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From: Fiona Wiebusch [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 6:55 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Yours sincerely,
Francis Leben

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Franz Litzner

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From: Fred Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 4:35 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288- Coorparoo Bowls Club Criterion G Community Significance

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25 March 2026

HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

Criterion G: Community Significance

Chief Executive,

I consider the Coorparoo Bowls Club is a unique community asset without peer in the inner eastern suburbs of Brisbane. The buildings and greens are the lungs of Coorparoo giving life to the community which would otherwise be dominated by high rise and dissected by major transport routes.

During the past 10 years I have watched as members and patrons come in, relax, and socialise. You can see it their demeanour as they enjoy the fresh air and conviviality. Interestingly, many are intergenerational who came as kids with their parents and now come with their own. It really is something special to see this intrinsic community value in action.

Personally, it has given me the opportunity to be engaged in my community as a volunteer and a bowls member. I have developed a network of friends who share a common passion for the club and its surroundings. The heritage and history are profound as anyone who has been upstairs can attest.

I absolutely hope that the Coorparoo Bowls Club buildings and greens are added to the Queensland Heritage Register as the community needs it now and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely,
Fred Campbell

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From: Gordon Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2026 5:19 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Re: HRN 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club

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From: Gordon Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 12:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HRN 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club

The CBC is worthy of a Heritage status under Criterion G Community Significance.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to explain the importance of the Coorparoo Bowls Club and what it means to me as well as the surrounding community.

I have had the privilege of being an active member for the past 8 years, never been part of a bowls club prior, bowling or otherwise. My luck was on my side when I joined this club as my first and to watch how it has developed in the time I have been involved is nothing short of amazing.

Putting bowls aside, the range and number of people it attracts as well as the gatherings it holds (400-500) on any given weekend has clearly become a community hub, using the fabulous green space it holds for all, whether it be in 'The Great South East's' biggest beer garden to enjoy and relax or some social competition between family and friends barefoot bowling on a green that is looked after and maintained to a good standard solely for this purpose.

On the bowling side of the club, of which I can say I'm proudly part of, it has a very competitive nature with some fabulous bowlers that have joined the club over the years to be part of this exciting venue. All the bowlers from other clubs when bowling at Coorparoo Bowls club love coming here to compete, they love the vibe and atmosphere it provides all the time.

In closing, this club is a very big part of my life and I have many dear friends there that I regularly catch up with.

I am a widower and when my family contact me, I am often at the club keeping busy getting on with life either socialising, cutting grass or lending a hand in some other way to keep the club in good shape, I feel they get a sense of comfort in that knowing I'm not alone or at home all the time feel down about life as they are not close by but spread around the country and world. Coorparoo Bowls club is very unique identity and special to many, many people.

Yours faithfully,



From: Graeme Bell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 March 2026 4:04 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Fwd: Heritage listing application 650288 -Coorparoo Bowls Club

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To whom it may concern

Please find below my submission in support of the Heritage Listing Application for the Coorparoo Bowls Club to be heritage listed under:

Criteria A – Demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history

The Coorparoo Bowls Club is important in demonstrating the development of suburban recreation in Brisbane during the twentieth century. It was established in 1930 and the club reflects a period when community sporting institutions became a defining feature of Queensland suburbs.

Bowls clubs were not simply sporting venues. They formed part of the social infrastructure of growing communities, providing regular opportunities for recreation and social interaction. Today, the Coorparoo club continues to illustrate this pattern clearly.

Importantly, the club remains active and continues to retain its greens and clubhouse in their traditional relationship. Because the place still functions as a bowls club, it continues to demonstrate this aspect of Queensland’s social and recreational history.

It also offers a much needed community green space and hub amongst the high rise apartments towers providing a relaxed and friendly environment for residents to meet with friends and family.

I trust that the decision makers will see that this much loved venue is worth saving it for its heritage value as well as the many people who frequent it.

Yours sincerely
Graeme Bell

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From: Helen Baird [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2026 10:06 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

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6th March 2026

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We have held major family celebrations at the club over many years including family members, children, grandparents & friends. We also play bowls on a weekly basis, volunteer and listen to local musicians on Sunday afternoons while meeting friends for a catchup.

Our workplaces have held Christmas parties each year plus fundraisers for colleagues going through MND, cancer, mental health & suicide. Which has a flow on to the community as a whole as it opens the conversation up for discussion, understanding & support.

On a personal levels Gordon had prostate cancer last year on mentioning it to fellow club members five others put their hand up saying we have been there we will support you through this wow what a difference that made to Gordon's recovery & others who now know early detection is the key to survival.

My mother passed away in 2024 the club rallied & supported us with meals while she was in palliative care then held the wake. We have regular wakes at the club especially older club members & not so young.

The most important thing all are welcome from your pet your child you family your friends as long as they do no harm. It's our green space our community, our meeting place.

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Yours sincerely,

Helen & Gordon Baird



Chief Executive
Planning and Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001

25 March 2026

Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

Criterion G : Community Significance

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in support of the abovementioned submission regarding Lot Plan L56_SL4245; L1_RP107835, the facility known as The Coorparoo Bowls Club (the Club), by Bowls Queensland. The Lot Plan, as described in the property lot report, the Description SR2 Sport and recreation (District) states that "*The purpose of the Sport and recreation zone code is to provide for a range of organised activities that includes sport, cultural and educational activities where the uses require a level of built infrastructure. It includes built structures, such as clubhouses, gymnasiums, public swimming pools and tennis courts, and infrastructure to support the activities, safe access and essential management, where required to meet community needs*"¹

I believe that Bowls Queensland, the current owner of the site, has proposed the sale of the facility, and the Club members and the Coorparoo Community the Club supports have serious concerns for the future of the club house and the two greens that make up the Lot Plan.

As a place of local heritage significance, I wish to confirm that Coorparoo Bowls Club currently holds Historical significance under Criterion A below:

- **Criterion A** - under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. '*The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history as an intact interwar bowls club that was founded by several prominent Coorparoo residents including W.L. Nicklin*'² and

This submission is regarding the granting of Criterion G - *The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons as a sporting facility built for and by the Coorparoo community during the Great Depression*.³

The Club has continuously served the Coorparoo Community since 1930 built wholly by and for the Coorparoo community and has been not only a sporting facility but a social hub for people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and remains a positive and supportive environment for my son, Brendan, is a longtime member of the Club. During that time, he has played in the 'Pennants' competition with the encouragement of the whole club and has an excellent rapport with Staff and Club members alike and he holds full membership of the Club. Brendan, now 41 years old, having been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy with right-sided

¹ Brisbane City Council City Plan 2014: v35 Property Lot Report

² Brisbane City Council – Heritage Citation page 3

³ Brisbane City Council – Heritage Citation page 4

hemiplegia, is very attached to the Club as he feels it is a safe and welcoming environment where he is supported for his continued mental and physical health.

The protection of the whole facility consisting of a club house and 2 lawn bowling greens under heritage listing of Historical significance Criterion A and Criterion G, is paramount to the continuation of the Club as it now operates. The Club offers not only Club Lawn Bowling competitions and related Club activities to the members but also supports to the community, with social events such as Barefoot Bowls, live music and corporate events, private functions, musical practice areas and other social and charity related events.

My concern that unless there is awareness of the sale by Bowls Queensland and possible redevelopment of the Club site to entities such as Brisbane City Council Heritage Places, despite the criteria for historical and community significance, the Coorparoo Bowl Club will face significant changes to the Club's current values and commitments.

