

## Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club Building's History\*

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The Dalkeith Bowling Club was first formed in 1948, with planting of the first two greens on the then Point Resolution Reserve in September that year. With the establishment of the adjacent tennis club in 1938, the reserve had begun to establish itself as a community recreation centre.

Five local residents were responsible for the club's formation, although shortly afterwards there were fifty foundation members enrolled. The club's official opening occurred in November 1950, with proceedings attended by the club's president Dr. A.P. Davis and Paul Hasluck MHR.

By the end of the year the club had affiliated with the Western Australian Bowling Association, and was entering teams regularly in pennant competition. Meanwhile a third green was being completed and electric lighting was being installed for night play.

As yet it has not been established who was responsible for the original portions of the clubhouse visible in the Landgate aerial photo of November 1953, although it is known that in late 1964 architects W.G. Bennett and associates designed a joining extension to two smaller and disconnected buildings.

The substantial clubhouse, built by contractor J.C. Smith, was officially opened by Paul Hasluck on 17 September 1955. The building appears to have remained unchanged until 1958 when the same architects designed changes to the locker rooms and toilets, and a new toilet block to add on to the northern façade.