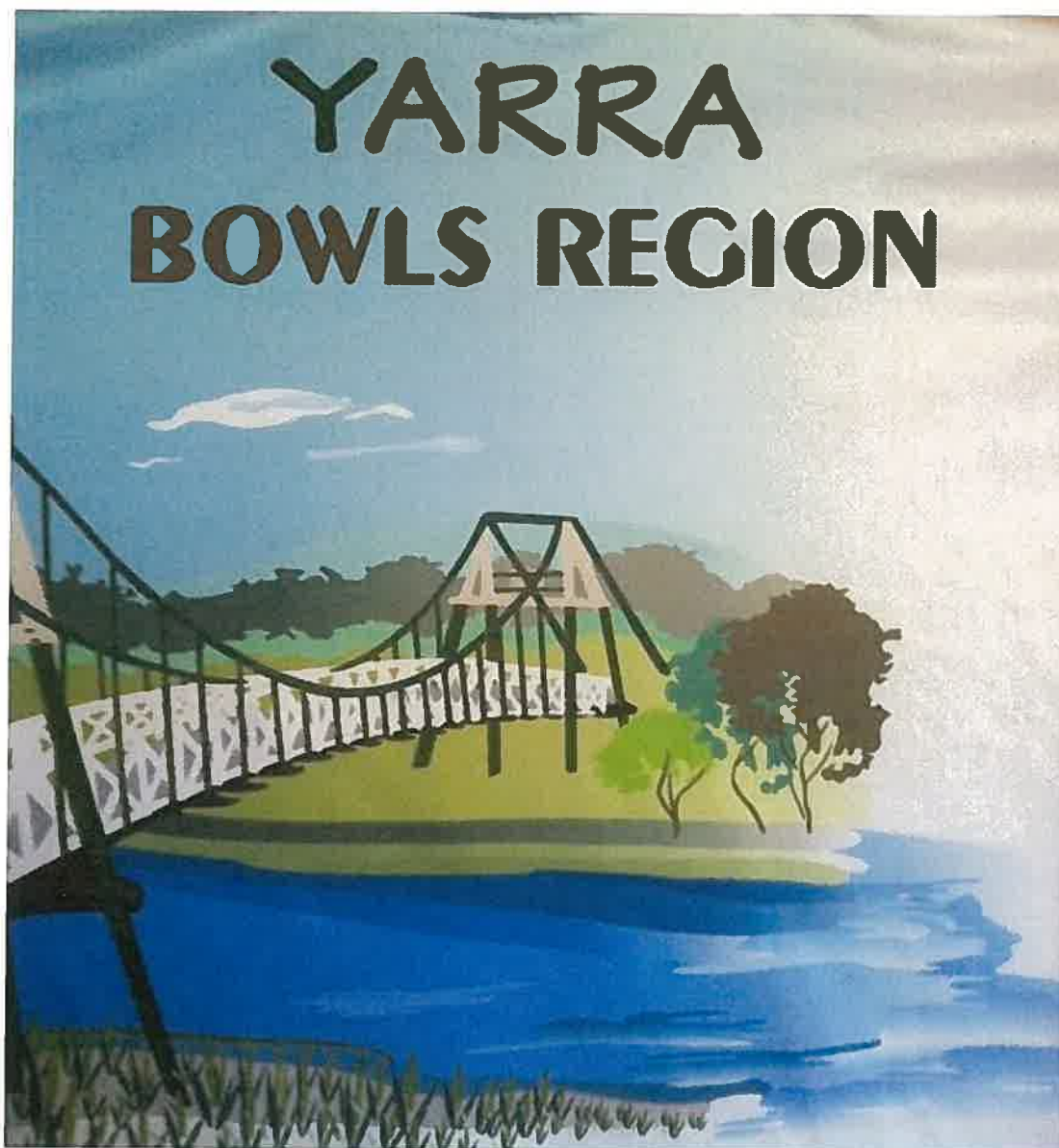


YARRA BOWLS REGION



ANNUAL REPORT Season 2016/17

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President's report

Another successful season comes to a close and we look forward to next season with hope and anticipation.