I would greatly appreciate any feedback or information regarding tis matter.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

Helen Davey, Local resident Coorparoo/Greenslopes.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

Re :HRN650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive

I write in strong support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under **Criterion G – its special association with the community**

Coorparoo Bowls Club is a thriving community supported club and has been so over its wonderful 97 year history. You'll find the camaraderie there next to none and not only does the Club welcome other bowling clubs from across the wider districts for social and competition bowls it also provides a safe and welcoming environment for a huge number of families and groups on the weekends. It's great to see the local community enjoy the outdoor areas and even have a roll up for Barefoot Bowls.

Coorparoo Bowls Club has played an integral part of the community e.g. over many years the upstairs hall area is well utilized by various community groups and many families have used the Club's facilities to celebrate significant milestones such as birthday parties, wakes, engagement and even wedding receptions. It is the memories of occasions like this that link the club's significant importance to the community. I am proud to have been a bowler at CBC for the last 6 years since my retirement but my association with the Club as a local resident goes back much further than this when I have attended community events in the hall upstairs.

Local businesses sponsor various bowling events throughout the year and often hold informal meetings and after work get togethers at the Club. The venue also provides a great outlet for local musicians who provide background music and add to the convivial atmosphere to large crowds of all ages on a Sunday afternoon.

During the Clubs history it has provided work experience and employment to young people in the community and continues to offer opportunities for volunteers and people from all ages and backgrounds to come together thus creating a sense of belonging in the community. The Club supports local charities throughout the year highlighting their commitment to community partnerships.

Our long time members carry the history, traditions and stories of the Club and that history deserves respect and we need this history being repeated in years to come. Generations of families consider Coorparoo Bowls Club an important part of the Coorparoo heritage landscape just like Queen Alexander Home on Old Cleveland Road and Coorparoo State School.

I believe Coorparoo Bowls Club has a valued importance in the community and preserving it will reinforce the significant relevance of such places for future generations.

I respectfully ask that Coorparoo Bowls Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its value to the community.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Leben



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From: Ian Lacey [REDACTED]
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Ian lacey

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Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club
32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo 4151

Criterion G – Community significance

History.

In the **1900-1920** era, 32 Riddings St did not appear on maps and this specific site was part of an area known as Harries Pocket, which was undeveloped rural land used for small scale farming. The land was owned by a Mr Harries.

A first attempt was made in **1914** by 32 local residents to establish a bowling club on a different site at Old Cleveland Road, but the plan was abandoned due to World War I.

In October **1929**, the current land was purchased from Mr Harries for **£811**.

The first bowling green and the original timber clubhouse (designed by architect Maurice James Guthrie) were completed and officially opened on 6 December **1930**.

The Coorparoo Bowls club is the first use of this land from when it was converted from a small farm and has been continuously operated as a bowls club since.

The Bowls Club always was, and continues to be, so much more than a venue for bowlers to gather and play their sport. It is foremost a place for the community to gather.

Personally, my wife had her recent birthday celebration there. We have attended a friend's memorial service at the Club and we have also attended a wedding at the Club. We were regular goers to trivia nights when they were being run.

The club is not just for Bowls members; it is for the community. On any Saturday or Sunday there will be one, two, or even three birthday celebrations happening. There have been children's first Birthdays, all the way up to a recent 90th Birthday which I have attended. Having a Bowling Green available for Barefoot Bowling provides an attraction for these functions and facilitates interactions amongst attendees.

Even when not attending functions, it is a great place to relax and meet with other locals. Many friendships have been formed at this club, which is great for the community. People are not isolated when there is a venue such as this to attend and mingle with other locals.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club has also been used by community clubs and has hosted meetings and events for several service and community-based organisations. To name a few:

- The Probus club of Coorparoo
- The Brisbane Ukulele Musicians Society
- The Early Falcon Car Club of Queensland
- MS Queensland is supported by funds raised at the Coopers Cup competition
- The Coorparoo RSL utilised the Coorparoo Bowls club for assistance during their move to another location

No doubt, there are many more organisations that have used the Club facilities over the past 97 years.

The bowling greens themselves have been an integral part of hosting fundraising functions for various community groups. Bowling on the Green draws non-bowlers to 'have a go' and have fun while contributing to local charities. Without the bowling greens, Charities may be reduced to fund-raising via raffles and the like.

Current.

The Coorparoo Bowls club is a very significant place for the local community. It is the last remaining 'Green space' for local residents. Modern development has seen the suburb transformed into a High-Rise precinct. Sure, there are one or two local bars or halls, but none of them have outdoor space for gatherings. When one lives in a unit block, the ability to sit outside with the grass under your feet, with blue sky above, while enjoying the company of other locals cannot be understated.

Conclusion.

The heritage of the Coorparoo Bowls Club is very significant to the community. This is a site where a very large number of community gatherings have been held under many different guises for nearly 100 years. Many of the Coorparoo community will have a connection with the Coorparoo Bowls club as a community venue if not as a bowls member, and this final gathering site needs to be maintained and not sold for development and profit. That will certainly be a sad day for the whole community. This is why I believe the whole of the Coorparoo Bowls Club must be protected with heritage listing.

Kind Regards,

Ian Potrzeba



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From: Iain Grant [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 12:50 PM
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Dear Sir/Madam, Thank you for your helpful and relevant note. I am firmly of the opinion that Coorparoo Bowls Club:-

- * has aesthetic value and significance
- * has a strong and special connection to the Coorparoo and surrounding suburbs particularly on the social and recreational sports areas
- *some of the architecture is worthy of heritage status and protection.

I trust my views will be objectively considered.

Yours sincerely, Iain, Allana and Lily (15)

Sent from my iPhone

On 25 Mar 2026, at 8:40 am, Heritage <Heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good morning Iain and Allanah,

Thank you for your response regarding the application to enter **Coorparoo Bowls Club (Place ID: 650288)** in the Queensland heritage register.

Section 42 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (the Heritage Act) states a heritage submission for an application **must** be made on the basis that the place does or does not satisfy the cultural heritage criteria.

To make a valid heritage submission which complies with the Heritage Act, reference must be made in it to the cultural heritage criteria considered applicable. The heritage register application can be viewed at

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/register/applications>.

If you wish to amend or re-submit your response in line with the above advice, the submission period for this application closes on **27 March 2026**.

The cultural heritage criteria are listed in s.35 of the Heritage Act and reproduced below:

- a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history;
- b) the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage;
- c) the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history;
- d) the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places;
- e) the place is important because of its aesthetic significance;
- f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- g) the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.

Further information on the Queensland cultural heritage criteria can be found in the department's guideline on 'Assessing cultural heritage significance' ([Guideline: Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria \(www.qld.gov.au\)](http://www.qld.gov.au)).

Kind regards,
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From: Iain Grant [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 8:45 PM

To: Heritage

Subject: Coorparoo Bowls Club

I am a 16 year resident of Camp Hill and have frequently attended function at Coorparoo Bowls Club which is a valued community asset, I fully support the submission to grant the Heritage Status of the greens. It is sad to see property developers generate considerable

profits to the detriment of the local communities. It has to be controlled sensibly. Signed
Iain and Allana Grant, [REDACTED] Thank you in advance.

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Jennifer Presley
Coorparoo resident and CBC regular

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Kind regards

John Perrier

The Coorparoo Bowls Club – Application 650288

I write in support of the inclusion of The Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register under Application 650288. In my view the place demonstrates cultural heritage significance under several of the criteria identified in the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, particularly Criterion A (demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history), Criterion B (rarity), Criterion D (principal characteristics of a class of cultural places), and Criterion G (strong association with a community).

