



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Victoria Bowling Club</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1999.0038, 2001.0079
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Organisation, other
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Clubs, sporting
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1876-2000
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	The Victoria Bowling Club was founded in 1876. It was one of the first bowls clubs in Victoria. The Club was open only to men until 1974, when women members were accepted. The Victorian Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1988. The Club occupied University Square in Grattan Street until 1999 when it was forced to close after permission to occupy the site the State Government of Victoria revoked permission for it to occupy the site. The Club amalgamated with the Fitzroy Bowling Club in 2001.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	3 June 1999 and 10 October 2001
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The first accession comprises: minutes; annual reports; membership and visitors' books, press clippings, club leaflets, correspondence, Flagstaff Gardens Master Plan, subject files, photographs, art works. This is consolidated with a further accession containing framed photographs, banners, shields, plaques, advertising material.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
<b>LISTED BY</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	7 September 2005

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### Collection Name:

# Victoria Bowling Club.

**Accession Number:** 99/38; 101/79;

**Historical Note:** This collection is comprised of material relating to the life of the Victoria Bowling Club. Opening in October 1876, it was one of the founding bowls clubs in Victoria. Long having been an exclusive club for men, it was in 1974 that women were admitted for the first time into membership. But it was not until 1988 that the Victoria Ladies Bowling Club was formed. The Club folded under controversial circumstances in April 1999, after enduring years of pressure from the Melbourne City Council and other bodies to justify their occupation of the much sought after University Square location. In November 1998 the State Government revoked the Victorian Bowling Club's permissive occupancy of University Square, and Melbourne University Private eventually won the land. Plans to relocate to Flagstaff Gardens were promptly scratched when Melbourne City Councilors failed to honour the agreement in May 1999. The only alternative was amalgamation, which was accomplished in May 2001 with the Fitzroy Bowling Club.

**Date of Transfer:**

**Access:**

**Size:**

**Date Range:** 1876 - 2000.

**Related Collections:**

**List of Records:** **Series 1:** HISTORICAL MATERIAL

**Series 2:** ANNUAL REPORTS

**Series 3:** MINUTES

**Series 4:** PRESS CLIPPINGS

**Series 5:** CORRESPONDENCE

**Series 6:** PROPOSALS

**Series 7:** MISCELLANEOUS

**Series 8:** PHOTOGRAPHS

**Series 9:** FELT BANNERS

**Series 10:** WATERCOLOURS

**Series 11:** PRINTS

**Series 12:** SPONSOR BOARDS

**Series 13:** SHEILD IN WOOD AND GLASS CASE

**Series 14:** PLAQUES

Collection: - Victoria Bowling Club    Accession 99/38 & 101/79

Box No.	Series Number	Description
	<b>1</b>	<b>Historical Material.</b>
1	1/1	1957 Deed - Loan from Lord Mayor to Council [1 Folder] 1957.
1	1/2	Historical Papers [1 Folder, includes Bowling Club Rules] 1876 - 1996.
Shelved vol.	1/3	Victoria Bowling Club Visitors' Book [1 Volume] Jan 1958 - Apr 1975.
1	1/4/1	Membership Book [1 Volume] 1960 - 1961.
1	1/4/2	Membership Book [1 Volume] 1960 - 1961.
	<b>2</b>	<b>Annual Reports.</b>
1	2/1	Victoria Bowling Club Annual Reports [43 Booklets] 1960 - 1999.
1	2/2	Annual Meetings [1 Volume] Jul 1955 - Jul 1961.
	<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes.</b>
1	3/1/1	Minutes [1 Volume] Sept 1907 - Oct 1915.
2	3/1/2	Minutes - Rough [1 Volume] Sept 1907 - Oct 1915.
2	3/2/1	Minutes [1 Volume] Jan 1916 - June 1931.
2	3/2/2	Minutes - Rough [1 Volume]. Jan 1916 - Mar 1931.
2	3/3	Minutes [1 Volume] Jun 1931 - Aug 1938.
2	3/4	Minutes [1 Volume] Aug 1938 - Aug 1947.
3	3/5	Minutes [1 Volume] Aug 1947 - Jul 1955.
3	3/6	Minutes - Rough Notes [1 Volume] Aug 1952 - Jul 1954.
3	3/7	Minutes [1 Volume] Aug 1955 - Jul 1958.
3	3/8	Minutes [1 Folder] Jul 1960 - May 1965.
3	3/9	Minutes [1 Volume] Sept 1961 - May 1965.
3	3/10	Minutes [1 Folder] Jun 1965 -Sept 1968
3	3/11	Minutes [1 Volume] Jun 1971 - Nov 1975.
4	3/12	Minutes [1 Folder] Dec 1975 - Apr 1981.
4	3/13	Minutes [1 Volume] Jun 1981 - Feb 1986.

