



## Yarra Bowls Region Inc

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Incorporating Alphington, Auburn, Bundoora RSL, Burwood District, Camberwell Central, City Of Heidelberg, Darebin City, Diamond Creek, Doncaster, Donvale, East Ivanhoe, Eltham, Fairfield, Greensborough, Greythorn, Hawthorn, Heidelberg Golf, Hurstbridge, Ivanhoe, MCC, MCC Kew Sports, Montmorency, North Balwyn, Richmond Union, Rosanna, Templestowe & Yarra Valley Country Club bowls clubs

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### Minutes

#### Annual General Meeting - Yarra Valley Country Club

Held on 4/9/2017 at 7.30 pm

**(a) Welcome - Ferguson**

- (i) Phones off
- (ii) Minute silence in respect of those who departed this last season
- (iii) Apologies: J Roberts, R Lovell, M Spargo, L Rasmussen
- (iv) Attendees: 20 clubs represented

**(b) Notice of AGM – via email 31/5/2017 with reminder 28/8/2017**

**(c) Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of AGM 2016, all directors meetings and delegates meetings appear on the website and are confirmed at the next meeting.

**(d) Presentation of Annual Report including financial statement and portfolio reports**

- (i) Distributed via email 4/9/2017 - also available on our website
  - (ii) President spoke to certain highlights
    - (A) Acknowledged use of greens for region events
    - (B) Men's & Women's champion of champions singles finals at Alphington
    - (C) Congratulations to the 10 clubs who won various region events
    - (D) Acknowledged those selected to represent Victoria
    - (E) Region sides championships - both men and women sides
- Entries for championships were similar to last year, with men's entry numbers down but ladies' numbers up, including

**(e) Bowls Vic Regional Representatives Report**

- (i) Our representatives meet three times per year to discuss various issues – Bowls Vic generally set the agenda, and we present our progress and position
- (ii) The meetings are designed for Bowls Vic to provide an update to regions and for regions to update Bowls Vic on their activities.

**(f) Election of Office Bearers**

- (i) 4 vacancies but only 4 nominations received
- (ii) L Burton, M Limosani, E Owens, P Russell are elected
  - Burton has since resigned

One female vacancy still exists – any interested person can contact region secretary  
Executive positions

- (iii) President – L Chittenden
- (iv) VP – M Limosani
- (v) Secretary – P Russell
- (vi) Treasurer – E Owens



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**(g) Election of Committees**

- (i) Not required at this stage – positions filled as required
  - (A) Match committee lead by Barry Ferguson
  - (B) Umpires committee lead by John Robert and crew
  - (C) Greens Committee lead by Graham Howard – expressions of interest welcome
  - (D) Coach & Coaching Development - positions filled as required
  - (E) Junior Development lead by Richard Lovell

**(h) Honorarium**

- (i) No honorarium for directorships
- (ii) Small honorarium for umpires tutors and greens inspectors

**(i) Region Levy / Fees**

- (i) Treasurer recommended no change to the annual region levy – rate set at \$3 per player per club.  
SPORTS-STG database for clubs
  - Make sure your “active members” are listed as financial – insert 30/6/2017 into that financial date field
  - The information on the Membership section is the responsibility of the clubs. Accuracy is imperative for Pennant player qualification

**(j) Other business**

**(k) Bowls Program**

- (i) Appears on website – 3/7/2017 – latest version 20/8/2017
- (ii) Entry forms and conditions of play updated 29/8/2017
- (iii) Ashburton – transfer to Eastern Ranges

**(l) Volunteer of the year award**

- (i) Three nominations received
  - (A) Des Powell (Donvale)
  - (B) Jen Morley (Burwood Dist)
  - (C) David Ewing (Greensborough)
- (ii) Bowls Vic advised of our region’s volunteer of the year

**(m) Rule changes for season 2016/17**

- (i) Optional timing of greens
- (ii) Saturday pennant – all clubs can practice prior to pennant, but only the host side can practice at the venue for the match

**(n) John Inglese – BV director**

- (i) John spoke on Quicka Bowls program conducted after the last post season and how the game options varied and how they were received

**(o) Paul Holtschke – Regional Bowls Manager**

- (i) Paul spoke on various grants, senior’s week, play bowls month, Vic Open entries online, and greens seminar in November at Moporoolbark

**(p) Affiliation fees**

- (i) Discussion about affiliation fees and how they’ve moved from \$32 per player to around \$52 over the last few years

**(q) Mid-week divisions / sections and associated travel impact.**

- (i) This coming season Div 1 mid-week pennant has been squeezed to 4 sections – so there’s been a juggling of position due to the cascade effect of reallocating sides to

divisions and sections. This has meant increased travel for some, but there was little alternative as in most cases Google mapping was used to assess placements

(ii) Bundoora suggests Bowls Vic should use editable PDFs (portable document files) to standardise transmission of specific information between clubs and head office

**(r) Incoming president**

Barry introduced Lysbeth Chittenden, who stated it was an honour become president of the region, that she had a wonderful committee and this provided an opportunity to discuss issues and maintain the standard

**(s) Thanks to Yarra Valley Country Club for the use of facilities**

(ii) Delegates meetings on 13/11/2017 and 5/3/2018

**(t) Meeting closed – 8:35 pm**

