

Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board (GBR) met on Monday 10 October. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Governance

The Board:

- welcomed new director Graeme Hemming to his first meeting since being appointed
- formally accepted the resignation of Keren Blake as a director and member of the Representative Sides Selection Committee, recognising her excellent contribution during her two-year tenure
- noted that Ivan Thompson has resigned from the Representative Sides Selection Committee
- endorsed the establishment of a Greens Committee to oversee greens inspections and handle complaints from clubs. It is expected to have four representatives – two from each playing area
- agreed to undertake a review of the GBR Regulations.

Novice Singles

The Board discussed the eligibility issue impacting on the 2022/23 Novice Singles that was outlined at the Information Session. In fairness to all bowlers who entered, it decided to replay the event, with day 1 being on Sunday 16 October at Heyfield when the finals were scheduled to be played and day 2 on a date and at a venue to be decided.

State events

The Board noted that Sale and Lakes Entrance have declared their interest in hosting upcoming events, with West Sale for overflow. Stratford will also consider being available for overflow if required. Paynesville will likely host later in the season; in the interim it needs to protect their grass greens.

Region Sides

The Board extended the cut off date for bowlers interested in submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) for inclusion in the 2023 Region Sides team going to Moama at the end of May. The new cut off date is 11 November. The Board reminds clubs that only those who have submitted an EOI will be considered for selection.

Branding

The Board confirmed that the GBR logo and Geckos branding cannot be used on any material without authorisation from the Secretary. It acknowledged the support from the Sign Shop in Bairnsdale in branding the Geckos trailer.

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