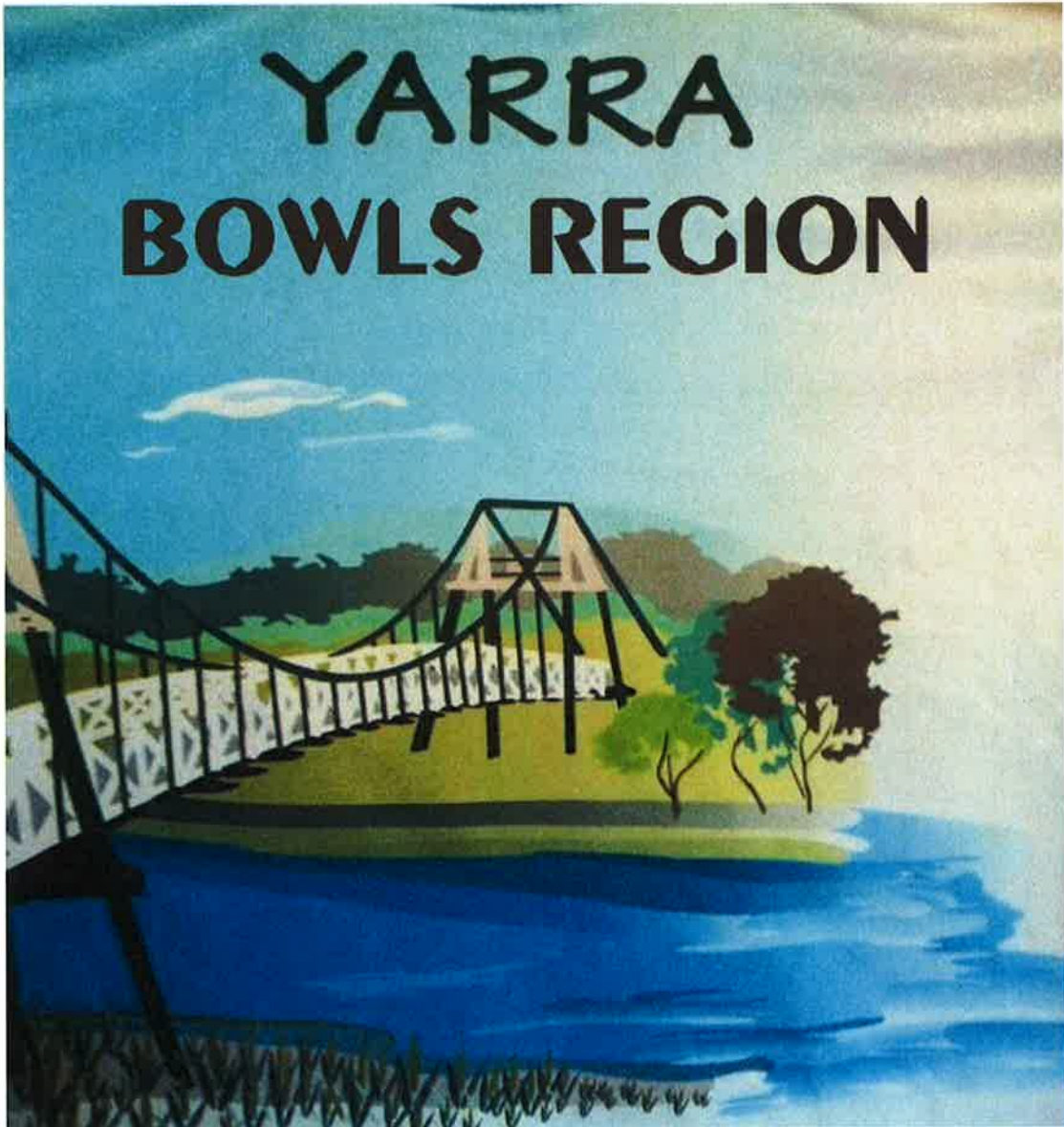


# **YARRA BOWLS REGION**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Season 2011/12**

The Yarra Bowls Region became an incorporated body effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

An interim steering committee saw us through the unification transition phase and complete the necessary tasks to have our constitution adopted, and initiate processes to set up the region. We thank those responsible for their efforts.