- 4            3/14    Minutes [1 Volume]  
Mar 1986 - Dec 1988.
- 4            3/15    Minutes [1 Volume]  
Feb 1989 - Apr 1998.
- 4            3/16/1   Victoria Ladies Bowling Club - Minutes [1 Folder]  
Feb 1990 - Dec 1993.
- 5            3/16/2   Victoria Ladies Bowling Club - Minutes [1 Folder]  
Jan 1994 - May 1996.
- 5            3/17    Minutes [1 Folder]  
Jul 1998 - May 1999.
  
- 4        **Press Clippings.**
- 5            4/1    **W.** Foster's News and Memorabilia [1 Folder]  
1894 - 1998.
- 5            4/2    General Clippings and News Items [1 Folder]  
1945-1994.
- 5            4/3    General Snippets re. Members; Club Leaflets; Information Booklets [1 Folder]  
1978 - 1998.
- 5            4/4    Press Clippings [1 Folder]  
Dec 1999 - Apr 2000.
  
- 5            5        **Correspondence**
- 5            5/1    Various Correspondence, including application for parking space; Les Gillon bequest; and  
Liquor License [1 Folder]  
1963 - 1996.
  
- 6        **Proposals.**
- 5            6/1/1   Flagstaff Gardens Master Plan - Proposals, etc. on Development [1 Folder]  
Jan - Aug 1999.
- 5            6/1/2   Flagstaff Gardens Master Plan - General Documents [1 Folder]  
Dec 1999 - Feb 2000.
- 5            6/1/3   Flagstaff Gardens Master Plan - Planning Proposal (application)[1 Folder]  
Jan 1999 - Feb 2000.
- 5            6/1/4   Flagstaff Gardens Master Plan - Subsequent Proposals (post-rejection) [1 Folder]  
Jan - Jun 2000.
  
- 5            7        **Miscellaneous.**
- 5            7/1    Newsletters and Documents re. Installation of Green Lights [1 Folder]  
1957 - 1997.
- 5            7/2/1   Notes and Material from Ben Kerville A [1 Folder]  
1961 - 1998.
- 5            7/2/2   Notes and Material from Ben Kerville B [1 Folder]  
1961 - 1998.
- 5            7/3    Building Alterations - includes correspondence and plans [1 Folder]  
1974 - 1975.
- 5            7/4    Centenary Celebration Arrangements [1 Folder].  
1976.
- 6            7/5    Correspondence; Presentations to Council Meetings; Prospective Student Assignment;  
Merger Planning/Notes; material related to the final days/ejection of the Bowling Club from its  
site[1 Folder]  
1996 - 2000.
- 6            7/6    120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Reports, etc. [1 Folder]  
1996.
- 6            7/7    Information Memoranda; Statements to Club ; Correspondence [1 Folder]  
Sep 1998 - Sep 2000.

