



## A NEW HOME for the NSW Junior Blues!

Bowls NSW are proud to announce a new junior development partnership with the Cabra Bowls Group. The partnership will provide junior bowlers of New South Wales with extensive resources and personnel to assist with their development pathway.

Becoming the **“Home of the NSW Junior Blues”** headlines the partnership is the **Cabramatta Bowling Club**. This will provide the club with hosting rights to the NSW junior test series until 2021.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for Bowls NSW and our Junior Bowls program. The Cabra Bowls Group have always been a great supporter of ours but this partnership really does provide great benefit and opportunity to junior bowlers.” Bowls NSW Greg Helm.

The partnership also provides a new home for the NSW state camp for junior bowlers. The club will host selected junior bowlers for a three-day camp and expose the bowlers to a number of state mentors such as Australian Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Aaron Wilson and fellow Jackaroo squad member Ray Pearse, who has recently become an Assistant Coach for the NSW Junior Blues. Both players are currently plying their trade with the Cabra Bowls Group and are current NSW squad members.

Cabra Bowls Group CEO Jay Porter believes it is a proud moment for the club.

“The partnership brings bowlers from across the state to Cabramatta Bowling Club not just in a representative sense but also for a number of

development workshops as well as the Junior State Camp. We believe we can offer the junior bowlers a great opportunity for development and contribute to the greater cause of NSW representative bowls.”

Cabra Bowls Group have also committed to conducting Bowls NSW Junior Development Training Days, where young bowlers from across the state will have the opportunity to receive coaching from some of Bowls NSW best coaches. NSW Coach Gary Willis suggested this was a great opportunity for all junior bowlers.

“All junior bowlers in NSW will have the opportunity to receive guidance and direction from a number of state and national coaches, as well as some of the best talent bowls has in this country. We are excited to be offering such opportunities to our juniors in a central location, particularly for the greater Sydney area. It will also give great exposure to kids from Regional NSW, as we continue to develop juniors across the state. It’s a very exciting time for juniors.”

Whilst a Sydney location has been secured as part of this Cabra Group partnership, Bowls NSW are continuing negotiations with a number of other clubs in regard to hosting Junior Development Training Days for the coming years with announcements to follow shortly.

The first junior test series will be held in 2019 and we are sure that the Cabra Bowls Group will be a successful “Home of the NSW Junior Blues”.



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