The region directors took office from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, having been elected unopposed at our first AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Our first office bearers were: Mike Limosani (Yarra Valley – President), Lorraine Burton (Hurstbridge - Vice President), Peter Russell (Bundoora RSL - Secretary), Elaine Owens (Darebin City - Treasurer), with Graham Down (Fairfield) and Graham Howard (Donvale) also serving as directors.

## President's report



I along with fellow directors attended a number of Opening Days and special occasions to make various presentations to eligible members. One such occasion I was privileged to present certificates to two bowlers from Heidelberg Golf on reaching the age of 90 years

I'm proud of those bowlers who represented our region during the finals of the various State events in Bendigo. And also proud of the men & ladies involved in the respective Regional Sides Championships, and those involved in the Betty Collins Challenge. They certainly looked the part in the region shirts and caps.



I thank U Design Sportswear for their sponsorship with provision of region shirts, and also the Bendigo Bank for their financial contribution.

A special mention to Elaine Owens who produced laminated certificates for the winners of the various region events. These were passed on to the respective clubs to present to those bowlers.

Thanks to my fellow directors for their efforts in setting the region up and for their contribution during this season. Thanks also Lorraine and Graham (H) for attending the Victorian Region Advisory Group (VRAG) sessions and providing the necessary information on what's happening both at a local level and reporting back from head office. VRAG is now known Bowls Victoria Regional Representatives.

Lastly thanks to clubs who have given me their support both as president of the region and formerly as an RVBA councillor. After much thought I have decided not to seek another term due to changes in my personal situation.

Mike Limosani (President)

## **Secretary's report**

Our constitution provides for eight directors, four males and four females. Unfortunately we did not receive enough nominations to fill all positions, and the executive were fortunate to be able to appoint Lysbeth Chittenden (Burwood District) to a casual vacancy.

During the year the directors met to discuss region activities and events. Meetings were held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012, 27<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Delegates meetings were held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

This year we also conducted a presidents and secretaries night on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 held at Darebin City. This allowed directors to meet those responsible at club level, even though some were also club delegates.

Directors were quite active with email transmissions, and also received the general information forwarded to club contact officers, secretaries and delegates from time to time.

We initiated contact with Bowls Victoria regarding region websites in July 2011, and with Sportingpulse direct in October, November and December. With nothing but an automated response, we made contact with The Bowls Network, and launched a site for the Yarra Bowls Region <http://www.yarra.vic.bowls.net.au/> in March 2012.

The site provides news, a calendar, links to our constitution, and other business documents, details on umpiring, coaching, junior development and greens, region champions, the region program, and links to all club sites and bowls related sites.

We hope that all clubs will provide a link from their websites direct to the region site.

Peter Russell (Secretary)

## **Treasurer's report**

Bank accounts were set up with Bendigo Bank, who also tipped in sponsorship of \$250. The accounts allow internet banking and this is certainly our preferred alternative rather than taking cheques to the bank and searching for secondary signatures to counter sign cheques for various payments.

Directors have been kept up to date with our financial position, and similar information has also been made available to club delegates.

Our finances are in a healthy condition thanks to the monies received from the former groups and an initial contribution of \$1,000 from Bowls Victoria.

The honorariums that were paid to the Greens, Match and Umpires committees totalling \$1700 is indeed just a small token of appreciation considering the amount of work that has been involved in these areas.

Men's Regional Sides Championships – The cost to the Region for this event \$2,831.35 less \$1500.00 advance from Bowls Victoria left \$1,331.35 to be found by the Region. This included accommodation costs, etc.

Ladies Murray Valley Championships – This event was not subsidized by Bowls Victoria. It was an Executive decision to help the ladies concerned by the payment of \$800.00 to cover the entry fee and dinner. The ladies who attended this event paid for their own accommodation and travel expenses. Next March this will be an approved event and organized by Bowls Victoria so it is assumed that this event will be subsidized too by Bowls Victoria.

The Region was asked to enter two teams in the Betty Collins Challenge held at North Balwyn Bowls Club. There were over 20 entries received from across the State and congratulations must go to the 11 ladies selected to represent our region, \$330.00 well spent as we achieved third and fourth place.

