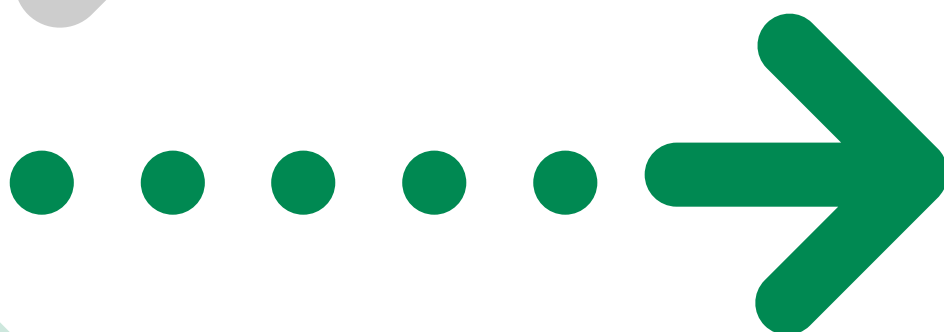


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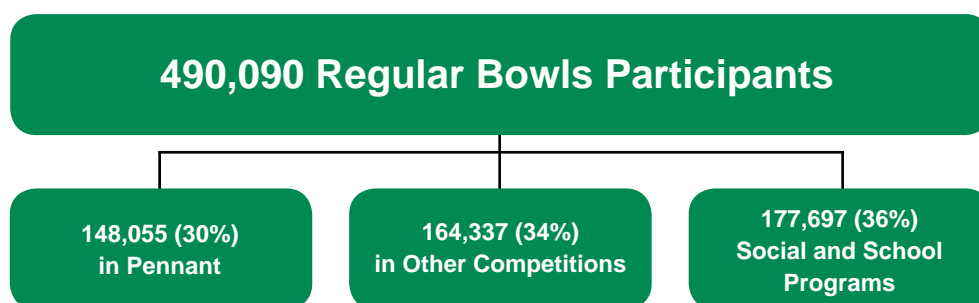




## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Australian Bowls is one of the largest sports within Australia's 'sport and recreation' industry. Formal bowls clubs and associations have a long history in Australia dating back to 1880.
- This is the second annual National Bowls Census, undertaken in order to monitor and plan the development of the game of bowls around Australia. The Bowls Census is a major information system for game development and benchmarking.
- The Census has been prepared through the cooperation and collaborative input of all State and Territory Bowls Associations and a substantial proportion of bowls clubs around the nation.
- Formal, or registered, playing membership of bowls clubs has been decreasing for about 30 years, at an increasing rate. Throughout the 2000's the decrease has been 2.9% per annum on average and between 2010 and 2011 the decrease was 5.7%. This has occurred during a period when the total Australian resident population has increased by 49% (from 15.29 million to 22.73 million).
- Decreases in formal membership of bowls clubs have been offset by growth in social, corporate and other participation by non-members of bowls clubs, a function of Australia's time poor population, seeking 'compact' or 'packaged' forms of recreation.
- There were 490,090<sup>1</sup> participants in Australian bowls (Figure E1) in 2011:
  - o 148,055 pennant participants
  - o 164,337 participants in other competitions for members
  - o 177,697 participants in social, corporate and school competitions and programs.
- Social, corporate and school programs are the growth segment in Australian bowls, with 7.3% growth between 2010 and 2011. It is now the largest participation segment in bowls. Pennant and other competition participation declined by 6.6% and 12%, respectively in the same period.
- Non-metropolitan, or country, participation outstrips metropolitan participation in bowls. In 2011, 59.5% of participants were in country regions (although these country regions accommodate just 39% of Australian residents).

**FIGURE E1** NATIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION, 2011



<sup>1</sup> Participation figures include the counting of a participant each time they compete in a bowls competition or program of at least 4 games duration.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 BACKGROUND

Sport and recreation has always been important to Australia and Australians as an integral part of lifestyle, a source of national pride, and a part of the country's culture. During the past few decades 'sport and recreation' has emerged as a full-scale industry within the Australian economy, making substantial employment and financial contributions in all regions and at all levels (local, State and National).

Australian sport and recreation

- employs over 111,520 people directly
- has a turnover of over \$20 billion annually.

Australian Bowls is one of the largest sectors in the 'sport and recreation' industry. For example:

### (i) NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Bowls ranks highly among sports in Australia. Bowls club playing membership in Australia is about 0.24 million, across about 2,000 clubs. Male membership is approximately double that of female membership. Bowls is very strong in country areas of Australia, where the number of clubs outnumber those in metropolitan areas by more than two to one.

### (ii) EVENTS AND ASSETS

Australian bowls hosts a number of premier championship events. Bowling clubs are significant capital assets (including greens, drainage/irrigation systems, club facilities and infrastructure).

### (iii) EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

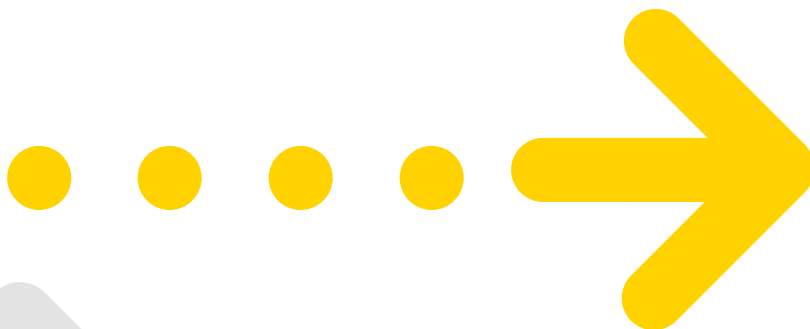
A plethora of management, administrative, marketing, green keeping, asset management, and catering jobs are directly created by Australian bowls. Bowling clubs are significant businesses in their own right, creating millions of dollars in annual direct and indirect expenditure.

Bowls Australia has introduced an annual National Census of Australian Bowls.

Formal membership of bowls clubs has been reducing for many years while, anecdotally, participation in social and corporate bowls competitions and events are believed to have significantly increased. There is a clear need to develop a much better understanding of participation in bowls, at all levels in order to plan for the changing dynamics of the game.

The Census is an important component in measuring the progress of Bowls towards, and beyond, the current Strategic Plan objectives and targets.

In this 2011 Census, results are presented for both overall participants<sup>2</sup>, members and playing members in each form of the game. Note that, throughout the tables presented in this document, any differences between the sum of any column or row and the stated totals are due to rounding.



<sup>2</sup> Participation figures include the counting of a participant each time they compete in a bowls competition or program of at least 4 games duration.

## 1.2 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR BOWLS

Bowls plays an important role in Australian society. The current strategic plan for Bowls Australia<sup>3</sup> identifies the vision and mission for the sport as well as a series of strategic priorities.

### VISION

“Bowls – the sport for all Australians: We will stimulate innovation of the business and sport of bowls so that peak bodies and clubs become known for their delivery of excellent services and resources, so facilities become contemporary community venues and the game attracts people of all ages and backgrounds.”

### MISSION

“To provide leadership and facilitate a collaborative approach for the growth, development and success of the sport and business of bowls in Australia.”

Bowls Australia is committed to achieving its vision by creating a prosperous environment for bowls in Australia by:

- Growing the game and profile with new participants, commercial partners, and strategic allies;
- Preserving the traditions that shape the values and ethos of the game;
- Developing and strengthening State and Territory associations, clubs and people;
- Nurturing the international achievements of national teams and athletes; and
- Providing strong leadership and direction that guides the sport towards the vision.

Bowls Australia's current Strategic Priorities are:

1. Membership growth and development
2. Stakeholder relations, leadership and management
3. High performance and pathway events
4. Commercial development and promotions
5. World Bowls 2012 and strategic projects.



The national census of bowls participation makes a contribution to all of these strategic priorities, and the major area of contribution will be to Strategic Priority 1: Membership Growth and Development.

<sup>3</sup> Bowls Australia Strategic Plan 2009-12 "A New Game Plan"

### 1.3 DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL BOWLS CENSUS

In undertaking the first national bowls census, several initiatives have been implemented.