Criterion A : the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The Coorparoo Bowls Club is important in demonstrating the development of suburban recreation and community institutions in Queensland during the twentieth century.

Bowls clubs became widespread across Australia during this period as suburbs expanded and communities established their own sporting and social facilities. These clubs provided opportunities for organised sport while also acting as important social centres for local residents.

Established in 1930, the Coorparoo Bowls Club reflects this broader historical pattern. The club was formed during a period when Brisbane's suburban population was expanding rapidly and communities were developing local institutions that contributed to neighbourhood identity and social cohesion.

The continued operation of the club allows the site to demonstrate this historical tradition clearly. Because the place still functions as a bowls club, it illustrates the way community sporting institutions were established and maintained across Queensland suburbs during the twentieth century.

Criterion B – the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage

The Coorparoo Bowls Club also demonstrates rare and increasingly endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage.

Many bowling clubs across Australia have closed in recent decades, particularly in metropolitan areas where redevelopment pressures are strongest. As a result, intact bowling club sites that retain both greens and clubhouse are becoming increasingly uncommon.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club retains two greens together with its clubhouse and supporting facilities, allowing the club to continue operating in its traditional form. The survival of a functioning bowls club landscape of this kind is becoming increasingly unusual.

For this reason, the place represents a rare surviving example of a type of community recreational site that was once widespread in Queensland.

Criterion D – the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places

The Coorparoo Bowls Club also demonstrates the principal characteristics of a traditional suburban bowls club.

Bowls clubs typically developed around a recognisable arrangement in which the greens formed the central element of the site, with a clubhouse providing the social and organisational focus of the club. This relationship between greens and clubhouse remains clearly visible at Coorparoo.

Importantly, the greens remain in active use and the clubhouse continues to support the activities of the club. Because the site retains both its layout and its function, it continues to illustrate the essential characteristics of this class of recreational place.

Criterion G – the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

The Coorparoo Bowls Club also has a strong association with the surrounding community.

For many decades the club has served as a place where people gather regularly through sport, competition and social activities. Institutions such as bowling clubs often become part of the identity of a neighbourhood because they provide a familiar and accessible gathering place for local residents.

The long duration of this association strengthens its significance. The club has served the community for close to a century and continues to play an active role in local social life.

Conclusion

In summary, The Coorparoo Bowls Club (Application 650288) demonstrates cultural heritage significance under several of the Queensland Heritage criteria.

The place illustrates the development of suburban recreational institutions in Queensland (Criterion A), represents an increasingly rare surviving example of a functioning bowls club landscape (Criterion B), retains the principal characteristics of a traditional suburban bowls club (Criterion D), and maintains a strong and continuing association with the local community (Criterion G).

Because the site continues to operate as a bowls club and retains the physical elements that allow its history to be clearly understood, it provides an important example of Queensland's recreational and social heritage.

For these reasons, I support the inclusion of The Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register.

From: Heritage <Heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2026 10:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club

OFFICIAL

Good morning,

Thank you for your response regarding the application to enter **Coorparoo Bowls Club (Place ID: 650288)** in the Queensland heritage register.

Section 42 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (the Heritage Act) states a heritage submission for an application **must** be made on the basis that the place does or does not satisfy the cultural heritage criteria.

To make a valid heritage submission which complies with the Heritage Act, reference must be made in it to the cultural heritage criteria considered applicable. The heritage register application can be viewed at <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/register/applications>.

If you wish to amend or re-submit your response in line with the above advice, the submission period for this application closes on 27 March 2026.

The cultural heritage criteria are listed in s.35 of the Heritage Act and reproduced below:

- a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history;
- b) the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage;
- c) the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history;
- d) the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places;
- e) the place is important because of its aesthetic significance;
- f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- g) the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.

Further information on the Queensland cultural heritage criteria can be found in the department's guideline on 'Assessing cultural heritage significance' ([Guideline: Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria \(www.qld.gov.au\)](http://www.qld.gov.au)).

Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2026 4:21 PM

To: Heritage

Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club

Support for Entry of the Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register

To whom it may concern

I wish to express my support for the inclusion of the Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register. In my view the place demonstrates cultural heritage significance under several of the criteria identified in the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, particularly those relating to historical significance, rarity, representative characteristics and strong community association.

The Queensland Heritage assessment guideline explains that a place may be entered in the register when it is “important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history”, when it demonstrates rare or endangered aspects of cultural heritage, when it illustrates the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places, or when it has a strong association with a particular community. The Coorparoo Bowls Club clearly satisfies these principles.

Demonstrating the pattern of Queensland’s history

The development of bowls clubs was an important aspect of Queensland’s social and recreational history during the twentieth century. As suburbs expanded, communities established their own sporting and social institutions. Bowling clubs quickly became common features of Australian towns and suburbs and played a significant role in everyday community life.

The establishment of the Coorparoo Bowls Club in 1930 reflects this wider historical pattern. Clubs such as this provided opportunities for organised sport while also functioning as local meeting places.

Research into bowling clubs notes that “Bowling clubs, or ‘bowlos’, have served as local institutions in Australia for over 150 years.”

(Heath & Freestone, Redefining Local Social Capital: The Past, Present and Future of Bowling Clubs in Sydney – see attached paper).

Because the club has continued to operate on the same site for nearly a century, the place continues to demonstrate this long tradition of community recreation.

Rarity and survival

The rarity of intact bowling club sites has increased significantly in recent decades.

Many clubs have closed as land values have increased and recreational habits have changed. Studies of bowling clubs in metropolitan Sydney indicate that numbers declined from approximately 210 clubs in 1980 to around 128 today, representing a substantial loss of community facilities.

As one researcher observes: “Without intervention, we risk losing not only valued community infrastructure but a centrepiece of the Australian cultural landscape.”

(Louis Heath, Bowling Clubs: The History, Value & Future in Sydney – see attached thesis).

The continued survival of the Coorparoo Bowls Club therefore represents an increasingly uncommon example of this once widespread type of community institution.

Demonstrating the principal characteristics of a bowls club

The site also demonstrates the principal characteristics of a traditional suburban bowls club.

Bowls clubs were typically organised around a recognisable arrangement: playing greens at the centre of the site, supported by a clubhouse that served as the social hub of the organisation. At Coorparoo this layout remains intact. The two greens remain the dominant feature of the site and the clubhouse continues to support the sporting and social activities of the club.

Importantly, the greens remain in active use, allowing the place to demonstrate the functioning character of a bowls club rather than simply its physical remains.

Heritage guidance emphasises that the cultural significance of a place may be embodied in its fabric, setting, use and associations.

The continued use of the greens therefore contributes directly to the heritage value of the site.

Social significance

Bowling clubs have historically played an important role in Australian community life. They provide places where people gather regularly, build friendships and remain connected to their neighbourhood. Research into community spaces describes venues like bowling clubs as examples of “third places” - locations outside home and work where people meet informally.

“Third places host the regular, voluntary and informal gatherings of individuals beyond the realms of home and work.”

(Ray Oldenburg, The Great Good Place – see attached summary).

For many decades, the Coorparoo Bowls Club has fulfilled exactly this function.

Cultural landscape significance

The heritage significance of the Coorparoo Bowls Club lies not only in the clubhouse building but in the entire sporting landscape created by the greens, buildings and open space.

In bowling clubs, the greens are the defining element of the place. They determine both the physical layout and the social activity of the club. The survival of these greens allows the place to demonstrate the traditional form of a suburban bowls club in a way that few sites can still achieve.

