE STOCKHAM	CRAIG MILLS	COLIN HARVEY	NIGEL RYAN
LONGFORD	TAS	MARK STROCHNETTER	SIMON ZAPOROZEC	MATHEW MITCHELL	MATTHEW JACKSON	DANIEL BAKER
ALTONA	VIC	BEN LOUGHLIN	MICHAEL VESIKKO	DANE MCKINNON	BRETT FOLEY	BRAD PECK
CLAYTON	VIC	ALI FORSYTH	AARON WILSON	KELLY MCKERIHEN	GEOFFREY ROBINSON	MATT FLAPPER
CAMBRIDGE	WA	PIETER HARRIS	CLIVE ADAMS	JON SHARP	DANIEL PATTERSON	DAVID OPIE
WOMEN'S WORLD BOWLS TEAM	AUS	KELSEY COTTRELL	KAREN MURPHY	NATASHA SCOTT	CARLA KRIZANIC	BEC VAN ASCH

