

# LIBC 'CLUB HUB'



**KELVIN KERKOW**

**OAM**

QUEENSLAND



Kelvin Kerkow OAM is one of the greatest bowlers in Australia's long history and his story of how he reached the top of the bowling world in the face of extreme adversity is the stuff of legends.

Born in Kingaroy, Queensland in 1969, at the age of 7 Kelvin contracted Guillain-Barré syndrome which led to him being unable to walk for several years. His parents, Ivan and Joan introduced him to bowls when he was unable to play contact sports due to his limited mobility.

The rest, is history reaching the pinnacle of an unbelievable career with a Gold Medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games where he famously ripped his shirt off and was carried off the arena draped in the Australian Flag.

Kelvin is a friendly and caring person who is a marvellous speaker with decades of knowledge and his story makes him the perfect star at any event.

## **Achievements:**

Australian Indoor Singles Winner  
Welsh Master Invitation champion 1997  
World Bowls Singles Bronze Medallist 1996  
Australian Representative 1995-2008  
Gold Coast Winter Carnival Singles 1995  
Hub of the Hunter invitation Singles 1994  
Welsh invitation Singles 1996  
Coolangatta Master of Masters 1993  
Golden Nugget invitation Singles 1994 & 1997  
Halekulani invitation Singles 1995  
Mt Isla Invitation Singles 1999  
Halekulani Invitation Singles 1999

## **Interesting Facts:**

- Kelvin is an author having wrote an autobiography called Rolled Gold.
- Received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000
- Received the Medal of the Order of Australia on 2010 (OAM)
- Played his first game of bowls in a wheelchair.

**Available In:**

All Australian States

**Available For:**

Pennant play, clinics - both junior and open, speaking engagements, event play, event promotion, autograph signing, guest speaking, mingle & socialise, product launches.

**Specialist Topics:**

Leadership, motivational, teamwork, culture, bowls tactics, funny stories

**Endorsements:**

“I’ve admired Kelvin Kerkow since he first came on the scene in the early 90’s and since then I have seen him on a number of occasions supporting bowls tournaments and events here in Tasmania. He is such a humble guy and his story is extraordinary and what he has been able to overcome.”

Bill Springer – Patron, Launceston International Bowls Classic & ELBC Life Member