We are very grateful to those clubs who assisted us with venues, officials, umpires and markers throughout the season. I also have to congratulate you on the high standard of greens provided which contributed to a number of exciting finishes with quality bowling a feature. Probably the highlight of the season was the men and women's Champion of Champions Finals held at Alphington Bowls Club where we were privileged to witness two magnificent games in front of a large group of vocal supporters. It certainly ensured a great atmosphere on the night.

We should also thank our amazing group of umpires led by John Roberts, Bob Gilham and Graham Evely for their leadership throughout the season.

Congratulations to all our championship winners. It was pleasing to see some new names amongst the winners which is an indication of the depth of talent in our region. We were thrilled to see ten different clubs represented in the winner's circle from seventeen events completed.

2016/17 again saw a decrease in participation numbers for the Men's events with a fall of 8%. However, this was offset by an increase of 21% in the women's events which was pleasing. Overall numbers including mixed pairs were up marginally on the previous year. We really need to promote these events strongly throughout the Region to ensure we can continue to provide viable and challenging competition for participants. It is also the pathway to Champions week and potential selection in representative teams.

We need to acknowledge the achievements of the following Yarra Region bowlers who achieved State representation;

- Josh Corless and Brett Spurr from Bundoora RSL were again members of the Victorian side. Brett announced his retirement from state duties after the recent National Sides Championships having represented Victoria on 100 occasions, a magnificent effort.
- Ray Jansen (MCC Kew Sports) and Mario Cipolla (Bundoora RSL) were members of the Victorian Over 60's Side who went back to back in defending their National Title.
- Makayla Gibson and Tayla Spence from Bundoora RSL were members of the Victorian Women's Side during the season.
- Jack Woodhouse also from Bundoora RSL was a member of the Victorian Under 25 Side.

State Champions Week was held in Bendigo again this season and Yarra was well represented with many participants reaching the quarter final stage. It should be noted that most who exited at this stage suffered narrow losses to the eventual winners.

We reached three finals which was a credit to those involved

- Jack Woodhouse (Bundoora RSL) - Runner Up Under 25 Singles
- Luke Aiello and Adam Galloway (Bundoora RSL) – Runner Up Men's Pairs
- The highlight was the win in the State Women's Triples by Sue Ferguson (Donvale), Tris Doolan (MCC Kew Sports) and Makayla Gibson (Bundoora RSL) who all played beautifully throughout. The girls will now represent Victoria in the National Championships at Merimbula in November later this year.

We continued with our pathway program again this season in preparation for the Men and Women's Victorian Region Sides Championships which were held at Corowa and Murray Downs respectively during April. This season saw a change to the format for the first time in many years. Regions were split into two sections of eight sides and players were required to play seven games commencing Friday afternoon through Saturday and Sunday with Final on Sunday afternoon.

We averaged 24 participants at both men and women's sessions and we were able to identify some exciting new prospects who were ultimately selected to represent the region.

The women's side performed very well winning 5 from 7 games finishing second in their section and narrowly missing the final on percentage. An excellent team effort from a committed group of players. The rink led by Meredith Norton (Ivanhoe) was the best performed in the event.

The men's side were also very competitive winning 6 of 7 games finishing second in their section with their only loss to Northern Gateway the eventual winners who went through the event undefeated. Individually rinks led by Josh Corless (second), Brett Spurr (third) and Adam Galloway (eighth) all finished in the top 10 in our section.

A highlight from both sides was the excellent team spirit and camaraderie that existed. I am sure it was a major factor in our strong performances.

I would also like to remind clubs of the importance of maintaining accurate participation records. It is essential for local council State and National Government support going forward.

I would like to record my appreciation to my hardworking committee over the past twelve months. Our Secretary Peter Russell does a mighty job maintaining communications with all our clubs and keeping them up to date with any changes. Our Finance Director Elaine Owens has continued to maintain strong control over our finances. Lorraine Burton for her attendance at Bowls Victoria Regional Representatives meetings and for her role in presenting Service Badges throughout the Region. Lysbeth Chittenden and Mike Limosani for their work with the Women & Men's Region Sides together with the Championship Program.

We also welcomed a new board member Roslyn Camera who is settling into the role well. Graham Howard and his team for assessing the region's greens together with his work on our coaching program. Finally, a big thank you to Graham Down for his outstanding work in preparing the Region's Bowls program and his efficiency in the preparation of draws etc. for all our Championship events.

