

## **Gippsland Region Board summary**

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 16 August 2021. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

### **Pennant**

The Board noted that:

- the travel arrangements for Division 1 Midweek Pennant have been resolved
- an additional rule to cover Covid lockdowns and restrictions has been drafted
- Bowls Victoria has yet to release updated Rules of Competition.

### **Committee positions**

The following appointments were approved:

- Keren Blake, Board
- Pam Carter, Ladies' Representative Sides joining Judy Beesley, Jo Martin and Karen Cheney
- Trevor Melotte, Men's Representative Sides, joining Colin Smith and Ivan Thompson.

### **Correspondence**

The Board discussed a letter to the Competitions Committee from the West Sale President Wayne Morris requesting a readjustment of the pennant draw to 'enable clubs/players to participate in State/Club championship events'. It supported the Competitions Committee recommendation that the proposal not be accepted; West Sale has been informed.

The Board will conduct a full review of pennant and State events at the end of the 2021/22 season, including a player survey.

### **State events**

The Board noted that the Regional State Pairs event will be 15 ends, with Triples and Fours sectional. Clubs have been sent a detailed Expressions of Interest document outlining the process and requirements for hosting a State event.

### **New Region shirt**

The Board considered draft designs submitted by Dyynamic, an Australian sports clothing manufacturer, for polo shirts for the team members and officials. Revised designs based on Board members' comments will be reviewed at the next meeting

### **Junior development**

Nigel Plunkett provided a progress report on the Region's junior development program, for which the Region has received a \$3k State Government grant:

- Bairnsdale Bowls Club has offered to be a hub for junior players
- Come and Try Days are being considered for October and February/March
- Club coaches will be an integral part of the program
- Bowls Victoria has been asked for junior promotional material that the Region could adapt
- Junior shirts similar to the Region shirt may be produced.

### **2021/22 fees**

Clubs will be invoiced for the 2021/22 capitation fee on 31 August. The fee has been capped at \$5 per member per club, based on the number of members with full playing rights on 30 June 2021 as registered on BowlsLink.

## **Other matters**

- There will be no Delegates Day this season because of the crowded calendar.
- Clubs will be asked to organise their own presentations of Super Veterans Badges, which they can request from the Region Secretary.
- Bowls Victoria has called for Expressions of Interest in hosting the Women's Country Week in April 2022.
- Region Sides may move from Shepparton to Moama in 2022.
- Wayne Morris and Pam Carter will donate trophies for the men's and ladies' Region Champion of Champions.
- Coaching and umpiring courses will be organised, the Region to pick up the cost for participants.
- The Region is looking to establish a storage facility for equipment and merchandise, perhaps at a club or in a storage unit.
- Progress has been made on new Region and pennant flags.
- A BowlsLink app is being developed, with Brad Lancaster trialing it on behalf of the Region.

## **Information session**

Please note there will be a change of venue the next delegates information session scheduled for Monday 4 October 10am at Maffra. Venue to be advised.

## **Next meeting**

Monday 6 September at Paynesville Bowls Club (Covid permitting).

**Bronwyn Thwaites**  
**Region Secretary**