#### DESIGNING THE CENSUS CONTENT AND COVERAGE

The steps in developing and implementing the second National Bowls Census included:

- Presentation of the rationale and scope for the Census to Bowls Australia Development
- Meetings and the results of the 2010 Census
- Design of a State-wide data spreadsheet covering pennant, social and other bowls participation formats
- Design of an interview format for Clubs
- Confirmation of regional structures for all States/Territories (taking existing zones and districts into consideration)
- Re-Design of the State-wide data spreadsheets covering pennant, social and other bowls participation formats
- Re-Design of the interview format for Clubs
- Completion of the State-wide spreadsheets
- Undertaking the Survey of Clubs for all states/territories (with a draw for prizes for those clubs completing the survey forms).

#### BOWLS REGIONS AROUND AUSTRALIA

One of the important applications of the Census is its use as a planning tool at regional level. The development of regional boundaries for each state/territory has been

initiated, but should be reviewed regularly in consultation with key people in each state and territory, with consideration also given to statistical local area boundaries, in order to enable the calculation of player to population rates and preparation of regional profiles. There are 70 Bowls Regions in the initial:

- 25 Metropolitan Regions (including the Australian Capital Territory as a single metropolitan region)
- 45 Country Regions (including Northern Territory as a single country region).

#### CENSUS FORMS

Census information spreadsheet forms were completed through liaison with state/territory and regional contacts. These forms were only able to be partially completed during the first National Census, and it is expected that the State/Territory Associations will build their capability to complete these forms over time.

#### SURVEYS OF BOWLS CLUBS

Due to the limitations on information available at State/Territory level, the Survey of Clubs was the critical component in the second annual Census. The survey encompassed details of

- Playing members
- Participation in each form of bowls (including details of participation of 4 or more bowls games per annum<sup>4</sup>)
- Non-playing members
- Non-member participation.

The survey of clubs had a response rate 33.66%, as shown in Table 1.1. The range of responses was 64.3% in the Australian Capital Territory, through to 16.62% in the Queensland. These response rates have enabled results to be calculated for each State and Territory, and regional level results in all States/Territories except the Northern Territory.

**TABLE 1.1 SURVEY OF BOWLS CLUBS: RESPONSE RATES, 2011**

	TOTAL CLUBS	SURVEY RESPONSES	% OF CLUBS
<b>Australia</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>33.66%</b>
Australian Capital Territory	9	14	64.29%
New South Wales	199	591	33.67%
Northern Territory	2	9	22.22%
Queensland	55	331	16.62%
South Australia	98	227	43.17%
Tasmania	24	73	32.88%
Victoria	201	503	39.96%
Western Australia	72	213	33.80%

<sup>4</sup> Note that 4 games per annum has been used as the minimum level to be counted as a bowls participant in the Census figures. Participation at less than 4 games has been recorded as 'promotional involvement'.

## 2. NATIONAL SUMMARY

### 2.1 BOWLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Bowls Australia (BA) recognises that membership and participation are fundamental to the success of the sport in an increasingly competitive environment, in which Australia's population is conscious of the importance of health and leisure but, at the same time, is 'time poor' and receptive to sport and recreational pursuits that enable participation within the constraints of a busy lifestyle. BA has an active strategic plan to lead and guide the sport in this changing environment. This Strategic Plan (for 2009 to 2012) notes that:

"Our challenge is to maintain the core of the sport but also to implement new ideas – ideas which will stimulate progress so we are significantly more successful in 2012 than we are right now."

In the BA Strategic Plan (A New Game Plan 2009 – 2012), there is a commitment to preserving the core business of bowls, and to working with state and territory associations (STA's) to stimulate progress. The plan also commits to:

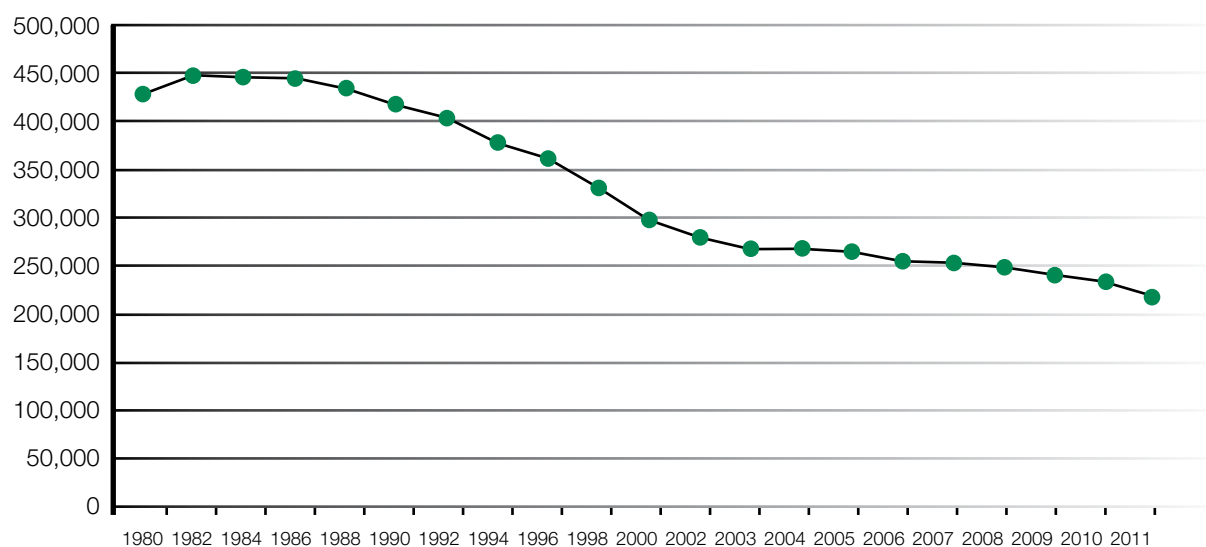
- Discovering and promoting new ideas that, when implemented, will bring new value
- Working to transform the sport so that the game and Australian clubs are modern, accessible, inclusive...the sport will attract youth and their families.
- Promoting the bowls brand nationally.
- Working to attract and retain participation in line with the general population: gender, age, ethnicity and socio-economic profile.
- Inspiring proactive programs to improve environmental practices.
- Maintaining consistent dissemination of communication throughout the sport.
- Providing a high performance and development pathway program that sets the standard for other playing nations
- Improving the governance of bowls in Australia with new strategies to improve the effectiveness of boards, committees and members<sup>5</sup>.

Several of these commitments will be informed and monitored through the Annual Bowls Census.

Figure 2.1 shows that formal, or registered, playing membership has been decreasing for almost 30 years. The average rate of decrease has been 2.2% per annum throughout the period. However, in the past five years the average annual decrease has escalated to 2.9%, and between 2010 and 2011 the decrease was 5.7%. As a result, playing members of bowls clubs in 2010 were only 49% of those registered in 1982. Coincidentally, over this same 29 year period (1982-2011) the Australian total resident population has increased by 49% (from 15.29 million to 22.73 million).

Table 2.1 demonstrates that the reduction in playing members has been relatively consistent across all States and Territories, with only the Australian Capital Territory maintaining its membership level over the four years 2007-08 to 2010-11.

<sup>5</sup> Bowls Australia, A New Game Plan 2009-12

**FIGURE 2.1** TRENDS IN PLAYING MEMBERSHIP 1980-2011**TABLE 2.1** PLAYING MEMBER TRENDS, 2007 TO 2011

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
ACT	2,458	2,484	2,502	2,463
NSW	91,990	88,433	85,140	80,587
NT	450	381	416	447
QLD	49,766	47,725	45,638	43,571
SA	18,018	17,774	17,472	17,150
TAS	6,228	6,062	6,018	5,980
VIC	60,071	59,075	58,169	51,969
WA	19,964	19,757	19,370	18,965
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248,945</b>	<b>241,691</b>	<b>234,725</b>	<b>221,132</b>

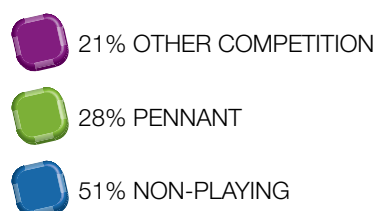
Playing members of bowls clubs, in 2011, made up 49.6% of total membership, shown in Table 2.2. That is, 51% of members were non-playing members who joined the club for social activities, other (non-bowls) recreation (of which the most

popular were carpet bowls, darts, tennis, snooker/billiards, croquet, bocce, fishing, golf and a swimming pool). Of the playing members, 54% were involved in Pennant Competitions and 48% in other regular intra or inter-club matches.

