



## Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 13 September 2021. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

### 2021/22 fees

The Board has deferred invoicing clubs for 2021/22 capitation fees for 60 days because of the continuing uncertainty about the impact of Covid on the forthcoming bowls season.

### 2021/22 Pennant season

The Board discussed the approaching pennant season in the context of existing Covid restrictions and the potential for further lockdowns. It agreed to proceed with the current draw unless and until changes were required. The Competitions Committee is monitoring the situation very closely and will advise the Board in a timely manner should adjustments need to be made.

### Covid vaccination

The Board noted the recent advice from Bowls Victoria that it would support the implementation of mandated vaccinations for community sport should such legislation be introduced by the State Government. It will continue to monitor the issue and keep clubs informed about any developments.

### Region and State events

The Board reminds clubs that the deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest to host Region and State events is **Friday 17 September**. Please send forms to [gippslandbr@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandbr@gmail.com), marked to the attention of the Competitions Committee.

### New Region shirt

The Board considered feedback from directors on options for the new Region polo shirt, and settled on a design approach, including colour scheme. It will ask Australian sports clothing manufacturer Dyenamic to submit a revised design for review at the next meeting.

### Junior development

The Board endorsed a suggestion from the Junior Development Committee that the Region's junior squad be known as the 'Gippsland Geckos'. It noted that:

- juniors who represent Gippsland will wear a Region shirt featuring a gecko motif
- club coaches will be invited to take part in the junior development program
- a junior development page will be added to the Region's website.

### **Region hoodies**

The Board has extended the deadline to order Region hoodies following a decision to switch suppliers because of a better deal on minimum orders and the inclusion of the Region logo in the manufacture. The new closing date is **Sunday 31 October**; existing orders will be included in the new bulk order. Clubs will receive full details this week about the ordering process.

### **Other matters**

- Bowls Victoria has issued the 2021/22 Region Pennant Conditions of Play [Conditions of Play - Bowls Victoria](#).
- The Region Calendar published on the website will be updated as required.
- Moama has been confirmed as the location for the 2022 Region Sides event from 8-10 April.
- Lindenow Bowls Club has offered a secure storage room for the Region's equipment and merchandise.

### **Next meeting**

Monday 4 October at Heyfield Bowls Club after the delegates information session (Covid permitting).

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