

20th August 2018

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\$60,000 Coca Cola National Club 5 a Side Challenge Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th September 2018

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

2018 will see the staging of the twelfth annual National Club 5 A Side with all the exciting action to commence on Monday 3rd September.

With a massive prize pool on offer and a first place cheque of \$20,000 up for grabs, 19 powerhouse clubs from six states across the country, as well as our New Zealand star studded team, 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 nearly 50 international representatives, will feature the inclusion of numerous World Champions and legends of the sport in Jo Edwards (Pine Rivers), Jeremy Henry (Warilla), Gary Lawson & Jamie Hill (Eastbourne), Shannon Mcilroy & Ali Forsyth (Taren Point), Brett Wilkie, Aron Sherriff & Mark Casey (Club Helensvale), Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta), Richard Girvan & Blake Signal (Nelson Bay), Ryan Bester, Paul Girdler & Ryan Burnett (Broadbeach), Ben Twist (St Johns Park), Scott Thulborn & Wayne Ruediger (Adelaide), and the very popular crowd favourites Kelvin Kerkow & Steve Glasson (Mt Lewis) – just to name a few.

Spearheading the list of favourites for the title this year will be the defending champions Broadbeach Bulls, led by their adopted Canadian son and reigning Australian Open Singles Champion Ryan Bester. The Bulls team remains unchanged from last year and they will no doubt go in to the tournament as the side to beat.

Our first ever international club side and our runners up in 2017, the Eastbourne Eagles, are again crossing the ditch keen to take the silverware and title back to New Zealand shores for the first time. After coming agonizingly close last year, the motivation to go one step further is sure to keep these boys toward the top of the leaderboard.

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Further challengers for the title and \$20,000 first place prize will come from all corners of the country with the return of WA's Cambridge Knights side, NSW's recently crowned State Champions the Cabramatta Bullants to be led by Commonwealth Games Singles Gold Medalist Aaron Wilson, Victoria's Essendon team to include the talented Flapper brothers, South Australia's Adelaide crew another dark horse to watch, while the pride of the Apple Isle will lie in the hands of the Burnie Boys.

Home town heroes, Helensvale Hawks, are always tough to beat on their local track and will be keen to give their supporters something to cheer about. The inclusion of new Hawks recruit, and now Gold Coast resident, Aron Sherriff will further bolster their chances in 2018.

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.

For all interested parties, our full field of illustrious clubs and talented competitors is attached and we look forward to welcoming all players, supporters and spectators to our club in the coming weeks.

A Calcutta will be held on Sunday September 2nd 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 \$1800! Spectators and potential bidders are all welcome to attend this fun and enjoyable evening.

The National 5 A Side competition will start at 8.30am daily and will wind up with presentations on the Thursday at 5.30pm. Don't miss out - get down to Club Helensvale to see this tantalizing feast of bowls unfold right before your eyes!

And for those that can't make it to this years event, for the first time, we will be live streaming one feature match from each round every day. A great opportunity for our interstate club supporters to tune in and cheer on your team – make sure you 'Like' our Club Helensvale Facebook page to be alerted to each game as we go live daily from 8.30am.

For more information please contact our Bowls Coordinator Lynsey Clarke on the details below.

Competing Clubs & Players



\$60,000 NATIONAL CLUB 5 A SIDE CHALLENGE

CLUB	STATE	SELECTED PLAYERS				
Cabramatta	NSW	Ray Pearse	Aaron Wilson	Corey Wedlock	Carl Healey	Ben Morthorpe
Merrylands	NSW	Neil Burkett	Michael Clarke	David Holt	Shawn Thompson	Tony Wood
Mt Lewis	NSW	Steve Glasson	Kelvin Kerkow	Ben Glasson	Andrew Batterham	Jono Davis
Nelson Bay	NSW	Richard Girvan	Blake Signal	Alvin Gardiner	Jake Graham	Wayne Turley
Raymond Terrace	NSW	Eric Ryan	Lennon Scott	Ian Lean	Matt Baus	Jason Stokes
St Johns Park	NSW	Ben Twist	Mark Berghofer	Mat Pietersen	Chris Herden	Nathan Wise
Taren Point	NSW	Barrie Lester	Ali Forsyth	David Axon	Shannon McIlroy	John Green
Warilla	NSW	Aaron Teys	Jesse Noronha	Brendan Aquilina	Shane Leonard	Jeremy Henry
Broadbeach	QLD	Ryan Bester	Sean Ingham	Kevin Anderson	Ryan Burnett	Paul Girdler
Helensvale	QLD	Brett Wilkie	Aron Sherriff	Nathan Rice	Jayden Christie	Mark Casey
Musgrave Hill	QLD	Brian Baldwin	Nic Gosley	Chris Le Lievre	Gary Mounsey	Ryan Khan
Pine Rivers	QLD	Streven Tong	Tyler Pettigrew	Michael Breen	Neil Enders	Jo Edwards
Adelaide	SA	Scott Thulborn	Brett Davis	Adrian Green	Matthew Northcott	Wayne Ruediger
West Lakes	SA	Mark Haines	Kane Coulls	Craig Mills	Steve Dennis	James Gregory
Burnie	TAS	Mark Nitz	David Gamble	Patrick Smith	Joe Simpson	Jeremy Turner
Essendon	VIC	Anthony Flapper	Peter Loe	Jay Bye-Norris	Mark Strochnetter	Matthew Flapper
Melbourne	VIC	Shane Fordham	Matty Ellul	Curtis Hanley	Bryce Young	Dane McKinnon
Moama	VIC	Apollo Birch	Michael Walker	Troy Mansbridge	Mathew Liverton	Peter Taylor
Cambridge	WA	Clive Adams	Lance Strahan	Cameron Harris	Ross Bolton	Trystan Smallacombe
Eastbourne	NZ	Gary Lawson	Jamie Hill	Justin Goodwin	Philip Skoglund	David Ferguson

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