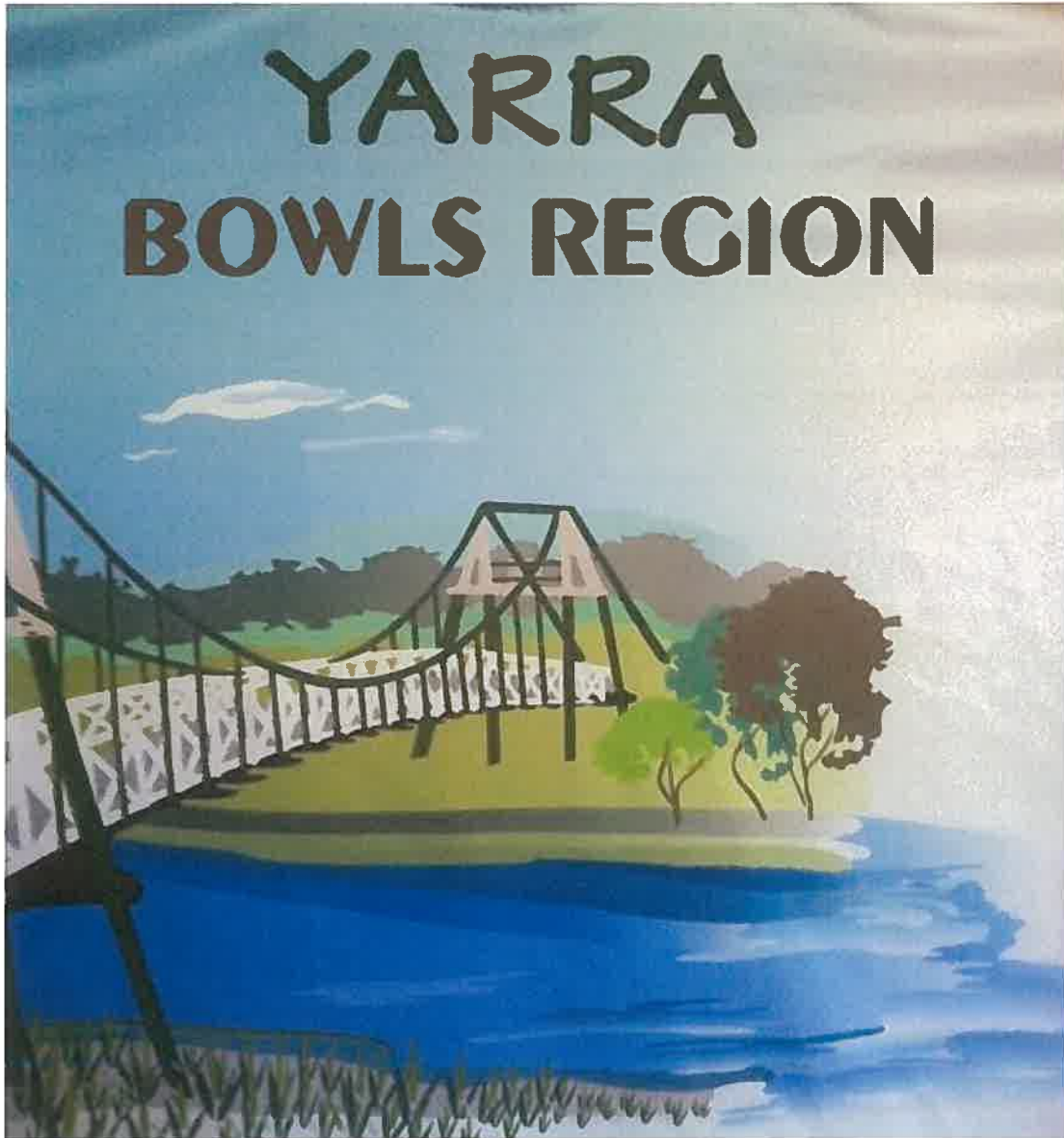


YARRA BOWLS REGION



ANNUAL REPORT
Season 2017/18

President's report

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be President of - in my unbiased opinion - the most successful and best run Region in Victoria

Much of this success has been because of the assistance and participation of the 26 clubs which make up our Region. Your assistance in providing greens, officials, umpires and markers has made the Board's job so much easier and led to the smooth running of all competitions and events we have held.