New South Wales and Queensland are the two States where non-playing membership exceeds playing membership. In New South Wales this is a legacy of the decades where it was the major State with licensed club-house facilities, including gaming machines, and often other recreational infrastructure. Membership of bowling clubs was commonplace as a social option, without any expectation that members would play bowls. In Queensland, the high level of non-playing membership is largely in the Gold Coast region of the State, which includes the Tweed Rivers section of New South Wales. Playing and non-playing membership of bowls clubs is much higher in country regions than in metropolitan areas.

**TABLE 2.2** BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS AUSTRALIA, 2011

	PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	NON-PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL PLAYING MEMBERS	NON PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS
ACT	762	1,701	2,463	2,271	4,734
NSW	30,722	49,864	80,586	134,250	214,836
NT	101	346	447	158	605
QLD	24,120	19,451	43,571	70,177	113,748
SA	15,105	2,045	17,150	1,815	18,966
TAS	1,768	4,212	5,980	3,055	9,035
VIC	39,346	12,623	51,969	18,681	70,650
WA	14,449	4,516	18,965	18,210	37,175
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>126,374</b>	<b>94,758</b>	<b>221,132</b>	<b>248,617</b>	<b>469,748</b>
METROPOLITAN	47,013	30,189	77,202	64,721	141,923
COUNTRY	79,361	64,569	143,930	183,895	327,825

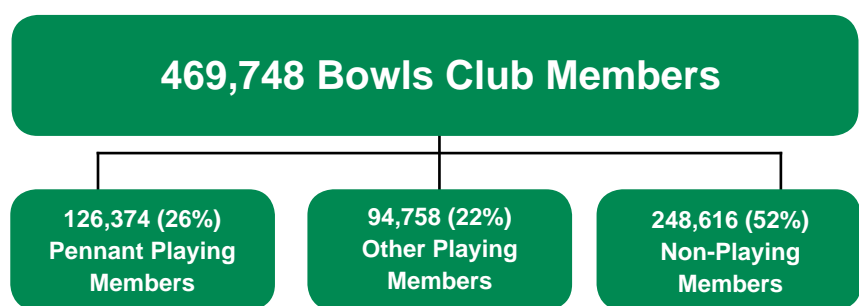
**FIGURE 2.2**  
BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS  
AUSTRALIA, 2011

In summary, the 2011 National Bowls Census has revealed that there were 469,748 bowls club members in 2011, shown in Figure 2.3, of which:

- 221,132 were playing members (126,374 in pennant

competitions and 94,758 in other competitions).

- 248,616 were non-playing members (the vast majority in New South Wales and Queensland).

**FIGURE 2.3** NATIONAL BOWLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP



## 2.2 PARTICIPATION IN BOWLS

Figure 2.5 presents details of all bowls participation (greater than 4 weeks/games duration) by State/Territory and bowls segment. There were 490,090 participants in bowls in 2011 (in competitions and programs of at least 4 weeks/games duration), comprising

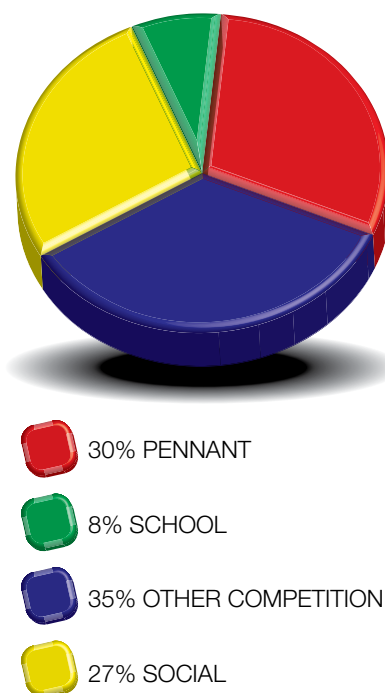
- 148,055 pennant participants
- 164,337 non-pennant bowls competitions participants
- 140,553 social and corporate competitions/programs participants

- 37,144 school participants.

Country participation outweighs metropolitan participation (59.5% of participants were in country regions).

Figure 2.6 compares relative participation in bowls with the population in each State and Territory. It indicates that participation in bowls is relatively higher than the resident population in Victoria, Western Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania and is relatively lower in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Northern Territory.

**FIGURE 2.5**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, AUSTRALIA, 2011



**FIGURE 2.6**  
BOWLS PARTICIPANTS AND STATE/TERRITORY POPULATIONS

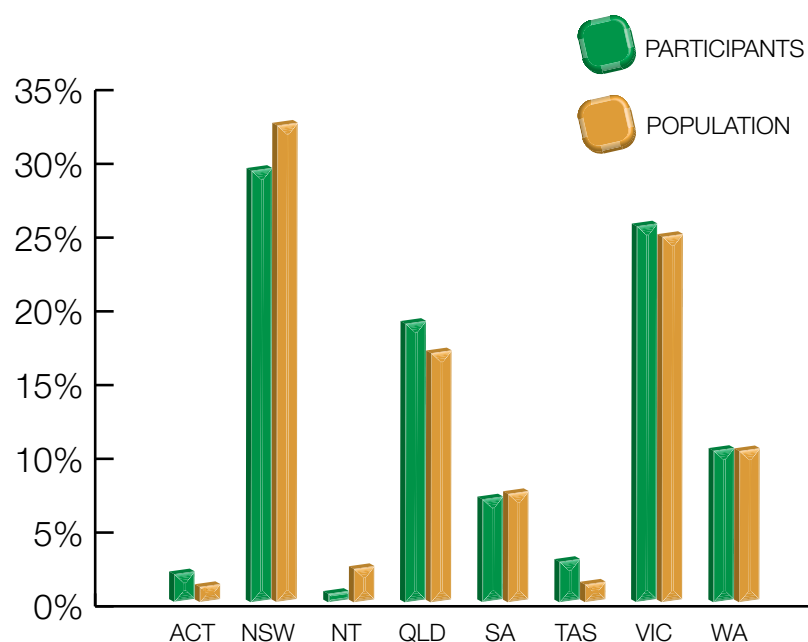
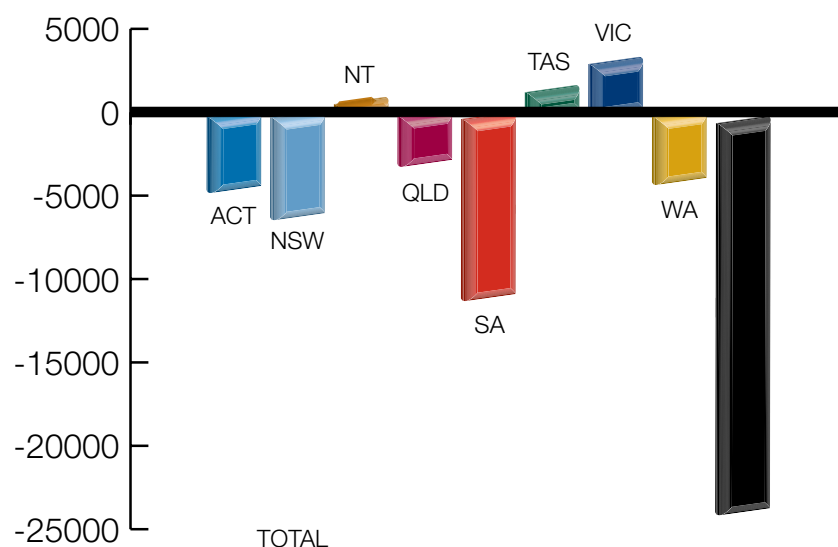


Figure 2.7 shows that the total number of participants in bowls competitions and programs decreased by 24,119 (or 4.7%) between 2010 and 2011. The decrease was similar in metropolitan (4.8% decrease) and country (4.6% decrease) regions. Victoria, Tasmania and the Northern Territory were the only States/Territories to record small increases in participation.