Conclusion

The Coorparoo Bowls Club is a valuable surviving example of a traditional suburban sporting and social institution. The place demonstrates the development of organised recreation in Queensland, represents a type of place that is becoming increasingly uncommon, retains the principal characteristics of a bowls club landscape, and has maintained a strong association with the local community for many decades.

Because the club remains active and continues to function as originally intended, the heritage values of the site remain visible and meaningful rather than purely historical.

For these reasons, the Coorparoo Bowls Club clearly satisfies the relevant heritage criteria and warrants inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register so that this important part of Queensland's cultural landscape can be recognised and preserved for future generations.

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Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 3:39 PM
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Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance
Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive,

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Coorparoo Bowls Club holds deep social value for many members and residents. Preserving it will ensure that this long-standing community connection continues for future generations.

I respectfully ask that the Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely,
Justin Voss

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2026 9:19 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: HRN 650288

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To the chief executive

I am writing in support of an application for the entry in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place - Heritage Register Number (HRN): 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club. In my opinion, it does satisfy a number of the cultural heritage criteria.

Criterion A – the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland’s history.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates the evolution of Queensland’s history through its infrastructure, activities and people. History can be told through the evolution of the bowls club. From one green; one green and a clubhouse; two greens and a clubhouse; two greens, a clubhouse and a practice area; two greens, a clubhouse, a beer garden and a children’s play area. This evolution of the bowls club tells a historical story and demonstrates typical Queensland city geographic settlement patterns including:

- Opening of land to farming and then residential.
- Settlement following rail (Cleveland line) and tram (Camp Hill line).
- Suburban expansion due to population growth.
- Government planned settlement schemes (Coorparoo Shire then Brisbane City Council).

The bowls club provides physical evidence of the British contribution to the development of Queensland and to the overall pattern and evolution of Queensland’s history. British settlers brought the game of lawn bowls with them and prioritised it as a recreational pursuit and important feature of communities across the state, even today.

The bowls club demonstrates how world events impacted Queensland and influenced activities and priorities. For example, although the bowls club was initially instigated by a committee prior to World War I, it did not become a reality until 1930. This delay was a direct reflection of Queensland’s priorities changing due to World War I.

Criterion B – the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland’s cultural heritage.

As a pre-1946 *community* place, the Coorparoo Bowls clubhouse demonstrates a place of endangered cultural heritage that is now considered few in number and at risk of being lost due to changing land use and economic pressures.

Pre-1946 houses are protected in Coorparoo from demolition due to them demonstrating significant character features worth preserving. As such they are common in the suburb. The clubhouse demonstrates the same historical architectural design features and building techniques as the pre-1946 houses and as such should be provided the same protection. Pre-1946 *community* buildings are imperilled in the suburb.

The bowls club as a community place represents a land use that was once common but is now rare or uncommon. Rather than new places being built for community use, it is now more common that they are sold and converted into private places.

Criterion E – the place is important because of its aesthetic significance.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates aesthetic heritage of significance to past, present and future generations. The clubhouse and greens have provided visual merit and interest in that location to generations of people since 1930. Amongst the density of housing and commercial buildings, it provides relief and contrast

due to its historical club house and open space provided by the greens. Personally, its presence evokes an emotional response of relief that the open space exists amongst the density of Coorparoo; gratitude to past generations for building and maintaining it; and pride that it is part of Coorparoo. It possesses a landmark quality in the suburb and is symbolic of the history of its location. Although it could be argued that the level of aesthetic significance is largely local, it is a feature that ensures that across the state of Queensland, neighbourhoods have a similar aesthetic feeling due to landmarks like this within their urban landscape. If we lose places like this, Queensland towns/suburbs will lose the charm of the consistent aesthetic feel and look that they provide.

Criterion F – the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates architectural significance through technical achievement at the time of its construction. Its design was innovative and became the template design for other bowls clubs such as Carina, Broadbeach and St Lucia. Its design provides an appropriate solution to fitting 2 greens and 14 rinks in an area that cannot be expanded. It is almost as if the pioneers of the design had the foresight that land would be limited therefore there was a need to ensure the design maximised the space efficiently.

Criterion G – the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates that it is a public place of recreation and gathering for which the community exhibits strong feelings and attachment that is enduring and elicits a deep sense of ownership. This has been demonstrated recently by the strong community support for the bowls club to remain operating as a community place. The community that have a strong and special association with the bowls club include local and visiting bowlers, Coorparoo and surrounds residents, musicians, staff, and community groups who consider it important as a landmark; a popular meeting and gathering place; associated with significant events; representing the past in the present; and a place of essential community function.

Please take into consideration these points in support of an application for the Coorparoo Bowls Club entry in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place (HRN 650288).

Kind regards,
Karen Hartley



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From: Karen Potrzeba [REDACTED]
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Subject: Coorparoo Bowls Club - Queensland Heritage Register (HRN 650288)

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive,

**I write in strong support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under
Criterion G – its special association with the community.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a bowler at the Coorparoo Bowls Club for the last 4 years and I wish to submit a written email in relation to support the Coorparoo Bowls Club become fully Heritage Listed in its own right. I feel the Coorparoo Bowls Club (Club House + Bowling Greens) should continue as a Lawn Bowls Club allowing Lawn Bowls Tournaments to be played in the capacity of Club Championships, District Tournaments, Local/Social Games and Barefoot Bowling. This club not only provides exercise, mateship, friendships, mental health and general wellbeing for their members (being a full membership or a social membership) or the general gathering of people at the Club, but, it is also one of the only areas around where you are genuinely welcomed into the Community of Coorparoo. Coorparoo Bowls Club also supplies fantastic food, cold drinks, live music on Sunday afternoons and general areas for functions, a chat, barefoot bowling and once again, an area for families and friends to catch up. Due to a lot of high rises and general rebuilding of premises, Coorparoo has become a favourable place to live and I believe the area and service of the Coorparoo Bowls Club is and will remain the hub of Coorparoo now and in the many years to come.

I found a great story about the Coorparoo Bowls Club History where it explains very well the history of the Coorparoo Bowls Club from 1929 to 2025 I have attached it with this email.

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to submit my thoughts on this important subject of trying to Save the Coorparoo Bowls Club.

Karen Potrzeba
[REDACTED]

Heritage

From: Katie Lilley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2026 6:50 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Submission – HRN 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Dear Chief Executive,

I write in support of the application in to enter *Coorparoo Bowls Club (Place ID: 650288)* on the Queensland Heritage Register.

This submission is made on the basis that the place satisfies the cultural heritage criteria set out in section 35 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, particularly criteria (a), (d) and (g).

Criterion (a): The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club reflects the development of suburban recreational and social clubs across Queensland during the early twentieth century. Established more than 95 years ago, the Club demonstrates the historical pattern of community sporting organisations that emerged as Brisbane's suburbs expanded. Lawn bowls clubs became important centres for recreation, social interaction and civic life, particularly in growing residential communities such as Coorparoo. The longevity of the Club illustrates the continuing importance of these institutions in Queensland's social history.

Criterion (d): The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club represents a typical and recognisable example of a suburban lawn bowls club — a class of place that played an important role in Queensland's recreational and community life throughout the twentieth century. Such clubs typically combine sporting facilities with social spaces that encourage regular community gathering and participation. The continued operation of the Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates the defining characteristics of this class of place and its role in supporting community recreation and social connection.

