



Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 17 July at Maffra Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

2023/24 pennant structure

The Board considered the draft 2023/24 pennant structure sent to clubs on 4 July and subsequent feedback received. It discussed submissions from some clubs in the north playing area expressing concern about the detrimental impact of the reduced number of games proposed for divisions 2, 3 and 4 in Weekend Pennant.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to reject the Competitions Committee's recommendation for 10 games of Weekend Pennant in the north playing area. It has directed the Competitions Committee to:

- amend the draft structure by increasing the number of games of Weekend Pennant (divisions 2, 3 and 4) in the north playing area to 14
- review the proposed pennant dates.

The amended draft will be considered at the 14 August Board meeting. In the meantime, clubs are reminded that they have until 31 July to respond to the draft divisional makeup (see attachment). Send all comments to gippslandbr@gmail.com.

During its deliberations, the Board noted that some clubs are emailing their concerns about GBR matters to other clubs, often bypassing the Region. It reminds clubs that issues can be dealt with more effectively when directed in the first instance to the GBR via gippslandbr@gmail.com.

Capitation fees

Clubs will soon receive an invoice for 2023/24 capitation fees, set at \$10 per member with full playing rights (juniors exempt) based on numbers supplied by Bowls Victoria. Fees will be payable by 30 September.

Junior development

The Board approved the purchase of three sets of 000 bowls for the junior development program, largely funded by a donation from Bairnsdale Bowls Club.

Junior development coordinator Nigel Plunkett urges clubs to nominate a junior development coordinator to work with the GBR and help grow the program in 2023/24. He noted the great work being done by Paynesville Bowls Club with the Paynesville Primary School, an active participant in the Victorian State Schools bowls competition.

Region Sides

The Board is seeking additional nominations for the Men's and Ladies' Region Sides Selection Committees, particularly from women in east playing area clubs. Please email gippslandbr@gmail.com if interested. The 2023/24 Region Sides Championships will be held in January.

Next meeting

Monday 14 August at Bairnsdale Bowls Club.

Bronwyn Thwaites
Region Secretary

ATTACHMENT: **DRAFT** DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

Weekend Pennant

Region Division 1

Bairnsdale 1
Orbost 1
Howitt Park 1
Lindenow 1
Metung 1
Lakes Entrance 1
Lakes Entrance 2
Paynesville 1
Heyfield 1
West Sale 1
Stratford 1
Sale 1
Sale 2
Maffra 1

East Playing Area

Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Bairnsdale 2	Bairnsdale 4	Bairnsdale 5
Bairnsdale 3	Bairnsdale Golf 1	Howitt Park 4
Howitt Park 2	Orbost 2	Lindenow 3
Lindenow 2	Howitt Park 3	Bruthen 2
Bruthen 1	Metung 2	Lakes Entrance 6
Lakes Entrance 3	Lakes Entrance 5	Paynesville 4
Lakes Entrance 4	Paynesville 3	Paynesville 5
Paynesville 2	Vacancy	Tambo Valley
		Bairnsdale Golf

North Playing Area

Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Heyfield 2	Heyfield 3	Yarram 2
West Sale 2	Rosedale 1	West Sale 3
Stratford 2	Stratford 3	Sale 6
Sale 3	Sale 4	Maffra 4
Maffra 2	Sale 5	Loch Sport 1
Yarram 1	Maffra 3	Loch Sport 2

Midweek Pennant

Region Division 1

Bairnsdale 1
Lakes Entrance 1
Paynesville 1
Stratford 1
Sale 1
Howitt Park 1

East Playing Area

Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Bairnsdale 2	Bairnsdale 3	Bairnsdale 4
Bairnsdale Golf 1	Howitt Park 2	Bairnsdale Golf 2
Orbost 1	Lindenow 1	Howitt Park 3
Metung 1	Lakes Entrance 3	Lakes Entrance 5
Paynesville2	Lakes Entrance 4	
Lakes Entrance 2	Paynesville 3	

North Playing Area

Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Heyfield 1	Heyfield 2	Heyfield 3
West Sale 1	West Sale 2	West Sale 3
Stratford 2	Stratford 3	Sale 4
Sale 2	Sale 3	Maffra 4
Maffra 1	Maffra 3	Loch Sport 1
Maffra 2	Yarram 1	Vacany