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The annual Junior Trans-Tasman fixture action between New Zealand and Australia is set to get underway at the Birkenhead Bowling Club in Auckland later this month (24-28 February).

Since the under-18 competition's introduction in 2002, Australia has yet to relinquish the coveted trophy after defending it for the fifth consecutive time earlier last year in Brisbane and the New Zealand teams will be looking to turn the tables this time round.

With newly crowned National Secondary School boys champion Ryan Khan back for another year teaming up with fresh new talent Monte Pawa from Far North, a different story is hoping to be told this year when they face Australia's Cody Packer from Western Australia and Martin Miller from Northern Territory who will be wearing the green and gold for the first time.

The U25 mens squad virtually remains the same as last year with

one change coming from Auckland's 19-year-old Gregory Ruaporo who replaced the ineligible Isaac Denny and will join the strong field of Andrew Kelly, Mark Watt, Chris Le Lievre and Matt Gallop.

Likewise, the U25 womens squad remains the same with just one change provided by Nelson's Amy Brenton who replaced Papakura's Marny Jones. Brenton played in the U18 team last year with Thames' Emma Le Lievre, but found herself promoted to the U25 squad and replaced by U20 Kittyhawks champion Kirsten Griffin.

Griffin has played in this squad once before in 2007, but narrowly missed out on selection in 2008 and teaming up with Le Lievre will be looking to produce some telling results against Australia's debutants Carly Griffiths from Queensland and Victoria's Lisa Phillips.

Double Secondary School champion Mandy Boyd will feature in the team along with Wellington's

Clare McCaul and Nelson's Misty Arnold and Gemma Collett where they will be up against the likes of Carla Odgers, Rebecca Quail, Samantha Shannahan, Morgan Stewart and Janet Hasewski.

The men will face a similar line up to last year with Sean Baker, David Ferguson and Carl Healey all featuring alongside Mathew Pietersen and an age group promotion in the form of Victoria's whizz-kid Dylan Fisher where they will be hoping to produce results and return the trophy to the New Zealand shores.

"We are really happy to have four players in both the men and womens U25 team return, as this will provide invaluable experience to the teams that the newcomers can learn from as well," Bowls New Zealand National Coach Dave Edwards said.

NOTE: The Black Jacks will defend the Open Trans Tasman Trophy this year, venue TBC.

ARNOLD



BOYD



BRENTON



COLLETT



GALLOP



GRIFFIN



KELLY



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NZ – U25 Mens:

- Singles: Matt Gallop (Sydney)
- Pairs: Andrew Kelly (Canterbury) , Mark Watt (Dunedin)
- Triples: Matt Gallop, Chris Le Lievre (Auckland), Greg Ruaporo (Auckland)
- Fours: Kelly, Watt, Le Lievre, Ruaporo

Aus – U25 Mens:

- Sean Baker (Broadbeach BC, QLD)
- David Ferguson (Engadine BC, NSW)
- Dylan Fisher (Clayton BC, VIC)
- Carl Healey (Roselands BC, NSW), Mathew Pietersen (St Johns Park, NSW)

NZ – U25 Womens:

- Singles: Clare McCaul (Wellington)
- Pairs: McCaul, Misty Arnold (Nelson)
- Triples: Mandy Boyd (Hawkes Bay), Gemma Collett (Nelson), Amy Brenton (Nelson)
- Fours: Boyd, Arnold, Collett, Brenton

Aus – U25 Womens:

- Janet Hasewski (Belconnen BC, ACT)
- Carla Odgers (Keilor BC, VIC)
- Rebecca Quail (Invermay BC, TAS)
- Sam Shannahan (St John’s Park BC, NSW)
- Morgan Solman-Stewart (Cabramatta, NSW)

NZ - U18 Boys: (Singles and Pairs)

- Ryan Khan (Waikato), Monte Pawa (Far North)

Aus – U18 Boys:

- Martin Miller (Nightcliff BC, NT)
- Cody Packer (Bedford BC, WA)

NZ - U18 Girls: (Singles and Pairs)

- Emma Le Lievre (Thames), Kirsten Griffin (Wellington)

Aus – U18 Girls:

- Carly Griffiths (Caloundra RSL BC, QLD)
- Lisa Phillips (Yallourn BC, VIC,)

KHAN



C. LE LIEVRE



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McCAUL



PAWA



RUAPORO



WATT

