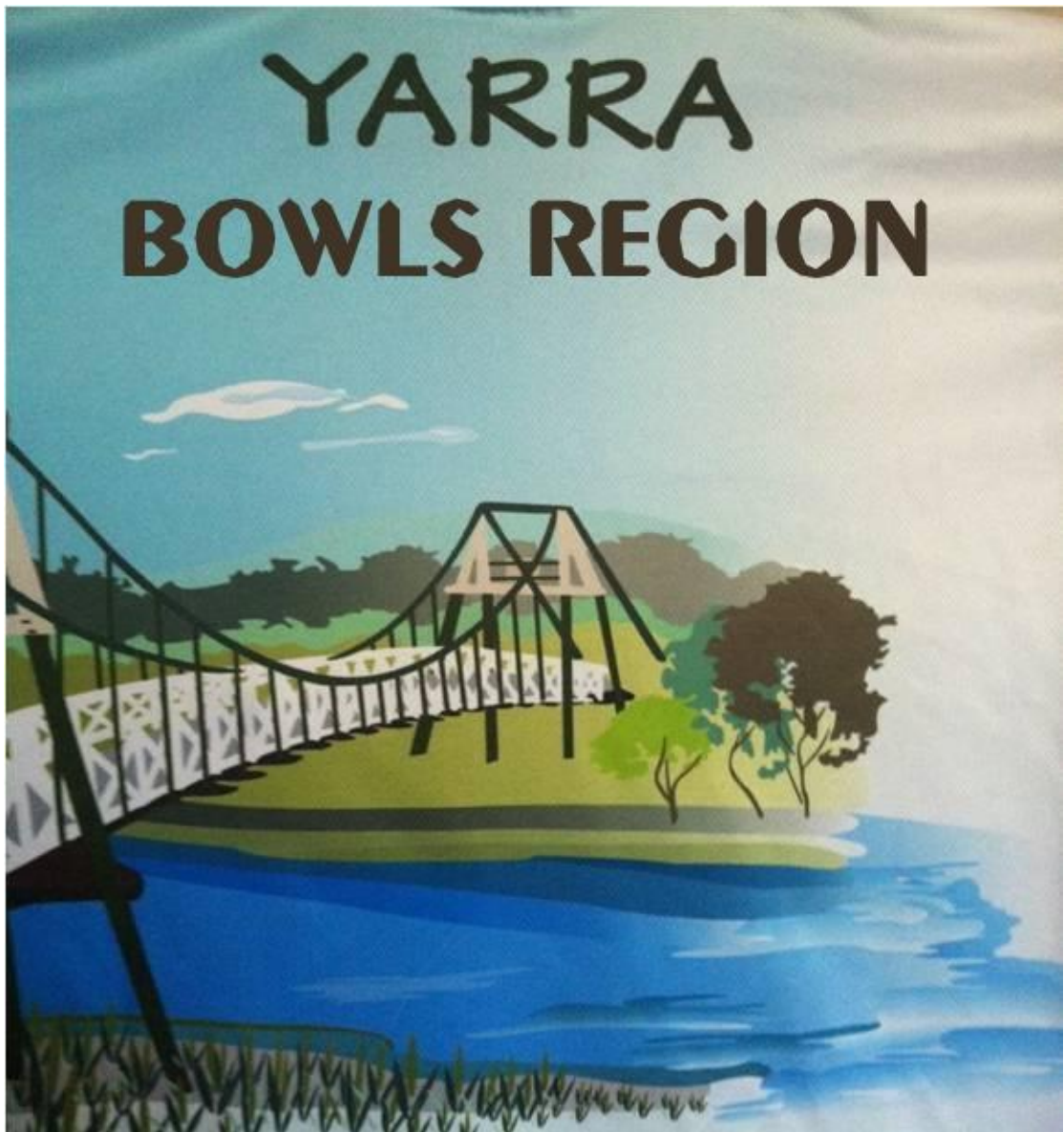


# YARRA BOWLS REGION



ANNUAL REPORT  
Season 2018/19

## **President's report**

Yarra Region has had another good season, both on and off the green. Much of this has been achieved with the assistance and co-operation of the Member Clubs

Members of the Board again provided outstanding support in making Yarra Region's season as successful as it was. Vice-President Mike Limosani was a stalwart of the Board, taking on selection of the Men's Region Side, being on Greens Committee, and presenting Super Veteran's and Championship medals as required.

