



# Annual Report

2017/18

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## **Annual General Meeting Agenda**

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### **BOWLS NORTH WEST INCORPORATED**

**Venue: Ulverstone Bowls Club**

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Time 7.00 pm**

#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Special Resolutions  
Constitution Rule 9.1 (d) – Match Committee  
Constitution Rule 11.1 – Election of BNW board
- 4 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
- 5 Business arising from previous meeting
- 6 Reports  
President  
Financial  
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- 7 Election of Directors
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## Presidents Report

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present this, the second President's Report for Bowls North West Inc.

As noted in my inaugural report last year, there were still a number of issues facing the Board and the majority of these have been addressed during the year. Having said this we are very aware that there are areas requiring constant update and attention to ensure the ongoing viability of bowls in the region. Most clubs are faced with reducing membership numbers and the Board is keenly aware of the need to be proactive in promoting the game in all areas. There have been ongoing discussions over a number of years as to the most effective ways to achieve these goals, but it is now time to adopt some of these suggestions to ensure our future. Times change, and it is not good enough to rely on the same activities that have sustained us in the past.

During the year the board surveyed the clubs for thoughts on a number of areas regarding Saturday Pennant completion and associated issues. It would be fair to say that there were no significant outcomes with most options receiving a 50/50 response. It now falls to the Board to further examine this information and to take decisions aimed at promoting bowls for both the short and long terms.

Over the season, much work has gone into refining our By-Laws, Conditions of Play and our Strategic Plan. The By-Laws and Conditions of Play are now in place while the Strategic Plan is an ongoing document covering short and long-term issues. I would take this opportunity to thank Bob Franklin and Mike McHugo for their efforts in these areas.

There are still a number of areas that require attention, and these will have a high priority for the incoming Board. Updating our Constitution as well as the implementation of Member Protection and Disciplinary Policies are key areas for early attention.

One of the long-standing issues facing bowls in Tasmania is the lack of standard Conditions of Play across the State. While it is generally accepted that we should have standard conditions there has never been any consensus on what they should be. During the year we have been working with a representative from Bowls South and Bowls North in an attempt to achieve a positive outcome in this area. The decision to restructure our pennant rosters arose from our efforts to achieve consensus in this area. All Saturday pennant rosters will now be open gender with Bowls North West running Ladies only Thursday pennant and men only Wednesday pennant. While this has been one step in the right direction there are still a number of obstacles to overcome before full standards apply. There is every indication that this will not be achieved without a firm directive by Bowls Tasmania.

Once again, this year our pennants and competitions were successful and this is due to the hard work and administrative abilities of our Match Committees. A very big thank you to the ladies and gentlemen on these committees for your continued efforts and expertise in ensuring the smooth running of our events.

Thanks also to our Umpires Committee for providing much needed technical advice on a regular basis and for supporting all events.

I would take this opportunity to pass on the Board's congratulations to all Pennant winners and North West Championships victors. Competition in most areas was fierce but games were played in good spirit and sportsmanship. A particular mention must go to the Ridgley Division Three men's team for continuing on to win the State Championship.

Our Regional Representative teams once again performed well without taking out any of the titles on offer. Congratulations to all team members on the manner in which you represented our region. Further congratulations to the North West players who represented Tasmania at the various levels this year. Once again, we continue to punch above our weight in these areas.

The Board would take this opportunity to express it's appreciation to our major pennant sponsors in Dannebrog and Vincent's Funeral Services. The financial support of these business houses is vital to our ongoing viability.

The Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation was held at the Ulverstone Bowls Club and, while numbers were down on last year, an enjoyable night was had by all. For the first time Pennant winning clubs were presented with plaques engraved with the names of all team members. These replaced the traditional pennants and are easier to display at clubs premises. Congratulations to Jenny Grandfield and Kelli Gilchrest on winning the Ladies Bowler of the Year Awards in their respective divisions.

Thanks must go to the Ulverstone club members who worked hard to make the night a success.

Our financial report will show that we are in an acceptable position however there is certainly no room for complacency. The loss of the Dannebrog sponsorship will have a significant impact if we are unable to find a replacement to cover the shortfall.

During the year we have been actively involved in all Bowls Tasmania activities and have been represented at all meetings. The coming year will see significant changes to the makeup of the Bowls Tasmania Board with several new members taking up positions on this body. Thanks go to Dee Harman and Max Amos as Bowls North West representatives on the Bowls Tasmania Board. While Dee will continue on for the coming year Max has served two

terms and is not permitted to stand again next year. At the time of writing this report we have not been able to nominate a replacement for Max and must endeavour to find a suitable applicant in the near future.

I would express a huge vote of thanks to the members of the Board for their continued support over the year. We are still a relatively new body and, as such, there continue to be many areas that require attention to establish a fully integrated association. With the impending changes for next season there will, no doubt, be further decisions to be made and I am confident that these will be taken with the best interests of the game in mind.

