



# Queensland Government

Diggers Memorial Bowls Club converted its two natural grass bowling greens to a synthetic carpet bowling green surface in 2010 with funding assistance from the Queensland Government.

As the upper surface of one green began deteriorating earlier than the other due to UV exposure and foot traffic, it was replaced in June 2019 before deterioration significantly affected play.

The Queensland Government provided \$138,860 to Diggers Memorial Bowls Club to upgrade this particular synthetic bowling green surface through Round 7 of the 2018 Get Playing Places and Spaces Program to enable Queenslanders to participate in lawn bowls at Rockhampton.

Installation work to upgrade the carpet surface of this particular green was completed in mid-June 2019 and an official opening of the new green held on Thursday 8 August 2019. A new plaque to commemorate the opening was unveiled on that day by the Member for Keppel, the Honourable Brittany Lauga MP on behalf of the Minister for Sport the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP.

Since that time, the surface of the second green has needed replacement and to assist with this infrastructure upgrade, the club received two grants of \$35,000 each from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in 2019 and 2020. The total project to replace both greens has now been completed at a cost of \$362,740. Approval from the Queensland Government was also given to utilise unspent funds from the 2018 Get Playing Places and Spaces Program grant towards the project.

Diggers Memorial Bowls Club greatly appreciates this very generous support from the Queensland Government. This major infrastructure upgrade will enable the club to continue to provide the best possible standard of playing facilities and accommodation for lawn bowling and social functions for all sectors of the community in Rockhampton.