On Friday 23 November, 2012, Rosebud Country Club hosted the inaugural Southern Peninsula Primary Schools Bowls Championship. The bowlers from Eastbourne Primary School were victorious on the day, just pipping the other school teams from Rosebud Primary, Boneo Primary and Tootgarook Primary.

The Rosebud Country Club and the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program have been working closely across a number of local primary schools over the past 18 months to introduce children to the sport of lawn bowls. Ian Batson, Rosebud Country Club bowler and AASC Community Coach has instructed over 100 local primary school children through the AASC program. Ian went on to organise the Southern Peninsula Primary Schools Championship to provide local children with a stronger pathway into the sport.

After the event, Ian said, “All primary school children participated with great enthusiasm and we are looking forward to seeing even more children from more schools participate next year!”

Representatives from the AASC program, Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria, including Graeme Bridge (Bowls Victoria Chief Executive), were in attendance on the day to provide support for the initiative.

Kieran Brophy, AASC Regional Coordinator for Mornington Peninsula, was particularly pleased with the level of local community involvement.

“Rosebud Country Club, West Rosebud Bowling Club and the local schools have all come together to demonstrate that junior bowls in the Southern Peninsula
is very much on the map, and we look forward to encouraging more kids to come and try bowls in the future!”

Rosebud Country Club and West Rosebud Bowling Club are on the lookout for junior bowlers. For more information on junior bowls please call Ian Batson on 0417 343 249 or contact Bowls Victoria on 03 9819 0757.

Pictured left to right:
Reece (Boneo Primary), Tianna (Tootgarook Primary), Baden (Rosebud Primary) & Kyle (Eastbourne Primary).

Pictured left to right:
Graeme Bridge (Bowls Victoria Chief Executive), Lorette Roberts (AASC Director), Barrie Lester (Bowls Australia Development Officer), Kieran Brophy (AASC Regional Coordinator) and Mary-Ellen Ray (AASC Regional Manager).
Pictured: Graeme Bridge (Bowls Victoria Chief Executive) with Winners Eastbourne Primary School