The entries for the Region State Games were very disappointing in some areas. The total amount received from entries was \$4,134.00 but out of this amount \$689.00 (\$1 per entry) had to be forwarded to Bowls Victoria.

Bowls Victoria did forward to us an amount of \$4,500 to cover the prize money but this did not include payment to the winners of the Ladies Novice or the Men's and Ladies Under 25's. Once again it was decided that these three events should receive equal prize money to encourage more entries in these events.

We are indeed grateful that the Region uniforms were sponsored but the purchase of hats and caps will be an ongoing expense. The Region discs that were purchased should last for many years.

The Region at the end of the financial year has met all debts incurred.

Our accounts have been independently audited as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012, and statement prepared in the belief that this was the end of our financial year. In fact our financial year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012, but the only other financial transactions related to interest earned in May (\$16.64) and June (\$14.39). So our bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was \$11,380.53.

The auditor has since retired from her managerial position at CUA. Given the above, it was not considered necessary to embark on the whole process again.

The financial statements including the auditor's statement, details of income and expenditure, and bank reconciliation appear at the end of the reports.

Elaine Owens (Treasurer)

## **Match committee**

Clearly there's a bit involved with receiving and recording entries, organising the greens and the necessary rinks for play, sending out the draw for each of the events and the necessary liaison between parties. We thank our match committee for their efforts, but particularly recognise Barry Ferguson.

Prior to unification of bowls administration in Victoria, the RVBA centrally controlled entries, dates, and the draw for group events, whereas with the VLBA responsibility was at district level.

So this year saw a couple of hiccups with entries, which needed to be worked through but on the whole we're all better for the experience. Congratulations to the winners of the respective events, but thanks also to those who participated, and to the clubs for access to their greens, and providing the necessary administration support for the events.

A breakdown of entries by event and club appears at the end of this document. Our champions for the various region events are as follows

### **Yarra Region Champions 2011/12 Men's events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Club</b>
Men's singles	Guy Spiden	East Ivanhoe
Men's pairs	Peter Thomas Barry Lambert	Bundoora RSL
Men's triples	Mario Cipolla Luke Aiello Nick McIntyre	Bundoora RSL
Men's fours	Paul Morris Damon Di Florio Ross Lawrence Paul Beanland	Burwood District
Men's 60+ singles	Rowan Sharp	Burwood District
Men's over 60 pairs	Joe Bounader Frank Whillans	Ivanhoe
Under 25 singles (male)	Dean O'Neill	MCC
Champion of Champion Singles	Peter Oram	Fairfield
Champion of Champion Pairs	Adrian Marchioli Nick McIntyre	Bundoora RSL

### Ladies events

Ladies singles	Jodie Nevill	Bundoora RSL
Ladies pairs	Pauline Skinner Jodie Nevill	Bundoora RSL
Ladies triples	Barbara Jamieson Carol Thistlethwaite Lysbeth Chittenden	Burwood District
Ladies fours	Lyn Maloney Liz Kortum Pamela Brown Dawn Goldsack	Ashburton
Ladies 60+ singles	Bonita O'Donnell	Darebin City
Under 25 singles (female)	Julia Demarchi	Donvale
Novice singles	Tayla Spence	Bundoora RSL
Champion of Champion Singles	Wendy Promnitz	Burwood District
Champion of Champion Pairs	Pauline Skinner Jodie Nevill	Bundoora RSL

A special mention to Julia De Marchi for contesting the final of the State under 25 event, played at Glen Waverley on Premier Division grand final day. Whilst not successful, Julia put in a remarkable effort, in front of a large crowd and against such a seasoned campaigner in Lisa Phillips.



The Match Committee is also responsible for selecting representative sides. There were 44 players nominated by clubs to trial for the men's annual region sides championships.

A different approach was adopted for the men selection trials, with players completing a 40 bowl test (marked independently), followed by triples match practice and fours match practice. With the later two sessions, skippers marked the effectiveness of their team's bowls, and an independent marker rated the effectiveness of the skippers.

The eligible list was reduced and a second trial was required, as some quality players were unavailable but had indicated their willingness to participate.

Thanks to Darebin City for the use of their indoor and outdoor facilities.