We would also like to thank the Umpires Committee, the Greens Committee and the Match Committee for all their efforts on our behalf.

Both the Men's and Ladies' region sides had very good tournaments. Both sides were in contention to win their sections, unfortunately just missing out in their last matches. However it was a very good effort from both teams and the experience gained this year will, I am sure, hold us in good stead for next year. Thank you to those who travelled to Traralgon and Swan Hill to represent us so well. Sincere thanks to Barry Ferguson and Jodie Neville, for their efforts in training the ladies' team and Peter Russell, Mike Limosani and Clark McEvoy for training the men's side. We look forward to even better results next season.

Our Region Championships again provided wonderful bowls, and all events were closely contested. Thank you to Graham Down for again doing the draws, Barry Ferguson for arranging the venues and Mike Limosani and Elaine Owens for presenting the medals at the end of each event. We had winners from nine of our Clubs.

State Champions Week was held at Bendigo, and our Region winners performed very creditably. A Marchioli and N Murray won the Men's Pairs, N Murray was runner-up in the Men's Singles. M Gibson and J Neville were runners-up in the Ladies' Pairs, and T Doolan runner-up in the Ladies Champion of Champions. Overall, Yarra finished second in the competition which was a very good effort. Congratulations to all those Region players who helped us reach this placing.

Our State representatives were Tris Doolan, Makayla Gibson and Josh Corless. (State sides) Brad Gibson and Dean O'Neill in Under 25s, and Mario Cipolla and Ray Jansen in the Over 60s. Congratulations to all these players.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board who have again been outstanding in their work over the past 12 months. Our Secretary Peter Russell has done a wonderful job communicating with the Clubs, keeping us informed of any changes that come from Bowls Victoria and himself being involved in many activities within the Region. Our Treasurer Elaine Owens, continues to control our finances with care, and also was involved in presenting Championship medals and Super Veterans badges. Graham Howard has been in charge of the Greens Committee and also kept the Board informed with his knowledge of Bowls Victoria operations. Mike Limosani has been an energetic member, helping with the Men's Region Side, being on the Greens Committee, and presenting Region Championship Medals. Ros Camera joined the Board and has been a good contributor throughout the season. Louise Mejean filled a casual vacancy on the Board during this season and I am sure will make a valuable contribution to us in the future.

At the last Annual General Meeting we farewelled Lorraine Burton who has been on the Board since its inception, and who held various positions on the Board, including two years as President. She has been a wonderful contributor to the Region.

Barry Ferguson has been an invaluable member since 2013/14, but has now moved to another Region. We will miss his enthusiasm, knowledge and effort, and wish him well in his new Region. Graham Howard has retired and as stated earlier gave much to our Region. We wish him well and thank him for his efforts on behalf of the Region. Ros Camera has also retired from the Board and, although only with us a short time, will also be missed.

I would also like to thank Paul Holtschke who kept us informed of matters raised by Bowls Victoria and advised us on ways of bettering our Clubs and finances.

We will obviously need some new Board Members and ask that Clubs talk to their members about filling these positions.

I urge all Clubs to have representatives at Delegates Meetings as this is where information is passed on, and Clubs can ask questions about items they wished clarified

Thank you again for your support of the Board and best wishes for the coming season

Beth Chittenden (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, and the previous incumbents (L Burton, M Limosani, E Owens and P Russell) were re-elected unopposed. Lorraine Burton subsequently resigned her position.

Our office bearers were: Beth Chittenden (Burwood District - President), Mike Limosani (Yarra Valley – Vice President), Peter Russell (Bundoora RSL - Secretary), Elaine Owens (Darebin City - Treasurer), with Graham Howard (Donvale) & Barry Ferguson (Donvale) as region directors, with Ros Camera (Eltham) & Louise Mejean (MCC) filling casual vacancies.

During the year the directors met to discuss region activities and events. Meetings were held on 21 August, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December 2017, 22 January, and 7 May 2018.

Our usual president and secretary's night was merged into our AGM on 4/9/2017. Delegates meeting were held on 14 November 2017 and 5 March 2018

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>

Peter Russell (Secretary)

Treasurer's report

It is my pleasure to once again present this report to the members of the Yarra Bowls Region.

Through careful planning we have maintained the finances to be in a sound financial position after seven years of trading without having to increase the levy to the clubs.

