



## Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 1 November 2021 at the Paynesville Bowling Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

### COVID vaccination

The Board noted that clubs had responded well to certifying their members' double vaccination status on BowlsLink. It reminds clubs they still need to confirm to the Region the vaccination status of players selected for pennant. Penalties will apply to any club which plays an ineligible bowler.

### State events/ Player of the Year

The Board set the entry fee for 2021/22 State events at \$5 per player per event. **There will be no green fees.** Prize money will be \$50 for winners and \$25 for runners-up.

The first State events will be the Men's and Ladies' 60+ Singles to be played at Sale and Orbost respectively on 7 and 14 November. At closing, 26 men and 11 women have entered from both north and east playing areas.

The Board endorsed Jan Morton's proposal to establish a male and female Player of the Year award. The awards will go to those who have earned the most points in Region and State events (excluding Novice, 60+ Singles and 60+ Pairs) – Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples, Fours, Champion of Champions. Points will be awarded as follows:

- winners, 3 points
- runners up, 2 points
- losing semi finalists, 1 point.

Jan will donate the Player of the Year medallions for the next five years.

### Pennant

#### *Greens inspection*

The Board reminds clubs that their greens need to be inspected before the start of the season on Saturday. Those which need a level 2 inspection following infrastructure works should contact Bowls Victoria.

#### *Practice*

The Board endorsed the inclusion of a new rule in the Conditions of Play that permits pre-game practice on any rink. The rule is based one that applies in metro pennant, amended for the Region. It will be distributed to clubs this week.

**Capitation fees**

The Board will not charge capitation fees in 2021/22.

**Branding**

The Board:

- approved the Region shirt design
- signed off the revised design for the pennant and Region flags
- agreed to commission a media wall featuring the logo as a backdrop for photographs at State and Region events
- asked for a revised design for an all-purpose pull-up banner, to include the Gecko motif
- endorsed a tear drop to promote the Gippsland Geckos.

Images of the new shirt and flags will be distributed in due course.

**Junior development**

The Board noted that work has begun on the marketing plan for the Region's junior development program. The starting point will be information sessions for club presidents and coaches to be held on 15 and 16 November at Sale and Howitt Park respectively. Other elements are:

- an ambassador for the Gippsland Geckos, the junior development squad (Barry Lester to be approached)
- a program launch in December
- a pack for program participants (cap, Geckos bumper sticker)
- Come and Try Days in January
- articles for local media – radio, newspapers.

**Region hoodies**

The Board noted that many payments for Region hoodies/jackets were outstanding at the 31 October closing date. The order will be submitted when all payments have been received.

**Next meeting**

Monday 6 December at Sale Bowls Club at 10am.

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