Thanks also go to our Executive Officer Erin Sesara for her application and administrative efforts during the year. I am confident that her continued professionalism will prove to be a major plus over the coming year.

At this stage I would express my appreciation to the clubs and bowls fraternity in general for the support shown to Bowls North West over the past year. While all of our decisions have not met with total acceptance they have been seriously considered and taken in the genuine long-term interests of the game. We will continue to approach our future activities in this manner.

I take this opportunity to wish all clubs and office bearers the best of fortune for the coming season as we work to ensure the future of our sport.

Phil Prouse

**President**

## **Chief Executive Officer Report**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2017-18 CEO's Annual Report to the members of Bowls North West.

The 2017-18 season has been one spent reflecting on the needs of the membership and truly assessing where we stand in the eyes of our members. This year we registered slightly over 1300 members, 20 being juniors, a slight decrease in last year.

The questionnaire that was put out to clubs earlier in the season enabled the board to see what the members wanted. Using this data, the board was able to make decisions that will hopefully increase memberships in clubs in the future. We will ensure that we continue to make informed decisions for our members.

Looking at our financial report, a deficit of \$453 was incurred for the year. The result was extremely close to achieving our budgeted projection. Looking at the financials you must also remember the 2016-17 season only began in October 2016.

Revenue showed decreased return in capitation fees due to that decline in membership noted before. Our championship and flag levies increased with the men and women both paying the same fee. We were lucky to gain a 3-year sponsorship deal with Vincent Funeral Services totaling \$15000 over three years. Dannebrog also sponsored BNW \$3300. We are uncertain if this sponsorship deal will remain in the future. We thank both Vincent's and Dannebrog for their sponsorship this season. Expenses overall are in line with

the budget. Honorariums were up on 2016-17 financials due to this audit being a full financial year, rather than 6 months in the previous audit. Statewide pennant expenses were higher than usual due to the purchases of new uniforms for the NW Men's team.

The finance committee is currently working on the 2018-19 budget. It will be presented to the board for approval at our next meeting. The finance committee with the endorsement of the board recommends that the current capitation fees be increased for the 2018-19 season.

On behalf of Bowls North West, I thank all the members of our community for the choice they make to be a part of this sport.

Erin Sesara

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Men's Match Committee Report

The match committee for this season consisted of Doug Brain (Chair), Ian Moore, Terry Hingston, Warren Butcher and Boxer Stephens (secretary). Barry Monson helped to draw up the rosters and again Div 5 had to be altered (several times).

I would like to thank the above named for their support during the year.

It is hoped that the later start date for the new season may help us all.

Saturday Pennant was conducted over 18 weeks instead of the 21 weeks as used in previous seasons - which seemed to meet the approval of most players.

Winners were:- Premier League South Burnie

Division	1	Burnie
	2	Wynyard
	3	Ridgley
	4	Ulverstone
	5	Ridgley

Congratulations to all premierships teams. The State finals were played in a very wet Hobart.

Thank you to the clubs and the green keepers who made their greens available for finals.

B.N.W. Championships were conducted in Open and Minor grades with Champion of Champions Open Singles. Entries in the Open could have been better, Minors were better. It is proposed that all individual Championships will be conducted as Champion of Champions events next season.

With Bowls Tasmania's proposed changes to pennant next season, the match

committee will have more than their usual problems, but I am sure that, with the same co-operation from clubs, we will continue to enjoy our game of bowls.

I would like to thank Boxer Stephens for the work and time he has put into men's bowls this year. Without his help and advice, we would find life difficult.

Terry Hingston has decided not to stand for the match committee this time around. Thank you, Terry, for your contribution to the match committee over quite a few years.

I would like to thank Wayne Marshall (coach), Heath Fidler, Max Amos and parents for their help in conducting the Junior Events.

In conclusion I would like to wish the Board, Clubs and players a successful 2018-19.

Doug Brain

**Chair**

## **Ladies Match Committee Report**

Our Committee of Chairperson Shirley Adams, Secretary Pauline Shaw and Committee Laraine Spurr, Helen Maxwell and Veronica Streets have again had a very busy Season. Running the SEASON OPENING CARNIVAL, D.L. REID, OVER 60's, LADIES VETERAN'S DAY, B GRADE MIXED CHALLENGE and CHAMPIONSHIPS. All were well attended except for the B GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS. Numbers entering were down this Season.

Congratulations to all Winners especially our Bowlers of the Year. Open Jenny GRANDFIELD (ULVERSTONE), B Grade Kelly GILCHRIST (PENGUIN)

Many thanks to all Clubs who allowed us to use their GREENS, FACILITIES and to those that CATERED a job well done.

A big thankyou to the BURNIE BOWLS CLUB who waived the fee on their indoor facility allowing us to hold the LADIES PAIRS FINALS. Weather unfit to play outdoors.

I wish the incoming Ladies M.C. All the best for Season 2018/19 and thank the above Committee for their help and friendship as their Secretary.

Yours in Bowls,

Pauline Shaw

**BNW Ladies Secretary Match Committee**