Unfortunately some of the expenses that are showing in this report occurred in the 2016-2017 financial year. We did not receive the website account till this financial year hence a double up of payment showing. The ambulance bill received by one of the players who represented the region at the Regional championships last year was submitted to us in this financial year together with an account for accommodation at Bendigo last year.

It has been a policy of this region to subsidise our players who represent the Region at State and National level. We had a triples team representing Victoria at Merimbula this year and we had players who qualified for finals on day two of their respective events where prize money won was less than reasonable expenses incurred for accommodation, petrol etc. at the Bendigo State Championships.

Bowls Victoria contribute to each region with a subsidy for the teams attending the Regional State Sides Championships at Swan Hill and this year at Traralgon for the men but accommodation costs etc. rise every year and the region must cover all expenses

It was decided by your Executive that we would present to the winners and runners-up of our region events medallions as a memento of their achievements. This was well received by the successful players.

This year it was necessary to purchase a supply of hats as part of our uniform. We now have sufficient to cover the next couple of years.

Honorariums were paid to the Greens Committee and to the Umpires Panel. We thank the recipients for all their time and efforts in undertaking their tasks.

Once again I thank our member clubs for adapting to the electronic transferring of funds to the region. This is a very safe and secure method of paying accounts.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank my co board members for their assistance and wish the incoming committee every success for the coming season

Elaine Owens (Treasurer)

YARRA BOWLS REGION				
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1/7/2017 - 30/6/2018				
INCOME				
Region Levy			8,583.00	
State Championship Entries			5,120.00	
Bowls Victoria Regional Games Subsidy			2,800.00	
Bank Interest			9.14	
Total Income				16,512.14
EXPENDITURE				
Consumer Affairs			56.90	
Regional Championships Prize Money			5,100.00	
Regional Uniforms			1,064.50	
Insurance			1,067.00	
Men & Ladies Regional Sides Championships			5,115.00	
Men & Ladies Subsidies - State & Regional Events			1,778.00	
Medallions			578.00	
Website			2,200.00	
Honorariums		Greens	900.00	
		Umpires	600.00	1,500.00
Representative player Ambulance Reimbursement			443.93	
Bank Charges			6.75	
Total Expenditure				18,910.08
Loss				-2,397.94
Balance as per Banks Statements 30/6/2017				
	Savings Account		16,306.23	
	Statement Account		200.00	16,506.23
Balance as per Bank Statements 30/6/2018				
	Savings Account		13,908.29	
	Statement Account		200.00	14,108.29

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, Mike Limosani 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 2018.”

Signed: Mike Limosani



Dated:

27 August 2018

Signed: Peter Russell



Dated:

27 August 2018

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, and update entry form templates and publish them. Then there's the recording of entries, issuing of draws, arranging greens and liaising with various event managers.

We continued running 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 continued running our triples and fours as twilight events which proved popular.

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.

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

Event	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/8
Champion of champions - Ladies' Pairs	14	15	-	-	-	-
Champion of champions - Ladies' Singles	20	20	22	19	20	17
Champion of champions - Men's Pairs	16	17	-	-	-	-
Champion of champions - Men's Singles	26	23	24	23	23	21
Ladies' 60+ Pairs	10	10	16	14	19	12
Ladies' 60+ Singles	13	20	21	13	16	13
Ladies' Fours	9	7	10	8	8	7
Ladies' Novice	8	12	8	6	2	5
Ladies' Pairs	12	12	18	14	13	14
Ladies' Singles	16	15	23	13	28	18
Ladies' Triples	11	11	8	10	14	12
Ladies' Under 25	-	2	2	-	-	2
Men's 60+ Pairs	44	39	43	43	33	36
Men's 60+ Singles	50	44	50	49	36	36
Men's Fours	10	11	16	17	12	14
Men's Novice	18	13	30	18	14	16
Men's Pairs	44	42	41	40	40	34
Men's Singles	74	56	70	57	68	63
Men's Triples	25	22	23	15	18	20
Men's under 25	6	11	7	-	-	7
Mixed Pairs	-	-	26	32	38	35
Grand Total	426	402	458	391	402	382