**FIGURE 2.7**  
CHANGE IN BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) 2010 TO 2011



**TABLE 2.3** Bowls Participation (>4 weeks/games), Australia, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Other Competition Participant			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Region															
ACT	762	815	1,577	1,482	2,272	3,754	2,272	1,879	4,151	47	47	93	4,563	5,013	9,576
NSW	20,740	10,549	31,289	46,256	28,344	74,600	18,660	15,938	34,598	5,729	3,044	8,773	91,385	57,875	149,261
NT	70	31	101	243	99	342	1,158	1,203	2,361	68	54	122	1,539	1,387	2,926
Qld	20,801	8,555	29,356	17,548	8,804	26,351	20,201	14,125	34,326	4,002	2,376	6,378	62,552	33,859	96,411
SA	13,181	6,755	19,936	5,296	3,064	8,360	3,306	2,008	5,314	1,062	885	1,947	22,845	12,711	35,556
Tas	2,404	1,250	3,654	2,449	1,204	3,652	2,830	2,293	5,123	853	748	1,601	8,535	5,495	14,030
Vic	27,355	13,411	40,766	23,068	11,354	34,422	22,306	18,759	41,064	9,075	4,633	13,708	81,804	48,157	129,961
WA	14,255	7,120	21,376	8,351	4,504	12,855	8,297	5,319	13,616	3,080	1,442	4,522	33,984	18,385	52,369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,569</b>	<b>48,487</b>	<b>148,055</b>	<b>104,693</b>	<b>59,644</b>	<b>164,337</b>	<b>79,030</b>	<b>61,523</b>	<b>140,553</b>	<b>23,915</b>	<b>13,229</b>	<b>37,144</b>	<b>307,207</b>	<b>182,883</b>	<b>490,090</b>
Metro	42,170	18,774	60,943	40,784	20,642	61,426	34,858	23,996	58,853	11,957	5,289	17,246	129,768	68,701	198,469
Country	57,399	29,713	87,112	63,909	39,002	102,911	44,172	37,527	81,700	11,958	7,940	19,898	177,439	114,182	291,621



## 2.3 REGIONAL STRUCTURE FOR BOWLS DEVELOPMENT

One of the important applications of the census is its use as a planning tool at regional level. The definition of regional boundaries for each State/Territory for 2011 has been based around the locations of the clubs, districts and/or zones within each State/Territory and the regions are shown in Figure 2.8.

Table 2.7 indicates that there are 1,961 bowls clubs in Australia and these have been allocated to 70 regions, 25 metropolitan and 45 country regions. This includes the counting of the Australian Capital Territory region as metropolitan, and the Northern Territory region as country.

The regions are all consistent with groups of Statistical Divisions used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for a wide range of statistical collections. These can be valuable in comparing and planning bowls initiatives using regional data (population, economic and other relevant data). The total of 70 regions is appropriate for allocating resources, targeting growth areas and developing local responses to meet the needs of communities around the nation. However, the distribution of regions needs some adjustment, so that the number of regions per State is consistent with population, geography and bowls participation.

Table 2.6 shows the number and ranking for 68 Australian Bowls regions (with Brisbane North/ Caboolture combined, and the 'Other' region in Western Australia excluded) in terms of participants, players and members. It reveals that Greater Western Sydney and New South Wales north coastal regions have greatest participation

**TABLE 2.4 CLUBS AND REGIONS, AUSTRALIAN BOWLS**

	METROPOLITAN CLUBS REGIONS		COUNTRY CLUBS REGIONS		TOTAL CLUBS REGIONS	
ACT	14	1	0	0	14	1
NSW	172	4	419	9	591	13
NT	0	0	9	1	9	1
QLD	100	5	231	8	331	13
SA	53	4	174	8	227	12
TAS	29	1	44	3	73	4
VIC	192	6	311	10	503	16
WA	69	4	144	6	213	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>70</b>

and membership of all regions.

Some of the regions with significant disparities in rankings are:

- Geelong and Melbourne South (ranking in the top few regions for participants and players, and 20th and 23rd in members)
- Southern Slopes and Plains, NSW (7th in members, 38th in players and 40th in participation)
- Eastern Adelaide, SA (31st in players, 32nd in participation and 63rd in members)

- North West NSW (19th in members, 57th in participation and 59th in players)

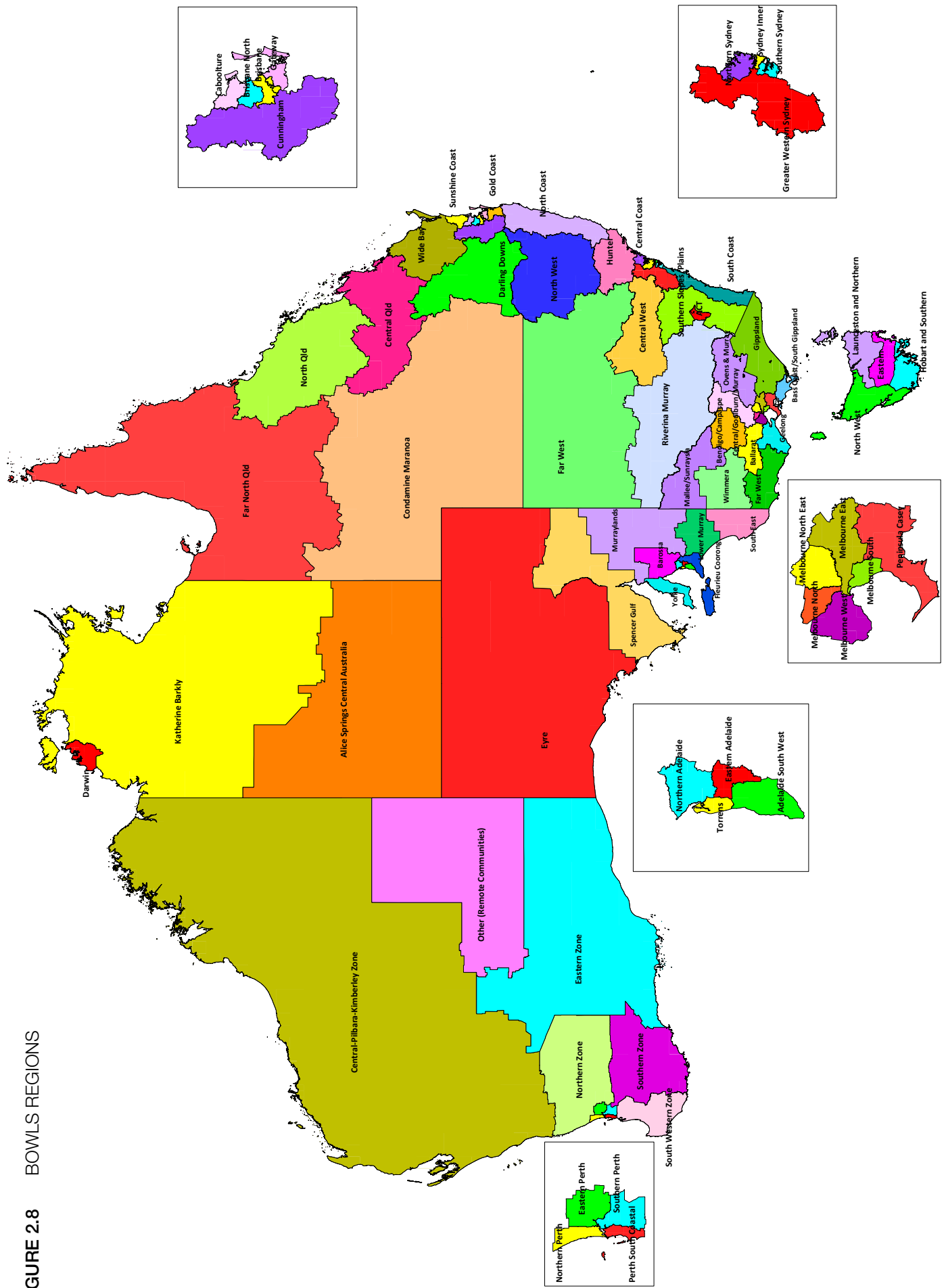
- Caboolture, Qld (22nd in members, 60th in participants and 65th in players).

Table 2.5 summarizes members, players and participants by state and territory.

