

Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 15 April at Bairnsdale Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Governance

The Board noted that at the 8 April closing date, no notices of motion had been received for consideration as special business at the 2024 Annual General meeting. Nominations for President, Board Director, committee and officer/coordinator positions are open until 3 May.

Junior development

The Board agreed to make one-off payments to the families of the GBR juniors who competed with distinction in the Under-18 State Championships at Sunbury. The payments recognise the families' commitment and support for their children's participation in the event, including the travel and accommodation costs they incur.

Nigel Plunkett reported on the success of the second GBR Junior Championships at Bairnsdale Bowls Club, describing the quality of bowling as exceptional.

Resignation

Nigel Plunkett tendered his resignation as a Board Director, effective from today, due to other commitments both within and outside bowls. Accepting his resignation, the Board thanked Nigel for his invaluable contribution to the GBR, including his involvement with drafting the amalgamated GBR's Constitution and Regulations, the implementation and ongoing management of the junior development program, and coaching activities. Nigel will continue to support the GBR by taking on the Junior Development Coordinator position.

Nigel's resignation creates a casual vacancy which the Board will fill in due course.

Region events

The Board is considering discontinuing the Region Fours and Pairs next season because of the disappointing number of entries from clubs for the 2023/24 events. It is seeking feedback from clubs before a final decision is made. Email your club's thoughts to gipslandbr@gmail.com by 15 July 2024.

Live streaming

The Board has agreed to investigate setting up an official GBR live streaming service, to be launched in time for the 2024/25 season.

Next meeting

Sunday 12 May 2024 at Maffra BC following the Annual General Meeting.

Bronwyn Thwaites, GBR Secretary