Going forward I would encourage all clubs to attend delegates meetings to ensure they are up to date with region happenings and to have contribute to the effective operation of our region.

Barry Ferguson (President)

Secretary's report

Our constitution provides for eight directors, four males and four females, each for two year appointments. Four positions were declared vacant, yet only three nominations were received, so Barry Ferguson, Graham Howard and Beth Chittenden were elected unopposed.

Our office bearers remained in their existing positions: Barry Ferguson (Donvale – President), Lorraine Burton (Hurstbridge – Vice President), Peter Russell (Bundoora RSL - Secretary), Elaine Owens (Darebin City - Treasurer), with Graham Howard (Donvale), Beth Chittenden (Burwood District) as region directors, with Mike Limosani continuing to fill a casual vacancy.

During the year the directors met to discuss region activities and events. Meetings were held on 18 July, 15 August, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December 2016, 23 January, 3 April and 1 May.

Our usual president and secretary's night was merged into our AGM.

Our website is primarily updated with information about region events – the program, entry forms and event draws. The site also contains our constitution, minutes of all meetings, and links to club websites, bowls magazines and bowls forums. Our site is <http://www.yarra.vic.bowls.net.au>

Our annual statement was submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

This last season saw the introduction of Quicka bowls – with teams from Eastern Ranges and Yarra Region participating in a short post season variation of the game.

Peter Russell (Secretary)

Treasurer's report

Once again the Region remained within their budget and remains financially sound.

Purchase of new shirts for the Men's Regional Side was undertaken resulting with a new supplier from Western Australia. The original shirts for both the men and women were originally sponsored by the previous supplier but they were unable to supply at this time.

As in the past we have honoured our many volunteers from our Umpires Panel, the Greens Committee and this year for all the work done by Mr. Graham Down of the Match Committee for all his computer work with producing the draws etc. We sincerely thank all these people for a job well done again.

Entries for the Region events slightly improved this year and after the rewarding of the prize money there was an increase of income over expenditure. My congratulations go to all the winners and runners up in these events.

As is the norm these days there was an increase in expenditure regarding the Regional State Games held at Swan Hill and Corowa. Accommodation and meals all come at a cost to the Regions and as we all know these expenses increase every year. Bowls Victoria, again, contributed towards these expenses.

The account for our Website \$1,100 was not received in this financial year but has since been paid. This covers the period 1st March 2017 to 28th February 2018. All other commitments have been met.

I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank the majority of clubs who are using the Electronic Transfer system to pay their invoices to the Region. Also to those clubs who pay immediately on receipt of same.

To my fellow members of the Executive my sincere thanks for your support over the past year.

Elaine Owens (Treasurer)

YARRA BOWLS REGION				
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1/7/2016 to 30/6/2017				
INCOME				
Region Levy			9,426.00	17,055.37
Regional Championship Entries			5,368.00	
Bowls Victoria Region Subsidies			2,250.00	
Bank Interest			11.37	
EXPENDITURE				
Consumer Affiars			55.80	16,285.10
Regional Championship Prizemoney			4,800.00	
Regional Championships Men & Women			5,886.20	
Betty Collins Entry			200.00	
Travel Expenses			250.00	
Insurance			1,067.00	
Uniforms			1,856.80	
Honorariums	Greens	900.00	1,800.00	
	Umpires	650.00		
	Match	250.00		
Postage			8.95	
Catering			357.50	
Bank Charges			2.85	
Profit				\$770.27
Balance Carried Forward 1/7/2016		Savings A/c	15,585.96	15,735.96
		Statement A/c	150.00	
				\$16,506.23
Balance as per Bank Statements as at 30/6/2017		Savings A/c	16306.23	\$16,506.23
		Statement A/c	200.00	

Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

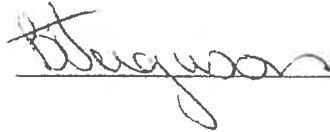
This form is required to be provided to the members at the AGM with the association's accounts.

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

We, Barry Ferguson and Peter Russell, being members of the Committee of the Yarra Bowls Region, certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Yarra Bowls Region during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2017.


Signed: Barry Ferguson



Dated:

4 September 2017

Signed: Peter Russell



Dated:

4 September 2017

Match committee

Once Bowls Victoria issue their calendar of events we sit down and integrate our events into the schedule and avoid clashes wherever possible. We then establish closing dates for all our events. Then there's the recording of entries, issuing of draws, arranging greens and liaising with event managers at the various venues.