**TABLE 2.5 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS BY STATE/TERRITORY**

	MEMBERS	PLAYERS	PARTICIPANTS
ACT	4,734	706	9,576
NSW	214,836	115,170	149,261
NT	605	12,144	2,926
QLD	113,748	75,411	96,411
SA	18,966	34,975	35,556
TAS	9,035	7,665	14,030
VIC	70,650	112,491	129,961
WA	37,175	32,614	52,369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>469,748</b>	<b>391,176</b>	<b>490,090</b>

FIGURE 2.8 BOWLS REGIONS



**TABLE 2.6****RANKING OF ALL REGIONS FOR BOWLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPATION**

	State Territory	Participants		Players		Members	
		Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Greater Western Sydney	NSW	25,347	1	20,903	1	37,415	1
North Coast	NSW	21,643	2	18,530	2	28,547	3
Hunter	NSW	21,485	3	16,288	4	32,475	2
Melbourne South	Victoria	18,517	4	16,449	3	6,651	23
Geelong	Victoria	18,158	5	16,082	5	7,083	20
Brisbane	Qld	16,345	6	13,361	7	14,488	8
Gold Coast Tweed	Qld	14,473	7	13,889	6	19,886	5
Melbourne East	Victoria	14,314	8	11,218	8	8,034	17
Darling Downs	Qld	14,046	9	5,677	25	5,922	26
Wide Bay Burnett	Qld	13,022	10	9,664	11	12,114	10
South Coast	NSW	12,211	11	9,872	9	22,774	4
Northern Sydney	NSW	12,106	12	7,511	16	15,347	7
Central West	NSW	11,569	13	9,620	12	12,546	9
Gateway	Qld	11,245	14	9,788	10	10,388	13
Gippsland	Victoria	10,431	15	7,869	14	5,529	30
Riverina Murray	NSW	10,099	16	6,117	22	9,254	16
Brisbane North/Caboolture	Qld	10,009	17	4,866	28	4,883	33
Peninsula/Casey	Victoria	9,863	18	8,488	13	5,088	32
Australian Capital Territory	ACT	9,576	19	6,330	21	4,734	34
Bendigo/Campaspe	Victoria	9,335	20	7,087	18	5,224	31
Southern Zone	WA	8,696	21	5,315	26	5,539	29
Sunshine Coast	Qld	8,695	22	7,348	17	18,901	6
Southern Slopes and Plains	NSW	8,394	23	7,636	15	11,299	11
Melbourne West	Victoria	8,238	24	6,486	19	5,764	28
Ballarat	Victoria	7,950	25	6,473	20	4,269	35
South Western Zone	WA	7,562	26	4,891	27	7,792	18
Far West	Victoria	7,449	27	6,081	23	6,597	24
Northern	WA	7,407	28	4,814	29	4,069	37
North West	NSW	6,848	29	5,938	24	11,128	12
Eastern	WA	6,508	30	4,051	34	2,667	46
Central/Goulburn/Murray	Victoria	6,332	31	4,520	31	3,474	41
South Coastal	WA	5,981	32	4,268	33	3,543	40
Hobart and South	Tasmania	5,823	33	4,721	30	3,739	39
Inner Sydney	NSW	5,755	34	4,443	32	9,753	14
North Queensland	Qld	5,410	35	3,287	42	4,215	36
Southern	WA	5,158	36	3,743	36	3,069	44
Central Coast	NSW	4,944	37	3,186	44	7,750	19
Eastern Zone	WA	4,925	38	2,590	49	6,899	21
Southern Sydney	NSW	4,598	39	3,612	38	9,655	15
Northern Zone	WA	4,477	40	2,180	54	3,807	38
Launceston and North	Tasmania	4,271	41	3,878	35	2,623	47
Far West	NSW	4,263	42	1,515	62	6,894	22
Central Queensland	Qld	4,062	43	3,743	37	5,802	27
Coorong-Fleurieu	SA	4,051	44	2,289	51	1,509	60
Melbourne North East	Victoria	4,009	45	3,411	39	3,434	42
Mallee/Sunraysia	Victoria	3,706	46	2,516	50	2,123	51
Wimmera	Victoria	3,699	47	3,335	41	2,259	49
Adelaide South West	SA	3,638	48	3,211	43	2,081	52
South East	SA	3,359	49	2,256	52	1,303	63
Adelaide Torrens	SA	3,326	50	2,765	47	1,889	53
Northern Adelaide	SA	3,275	51	2,109	57	1,604	57

	State Territory	Participants Number	Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Ovens & Murray	Victoria	3,241	52	3,149	45	2,249	50
Murraylands	SA	3,051	53	1,991	60	1,832	54
Bass Coast/Sth Gippsland	Victoria	2,975	54	2,226	53	1,196	65
North West	Tasmania	2,966	55	2,846	46	2,323	48
Northern Territory	NT	2,926	56	2,707	48	605	67
Eastern Adelaide	SA	2,841	57	1,386	63	1,551	59
Yorke Peninsula	SA	2,600	58	2,117	56	1,453	61
Spencer Gulf	SA	2,592	59	3,389	40	1,612	56
Lower Murray	SA	2,537	60	1,685	61	1,576	58
Far North and Gulf	Qld	2,464	61	2,046	59	3,041	45
Cunningham	Qld	2,270	62	2,080	58	6,489	25
Eyre	SA	2,250	63	1,055	66	1,197	64
Barossa	SA	2,036	64	2,145	55	1,358	62
Condamine-Maranoa	Qld	1,870	65	1,219	64	3,121	43
Melbourne North	Victoria	1,744	66	1,170	65	1,674	55
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	WA	1,356	67	629	68	681	66
East	Tasmania	970	68	842	67	350	68



## 2.4 BOWLS PROMOTIONAL PARTICIPATION

(Less than 4 weeks)

To be counted as 'a participant' in the National Bowls Census a person must play at least four times during the year in a competition or in a social or other program. This definition has been agreed to provide a meaningful minimum level of involvement for measuring regular participation.

However, there are many people involved in events, once-off activities, community programs and other bowls activities of less than four weeks/games duration, which are broadly described as bowls 'promotional participation'. These promotional activities can be an integral part of the viability of a bowls club and to the

**TABLE 2.7** PROMOTIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION  
(<4 WEEKS/GAMES)

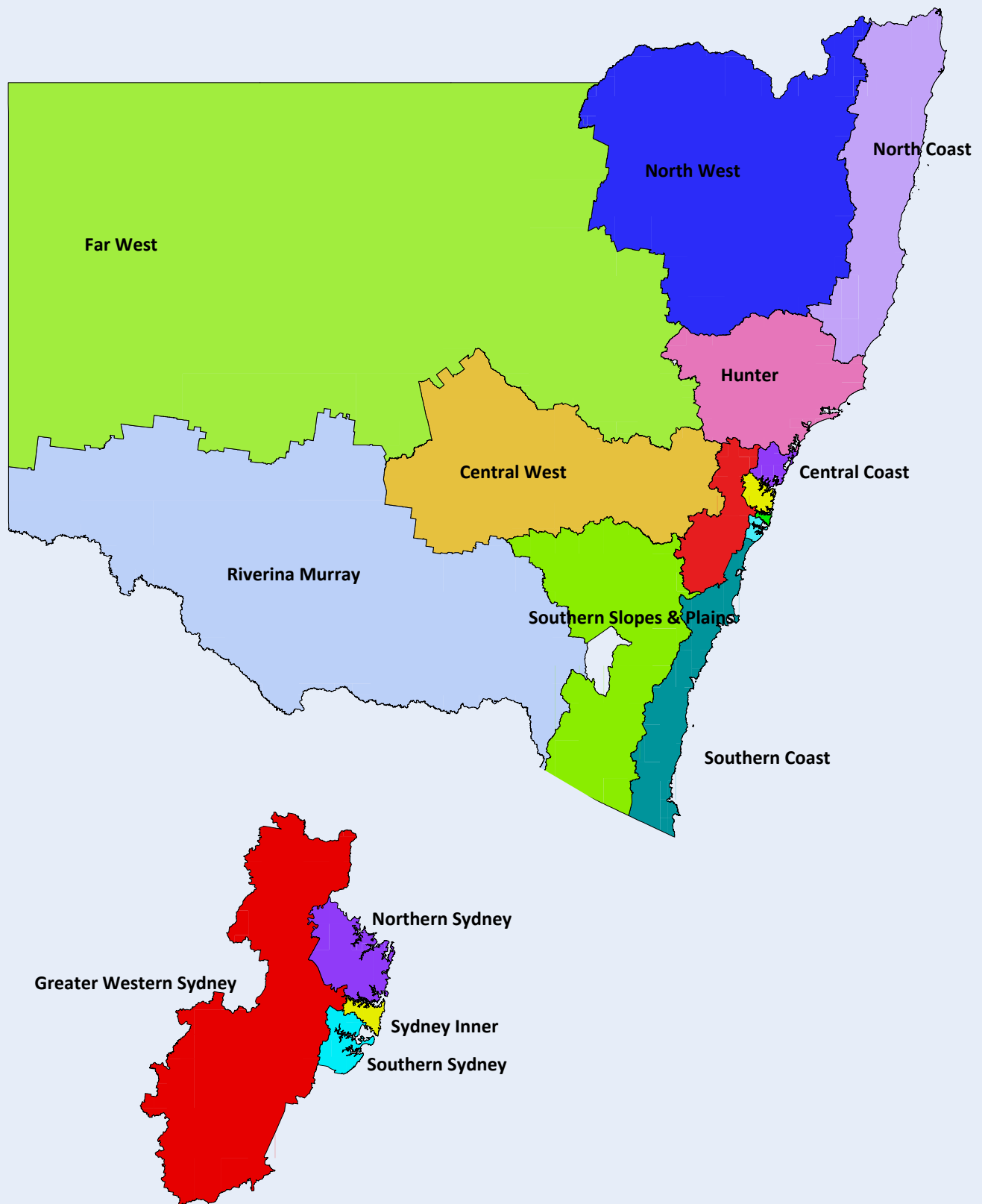
	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	%	% CHANGE 2010-11
ACT	8,010	6,238	14,248	3.3%	4.7%
NSW	70,931	56,677	127,609	29.3%	17.7%
NT	1,242	1,238	2,480	0.6%	181.1%
QLD	67,463	43,058	110,521	25.4%	0.5%
SA	3,599	2,617	6,217	1.4%	-60.5%
TAS	2,407	1,843	4,250	1.0%	31.3%
VIC	86,667	61,836	148,503	34.1%	119.8%
WA	12,422	8,854	21,276	4.9%	14.5%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>252,741</b>	<b>182,361</b>	<b>435,103</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>28.7%</b>