Criterion (g): The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

For more than nine decades the Coorparoo Bowls Club has maintained a strong association with the local community. It has long functioned as a welcoming gathering place where residents come together for sport, social events and community activities. Generations of local families have participated in and supported the Club, reinforcing its role as a social hub within the suburb. This ongoing community connection demonstrates the strong social significance of the place.

Coorparoo itself is a suburb with a rich history and strong sense of community identity. Historic landmarks such as the Coorparoo School of Arts building, established in the late nineteenth century as a centre for learning and community life, reflect the suburb's long tradition of civic and social engagement. Similarly, Coorparoo State School, which celebrates its 150-year anniversary this year, stands as a testament to the enduring importance of shared community institutions in the area. Within this broader historical context, the Coorparoo Bowls Club represents a significant element of the suburb's social and recreational heritage.

Importantly, the Club continues to be actively used and valued by the community today. The ongoing participation of residents, volunteers and local organisations demonstrates that the place remains an integral part of community life. This continuity of use across generations strengthens its cultural heritage significance and highlights the importance of recognising and protecting places that continue to foster social connection and community identity.

For these reasons, I respectfully submit that the Coorparoo Bowls Club meets the cultural heritage criteria outlined in section 35 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, and that listing the place on the Queensland Heritage Register would recognise and protect its importance to Queensland's social and community history.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Lilley

Coorparoo QLD

Heritage

From: Kellie Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 4:17 PM
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Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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I respectfully ask that the Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely,
Kellie Morgan

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From: Kristen Cathcart-Kipps [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 7:09 PM
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Subject: Submission Supporting Entry on the Queensland Heritage Register – Coorparoo Bowls Club (HRN 650288)

Chief Executive
Planning and Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Dear Sir/Madam,

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In my view, the Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates cultural heritage significance under several of the heritage criteria set out in the Queensland Heritage Act 1992.

1. Demonstration of the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The Coorparoo Bowls Club, established in the early twentieth century and operating for more than 95 years, reflects the important role of community sporting clubs in the development of suburban Queensland. During this period, bowls clubs were commonly established as focal points for social life and recreation within growing suburban communities.

The Club demonstrates this historic pattern of development in Brisbane's eastern suburbs, illustrating how organised sport and community associations helped shape neighbourhood identity and foster social cohesion.

2. Social and community significance

The Coorparoo Bowls Club has long held strong social value for the local community. For generations, it has served as a place where residents gather to participate in sport, celebrate community events, and build social connections.

The Club continues to function as a welcoming and inclusive meeting place for people of all ages and backgrounds. Many residents have long-standing personal, family and social connections to the Club, reflecting its enduring importance as a community hub within Coorparoo.

Places that sustain such long-term community attachment are an important part of Queensland's cultural heritage. The Coorparoo Bowls Club is a clear example of a place that contributes to the social fabric and collective identity of the local community.

3. Rarity and representativeness of historic community institutions

Bowls clubs have historically played a significant role in Queensland's recreational and social landscape. However, many long-standing clubs have been lost or significantly altered as urban development has intensified.

The continued operation of the Coorparoo Bowls Club provides an increasingly rare example of a traditional suburban bowls club that has maintained its community function over many decades. As such, it represents an important surviving example of this type of social and recreational institution.

Conclusion

The Coorparoo Bowls Club has served the local community for nearly a century and remains a valued social and recreational landmark within Coorparoo. Its long history, ongoing community role, and representation of a significant pattern in Queensland's social development demonstrate clear cultural heritage significance.

For these reasons, I strongly support the entry of the Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Yours faithfully,

Kristen Kipps



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Yours sincerely,
Kristy Gallagher

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Heritage

From: lws Family [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 7:22 PM
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Heritage

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Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 5:05 PM
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Yours sincerely,

Lisa Organa

Heritage

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Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 4:21 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: HRN no. 650288

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Across generations, the Club has provided opportunities for recreation, volunteering, social connection and community events. People of all ages and backgrounds have gathered there, fostering a strong sense of belonging and local identity. Its consistent use over many decades reflects its lasting importance within the community.

Coorparoo Bowls Club holds significant social value for its members and the wider community. Its preservation will ensure that these long-standing connections and traditions continue for future generations.

I respectfully request that the Club be included on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its important community value.

Best,

Luke McCormick

Heritage

From: Lynne Henley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 8:28 PM
To: Heritage
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Yours sincerely,
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Yours sincerely,
Madelaine Nunn

Heritage

From: Neville Doughan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 7:23 PM
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I have lived here for over twenty years and it has always been a great place to go to, to socialise and hold birthday parties etc.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Doughan

Heritage

From: Margaret Timms [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 2:18 PM
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Yours sincerely,

Margaret Timms

Heritage

From: Maria Papadimitriou [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 4:08 PM
To: Heritage
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Yours sincerely,
Maria Papadimitriou

Heritage

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 4:34 PM
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Yours sincerely,
Marie Foster

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Heritage

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 March 2026 6:34 AM
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[Application 650288 for the Coorparoo bowls club](#)

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates aspects of QLD's history that relate to the development of community recreation (Criterion A).

During the twentieth century bowls clubs became a familiar and important feature of suburban life across Queensland. They provided spaces where organised sport and everyday social interaction occurred side by side.

The establishment of the club in 1930 reflects this broader historical pattern. Because the site still retains its greens and clubhouse and continues to operate as a bowls club, the place remains an active demonstration of this tradition.

Kind Regards
Mark Bindon

Chief Executive

17 March 2026

Planning and Heritage Branch

Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation

GPO Box 2454

Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Heritage Register Number (HRN)650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

Criterion G – Community Significance

Research into Bowling Clubs clearly highlights the important role they do play in the life of their local community. One academic study notes that bowling clubs “significantly contribute to the social capital of their local communities”. This observation demonstrates why clubs such as the Coorparoo Bowls Club have been so important to the social fabric of the Coorparoo community. For the last ninety-seven years, since its inception, this Club has provided a place where the local community and their friends could meet regularly, build their friendships, maintain and develop new social connections in the local community. For ninety-seven years the Coorparoo Bowls Club has provided the place for this to occur in the Coorparoo community.

I fully support this application for listing of the Coorparoo Bowls Club on the State Heritage Register so that the Coorparoo Bowls Club can continue to provide a place for and be the local community hub for Coorparoo for another ninety-seven years and beyond.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Bouton

CPEng, FIE Aust, GAICD

Heritage

From: Matt Hohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 7:46 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Yours sincerely,
Matthew Hohn

Heritage

From: Matt Krause [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 11:24 AM
To: Heritage
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Yours sincerely,
Matthew Krause

Heritage

From: Michael Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 3:19 PM
To: Heritage
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This is a place where our staff have laughed, bowled, had a cold beer and generally solved the problems of the world for over 30+ years. We have attended parties here. We have attended weddings here. It is a place with great special significance to our family. These sorts of facilities are part of the fabric of the local community and fully deserve protection from development. They are the green lungs of the neighbourhood that provides the opportunity to gather and relax.

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Yours sincerely,

Michael Baker

DIRECTOR

M.R.Baker Design and Renovation



5 March 2026

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

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To the Chief Executive,

I write in strong support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under **Criterion G – its special association with the community.**

For more than 97 odd years, the Club has been an important social and recreational hub for Coorparoo and surrounding districts. While the Club is designated as the Coorparoo Bowls Club, I believe it is far better defined as the only Coorparoo Community Club. It is much more than a sporting venue; it is a welcoming gathering place where friendships are formed, milestones are celebrated, and community connections are strengthened.