We continued with commencing our singles events in a three person sectional format which has proved ideal for relieving the pressure on clubs to provide markers for the early rounds of the event. This season we also conducted our triples and fours as twilight events which proved popular.

It is still a concern that entry fees for a number of events do not cover the prizemoney offered. The men's fours ran at a loss of \$276 and the women's fours again recorded a loss of \$344. Combined loss on Men & Women's Novice was \$192 and the women's triples was down \$214.

Fortunately we had an increase in participation overall which enabled to cover the shortfall in these events. A minimum of 20 teams in each event is needed to cover costs.

On a brighter note women's entries were up by 35 participants this season.

The following table shows the number of entries for the year and event

Sum of Teams Event	Year					
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Champion of champions - Ladies' Pairs	12	14	15	-	-	-
Champion of champions - Ladies' Singles	19	20	20	22	19	20
Champion of champions - Men's Pairs	18	16	17	-	-	-
Champion of champions - Men's Singles	23	26	23	24	23	23
Ladies' 60+ Pairs		10	10	16	14	19
Ladies' 60+ Singles	15	13	20	21	13	16
Ladies' Fours	10	9	7	10	8	8
Ladies' Novice	11	8	12	8	6	2
Ladies' Pairs	21	12	12	18	14	13
Ladies' Singles	16	16	15	23	13	28
Ladies' Triples	9	11	11	8	10	14
Ladies' Under 25	2	-	2	2	-	-
Men's 60+ Pairs	46	44	39	43	43	33
Men's 60+ Singles	48	50	44	50	49	36
Men's Fours	11	10	11	16	17	12
Men's Novice	-	18	13	30	18	14
Men's Pairs	57	44	42	41	40	40
Men's Singles	84	74	56	70	57	68
Men's Triples	16	25	22	23	15	18
Men's under 25	4	6	11	7	-	-
Mixed Pairs	-	-	-	26	32	38
Grand Total	422	426	402	458	391	402

The under 25 singles was conducted centrally by Bowls Victoria

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 administrative support for the events-

YARRA REGION – REGION EVENTS WINNERS 2016-17

Event	Gender	Champions	Club
Singles	Men	A Marchioli	Bundoora RSL
	Women	T Doolan	MCC – Kew
Pairs	Men	L Aiello A Galloway (S)	Bundoora RSL
	Women	E Davies S Smith (S)	Hurstbridge Darebin City
Triples	Men	R Millar K Crowle D O'Neill (S)	MCC
	Women	T Doolan	MCC – Kew
		T Spence	Bundoora RSL
		M Gibson	Bundoora RSL
	Men	B Winther	MCC
		D Mars	
		D O'Neill	
		B Marron (S)	
Fours	Women	P Skinner	Bundoora RSL
		T Spence	
		J Nevill	
		M Gibson	
60 & Over Singles	Men	T Ristic	MCC – Kew
	Women	T Murphy	Bundoora RSL
60 & Over Pairs	Men	T Dawson B Ferguson	Donvale
	Women	E Matthews M Beresford	Nth Balwyn
Novice Singles	Men	P Livingstone	Alphington
	Women	E Wellington	MCC
Mixed Pairs		H Wilson M Barca (S)	Montmorency Bundoora RSL
Champion of champions - Singles	Men	B Gallagher	Auburn
	Women	T Doolan	MCC - Kew

Greens

Thanks again for our team of volunteers who inspect the Yarra greens.

Clubs and Greens Directors are especially thanked for their making their greens available sometimes at short notice, this is appreciated.

The efforts of the hard work undertaken by Clubs, officials, volunteers and Greenkeepers is obvious by the standard of our greens. Clubs should be aware of greens information seminars which are run from time to time.