6	7/8	News Items; Press Releases; Launch Book for Melb University Private; material related to the final days/ejection of the Bowling Club from its site [1 Folder] Jun 1998 - Jun 1999.
6	7/9	Working Party Deliberations, Memoranda of Principles; material related to the final days/ejection of the Bowling Club from its site [1 Folder] 1998 - 1999.
6	7/10	Minutes; Reports; Club Newsletters [1 Folder] Jun 1999 - Jun 2000.
	<b>8</b>	<b>Photograph/s.</b>
6	8/1	Photographs: 1876 Opening, Life Members, Centenary Dinner [1 Folder] 1876 - 1976.
6	8/2	Photographic Sepia Blocks of Club Opening [2 Sepia Blocks] 1876.
Shelved vol.	8/3	W. Foster's photo album [1 Photo Album] 1894 - 1998.
Shelved item	8/4	Victorian Bowling Association President's Trophy 1921-22. Won by Victoria Bowling Club. Group of 9 players seated and standing with club rooms in background. 1922.
Shelved item	8/5	W.E. Marsh. President 1932-33 Champion 1930-31; 1933-33. Photograph of Marsh bowling a bowl with 7 men looking on. c1930's.
LPR 3	8/6	Victoria Ladies Pennant Winners Section CI - 1990/91. Group photograph of 21 female members seated and standing within club rooms. 1991.
Shelved item	8/7	'Victorian Bowling Association President's Trophy. Season 1925-26'. Group Photograph of 8 team members seated. 1926.
LPR 3	8/8	First Inter-colonial Teams. Annandale, Sydney, 14th April, 1880. Group of 33 gentlemen standing and sitting. Includes J. Birtwistle who was a founding member of the Victoria Bowling Club. Reproduction 1880.
Shelved item	8/9	Head and shoulders portrait of 'D.W.N (Danny) Topp A super veteran in 1972 - His 55th year of record membership'. 1972.
Shelved item	8/10	Presentation Night, April 14, 1972. President Ben Kerville confers honorary life membership on R.L. (Les) Couper, K.J.R. (Ken) Laird and L. (Bob) Thomas. At rear is life member W.M. (Cal) Murphy. 1972.
Shelved item	8/11	Head and shoulders portrait of "T. Cockram President V.B. Club 1883-84, 1899-1900". c1900.
Shelved item	8/12	North view across flooded green towards club rooms. [unknown]
8	8/13	Group portrait of Victoria Ladies Bowling Club members, 1988/89 Season. 1899.
8	8/14	Group portrait of Victoria Ladies Bowling Club members, 1988/89 Season. 1899.
Shelved item	8/15	Portrait of Canon J.L. Watt. -President -1948-49 "Our United Greetings to You All From Canon + Mrs. Watt 1953". 1953.
Shelved item	8/16	Head and shoulders portrait of 'Dougald Atkins -Life Member-'. [not dated]
Shelved item	8/17	Head and shoulders 'H. Maplestone President V.B. Club 1895-96'. [not dated]