I have lived in the Coorparoo area most of my adult life. The Coorparoo Bowls Club (or Dove Park as we often refer to it) is an amazing part of the wider Coorparoo community. To be able to catch up with friends and family on the grass, out in the sun and listening to live local musicians on a weekend is amazing.

To many of the real locals, the family of magpies who have made the club their home is a wonderful distraction. The club is theirs. The parents can often be seen wondering into the bar and waiting for a small snack to feed their newborns. An amazing sight so often lost in the heart of a city.

To hear the stories of families who have celebrated birthdays and milestones at the club over many years solidifies its impact on the community. My family have celebrated 50th birthdays, children's 18ths and 21sts and hopefully later this year the birth of our first grandchild.

Many years ago, both my grandfathers (now passed) visited Coorparoo to play competitive bowls. They often talked about the inclusiveness of the Club to visiting bowlers. This tradition continues and it would be a travesty if the primary purpose of the Club were to change.

With the recent closure of the Coorparoo RSL, the Bowls Club is the last community hub in the area and it means so much to the hundreds of visitors who attend each week. With ongoing development in the area, a large green space which is inclusive for all members of their community including family and pets, means the Coorparoo Bowls Club is as important today as it was when it first opened some 97 years ago.

The history of the Club is very important. Purchased, designed and built by locals it is a testament to the Coorparoo community of the past. History is so often lost as life moves on. It is imperative that the Club is maintained out of respect for those who worked tirelessly to create this wonderful asset and for those in the future who can share the same green space of the past.

I fully support the Club being entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value. For past, current and future generations this is a very important decision.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Morris

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

Re: HRN 650288- Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive,

My aim in writing to you is to share with you the important need for the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under **Criterion G- Community Significance**.

Coorparoo Bowls Club, put simply, is the cauldron of Southeast Queensland intergenerational interaction. Two weeks ago, my husband (63 years) and I (58 years) walked our two grandchildren (aged 3 and 1 year-old) to the Club on Saturday morning where they were mesmerised by Greensman Graham (aged ~ 60 years) rolling the green. At their young age they were tickled pink by the happenings at their Bowls Club. It is a place where you meet all sorts of people. Just last week I was in attendance supporting an intra-club mixed pairs bowls team (female aged 92 and male ~ 50 years) play in an intraclub semi-final competition, when I had a wonderful interaction with another more aged member (probably 20 years older than myself), who upon hearing that Ray Lindwall (who bowled for Australia in 61 Tests over 13 years for Australia alongside players such as Donald Bradman), was my Great Uncle spent the next part of his afternoon telling me the story about his instruction at a young age by Ray at a cricket camp up the Coast. This Club member then travelled to England and played county cricket there. Yesterday at social bowls, this newfound acquaintance post conversation had gone to the trouble of photocopying some information and hand delivering it to me from his old 'Great Budgie Batsmen and Bowlers' book. I was so taken by his generosity and kind thoughts. Afterwards I had the good fortune to hear footy tales from a 66-year-old indigenous Easts Rugby League Coorparoo past player about his times playing for the Tigers and many representative teams. He now loves bowls and the beautiful community of people that gather at the Club. How wonderful to go to this beloved meeting place and share such story telling and emotional connection with young and old alike.

In a nutshell, I hope to have provided you with an example of the strong social significance for just one small handful of people spanning from a 1-year-old to a 92-year-old who have all recently found much joy at this special hub for community life that is Coorparoo Bowls Club. It is where our intergenerational, inclusive family of all ages and walks of life come to coexist and share tales. In other words, it is the catalyst where the foundations of community building begins and then continues to thrive. Such interactions enhance wellbeing and provide an emotional connection between seniors and youngsters, and all ages in between. Everybody fits in and has a place. Loneliness is replaced by cognitive stimulation, social cohesion and results in much happiness for all.

Activities including bowling, socialising, celebrating, learning a trade, playing music to family gatherings are all prominent and purposeful events happening weekly at our Coorparoo Bowls club. These improve mental health, break ageist stereotypes and promote social and community spirit.

I urge you to heritage list this colourful, rare and important part of Coorparoo/Brisbane's social/community fabric. That way, innumerable people from generations still yet to come will also benefit from the Club's continuing social and community role, as it plays an important part in bringing people together and enhancing lives.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Hunter

Heritage

From: Mitchell Gunning [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 4:53 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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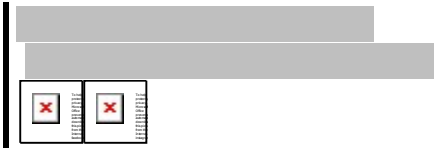
Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have on 0413 516 312

Regards,

Mitchell Gunning



[REDACTED]



Neil Fels
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

24th March 2026

Chief Executive
Planning and Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science, and Innovation
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane 4001

RE: Heritage Register Number 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club
Criterion G - Community Significance

Nearly 60 years ago, I would often come across with my parents to Coorparoo from Fairfield, to visit relatives. One of the relatives we visited, an Aunty, often dressed in whites after a day of bowling. As a child under 10 years of age, this did not mean much to me.

At that point in my life we moved to Caloundra for 5 years. Upon returning to Brisbane, we moved to Stones Corner. When visiting Aunty, she was still dressed in white when bowling, which she did until she was well into her 80's. I started, grade 10, at Coorparoo State High School, finished high school, and attended QIT.

Upon this return to Brisbane was when the Coorparoo Bowls Club became noticed. On my way to and from school when walked the back streets or along Cavendish Road. The Coorparoo Bowls Club was visual from Cavendish Road when you walked past the scout hut that use to be on the corner of Riddings Street (another community space that has disappeared). When I commenced driving, as many of my mates lived in Coorparoo, often drove down Harries Road to dodge the traffic at the Myer store / Coorparoo Junction.

I have remained in the area ever since, residing in Coorparoo (since 1984, in our first house). When we first moved into the area and started a family, there were days when the club was a hive of activity and parking had to be extended to the open grass area next to the creek.

The grassed area of the Club at the Cav Road end of the site, which is now enjoyed by many people and families (tables with umbrellas / small playground / people sitting on the grass on picnic rugs), used to be the practice greens, complete with edging and gutters.

Admittedly, there was a time when activities at the Club was not as good as the good old popular bowling days, but the new intensity of use by members and particularly the many community participants is as predominant now, if not more so, as I assume it was back in the heyday of the Coorparoo Bowls Club. Having the Club being used for recreational, social, and community activities in an aesthetic, safe environment, has been and still is invaluable for the community.

Personally, I had my 50th birthday celebration at the Coorparoo Bowls Club (that was most enjoyable), both of my sons have had either 18th or 21st birthday (my eldest son carried out a Queensland University physiotherapy prac with his class mates on the green), and every year in November, for over a decade now, we have a Coorparoo State High School classmates get together (with teachers at times). Now I enjoy spending time with my 3 grandchildren enjoying the open space, and bowling.

The significance of preserving a long standing, integral part of Brisbane's history, identity and individuality is paramount. Many families and young people who enjoy the Club now, will have the memory of the Coorparoo Bowls Club (as I have) for long into the future.

Therefore, in recognition of its significant community value, please place the Coorparoo Bowls Club on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you

Neil Fels

Heritage

From: Pam Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 3:01 PM
To: Heritage
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Heritage

From: Pam Johnson <p_d_johnson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 4:06 PM
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I have already forwarded a standard format submission, primarily because this submission is a new experience for me and I am not sure I will express myself in correct and acceptable terms. However I feel so strongly about the continuing future of the Coorparoo Bowls Club that I felt I needed to forward a more personal submission.

