

Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 25 April at the Paynesville Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Pennant finals

The Board discussed feedback it has continued to receive from players about the Midweek and Saturday pennant finals in the east and north playing areas. It acknowledged the players' concern that there was insufficient recognition for the divisional playing area winners and agreed to rectify the situation for this and future seasons.

Consequently, the Board approved a proposal from President Jan Morton that playing area winners in all divisions receive small pennant flags that they can keep. Flags for the 2021/22 season will be presented to winning clubs at Presentation Day on Sunday 29 May (see item below). In subsequent seasons, winning clubs will receive them on the day.

Annual General Meeting/Presentation Day

The Board discussed the business notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Maffra Bowls Club on Sunday 29 May. The notice will be distributed to clubs on 9 May.

The inaugural Presentation Day will be held immediately after the meeting at which winners of all State and Region events, or a club representative, will be presented with their medallions. Clubs which won a playing area pennant final will also be presented with a flag. Details will be distributed in due course.

Member survey

The Board noted the interim report from GippSport on the member survey conducted in March and April. More than 340 members responded online, an excellent result, with many respondents taking the time to comment on a range of issues. Hard copy surveys are still being collated. GippSport will prepare a comprehensive summary of the survey results which will be presented to delegates at the AGM.

Junior development

Nigel Plunkett reported that the inaugural Come 'N' Try Day held at Bairnsdale Bowls Club on 2 April was a successful event which attracted a dozen young people. Coaching sessions are under way and will continue until May.

Next Board meeting

After the AGM on Sunday 29 May.

Bronwyn Thwaites, GBR Secretary