



## **Gippsland Region Board summary**

The Gippsland Region Board (GBR) met on Monday 7 November at Maffra Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

### **State events**

The Board noted that:

- the quarter and semi finals of the Mixed Pairs will be held at Lakes Entrance on Sunday 13 November, with the final in January on a date to be determined
- Lakes Entrance and Sale will host the Fours and Pairs respectively, with West Sale the overflow venue for the Pairs if required.

### **Governance**

The Board is seeking an additional member for the Competitions Committee to bring the membership to five. Current members are Colin Smith, Brad Lancaster, Pam Carter and Jan Morton.

It also is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from greens inspectors for the Greens Committee, preferably two from each playing area. The Committee's role is to oversee:

- the inspection of greens and pass them fit for pennant and championship events
- inspection of greens before the pennant finals
- ad hoc inspections during the season on request from clubs.

EOIs should be submitted to [gippslandbr@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandbr@gmail.com).

### **Region Sides**

The Board is very pleased with the strong interest from bowlers across the Region in being considered for selection in the 2023 Region Sides team to compete in Moama at the end of May. At 7 November, 50 EOIs had been received. The cut-off date is 11 November.

### **Junior development**

The Board welcomed a \$1k sponsorship from Lakes Entrance Bowls Club for the Gippsland Geckos. The funds will be used to pay for 10 Gippsland Geckos-branded hoodies to be worn at appropriate events. The Board encourages other clubs to consider a sponsorship donation to enable the purchase of sets of junior bowls.

Nigel Plunkett reported his visits to clubs to promote the junior development program were going well, with great response from Sale, Stratford, Heyfield and Maffra. He hopes to establish a primary schools competition in Sale equivalent to that already running in Bairnsdale.

Another initiative being explored is a GBR Under-18 championship tournament before the Vic Open in March, open to bowlers within and outside the Region.

**Other matters**

- The wording of the weather rule will be clarified to avoid confusion.
- The Board will explore digital thermometer options to recommend to clubs.

**Next meeting**

10am Monday 12 December, Paynesville Bowls Club

**Bronwyn Thwaites**

**GBR Secretary**