



Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 21 February at the Paynesville Bowling Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Annual General Meeting

The Board set the date for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. It will be held at 10am on **Sunday 29 May**, venue to be confirmed. **Please place this date in your diaries.**

State events update

Jan Morton (JM) referred Board members to the update provided at the delegates Information Session held earlier.

She advised that if a club was unable to hold an event, eg singles, because of lack of entries, it can nominate a player to be its representative in the Champion of Champions.

Pennant/ presentations to winners

The Board recognised there is confusion about the nomenclature of pennant finals. It confirmed the following:

- **Finals** are between clubs within East and North playing areas respectively
- **Region Grand Finals** are between playing area winners
- The East Midweek Division 4 final will be a **Region Grand Final** as there is no Division 4 in North.

The format for Grand Final day will include team photos, a welcome and the national anthem. Information will be sent to all participating clubs to distribute to their players in due course.

Winning Grand Final clubs will be presented with a flag they can display for a year and a plaque they can keep.

JM showed the Board an example of the medallions to be presented to players in clubs which win the Saturday and Midweek Grand Finals, State and Region events winners and Men's and Women's Players of the Year.

The Board agreed to invite State event winners to the Annual General Meeting at which their medallions will be presented.

Player survey

The Board noted that Gippsport Community Solutions will provide consultancy expertise on the development of a post-season survey, to be available to all bowlers in the Region. The point of contact will be the GBR Secretary, who will liaise with Gippsport on the survey questionnaire, survey distribution and final report. The results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was tabled:

- A letter from Maffra Bowling Club dated 17 February 2022 which outlined a number of concerns relating to the pennant season (travel, open Midweek), Region administration and difficulties navigating BowlsLink. A formal response is being prepared.
- An email from Josh O'Brien dated 2 February 2022 proposing the creation of a Gippsland Premier League. The email has been forwarded to the Competitions Committee for consideration when developing the 2022/23 program.

Next Board meeting

Monday 21 March at 10am at Sale Bowling Club.

Bronwyn Thwaites
Region Secretary