The question to me seems to be why should Coorparoo Bowls Club continue to exist - what part has it and does it continue to play in the cultural heritage of Coorparoo.

I am now in my late 70s and grew up in the next suburb of Camp Hill. Even then everyone knew the Coorparoo Bowls Club - it was always there just behind the old scout den in Cavendish Road. In those days everyone seemed to play bowls or tennis.

My parents played bowls in their retirement and often visited the Coorparoo Bowls club for friendly competition.

In my married life I lived for over 40 years within walking distance of the Coorparoo Bowls Club. It was the social hub for so many local families - the place where we would meet for a meal, a quick drink (sometimes just popping in for a cooling drink on a hot day while walking home with the groceries), attend bingo nights. Our 2 children held birthday parties there, met with friends (in a very safe environment) for barefoot bowls.

Our children helped Coorparoo Bowls Club employees fill sandbags in preparation for flooding rains - simply because the bowls club has real meaning for people and everyone gets to know everyone.

We all listened to the weekend music/bands. Now our son also lives within walking distance and our grandchildren go there. There is such a

friendly vibe to the place that one can really relax and soak up the atmosphere

My 4 year old granddaughter one Sunday approached a group of people to ask if she could bowl a ball and they gave her a few hints and a bowl. She did not know them. They did not know her. But this is the sort of friendly community spirit that this club reflects.

Four generations of one family have had ongoing involvement with this club and this has created a host of memories. This bowls club is so entrenched in the local community, how many other families have similar stories?

And it is not only the human side of community cultural heritage. The building itself reflects the old time bowls clubs as they were years back. It is not like some of the more modern clubs which have been remodelled and updated through proceeds from poker machines (which Coorparoo Bowls Club does not have) so they resemble modern buildings - Coorparoo Bowls Club still has its old world charm of wooden exteriors and "not so fancy" interior. But no one minds - that is just our club.

The Coorparoo Bowls Club is so entrenched in the hearts and minds of local Coorparoo-ites it would be an absolute travesty if it were not kept as an important part of our local culture.

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Heritage

From: Paul D [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 9:58 PM
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Yours sincerely, Paul Druery

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Reece Carlson

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Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 9:04 AM
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Yours sincerely,

Sharon and Richard Norman
(Coorparoo Resident)

Richard & Sharon Norman

Email: [REDACTED]



From: Rob Rosso [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2026 1:55 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Application # 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club heritage listing

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To whom it may concern

The Coorparoo Bowls Club heritage listing application 650288

The long-standing association between the club and the local community supports its significance under Criterion G.

For many years the Coorparoo Bowls Club has provided a place where people gather regularly for sport and social activities. These kinds of institutions often become part of the identity of a neighbourhood.

The continued operation of the club strengthens this association and reinforces the importance of the place within the social life of the community.

Regards

Rob Rosso
[REDACTED]

Heritage

From: Rodger Manning [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 3:40 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance - Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

Criterion G – Community significance

For over 95 years, the Club has been a valued community hub in Coorparoo — a welcoming place where people of all ages and backgrounds come together highlighting the Club’s importance to our community.

It is not exaggerating to say that Coorparoo Bowls Club is the heart of the local community for Coorparoo. For more than 95 years and especially today, the buildings and greens have provided a space for all parts of our community to come together, no matter what their background. It is a truly unifying agent. Something that we need to cherish and protect, especially during the increasingly polarised society we are living in.

It is a precious oasis for our community that deserves the protection this Heritage heritage will provide. I therefore support the Club being entered on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Yours faithfully

Heritage

From: Ryan Dawson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 5:19 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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Amended Submission – Coorparoo Bowls Club (HRN 650288)

SB

Sarah Burnheim
To: Heritage

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To the Chief Executive,
Planning and Heritage Branch,
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation.

I write to amend my submission in support of the entry of the Coorparoo Bowls Club (HRN: 650288) in the Queensland Heritage Register, with specific reference to the cultural heritage criteria under section 35 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992.

Criterion (a): Importance in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The Coorparoo Bowls Club demonstrates the historical pattern of community-based recreational institutions that developed across Queensland in the early to mid-20th century. For over 95 years, it has provided a venue for organised sport, social interaction, and community life, reflecting the important role of bowls clubs in Queensland's suburban development and social fabric.

Criterion (d): Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places

The place clearly demonstrates the principal characteristics of a traditional Queensland bowls club, including maintained greens, clubhouse facilities, and its ongoing function as a community-focused recreational venue. Its continued use for its original purpose reinforces its integrity as a representative example of this class of place.

Criterion (e): Importance because of its aesthetic significance

The Club's open green space contributes positively to the visual character of the Coorparoo area. In an increasingly dense urban environment, the maintained greens and low-scale built form provide a distinctive and valued landscape, enhancing the suburb's amenity and sense of place.

Criterion (g): Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

The Coorparoo Bowls Club has a strong and ongoing association with the local community. My own experiences reflect this broader significance: I have attended numerous community events, celebrations, and fundraising activities there, including the Cooper's Cup.

These experiences are representative of the role the Club plays in fostering social connection, community identity, and intergenerational continuity. It is a place where people gather not just for sport, but for shared life events, reinforcing its deep social value to the Coorparoo community.

Rather than facing demolition, the Coorparoo Bowls Club should be recognised for its cultural heritage significance and preserved for future generations. As it approaches its centenary, it represents an opportunity for celebration and continuity, not loss.

Thank you for considering this amended submission.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Burnheim

From: Shane Hicks [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2026 1:02 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Coorparoo Bowls Club and their heritage application 650288

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Coorparoo Bowls Club and their heritage application 650288. I 100% support this application.

As a member of the community In my view the place satisfies Criterion G, which recognises places that have a strong or special association with a particular community.

For many decades the Coorparoo Bowls Club has been a gathering place for local residents. Bowls clubs traditionally provided opportunities not only for organised sport but also for regular social interaction within neighbourhood communities.

The length of time the club has served the community strengthens this association. The club continues to provide a place where people meet through shared activities and events, reinforcing its importance within the social life of the area.

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Heritage

From: Simon Cloonan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 4:51 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission re: Coorparoo Bowls Club HRN 650288

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I respectfully ask that the Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community value.

Yours sincerely,
INSERT NAME

Thanks
Simon Cloonan
[REDACTED]

24th March 2026

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

Re: HRN 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

To the Chief Executive,

I am penning this letter to state my absolute and unwaivable strong support of the heritage listing of Coorparoo Bowls Club under **Criterion G – Community Significance**

I have been a part of the suburb of Coorparoo since my birth of 1963. I have marvelled at the game of bowls at Coorparoo Bowls Club from a young age in the early to mid-1970's; regularly watching with friends for a period of time before we would jump on our bikes and continue our ride off to another adventure at the many nearby, network of creeks and streams that surround this suburb and perpetuate all the beautiful flora and fauna to thrive.

To me the Coorparoo Bowls Club has been an establishment that warms my heart and welcomes back fond memories whenever walking or driving past over the past half a century. On many occasions I have stopped in to enjoy a cold refreshment with a quick bite and a friendly natter with like minded folk, young and old alike. Recently my wife and youngest son aged 13 have moved to walking distance of this iconic Coorparoo venue.

