

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

It gives me great pleasure that the NZ Greenkeepers Assn is again involved with providing a greenkeeping newsletter with valuable information to all greenkeepers.

I want to acknowledge the contributions of all our sponsors and sincerely thank them for their endless support. To our major sponsor Prebble Turf World who once again through the your contract with Bowls NZ enables us to carry out special projects .

BNZGA has been working with NZSTI in the updating of the Greenkeeping Manual (last completed in 2008) “the Greenkeeping Bible”. This is thanks to the senior agronomists within NZSTI here in New Zealand. If you have the full package you will receive your copy automatically. Small cost to purchase if you do not have the full package.

Another big project completed this year was the updating the BNZGA Constitution. Thanks to the fantastic work from members of our executive with help from Mark Cameron CEO Bowls New Zealand.

Thanks also to Prebble Seeds, NZSTI, and Bowls NZ for the enormous contributions these corporates make to Greenkeeping in New Zealand.

Support each other, help each other and happy greenkeeping.

Rob Gibson

President BNZGA

LONG SERVICE AWARDS 2025

John Capill



Gerard Slattery



Andrew Bowden



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Terry Rossitter



Tony Gray



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GREENKEEPER APRENTICESHIP

Ridge with Tutor Mike Walsh



Ridge Court loving his work





NZ SPORTS TURF INDUSTRY 75TH JUBILEE DINNER



ROBERT AND OLIVIER



ROBERT, KERRY CLARK, MAURICE



DINNER

BNZGA - GREENKEEPERS FIELD DAYS

AUCKLAND



WAIKATO



TARANAKI



BNZGA - GREENKEEPERS FIELD DAYS

HAWKES BAY



CANTERBURY



DUNEDIN



GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR 2025



ALAN ALLISON

After a career as a plasterer spent smoothing and cossetting house walls, Alan Allison swapped over to a career as a greenkeeper a decade ago, smoothing and cossetting bowling greens. He has never looked back.

Alan is now the much-appreciated greenkeeper at the Belfast Bowling Club on the northern outskirts of Christchurch. He is also the greenkeeper at the 2010 earthquake-ravaged Sumner and Redcliffs Bowling Clubs on the eastern side of Christchurch.

NORTH ISLAND SEMINAR 2025



SOUTH ISLAND SEMINAR 2025



FIELD DAYS 2025 - 2026

North Island Centres	No of Days= 15	South Island Centres	No of Days= 8
Far North	2*	Nelson	1
Northland	1	Marlborough	1
Auckland, North Harbour & Counties	2*	West Coast & Buller	1
Bay of Plenty	1	Canterbury	1
Waikato	1	South Canterbury & North Otago	1
Thames Valley	1	Central Otago	1
Taranaki	1	Dunedin & South Otago	1
Wanganui	1	Southland	1
Manawatu	1		
Gisborne /East Coast	1*		
Hawkes Bay	1		
Wellington, Kapiti Coast	1		
Wairarapa	1		
BNZ contract			20
*3 additional field days (purchased by BNZGA) are allocated to :			3
Far North			
Counties in the Auckland Assn			
Gisborne/East Coast			
TOTAL			23