The champion of champions pairs has not been conducted since 2013/14

The under 25 singles was conducted centrally by Bowls Victoria between 2015/17

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 2017-18

Event	Gender	Champions	Club
Singles	Men	N Murray **	Bundoora RSL
	Women	N Gerty	Richmond Union
Pairs	Men	A Marchioli N Murray [S] ***	Bundoora RSL
	Women	M Gibson J Nevill [S] **	Bundoora RSL
Triples	Men	D Mars	MCC
		S Mejean	
		B Winther [S]	
	Women	M Hawes	Burwood District
		P Kaye	
		S Collins [S]	
Fours	Men	T Walker	Richmond Union
		R Purnell	
		C Hampshire	
		S Collett [S]	
	Women	L Montgomery	Ivanhoe
		G Baxter	
		M Lyczewska	
		M Norton [S]	
Under 25 Singles	Men	B Cotter	Bundoora RSL
	Women	M Gibson	Bundoora RSL
60 & Over Singles	Men	T Bain **	Diamond Creek
	Women	F Winther	MCC
60 & Over Pairs	Men	P Morris	MCC
		T Ristic [S] ***	
	Women	L Rasmussen	Burwood District
		W Promnitz [S]	
Novice Singles	Men	C Ball	Rosanna
	Women	C Bo	Darebin City
Mixed Pairs		T Doolan	MCC
		R Jansen [S]	
Champion of champions - Singles	Men	B Gallagher	Auburn
	Women	T Doolan **	MCC

*** State Championship Winner

** State Championship Runner-Up

Greens

Thanks again for our team of volunteers who inspect the Yarra Region greens and complete the necessary reports on the state of greens.

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

Umpires

Marker's course held on 25 October, measurer's course on 1 November, umpire's course on 8 November, with re-accreditations held on 15 October. In addition there was an umpire's seminar held on 5 November 2017.

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

Sex	(All)				
Count of Qualification	Column Labels				
Row Labels	Level 1	Marker	Measurer	National	Grand Total
Alphington				1	1
Auburn		2	2		4
Bundoora RSL	2	6	2	6	16
Burwood District	1	2	2	3	8
Camberwell Central	2		3	3	8
City of Heidelberg				3	3
Darebin City		1	1	1	3
Diamond Creek		4	4	4	12
Doncaster	1			3	4
Donvale	4	4	4	6	18
East Ivanhoe		2	2	1	5
Eltham		1		2	3
Fairfield	1				1
Greensborough		6	6	8	20
Hawthorn	2				2
Heidelberg Golf	2	1			3
Hurstbridge		5	6	4	15
Ivanhoe		4	5	7	16
MCC	2	11	12	12	37
Montmorency	5	7	4	4	20
North Balwyn	1		2	1	4
Richmond Union		4	4	4	12
Rosanna	3	2	2	4	11
Templestowe	1				1
Yarra Valley	2	1	1	2	6
Grand Total	29	63	62	79	233

Of the 233 umpiring qualifications – approx. 28% are females, with approx. 72% are males. There are 13 females and 39 males with dual accreditation.

Note there were 79 level 1 umpires who have not maintained accreditation over the last few years.

Coaching & Development

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

Yarra Region Coaches

Sex	(All)		
Count of Qualification	Column Labels		
Row Labels	Club Coach	Introductory	Grand Total
Alphington	2	2	4
Auburn	2		2
Bundoora RSL	2	2	4
Camberwell Central	7		7
City of Heidelberg	1		1
Darebin City	1		1
Diamond Creek	4		4
Doncaster	4	1	5
Donvale	11	1	12
East Ivanhoe	1		1
Eltham	5	1	6
Greensborough	2		2
Hawthorn	3		3
Heidelberg Golf	2		2
Hurstbridge	2		2
Ivanhoe	2	2	4
MCC	6	6	12
Montmorency	6		6
North Balwyn	7		7
Richmond Union	9		9
Rosanna	2		2
Templestowe	1	2	3
Yarra Valley	1		1
Grand Total	83	17	100

Of our coaches, 23 are female and 77 are male, and there were 18 coaches that did not seek re-accreditation.

Junior Development Squad

A meeting for the squad was held at Doncaster on 8/10/2017, but only one person attended. One other player advised he was transferring to another region, and one other player was advised to contact the Eastern Eagles.

Unfortunately the region development squad folded in October 2017.

Richard Lovell has put in a significant effort as co-ordinator / over the previous 3 years. Richard had made contact with a number of schools to encourage participation but did not get the response desired.

At one time there were 24 junior development squads, but at last count this had dropped to 11.