The region also called for nominations for the Betty Collins Challenge. The Match Committee assessed the nominations and then selected two teams in the 5-a-side format held at North Balwyn.

All players represented the region in a manner expected of them, although sometimes results don't go your way.

## **Greens**

Our new greens committee consisting of Tom Neill (Hawthorn), David Mitchell, Ron Gibbs, Bob Grosvenor, Ray Halliday (Donvale), all undertook training at Glen Waverley Bowls Club from Bowls Victoria Greens Officials in early September and undertook the inspection of greens within Yarra region during September and October.

We thank the club officials who assisted to arrange and meet the schedules for the inspections. Despite the wet weather at the time the greens all showed the benefit of the enormous work greens people put into the large task of getting the greens ready for the season.

Montmorency and Greensborough suffered significant rain damage in January and worked hard to get the greens back and finish the season and are working hard to be ready for this season. Well done to both clubs.

Our Region greens committee learned a lot during this year and look forward to putting the experience gained into this year's inspections.

Thanks to all those involved at both Region and Club level, who worked tirelessly to provide the greens on which we enjoyed our bowls, congratulations to all involved and good luck for 2012/13 season.

## **Umpires**

Our umpires committee conducted two series of tutorials, covering the theory, practical and then the assessments. The first series was held August-September and the second in February-March. We had 19 new umpires or technical officials as they're now known, and 17 reaccredited.

One item of special note was that Declan Scott, from Ashburton passed with flying colours and is the youngest umpire ever in Victoria.

Special thanks to John Roberts, Leo Crimmins, Graham Evely and Bob Gilham for their assistance in the process and to Barry Wilkins who has also provided additional support.

## **Coaching**

Bowls Vic are responsible for accreditation of new coaches under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, with the region responsible for reaccreditation process.

Bowlers interested in becoming an accredited NCAS Club Coach should forward an Application form to Bowls Victoria. This form is available on their website.

For reaccreditation purposes we needed an updated database, with information on coaches forwarded clubs in October for corrections (additions / deletions / transfers).

Most clubs responded and there were 104 accredited coaches in the region, with 73 coaches whose accreditation had expired and were not seeking to reaccredit, and another 9 coaches where accreditation had expired and were seeking to reaccredit.

Then there was a delay, as the reaccreditation procedures didn't arrive until mid January 2012. So reaccreditation of coaches is one area where we need to come up to speed.

We acknowledge the efforts of Ron Weir (Bundoora RSL), who was as our lead person in the coaching portfolio this last season, who also served for 15 years as chairman of the former Yarra Group Coaching committee, with another ten or so years as a member of the coaching committee.

### **Junior Development**

During the last bowls season we only had 9 juniors in our Diamond Valley Vipers Development Squad. Unfortunately we did not have as much interaction or training days as the previous year however we competed in the Squad playoffs and won 1 out of the 2 games. Unfortunately we did not go through to the finals. We were once again beaten by the Northern Flyers who are a very strong Development Squad.

We have lost some of our bowlers due to age and moving interstate however as we stand at the moment we have 6 junior bowlers with the possibility of gaining another 3. We have also been involved with development in conjunction with Bowls Victoria in a new program they are promoting through Village Cinemas. We have a possible two more interested juniors from the day that was held at the end of June.

We did have three of our juniors, who attend Parade Secondary College, compete in the School Pennant competition and they were undefeated through the rounds and won the grand final in a very convincing manner. We had a team entered in the Mt Waverley U18 Tournament and they were the overall winners.

Of the six existing bowlers, five in the Victorian U18 Squad, with three in the Gold Tier and two in the Silver Tier. The 3 in the Gold Tier being Joshua Corless, Dean O'Neill and Tayla Morison are currently involved in Trial Days for selection for the U18 Nationals. The involvement in junior bowls is very strong.

Moving forward we are looking to meet once a month and build on the current numbers that we have and become more competitive against the larger squads



**Auditors Statement**

**Yarra Bowls Region Inc.**

**Financial Statements for  
year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

I have examined the Accounts and Financial Records together with supporting Bank Statements of the Yarra Bowls Region Inc. for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

In my opinion the Statement of Income and Expenditure together with the supporting Bank Reconciliation Statement correctly and accurately summaries the Region's financial transactions for the year as recorded through Bank Deposits, Cheque Books, Receipts and Supporting Vouchers. These transactions totaled income of \$26,921.97 and Expenditure of \$15,572.47.