development of the game of bowls. The nature and level of promotional activity varies from state to state. Promotional bowls programs can include some social, corporate and school activities.

Table 2.7 shows that there were 435,103 participants in bowls activities of less than four weeks

duration in 2011, 252,741 males and 182,361 females. The States/Territories with the greatest level of promotional activity were Victoria (148,503 participants or 34.1%), New South Wales (127,609 participants or 29.3%) and Queensland (110,521 participants or 25.4% of all promotional participation).

### 3. NEW SOUTH WALES



## 3.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

New South Wales is Australia's most populous state with 7,232,589<sup>6</sup> residents or 32.4% of the Australian population. Bowls New South Wales has four regions in metropolitan Sydney, and nine country regions.

The New South Wales regions nominated for the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are:

### ❖ METROPOLITAN SYDNEY

- Northern Sydney
- Greater Western Sydney
- Inner Sydney
- Southern Sydney

### ❖ COUNTRY NEW SOUTH WALES

- Central West
- Far West
- North West
- North Coast
- South Coast
- Hunter
- Central Coast
- Southern Slopes and Plains
- Riverina Murray

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 3.1.

## 3.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2011, NEW SOUTH WALES HAD:

- 42 bowls associations
- 591 bowls clubs
- 214,836 playing and non-playing members
- 149,262 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 122,291 players in all forms of bowls

**The bowling clubs in each region in New South Wales in 2011 (without separately identifying the men's and women's clubs) are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN SYDNEY**

### **Inner Sydney**

Alexandria-Erskineville Bowling Club  
Ashfield Bowling Club  
Balmain Bowling Club Limited  
Bondi Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
Bronte Bowling Club Limited  
Burwood Diggers Bowling Club  
Camperdown Bowling & Rec Club  
Clovelly Mens Bowling Club  
Concord Community Recreation & Bowling Club Ltd  
Concord Golf Bowling Club  
Concord RSL Bowling Club  
Coogee Bowling Club Ltd  
Diamond Bay Bowling Club Ltd.  
Double Bay Bowling Club  
Eastlakes Sport Mens Bowling Club  
Gladstone Park Bowling Club  
Greenlees Park Bowling Club  
Hillsdale Bowling & Recreation Club  
Kensington Bowling Club  
Leichhardt Bowling Club  
Maroubra RSL Memorial Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
Marrickville Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
Matraville RSL Bowling Club  
Paddington Bowling Club Ltd  
Pratten Park Bowling Club Ltd  
Randwick Bowling R.L Club  
S.S. Junior League Mens Bowling Club  
South Coogee Bowling Club  
Tigers Five Dock Bowling Club  
Vaucluse Bowling Club Ltd  
Victoria Barracks Bowling Club  
Waverley Mens Bowling Club  
Western Suburbs Leagues Bowling Club

### **Northern Sydney**

Beecroft Bowling Club (Mens Section)  
Brush Park Bowling Club Limited  
Carlingford Bowling, Sports & Recreation Club  
Castle Hill Bowling Club Ltd  
Cheltenham Bowling Club  
Denistone East Bowling and Recreation Club  
Denistone Sports Club Limited  
Dundas Sports & Recreation Bowling Club Ltd  
Dural Country Club Mens Bowling Club  
Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club  
Hunters Hill Bowling Club  
Merrylands Bowling Sporting & Recreation Club Ltd  
North Epping Bowling and Community Club Limited  
North Ryde RSL Bowling Club  
Northmead Bowling Recreation & Sporting Club Ltd  
Parramatta RSL Bowling Club  
Pennant Hills Bowling Club  
Putney Tennyson Bowling & Community Club  
Rosehill Bowling & Recreation Limited  
Rydalmere Central Bowling Club  
Ryde X Phoenix Bowling Club  
The Hills District Bowling Club Limited  
Toongabbie Sports and Bowling Club Ltd  
Wentworthville Leagues Bowling Club  
Wentworthville Memorial Bowling Club  
West Pennant Hills Sports Club Limited

Artarmon Mens Bowling Club  
Asquith Mens Bowling Club  
Avalon Beach Bowling Club  
Balgowlah Bowling Club Limited  
Belrose Mens Bowling Club Ltd  
Chatswood Mens Bowling Club  
Dee Why Mens Bowling Club  
Dee Why RSL Bowling Club  
East Roseville Bowling Club Limited  
Forestville RSL Mens Bowling Club  
Gordon Bowling Club Ltd  
Harbord Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
Harbord Diggers Bowling Club  
Hornsby Bowling Sports and Recreation Club Limited  
Killara Bowling Club  
Lane Cove Bowling and Recreation Club Limited  
Lindfield Bowling Club  
Manly Bowling Club  
Manly Vale Bowling Club Limited  
Mona Vale Bowling Club Ltd  
Mosman Bowling Club  
Neutral Bay Bowling Club  
Newport Bowling Club Limited  
North Manly Mens Bowling Club  
North Sydney Mens Bowling Club  
Northbridge Bowling Club Limited  
Pittwater Memorial Bowling Club  
Seaforth Bowling Club Ltd  
St Ives Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
Turramurra Bowling Club Ltd  
War Veterans Bowling Club Limited  
Warrawee Bowling Club  
Warringah Bowling Club Limited  
Waverton Bowling Club Limited  
West Pymble Bowling Club  
Willoughby Park Bowling Club

### **Greater Western Sydney**

Austral Bowling Club  
Blacktown City Bowling & Recreation Club Co-Operative Ltd  
Blacktown Workers Mens Bowling Club  
Glenbrook Panthers Bowling Club  
Kemps Creek Sport & Bowling Club  
Kingswood Mens Bowling Club  
Penrith Mens Bowling Club  
Pitt Town & District Sports Bowling Club  
Richmond Memorial Bowling Club  
Riverstone District Bowling & Rec Club  
Springwood Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
St Marys RSL Bowlers  
Wallacia Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
Windsor Bowling Club  
Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club  
Ashbury Bowling Panarcadian Federation Club Ltd  
Bankstown District Sports Club  
Belfield Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
Belmore Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
Birrongo Sports Bowls Club  
Cabra Vale Diggers Bowling Club  
Cabramatta Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
Campsie South Bowling Club  
Canterbury Bankstown Tennis & Bowls Club  
Canterbury Bowling & Community Club Limited

