BOWLS BOOMS IN '50S

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The city council now has two new bowls courts, and members of the Wagga and District Historical Society have provided a full history of the sport in the city.

The first bowls club in Wagga was established in 1900 on a site on the corner of George and Byron streets. The Wagga City Council purchased the property for $1,000 in 1901, and the club was officially formed on August 20, 1901. The first bowls tournament was held on September 13, 1901, and 110 people attended. A total of $3 was raised for the club, and the council contributed $150 to ensure the club's survival.

The club's first president was Henry Perry, and the club was known as the Wagga and District Bowls. The club held its first meeting on January 2, 1902, and the first bowls tournament was held on April 11, 1902, with 51 participants. The club was renamed the Wagga City Bowls Club in 1903.

The Wagga City Bowls Club has a rich history, with many notable events and personalities. The club has hosted numerous tournaments and events, and has produced many successful players. The club has also been involved in many community events and activities, and has contributed to the social and recreational life of the city.

In recent years, the club has undergone significant changes and improvements, with the addition of new facilities and equipment. The club has also expanded its membership, with many new members joining and contributing to the club's success.

The Wagga City Bowls Club is an important part of the city's history and culture, and is a source of pride for many. The club continues to thrive and grow, with many members and supporters looking forward to many more years of bowls and community spirit.