

Asquith Bowls AGM

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Asquith Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd (ABRC) will hold its AGM at 9:30am this Sunday 14 October 2012. The AGM is for all members of the club including social members, whether you are a bowls player or not. This is your opportunity to catch up with friends and acquaintances whilst having your input to the running of the club for the next 12 months.

ABRC is a very community based club with many social members and a very active women's bowling club and also a men's club.

On Saturday 25 August this year I attended the AGM of the Asquith Men's Bowling Club at the invitation of the President Don Wall.

There I met up with life member Merv Blyth (93) of Asquith who joined the club in 1951 when the first green was officially opened. Merv has lived in Asquith since 1930 and his sister Gwen married WW2 veteran President Don Wall in 1946 after Don's discharge from the RAAF.

Merv also served in WW2 and was with the Australian 2/18th Battalion when the Japanese captured Singapore on 15 February 1942. He became a POW for nearly four years.

Merv like Don married in 1946, to Heather Burton also of Asquith and raised seven children.

"They'd asked me if I was a Catholic with so many children. I said no – I'm just a careless Protestant," said Merv. An original portrait as NSW Bowling Association Senior Club Personality of 2009 hangs in the club. It was painted by fellow club member Roy Entwistle of Hornsby North.

"The club's logo was designed by my brother Rex and includes a kangaroo for we go forward not backward, a boomerang – we return/comeback, the colour green for the green we bowl on, and a bowl the symbol of our sport," said President Don.

For further info on Asquith Bowling Club visit www.asquithbowlingclub.com.au or phone 9477 1364.

Photo: Asquith Men's Bowling Club AGM, Saturday 25 Aug 2012. L-R: Treasurer Doug Taylor (Hornsby Heights), President Don Wall (Mt Colah), Carl Perry (Normanhurst), Merv Blyth (Asquith), Patron Alf Manuelle (Asquith), Secretary Denis Paterson (Asquith), Patron Bill O'Donnell (Mt Colah), & Chairman ABCRC David Haynes (Hornsby Heights).