Chester Hill RSL and Bowling Club  
 EBP Sports Mens Bowling Club  
 Greenacre Bowling & Rec Club  
 Guildford Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Guildford Leagues Mens Bowling Club  
 Hurlstone Park Bowling & Rec Club  
 Ingleburn Bowling & Recreation Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Lidcombe Mens Bowling Club  
 Liverpool City Bowling Club Limited  
 Mount Lewis Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Mounties Mens Lawn Bowls  
 Padstow Bowling & Rec Club  
 Picnic Point Mens Bowling Club Limited  
 Regents Park Sporting & Community Club Ltd  
 Revesby Bowling Club  
 Revesby Workers Bowling Club  
 St Johns Park Bowling Club Limited

## Southern Sydney

Bexley Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Bexley RSL Bowling Club  
 Bundeena Bowling & Sports Club Ltd  
 Caringbah Mens Bowling Club  
 Blakehurst Mens Bowling Club  
 Cooks River Bowling Club  
 Cronulla Mens Bowling Club  
 Cronulla RSL Memorial Mens Bowling Club  
 Engadine Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Francis Drake Mens Bowling Club  
 Grandviews Bowling Club  
 Gymea Bowling Club (Mens Section)  
 Moorefield Mens Bowling Club  
 Peakhurst Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Ramsgate RSL Memorial Bowling Club  
 Riverwood Allsports  
 Roselands Bowling Club  
 South Cronulla Bowling and Recreation Club  
 South Hurstville Bowling Bocce & Recreation Club Limited  
 St George Leagues Bowling Club  
 Sutherland Mens Bowling Club  
 Sylvania Bowling Club Cooperative Ltd  
 Taren Point Bowling Club Limited

## COUNTRY NEW SOUTH WALES

### Riverina Murray Region

Commercial Albury Bowling Club  
 Culcairn Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Henty Bowling Club  
 Holbrook RS Mens Bowling Club  
 Howlong Golf & Bowling Club  
 Lavington Panthers Bowling Club  
 North Albury Bowling Club  
 Oaklands RSL Bowling Club  
 Rand Bowling Club Limited  
 Urana Bowling Club  
 Walla Walla Bowling Club  
 Barellan Bowling Club  
 Coleambally Community Club  
 Darlington Point Bowling Club  
 Griffith Ex Servicemens Bowling Club  
 Hay Bowling Club  
 Hay Services Bowling Club  
 Hillston Ex Services Bowling Club  
 Leeton & District Bowling Club Limited  
 Leeton Soldiers Bowling Club

Narrandera Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Whitton Bowling Club  
 Yenda Diggers Bowling Club  
 Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club  
 Ganmain Memorial Bowling Club  
 Junee Bowling Club  
 Lockhart Bowling Club Ltd  
 South Wagga Sports & Bowling Club Ltd  
 The Rock Memorial Bowling Club Limited  
 The Rules Club Wagga Bowling Club  
 Wagga RSL Bowling Club  
 Yerong Creek Bowling Club

## Far West Region

Bourke Bowling Club Limited  
 Brewarrina RSL Bowling Club  
 Cobar Bowling Club Limited  
 Cobar Memorial Services Bowling Club  
 Baradine Bowling Club Limited  
 Binnaway Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Coolah Bowling Club  
 Coonabarabran Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Dunedoo Bowling Club Limited  
 Mendooran Bowling Club Limited  
 Nyngan Bowling Club Limited  
 Tottenham Bowling Club Ltd  
 Trangie Bowling Club Limited  
 Warren Bowling Club  
 Collarenebri Bowling Club  
 Goolooga Bowling Club  
 Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club  
 Walgett & District Bowling Club  
 Coonamble Mens Bowling Club  
 Dubbo City Bowling Club Ltd  
 Dubbo Railway Bowling Club Limited  
 Geurie Bowling Club Ltd  
 Gilgandra Bowling Club  
 Gulargambone Bowling Club Limited  
 Macquarie (Dubbo) Bowling Club  
 Narromine Bowling Club  
 Wellington Bowling Club  
 West Dubbo Bowling Club  
 Yeoval Bowling Club

## Central West Region

Bathurst City Panthers Mens Bowling Club  
 Blayney Bowling Club Limited  
 Cudal Bowling Club  
 Cumnock Bowling Club  
 Majellan Bowling Club Limited  
 Manildra Bowling Club Limited  
 Millthorpe Bowling Club Ltd  
 Molong Bowling Club  
 Orange City Mens Bowling Club  
 Orange Ex Services Country Club Mens Bowls  
 Orange Newstead Bowling Club  
 Canowindra Community Bowls And Recreation Club Limited  
 Caragabal Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Cowra Bowling Club  
 Eugowra Community Bowls and Recreation Club  
 Goolagong Bowling Club  
 Grenfell Bowling Club  
 Woodstock Bowling Club  
 Hazelbrook Mens Bowling Club  
 Lawson Mens Bowling Club  
 Lithgow City Bowling Club Ltd

Lithgow Workmens Bowling Club  
 Oberon RSL Bowling Club  
 Wallerawang Bowling Club Ltd  
 Wentworth Falls Mens Bowling Club  
 Gulgong Bowling & Sporting Club Limited  
 Kandos Returned Services Community Bowling Club  
 Mudgee Bowling Club  
 Portland Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Rylstone Bowling Club  
 Condobolin Sports Club Ltd  
 Forbes Sport & Recreation Club  
 Parkes Bowling and Sports Club Limited  
 Parkes Railway, Diggers Bowling Club  
 Peak Hill Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Tullamore Bowling & Citizens Club  
 Ardlethan Bowling & Rec Club  
 Aria Park Bowling Club  
 Barmedman Bowling Club  
 Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club Limited  
 Temora Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Temora Ex Services Bowling Club  
 Ungarie District Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Weethalle Bowling Club  
 West Wyalong Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 West Wyalong Services & Citizens Club Ltd

## Central Coast

Avoca Beach Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Bateau Bay Bowling Club  
 Davistown RSL Bowling Club  
 Diggers @ The Entrance Bowling Club  
 Doyalson Wyee Mens Bowls Inc  
 Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club  
 Everglades Country Club Ltd  
 Gosford City Bowling Club  
 Gwandalan Bowling Club  
 Halekulani Bowling Club Limited  
 Mingara Bowling Club  
 Mooney Mooney Workers Bowling Club  
 Morisset Bowling Club  
 Munmorah United Bowling Club  
 Norah Head Bowling Club  
 Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Bowling Club  
 Terrigal Mens Bowling Club  
 The Greens The Entrance  
 Toukley District Mens Bowling Club  
 Toukley RSL Bowling Club  
 Umina Beach Mens Bowling Club  
 Wamberal Bowling Club  
 Woy Woy Bowling Club Limited  
 Wyong Mens Bowling Club  
 Wyong RSL Bowling Club

## North West

Armidale City Bowling Club  
 Armidale Ex-Services Mem Bowling Club  
 Bendemeer Bowling Club  
 Glen Innes Bowling Club Ltd  
 Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Uralla Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Walcha Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Boggabri Bowling Club  
 Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club  
 Narrabri Bowling Club Limited  
 Wee Waa Bowling Club  
 Barraba Bowling Club Limited

Kootingal & District Bowling Club Limited  
 Manilla Bowling Club Ltd  
 North Tamworth Bowling Club Limited  
 Nundle Sport & Recreation Mens Bowling Club  
 Oxley Bowling Club  
 Quirindi Bowling Club  
 South Tamworth Bowling Club  
 Tamworth City Mens Bowling Club  
 Werris Creek Bowling & Tennis Club  
 West Tamworth Bowling Club Ltd  
 Willow Tree Bowling Club  
 Ashford Memorial Bowling Club  
 Bingara Golf Bowling Club  
 Croppa Creek Bowling Club Limited  
 Delungra Memorial Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Inverell East Bowling Club  
 Inverell Returned Servicemens Memorial Bowling Club  
 Moree Services Bowling Club  
 Tingha Sport & Recreation Bowling Club  
 Wyalda Golf & Bowling Club

