



Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 13 November at Maffra Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Pennant score cards

Jan Morton reported that BV may discontinue providing pennant score cards from next season in favour of live scoring, already under way in metro pennant's top divisions. The Board will work through the implications, including the cost of printing cards now provided by BV and the training required for implementing live scoring. As a first step, Lakes Entrance BC has indicated it may trial live scoring during an appropriate game this season.

Vic Open green fees

GBR President Jan Morton reported she had raised the non-payment of green fees to host clubs for the 2023 Vic Open with Bowls Victoria (BV). She was advised the 2024 schedule and detailed information is being prepared for distribution to clubs.

Region Sides

The Board noted that a total of 45 Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been received to date for the 2024 Sides championships, demonstrating strong interest from bowlers in representing the Region. It appointed Bronwyn Thwaites and Colin Smith as Women's and Men's team managers respectively.

Junior development

Nigel Plunkett reported that BV has postponed the annual State Schools Competition normally held in March until November 2024. As a stop gap, he proposes to run a major bowls event for north area primary schools on Friday 8 December to build on the work done by Stratford, Heyfield and Maffra bowls clubs with their local schools. Information will be distributed to clubs once details are confirmed, including the venue.

Other matters

- Bowls Australia today announced major updates to BowlsLink. See details [here](#).
- Renovation work is under way on the front green at Yarram BC.
- Clubs are reminded about the excellent course for selectors on [BowlsLearn](#).

Next meeting

Monday 11 December at Bairnsdale BC.

Bronwyn Thwaites
Region Secretary