My wife and I visit the Coorparoo Bowls Club for some timeless live music on occasional Sunday afternoons, played by passionate musicians; this music generates young and old people alike to dance and stimulates cross generational enjoyment. My wife and I have been taken by the bug of bowling and this year we became full active Coorparoo Bowls Club members as opposed to our previous social membership.

Over the past year I have assisted in a volunteering capacity alongside a group of likeminded men each Friday to maintain the upkeep of the Coorparoo Bowls Club's lawns and gardens morning which provides camaraderie and more exercise to our aging bodies.

The fact that on the 23rd of September 1929, it was resolved that a bowling club be formed to be known as the Coorparoo Bowling Club in my estimation this makes the Coorparoo Bowls Club's 97 years of age this year.

I know that my family and I aren't the only community members that this fine club has provided a safe, inclusive home for recreation, volunteerism, social interaction and many community events. Coorparoo Bowls Club holds deep social value for many members and residents, past and present. Ensuring the Coorparoo Bowls Club's is entered on the Queensland Heritage Register I hope will ensure that this long-standing

hub of community whispers from the past and continues to echo the true values of mateship, inclusiveness and a fair go to future generations.

I respectfully ask that the Coorparoo Bowls Club be entered on the Queensland Heritage Register in recognition of its significant community significance and undeniable value.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Sweeney.

Heritage

From: Sophie Kearns [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 12:49 PM
To: Heritage
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From: Sophie Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 3:59 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register Number (HFN) 650288

Categories: Rosemary Shields

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Good afternoon Chief Executive,

I am writing to strongly advocate for the heritage listing of the Coorparoo Bowls Club located at 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo 4151 Q.

For nearly 100 years, the club has been a cornerstone of community life, offering a space that supports social connection, wellbeing, and local identity in a way that few places still do.

The Bowls Club is far more than a recreational venue. It is an essential community hub where people come together for live music, barefoot bowls, and local celebrations. In a high-density suburb, the club acts as a shared backyard and an accessible gathering place for residents who do not have open space of their own. This kind of informal, inclusive community infrastructure plays a significant role in reducing social isolation and strengthening neighbourhood cohesion.

The club also provides clear mental health and fitness benefits. Bowls is a low-impact, social sport that encourages physical activity for people of all ages, including older residents and those with limited mobility. Access to outdoor recreation in a safe, welcoming setting is critical to both physical wellbeing and positive mental health, especially in an area with limited green space.

With many bowls clubs closing across Brisbane and Australia, places like Coorparoo Bowls Club is becoming increasingly rare. It remains one of the few thriving, community-driven clubs in an inner-city location. Its continued success reflects its adaptability and enduring social purpose, reinforcing the importance of its protection.

The site's green, open character also contributes environmental value. As density increases, protecting spaces that support shade, cooling, and outdoor community activity is vital to the liveability of Coorparoo.

Given its strong community significance, contribution to wellbeing, rarity, and long-standing role in the cultural fabric of the suburb, the Coorparoo Bowls Club meets key heritage criteria. Heritage listing is necessary to ensure this important place continues to support connection, health, and community identity for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Sophie Smith

From: Terry Caltabiano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2026 3:28 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: HRN 650288 Coorparoo Bowls Club

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The CBC is worthy of Heritage status under Criterion G – Community Significance.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to explain the importance of the Coorparoo Bowls Club and what it means to me, as well as to the surrounding community.

My introduction to the club came through the local live music scene in the mid-2010s, where several of my bands would regularly perform on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as The Sunday afternoon beer garden sessions. It's not unusual on some Sundays to have in excess of 400 people, which gives live performances a wide reaching audience that they ordinarily would not be able to reach. The Friday night open mic sessions would attract artists from as far afield as Redcliffe, Moggill and Browns Plains. Many locals would gather to enjoy the music, catch up with friends and relax in the welcoming atmosphere that the bowlo provided.

As I travel around, this amazing country of ours, I often see how local live music is supported and fostered through community bowls clubs. These venues play a vital role in nurturing creativity and connection, and their contribution to the cultural fabric of modern Australia cannot be underestimated.

The management at CBC have always been incredibly supportive of this important aspect of community life and we are very grateful for the opportunity they provided for musicians to perform for their friends, family and the broader community.

To lose such a valuable, low-key community hub would be a great loss. Spaces like this mean far more to people than any monetary value could replace. They provide connection, belonging and a place where community life can flourish.

If we wish to continue living in an Australia that values egalitarianism, preservation of ideals and strong community ties, then places like the Coorparoo Bowls Club deserve to be protected and recognised for the role they play in bringing people together.

Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts on the little pocket of East Brisbane's community hub

Kind Regards

Terry Caltabiano
OBO
-WhosYaDaddies
-Crazy Chester
-SugarZ

-Fourth Time Lucky
-Don's Party Boys
-Tex's Ten
and Friday night's Open Mic

Heritage

From: Tom Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 7:47 PM
To: Heritage
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From: Elisa and Vanessa Canetti-Weekes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 6:41 PM
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Vanessa Weekes

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From: Wayne Mackie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 8:52 AM
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Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 - Coorparoo Bowls Club

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To The Chief Executive,

I am writing to you to advise my support HRN 650288 for the Coorparoo Bowls Club under Criterion G - Community Significance.

My first visit to Coorparoo Bowls was in 2010. I was immediately felt welcomed. I continued to visit and eventually became more involved.

The open green space makes this a great place to mix and celebrate with the option of the indoor space.

Over the years, I have seen birthday parties, weddings, celebrations of life, charity fundraisers, reunions, family get togethers as well as friends and locals catching up. I have seen quite a few people checking the honor boards looking for relatives who were members of the club.

I would like to see the area be utilised by the community long after I am gone. I thank you for your time and hope the Coorparoo Bowls Club will be added to the Heritage Register for its significance for our community.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Mackie

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From: Xavier Wiatrowski [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely,
Xavier Wiatrowski

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From: Zoe Rowley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 March 2026 9:55 AM
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Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650288 – Coorparoo Bowls Club

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Dear Chief Executive,

The Coorparoo Bowls Club should be heritage listed due to its long-standing and continuing significance as a community gathering place for almost 100 years. It represents an important part of Coorparoo's social and cultural history and remains deeply embedded in the daily life of the local community.

The Bowls Club plays a vital role in preserving local history and cultural identity. For generations, it has been a place where people come together to connect, celebrate, and belong. Regular activities such as Sunday live music, barefoot bowls on weekends, and the hosting of countless birthday parties, weddings, and baby showers have created strong collective memories. These ongoing traditions demonstrate the club's enduring social value and its importance beyond its original sporting purpose.

The site continues to function as a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather. In an increasingly high-density area, the Bowls Club effectively serves as a shared "backyard" for residents of nearby apartment buildings who do not have access to private outdoor space. This role as a communal open space is essential to community wellbeing and social cohesion.

Bowls clubs across Brisbane and Australia are rapidly closing, making the Coorparoo Bowls Club increasingly rare. It is one of the last remaining successful, community-driven bowls clubs in an inner-city suburban setting. Its continued operation highlights its adaptability and relevance, strengthening the case for its protection as a rare and representative example of a traditional community bowls club.

In addition to its social and cultural importance, the site provides valuable green space within a densely populated suburb. The preservation of this open, landscaped area contributes to environmental sustainability, urban cooling, and the overall liveability of Coorparoo.

For these reasons, the Coorparoo Bowls Club meets key heritage criteria through its strong social significance, rarity, historical continuity, and contribution to community identity and environmental value. Heritage listing is essential to ensure this important place is protected and can continue to serve the community for future generations.

Thanks
Zoe