I have been able to verify through Bank Statements that the balance of the Region's Bank Account shown on the Bank Reconciliation Statement amounting to \$11,349.50 was held to the Region's credit in the designated Bank Account at the Bendigo Bank on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.



S. CLASSON  
Manager – CUA

**YARRA BOWLS REGION**

**RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2012**

Opening Balance	Nil
Total Income	26,921.97
Less Expenditure	<u>15,572.47</u>
	\$ <u>11,349.50</u>

Balance as per Bank Statements 30th April 2012

Savings Account	11,088.41
Statement Account	<u>261.09</u>
	\$ <u>11,349.50</u>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2012**

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Levies	6,590.00	Betty Collins Entries	330.00
Transfers from former Groups	8,255.20	Ladies Murray Valley Championships	800.00
Transfer from Bowls Victoria	1,000.00	Men's Regional Championships	2,831.35
Umpires Accreditation	55.00	Darebin City Bowls Club Catering	734.70
Bowls Victoria Advance Mens		Honorariums-Greens/Match/Umpires/Coaching	1,700.00
Regional Championships	1,500.00	Region Finals Prizes -Novice/Under 25's	450.00
Bowls Victoria Champ.Prizes	4,500.00	Region Final Championship Prize Money	4,500.00
State Games Entries	4,134.00	Bowls Victoria -Regional Games Entries	689.00
Executive Jackets	350.00	Printing & Stationery Award Certificates	74.57
Region Caps	90.00	Region Uniforms - Caps, Hats & Discs	1,619.55
Bendigo Bank Sponsorship	250.00	Executive Jackets	700.00
Overpayment Auburn Club	12.00	Repayment Auburn Bowls Club	12.00
Bank Interest	185.77	Computer Website	1,100.00
		Bank Charges	31.30
	\$ 26,921.97		\$ 15,572.47

**Count of Region Events Entries Per Club**

Sum of Teams	Event	CoC Ladies' Singles	CoC Men's Pairs	CoC Men's singles	Ladies' 60+ Singles	Ladies' Fours	Ladies' Pairs	Ladies' Singles	Ladies' Triples	Men's 60+ Pairs	Men's 60+ Singles	Men's Fours	Men's Pairs	Men's Singles	Men's Triples	Grand Total
Club	CoC Ladies' Pairs															
Alphington	1	1	1	1									1	1		6
Ashburton		1				1	2	1					1	1		7
Auburn			1	1						1				3		6
Bundoora RSL	1	1	1		1	1	3	4	1	4	3	3	8	17	3	51
Burwood District	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	4	4	1	6	7	2	41
Camberwell Central				1									1			2
City Of Heidelberg		1	1	1										2		5
Darebin City	1	1	1	1	4		2			2	7		6	6		31
Diamond Creek		1		1				1		1						4
Doncaster	1	1	1				1			1	1					6
Donvale	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	4	6	1	4	2	2	27
East Ivanhoe		1		1				1		2	2	1		1	1	10
Eltham		1	1	1			5			5	4	2	4	3	3	29
Fairfield	1	1	1	1	1			1						3		9
Greensborough			1	1						1						3
Greythorn	1	1	1													3
Hawthorn				1									2	7		10
Heidelberg Golf		1		1												2
Hurstbridge	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	2	2		3			20
Ivanhoe	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	7	8	2	4	9	1	38
Kew Heights			1	1						5	2		6	8	2	25
MCC	1	1	1	1						1	2	1	7	8	1	24
Montmorency		1	1	1	2		1			1	1					8
Nth Balwyn				1	1	1		1	1	1	2		2	3		13
Rosanna				1			1			4	2		2	2		12
Templestowe		1		1							2			1	1	6
Yarra Valley	1	1	1	1		1	1		1							7
Grand Total	12	19	18	23	15	10	21	16	9	46	48	11	57	84	16	405
Total no of Players	24	19	36	23	15	40	42	16	27	92	48	44	114	84	48	1168