



Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board (GBR) met on Monday 24 April at Maffra Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Governance

The Board noted that some nominations have been received for 2023/24 Board and committee positions. Clubs are reminded that the closing date for nominations is Wednesday 10 May. Vacancies are as follows:

- Board Director (two vacancies) – three-year terms
- Secretary, three-year term.

The Board Directors and Secretary will be elected by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Paynesville Bowls Club on Sunday 21 May.

Nominations are also sought for the following Committee and Officer positions, to be appointed by the Board at its first meeting directly after the AGM:

- Competitions Committee
- Junior Development Committee
- Region Sides Selection Committee
- Umpiring Coordinator
- Coaching Co-ordinator
- Communications Officer
- Sponsorship Officer
- Web Manager
- Pennant and State Events Recorder.

Before nominating, it is suggested that members read the Committee Terms of Reference and position descriptions in the GBR Regulations. See links below.

[Appendices A-D \(bowls.com.au\)](#)

[Appendices E-O \(bowls.com.au\)](#)

2023/24 Pennant

The Board noted there has been minimal feedback to date about the 2023/24 pennant season, including the option of a merged Division 1 for Weekend pennant. Clubs are reminded the deadline for submissions is 31 July. The Competitions Committee will meet in August to review the submissions and determine the structure and schedule in consultation with clubs where appropriate.

Region Challenge

Jan Morton confirmed the inaugural Region Challenge against Strezlecki will be held at Traralgon Bowls Club on Saturday 13 May giving the Gippsland men's and women's representative sides an important practice opportunity before the Region Sides Championship in Moama at the end of May.

2023/24 capitation fees

The Board is reviewing the 2022/23 financials as part of the process for setting next year's capitation fees. The 2023/24 fees will be announced at the AGM.

Junior development

Nigel Plunkett reported:

- the inaugural GBR Under-18 championship held at Bairnsdale Bowls Club went well, with quality bowling on display and great support from parents
- he is in discussion with Bowls Victoria about a targeted Under-18 event in Gippsland in addition to the existing Bendigo and Sunbury events
- a 'come and try' day is being planned to encourage more juniors from the north playing area, where Sale Bowls Club is willing to be a focal point for a junior squad
- more help is required from members in developing and supporting a structured junior bowls program.

Next meeting

After the AGM, Sunday 21 May, Paynesville BC, 10am

Bronwyn Thwaites
GBR Secretary