Secretary Peter Russell has done a wonderful job co-ordinating with Bowls Victoria and the Clubs, and promoting Yarra Region wherever possible. Treasurer Elaine Owens has handled the finances very efficiently, and has also presented Region Championship medals and Super Veterans badges as needed. Louise Mejean took on the job of organising the State Events, and with the co-operation of the Clubs all events were successfully completed. Two new members joined the Board following the last Annual General Meeting - Cullum Bennington and Matt Ottobre and have already shown they will be very good acquisitions to the Board.

Our Region Championships again highlighted the talent we have in Yarra. Thank you to Louise Mejean for doing the draws, organising the venues with the help of region clubs, and to Mike Limosani and Elaine Owens for presenting the Championship Medals.

Our Region winners competed at Bendigo in State Champions Week in April 2019. However they represented Yarra very well. Congratulations to all who went to Bendigo.

The Men's and Ladies Region Sides both had very strong performances against difficult opposition. Thanks to Scott Mejean, Jodie Neville and Tris Doolan for selecting and assisting the Ladies, and Mike Limosani, Clark McEvoy and Ray Jansen for assisting the Men

Our State representatives were Tris Doolan, Nathan Murray, and Josh Corless in the State Squads and Mario Cipolla in the Over 60s squad. Congratulations to these players.

Our thanks also to Paul Holtscke, our Region Representative from Bowls Victoria - who helped the Region and Clubs whenever asked.

It is vital that Clubs have representatives at the Delegates Meetings as this is where the latest information from Bowls Victoria and other items of interest are discussed.

There are vacancies on the Board and we ask that Clubs advise members of this in the hope that we can fill them.

I have enjoyed my time as President of this wonderful Region and thank all Clubs and the Board members for their support.

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 only two nominations being Lysbeth Chittenden (Burwood District) and Culum Bennington (MCC). They are duly elected. Louise Mejean (MCC) continues to occupy a casual vacancy and Matt Ottobre (Hawthorn) also accepted a casual vacancy. That still leave s a position vacant.

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),

During the year the directors met to discuss region activities and events. Meetings were held on 27 August, 15 October, 12 November, 10 December 2018, 21 January, 1 April, and 13 May 2019.

Our AGM was conducted on 3/9/2018. A delegates meeting were held on 10 November 2017 and a second meeting scheduled for 11 March 2019 was cancelled due to the public holiday and not rescheduled.

This season saw Culum launch a Facebook site for the region (<https://www.facebook.com/yarrabowls>). This improved the flow of information, particularly bowls related information, updated scores and photos in real time.

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 was hosted by The Bowls Network. With Sport STG ceasing to operate bowls databases and websites within Australia, and Bowl Australia, State and Territory associations moving to Bowlslink – we felt we should follow the same path. We're moving our website to a Bowlslink platform and will advise of the full path shortly. I expect this to be [www.yarra.bowls.com.au](http://www.yarra.bowls.com.au)

Lastly, we're now using a generic email address for administration purposes. The email address will be [yarrabowlsregion@gmail.com](mailto:yarrabowlsregion@gmail.com). Will advise Club Contact Officers, secretaries and delegates shortly.

Peter Russell (Secretary)

## Treasurer's report

The following comments are provided in relation to our financial position

Once again medallions were presented to the winners and runners up at the conclusion of each Championship event. Entries were considerably down on last year particularly in the Women's sections. All endeavours should be made to encourage your members to enter the Region Events.

As in the past your region subsidises players who are successful at the State Championships. The Men's Pairs (represented by Bundoora) travelled to Merimbula to compete against the other states in the Australian Championships, and were very successful in their endeavours. They finished runners up in the men's pair's competition.



The cost of sending our players to represent the Yarra Region Sides Championships continue to rise each year. The Ladies travelled to Swan Hill again and the Men to Traralgon. These events are held from Friday afternoon to Sunday. It is an approximate four and a half hours drive to Swan Hill and this year it was decided that the Ladies would depart on the Thursday enabling them to be able to have a practice on the greens at their designated time.



Lunches are provided on the Saturday and Sunday by the host club but the Regions are charged for this at Swan Hill only. Apart from the Bowls Victoria dinner at Swan Hill (also charged) all other meals were covered by the Ladies as well as their travel expenses. The Region was not charged for their lunches at Traralgon and no official dinner was organized. The players covered the cost of their evening meals.

Honorarium was paid to the Greens Committee and to John Roberts, who conducted the Umpires accreditation sessions. We thank these gentlemen for giving up their time again for the benefit of the Region.

