

# NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS BOWLS TITLES

Euan Wong and Nicole Toomey were the winners of the Boys and Girls Singles at the Bowls New Zealand National Secondary School Championships held over the last 3 days at the Bowls Papanui and Papanui Club greens.

Wong from Hutt High School was an impressive winner in the Boys final defeating Sheldon Bagrie –Howley from Gore High School convincingly 17-11 in a time limit game of 1¼ hours, to retain the title he won last year. He displayed a wide array of shots to be always in command, with Bagrie-Howley playing catch-up throughout.

In the Girls final Nicole Toomey from St Marys College proved too strong with solid draw play to beat Kelly McIlroy (Manurewa High) 20-10. Toomey held the advantage throughout the contest and could be relied on to draw a close bowl on most ends which McIlroy was unable to remove when holding good second shots.

Local hope Taylor Bruce from ChCh Girls High just failed in her attempt to reach the final losing 9-8 to beaten finalist Kelly McIlroy in a close semi final. Bruce twice looked likely to win the contest after a slow start but was thwarted by McIlroy's last bowl on the last two ends and time ran out with the bell.

## **Results**

### **Boys Singles**

Semi Finals:

Euan Wong (Hutt High) 21 Jesse Russell (Cambridge High) 5; Sheldon Bagrie-Howley (Gore High) 20 Dean Drummond (Hastings Boys High) 11;

Final:

Wong 17 Bagrie-Howley 11;

### **Boys Pairs**

Taylor Horn, James Hunter (Mercury Bay Area High) 10 Jacobi Morris, Callum Horwell (Logan Park High) 3; Nathan Arlidge, Talor Duncan (Tauranga Boys High) 8 Thomie Davies, Rory Boden (Auckland Grammar) 7;

Final:

Morris, Horwell 11 Arlidge, Duncan 7;

### **Girls Singles:**

Semi Finals:

Taylor Bruce (ChCh Girls High) 8 Holly McIlroy (Manurewa High) 9; Nicole Toomey (St Marys College) 18 Paige Richmond (Dunstan High) 9;

Final: Toomey 20 McIlroy 10;

**Girls Pairs:**

Semi Finals:

Tarani Paul, Sadie Sieglaar (St Dominics College) 11 Nicole Baird, Kelsey Smith (Taradale High) 8; Sophie Fisher, Caitlin Thomson (Palmerston North Girls High) 10 Katelin Inch, Brittany Tyson (St Margarets College) 9;

**Final:**

Paul and Sieglaar 12 Fisher and Thomson 6;