

# SPRINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB



## The ANZAC Shield

### **A Little History**

The Springwood Bowling Club was established as part of the development of Buckland Park with the bowling greens opening in 1937. The Park and Club were located at the eastern end of the commercial buildings that formed the Springwood town centre. Over the ensuing 80 year and more, the same locations and facilities, although somewhat changed, remain.

In 1964 Springwood War Memorial was re-located and upgraded from its original site in the front of the Old School of Arts building to its current location at the entrance to Buckland Park in Macquarie Road. What may be called a cenotaph consists of a stone pedestal, said to have been fashioned from the sandstone of the original memorial, with a thin arch of stone where once the trophy gun stood. It stands behind an impressive set of gates dedicated to Dr Ernest Baxter, one of Springwood's most admired and respected medical practitioners.





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#### A Tribute to all that have served

Consequently, through separate planning decisions, the bowling greens at Springwood and the War Memorial have for nearly 60 years shared an almost common boundary. Thus it is of no surprise that the ANZAC Shield competition holds special significance in the Club's bowling calendar. The Shield is timed to be in progress as the commemorations at the War Memorial occur and at the sounding of "The Last Post", a two minute silence is observed by all players.



#### Read more

To read more about Springwood War Memorial and Buckland Park, see the Springwood Historians website, <u>link here</u>.