I have to advise that the Region had funds transferred fraudulently from our bank account. This occurred on 24 June (\$5000), 25 June (\$5000) and 26 June 2019 (\$3750). This occurred as a result of computer hacking, which subsequently lead to region accounts and my personal account being cleaned out. The hackers used an OSKO payment mechanism to transfer funds. It's similar to BPAY. I've advised Bendigo Bank and Police on 27 June and the suspicious activity on these accounts. I'm awaiting the outcome of their investigations.

Elaine Owens  
Hon. Treasurer

YARRA BOWLS REGION					
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1/7/2018-30/6/2019					
INCOME					
Region Levy			8,385.00	15,617.52	
State Championship Entries			4,424.00		
Bowls Victoria State Regional Games Subsidy			2,800.00		
Bank Interest			8.52		
Total Income					
EXPENDITURE					
Consumer Affairs			57.80	29,484.78	
Medallions			576.00		
Entertainment			234.65		
Insurance			1,067.00		
Templestowe Bowling Club - Subsidy			80.00		
Australian Championships (Mens Pairs) Sub			500.00		
Regional Championships Prizemoney			4,800.00		
Men & Ladies Regional Sides Championships			6,865.00		
Computer Website			333.33		
Honoraria		Greens	900.00		1,200.00
		Umpire	300.00		
Bank Charges			1.00		
Postage			20.00		
Bank Fraud			13,750.00		
Total Expenditure					
Loss					
Balance as per Bank Statements 30/6/2018				14,108.29	
	Savings Account		13,908.29		
	Statement Account		200.00		
Balance as per Bank Statements 30/6/2019				241.03	
	Savings Account		41.03		
	Statement Account		200.00		

## Match committee

Once Bowls Victoria issue their calendar of events we sit down and integrate our events into the schedule and try to 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.

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

Event	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/8	2018/19
Champion of champions - Ladies' Singles	22	19	20	17	20
Champion of champions - Men's Singles	24	23	23	21	22
Ladies' 60+ Pairs	16	14	19	12	10
Ladies' 60+ Singles	21	13	16	13	16
Ladies' Fours	10	8	8	7	6
Ladies' Novice	8	6	2	5	4
Ladies' Pairs	18	14	13	14	10
Ladies' Singles	23	13	28	18	14
Ladies' Triples	8	10	14	12	10
Ladies' Under 25	2	-	-	2	-
Men's 60+ Pairs	43	43	33	36	36
Men's 60+ Singles	50	49	36	36	40
Men's Fours	16	17	12	14	11
Men's Novice	30	18	14	16	14
Men's Pairs	41	40	40	34	32
Men's Singles	70	57	68	63	50
Men's Triples	23	15	18	20	16
Men's under 25	7	-	-	7	-
Mixed Pairs	26	32	38	35	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>339</b>

We run eight events for both ladies and men, and a mixed pair's event.

Unfortunately half of our clubs have nominated fewer than 10 entries for all of these events. And we average only 13 entries per event.

Overall entries were down on previous years. Traditionally ladies entries make up around 30% of overall entries, with men around the 70% mark.

The under 25 singles (males & females) was conducted centrally by Bowls Victoria during the period 2015-17, and again in 2018/19.

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.

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.

## Region Event Champions 2018-19

The following shows the respective winners of their events. Champions came from twelve different clubs, with MCC getting rewards in 5 events



Event		Champions	Club
Singles	Men	R Jansen	MCC
	Women	T Doolan	MCC
Pairs	Men	D Mars & S Naughton	MCC
	Women	L Walker & J Jones	Hurstbridge
Triples	Men	D Mars, R Millar & M Wilson	MCC
	Women	H Wilson, S Crapper & G Swann	Montmorency
Fours	Men	R Millar, D Mars, S Mejean & B Gallagher	MCC
	Women	B Bannan, L Montgomery, D Code & G Baxter	Ivanhoe
60 & Over Singles	Men	R Sharp	Donvale
	Women	H Farmer	Rosanna
60 & Over Pairs	Men	T Bain & B Wintrip	Diamond Creek
	Women	C Amos & R Fowler	Nth Balwyn
Novice Singles	Male	B Cooke	Richmond Union
	Female	M Irvine	Darebin City
Mixed pairs		J Nevill & J Woodhouse	Bundoora RSL
Champion of Champions Singles	Men	P Hession	Alphington
	Women	J Nevill	Bundoora RSL

Yarra Champion of Champion singles winners



Yarra Singles winners



Ladies & Men's fours champions



Ladies & men's over 60 pairs finalists



## 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

We are fortunate to have John Roberts in our region. He's the chair of Bowls Victoria Umpires Committee and handles the training / accreditation of markers, measures and new umpires in our region.

This season saw 12 new umpires added to the accreditation list and 15 obtain re-accreditation.