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HOBART, Tuesday. -- Next Monday will mark the centenary of lawn bowls in Australia. On that day in 1846, William Turner, host of the Bowling Green Hotel, Byron Street, formed the first bowling club from Hobart leading citizens, including the officers of the 96th regiment. In the previous year, Turner laid down a green at his hotel, and even before that it is on record that a game was played between T. Burgess and F. Lipscombe at the latter's home at Sandy Bay, on January 1, 1845.

This week marks the anniversary of bowling in Victoria. The oldest existing green in Australia is that of the Melbourne Bowling Club at Windsor, laid down by John Campbell in 1804, and opened on October 22 of that year.

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