



Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 21 March at the Sale Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

2021/22 Pennant finals

The Board discussed feedback it has received from players about the Midweek and Saturday pennant finals. This will form part of the end of season review, along with results from the survey (see separate item below).

End of season survey

The Board approved the questionnaire for the member survey, which has been prepared in consultation with GippSport. The comprehensive survey includes the following areas:

- Region structure/governance
- Pennant (separate sections for Midweek and Saturday)
- State events
- BowlsLink
- Communication.

It will be available online and in hard copy and sent to all clubs for distribution once finalised.

Annual General Meeting

The Board noted the timeline for the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held on **Sunday 29 May** at Maffra Bowls Club at 10am. The meeting will be followed by presentations to State event winners. Key dates:

- 29 March, call for notices of motion
- 24 April, closing date for notices of motion
- 24 April, call for nominations for Board director and committee positions
- 9 May, AGM business notice sent to clubs
- 17 May nominations for director and committee positions close.

Junior development

Nigel Plunkett provided an update on the junior development program, including the Region's inaugural Come 'N' Try Day being held at Bairnsdale Bowls Club on Saturday 2 April at 10am.

He has received a number of enquiries about the Geckos program, including from children participating in the recent primary schools event at Bairnsdale as part of the Victoria School Competition.

The Board congratulated the Paynesville Primary School, which will represent Gippsland in the State championships in May after winning the regional event at Morwell, and Paynesville Bowls Club for its continuing support to the school.

Other business

The Board:

- agreed there will be no entry fees for the Champion of Champions and the Region Pairs and Fours
- will review the Region sides selection process
- referred a pennant final series planning proposal to the Competitions Committee for consideration as part of its season review
- noted that Bowls Victoria has paid a \$2.8k subsidy for the cost of accommodation at the Region Sides championship in Moama next month.

Next Board meeting

Monday 25 April at 10am at Paynesville Bowls Club.

Bronwyn Thwaites
Region Secretary