



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

MELBOURNE BOWLING CLUB'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

I congratulate Australia's oldest bowling club on its 150th anniversary.

This is a remarkable achievement.

The Melbourne Bowling Club has surpassed the aspirations of founder John Campbell and its original members who, at the first general meeting in 1864, envisaged it as "a place which was sure to be a delight to all who behold it".

I acknowledge the club's staff and administrators as well as the members and bowlers – this milestone was only made possible through your support.

Clubs across the country serve an important role in building better communities and a stronger Australia.

Tens of thousands of community clubs are at the heart of our social fabric. I also acknowledge your club's support of the Royal Children's Hospital's Good Friday Appeal – an important and worthy cause.

Congratulations again on this milestone. May the Melbourne Bowling Club continue to serve the community for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott'.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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