Shelved item	8/18	'Victoria Bowling Club Winners R. V. B. A. Premiership Season 1948-49' Group portrait of 20 team members. 1949.
Shelved item	8/19	'Victoria Bowling Club Rink Season 1925-26' Group portrait of C. Wilson, R. Heatley, A. G. Kemp and A. J. Nines. 1926.
Shelved item	8/20	Head and shoulders portrait 'Alex Mair President V. B. Club 1905-6'. [not dated]
Shelved item	8/21	Head and shoulders portrait of 'R. Bodington Foundation Member'. [not dated]
Shelved item	8/22	Head and shoulders portrait of 'J. W Chalmers President V.B Club'. c1953.
7	8/23	Full length portrait of 'Arthur Dumas Victoria Bowling Club Champion of Champions'. c1945.
UPR 24	8/24	Head and shoulders portrait of 'W. H. Prime Secretary 1939-1947. President 1952-1953. [not dated]
UPR 42	8/25	Full length portrait of 'Glyn De V. Bosisto Victoria Bowling Club Australian Singles Champion 1942'. 1942.
LPR 4	8/26	Full length portrait of 'Bert Nines V.B.A. Champion of Champions1926-27'. 1927.
Shelved item	8/27	Group portrait of R.V.B.A. Premiers Divisions A4 1974-5. 1975.
Shelved item	8/28	'Victoria Bowling Club Premiers V.B.A Pennant Competition 1919 - 1920'. 5 group portraits and 12 individual portraits. 1920.
Shelved item	8/29	'Victoria Bowling Club R.V.B.A. Premiership A4 Season 1978- 79'. Group portrait of 20 men standing in front of club rooms. 1979.
7	8/30	'CR. D. Bell President Victoria Bowling Club Entertains Members and Friends on Opening Day of Season 1926-27'. Three photographs mounted on board, 1 group portrait of members and friends in front of club rooms , 1 photograph of 'Lady Brunton throws 1st Kitty', photograph of 'Mrs. Bell Delivers 1st bowl' 1926. <b>[Requires conservation]</b>
8	8/31	Head and shoulders portrait of 'R. H. Lawrence, President V.B.C 1906-7'. 1907.
7	8/32	Head and shoulders portrait of ' Jim Sharp Esq. Life Member'. [not dated]
8	8/33	Head and shoulders portrait of ' J. Ellis President V. B. C. 1894-95. 1895.
8	8/34	Head and shoulders portrait of 'J. W. Ellis, President V.B.C. 1902-03, 1903-04'. c1904.
8	8/35	Side Portrait of ' Major. A. G. Stacey. Sect. M.G.R. 1954'. 1954.
8	8/36	Head and shoulders portrait of 'James Denham President V.B.C 1909-10'. c1910.
8	8/37	Head and shoulders portrait of 'J. Mitchell, President V.B.C., 1904-5'. c1905.
8	8/38	Head and shoulders portrait of 'R. Bodington, Jr., President V.B.C., 1901-02. c1902.
8	8/39	Head and shoulders portrait of 'Mephan Ferguson, President V.B.C., 1892-93'. c1893.
LPR 3	8/40	Full length Portrait of 'Andy Stanely V.B.A. Single Handed Champion of Victoria 1935-35'. c1935.
7	8/41	Head and shoulders Portrait of 'J. W. Ellis Esq. President 9 Times'.

		[not dated]
8	8/42	Head and shoulder portrait of 'A. Mair, President 1882-3'.
		[not dated]
UPR 10	8/43	Head and shoulders portrait of 'C. H. Smith, President V.B.C. 1898-1899'. c1899.
8	8/44	Head and shoulders portrait of 'A. E. Hughes, President V.B.c., 1890-91, 1897-98'. [not dated]
8	8/45	head and shoulders portrait of 'A. R. Clark, Hon. Secretary V.B.C. 1900 to 1905'. c1905.
8	8/46	Head and shoulders portrait of 'J. Royal, President V.B.C., 1891-92'. c1892.
8	8/47	Full length portrait of 'Mr G. Bosisto Singles Champion Mildura Bowling Club 1956'. c1956.
	<b>9</b>	<b>Felt Banner.</b>
Shelved item	9/1	Victoria Ladies Bowling Club Sectional Winners C.3 Division Banner - 1988-89. 1988.
Shelved item	9/2	Victoria Ladies Bowling Club Sectional Winners C.2 Division Banner - 1989-90. 1989.
Shelved item	9/3	Victoria Ladies Bowling Club Sectional Winners C.1 Division Banner - 1990-91. 1990.
	<b>10</b>	<b>Watercolour.</b>
UPR 42	10/1	'Victoria Bowling Club 1976' landscape of bowling green and club room looking North West. 1976.
UPR 42	10/2	Landscape of green and club rooms depicting 1876 scene. c1976.
	<b>11</b>	<b>Print.</b>
Shelved item	11/1	Head and shoulders portrait of 'Samuel Ramsden First President V.B.C. Founded 1876'. [not dated]
	<b>12</b>	<b>Sponsor Board.</b>
8	12/1	Sponsor board. Includes 11 advertisements. [not dated]
	<b>13</b>	<b>Shield in Wood and Glass Case.</b>
Objects	13/1	'Victorian Bowling Association. Presidents Trophy. Season 1925-1926' Shield in wood and glass case. 1926.
	<b>14</b>	<b>Plaque</b>
	14/1	1976 plaque celebrating the centenary of the opening of the Victoria Bowling Club. 1976.