Umpires

Markers course held on 26 October, measurer's course on 2 November, umpires course on 16 November, with re-accreditations on 14 November, with the final outcome being 20 new National Umpires, 4 markers, 4 measurers, and 10 re-accreditations

Thanks to John Roberts and his team of Bob Gilham and Graham Evely (Ivanhoe BC) and Helen Findlay (Bundoora RSL) for their efforts over the last season

The following display shows the breakdown of level 1 umpires, markers, measurers and National umpires within the region. Note level 1 was the former accreditation standard

Yarra Region Umpires

Count of Qualification	Column Labels				
Row Labels	Level 1	Marker	Measurer	National	Grand Total
Alphington Bowling Club	2				2
Auburn Bowls Club Inc.	3	2	2		7
Bundoora RSL Bowling Centre	10	10	3	3	26
Burwood District Bowls Club Inc	4	3	5	3	15
Camberwell Central Bowls Club	2	1	1	1	5
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club Inc	5			2	7
Darebin City Bowls Club Inc	2	3	4	3	12
Diamond Creek Bowling Club	1	6	6	6	19
Doncaster Bowling Club Inc.	5				5
Donvale Bowls Club	7	2	2	2	13
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club Inc	1				1
Eltham Bowling Club	3	3	2	2	10
Fairfield Bowling Club	2	1	1	1	5
Greensborough Bowling Club Inc.	6	7	6	7	26
Greythorn Bowling Club Inc.	1				1
Hawthorn Bowling Club	2				2
Heidelberg Golf Bowling Club	6	1			7
Hurstbridge Bowling Club	1	2	5	1	9
Ivanhoe Bowling Club		4	5	7	16
MCC Kew Sports Club	5	3	2	3	13
Melbourne Cricket Club Bowls Section	6	8	9	7	30
Montmorency Bowling Club	11	9	3	3	26
North Balwyn Bowls Club Inc	12	1	2	1	16
Richmond Union Bowling Club	5	6	6	6	23
Rosanna Bowling Club	3	2	2	2	9
Templestowe Bowling Club	1	1	1	1	4
Yarra Valley CC Bowls Club	2	1	2	2	7
Grand Total	108	76	69	63	316

There are 139 males and 62 females with one of the various official accreditations. Note 41 officials have more than one accreditation.

The region also has 5 International Technical Officials

Coaching & Development

The following display shows the breakdown of coaches within the region.

Yarra Region Coaches

Count of Qualification	Column Labels		
Row Labels	Club Coach	Introductory Coach	Grand Total
Alphington Bowling club	3	3	6
Auburn Bowls Club	1		1
Bundoora RSL Bowling Centre	2	2	4
Burwood District Bowls Club	2		2

Camberwell Central Bowls Club	9		9
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club	1		1
Darebin City Bowls Club	2		2
Diamond Creek Bowling Club	6		6
Doncaster Bowling Club	6	2	8
Donvale Bowls Club	10		10
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club	1		1
Eltham Bowling Club	6	1	7
Greensborough Bowling Club	3	1	4
Greythorn Bowling Club	1		1
Hawthorn Bowling Club	2	1	3
Heidelberg Golf Bowling Club	1		1
Hurstbridge Bowling Club	3		3
Ivanhoe Bowling Club	2	1	3
Melbourne Cricket Club Bowls Section	4	2	6
MCC Kew Sports Club	7	4	11
Montmorency Bowling Club	7		7
North Balwyn Bowls Club	10		10
Richmond Union Bowling Club	8		8
Rosanna Bowling Club	4		4
Templestowe Bowling Club	1	2	3
Yarra Valley CC Bowls Club	2		2
Grand Total	104	19	123

There are 93 male and 30 female coaches, and 7 members have dual coaching qualifications.

Junior Development Squad

Our biggest issue is around recruitment which has been extremely difficult this year. Our numbers are pretty low (currently 6) with two of these attaining the age of 18 by the end of the year.

Along with assistance from BV Junior Dev. Officer we have held school days at the Doncaster BC but with no new recruits taking up the sport. I have recently been in touch again with local schools and clubs in the region with juniors, but again with no response to date.

Our current U18's are all playing top division bowls and involved in many other competitions, but aren't keen in attending training sessions because of their own busy schedules.

This past year the Squad finished runner up in the January Daylesford tournament which was a great result for them. However, due to lack of numbers we will be struggling to field full teams next year and will possibly need to enter a composite team with other region squads.

General

Yarra Region currently has representatives as a Board director - John Inglese (Richmond Union), Umpiring - John Roberts (Bundoora RSL), Metropolitan Pennant Committee – Meredith Norton (Ivanhoe) and Peter Russell (Bundoora RSL), Under 18 committee – Richard Lovell (Doncaster)