## South Coast

Albion Park Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Bellambi Bowling Recreation & Sports Club Ltd  
 Berkeley Sports Club Bowling Club  
 Bulli Bowling Club Limited  
 Corrimall Bowling Club Limited  
 Dapto Bowling Club  
 Dapto Citizens Bowling Club  
 Fairy Meadow Bowling & Rec Club Limited  
 Helensburgh Workers Mens Bowls  
 Jamberoo Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Kembla Heights Bowling Club  
 Kiama Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Oak Flats Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Orb Bowling Club  
 Scarborough-Wombarra Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Shellharbour Bowls & Recreation Club Limited  
 Thirroul Bowling Leagues & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Towradgi Park Bowls & Recreation Club Limited  
 Warilla Bowling & Rec Club  
 Windang Bowls Club Limited  
 Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club Limited  
 Wollongong RSL Bowling Club Limited  
 Woonona Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Club Catalina Sports And Leisure Club  
 Bermagui Bowling Club  
 Bodalla Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Braidwood Bowling Club  
 Dalmeny Bowling Club  
 Malua Bay Mens Bowling Club  
 Moruya Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Narooma Sporting and Services Bowling Club  
 Tomakin Sports & Social Club Mens Bowling Club Ltd  
 Tuross Head Country Mens Bowling Club  
 Bega Bowling Club  
 Bombala RSL Bowling Club  
 Candelo-Kameruka Bowling Club Ltd  
 Eden Fishermens Bowling Club  
 Mallacoota Inlet Bowling Club Inc  
 Merimbula-Imlay Men's Bowling Club  
 Tathra Beach Bowling Club Limited  
 Tura Beach Men's Bowling Club  
 Berry Men's Bowling Club  
 Bomaderry Mens Bowling Club Limited  
 Callala RSL Country Bowling Club  
 Culburra Mens Bowling Club



Currarong Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Gerringong Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Huskisson Bowling Club Limited  
 Kangaroo Valley Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Lake Conjola Mens Bowling Club  
 Milton-Ulladulla Bowling Club  
 Mollymook Bowling Club  
 Nowra Bowling & Rec Club  
 RSL Sussex Inlet Bowling Club  
 Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Bowling Club  
 Shoalhaven Heads Mens Bowling Club  
 St Georges Basin Country Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Sussex Inlet Bowling Club Limited

## North Coast

Alstonville Mens Bowling Club  
 Ballina Mens Bowling Club  
 Ballina RSL Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Bonalbo Mens Bowling Club  
 Broadwater Bowling Club Limited  
 Casino RSM Bowling Club  
 Coraki Memorial Bowling Club  
 East Lismore Bowling Club Limited  
 Evans Head Bowling Club  
 Kyogle Mens Bowling Club  
 Lennox Head Mens Bowls Club  
 Lismore City Bowling Club Limited  
 Lismore Workers Heights Bowling Club  
 Lismore Workers Sports Mens Bowling Club  
 Nimbin Bowling, Sporting & Recreation Club Ltd  
 South Lismore Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Urbenville & District Bowling Club Limited  
 Woodburn Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd  
 Bellingen Bowling & Sporting Club Limited  
 Bowraville Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Mens Bowling Club  
 Dorrigo Bowling Club Ltd  
 Macksville Country Club Ltd  
 Nambucca Heads Bowling Club  
 North Beach Mens Bowling Club  
 Park Beach Bowling Club  
 Sawtell Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Scotts Head Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Stuarts Point Workers Bowling Club  
 Urunga Bowling Club Limited  
 West Coffs Mens Bowling Club  
 Woolgoolga Men's Bowling Club  
 Comboyne Ex Services Bowling Club  
 Crescent Head Country Club Bowling Club  
 Hat Head Bowling & Recreation Club  
 Kempsey Heights Grand United Bowling Club  
 Kempsey Macleay RSL Bowling Club  
 Kew Mens Bowling Club  
 Lake Cathie Mens Bowling Club  
 North Haven Mens Bowling Club  
 Port Macquarie City Mens Bowling Club  
 Port Macquarie Panthers Bowling Club  
 Smithtown RSL Memorial Bowling Club Limited  
 South West Rocks Country Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Wauchope Bowling Club  
 Westport Mens Bowling Club  
 Brooms Head Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Grafton Mens Bowling Club  
 Iluka Bowls Club Limited  
 Maclean & District Bowling Club Co-Operative Ltd  
 Red Rock Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd

South Grafton Bowling Sports & Recreation Club Limited  
 South Grafton District Ex-Servicemens Club  
 Woolli Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Yamba Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Bangalow Mens Bowling Club  
 Brunswick Heads Bowling Club  
 Burringbar Mens Bowling Club  
 Byron Bay Bowling Club  
 Cabarita Beach Mens Bowling Club  
 Condong Bowling Club  
 Cudgen Leagues Mens Bowling Club  
 Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club  
 Murwillumbah Mens Bowling Club Inc  
 Ocean Shores Country Bowling Club  
 Pottsville Mens Bowling Club

## Hunter Region

Adamstown Bowling Club  
 Alder Park Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Bar Beach Mens Bowling Club  
 Bayway Village Bowling Club  
 Belmont Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Belmont Sporties Mens Bowling Club  
 Beresfield Bowling Club  
 Boolaroo Bowling & Recreation Co-Operative Club Limited  
 Burwood Colliery Bowling Club  
 Cardiff Bowling Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Carrington Bowling Club  
 Catherine Hill Bay Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Charlestown Bowling Club  
 Dora Creek Workers Mens Bowling Club  
 Edgeworth Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Fingal Bay Bowls Sport & Recreation Club Limited  
 Hamilton Bowling Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Hamilton North Bowling Club  
 Heaton Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club  
 Hexham Bowling Club  
 Kahibah Bowling Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Karuah RSL Mens Bowling Club  
 Kotara Bowling & Recreation Club Co-Op Limited  
 Lambton Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Lambton New Lambton RSL Bowling Club  
 Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club  
 Lowlands Bowling Club Limited  
 Marks Point Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Mayfield Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Mayfield West Bowling Club  
 Merewether Bowling Club  
 Morisset Hospital Bowling Club Incorporated  
 Nelson Bay Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 New Lambton Bowling Club  
 Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Raymond Terrace Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Redhead Bowling Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Soldiers Point Bowling Club  
 Stockton Bowling Club  
 Swansea Bowling Club  
 Swansea Workers Bowling Club  
 Tea Gardens Country Club Bowling Club  
 Teralba Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Tomago Bowling and Sporting Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Toronto Workers Bowling Club  
 Valentine Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Wallsend Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Wangi Bowling Club  
 Warners Bay Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Water Board Bowling Club



Windale-Gateshead Bowling Club  
 Aberdeen Bowling Club Ltd  
 Aberdeen Bowling Club Ltd  
 Denman Co-Operative Bowling Club  
 Merriwa Sports Club Limited (Bowls Section)  
 Murrurundi Bowling Club  
 Muswellbrook RSL Bowling Club  
 Scone Bowling Club  
 Scone RSL Bowling Club  
 Abermain Bowling Club  
 Bellbird Park Bowling Club  
 Cessnock City Bowling Club  
 Clarence Town Bowling Sport & Rec Club Limited  
 Dungog Memorial Bowls, Sport & Recreation Club  
 East Cessnock Bowling Club  
 East Maitland Bowling Club  
 Gresford Bowling Club  
 Greta Workers Bowling Club  
 Kurri Kurri Bowling Club  
 Lorn Park Bowls Sports & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Maitland City Bowling Club  
 Maitland Ex Services & City Bowling Club  
 Maitland Park Mens Bowling Club  
 Miller Park Bowling Club  
 Paxton Bowling Club  
 Singleton Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
 Singleton RSL Bowling Club  
 Telarah Bowling Club  
 The Oaks Golf & Country Club  
 Blackhead Mens Bowling Club  
 Bulahdelah Bowling Club  
 Forster Bowling Club  
 Gloucester Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Harrington Bowling Club  
 Lansdowne Mens Bowling Club  
 Manning Point Mens Bowling Club  
 Old Bar Beach Mens Bowling Club  
 Pacific Palms Mens Bowling Club  
 Taree Leagues Bowling Club  
 Taree Railway Inst Bowling Club Ltd  
 Taree West Bowling Club  
 Tuncurry Bowling Club  
 Tuncurry-Forster Sports Mens Bowling Club  
 Wingham Bowling Club Ltd

Cootamundra Ex-Services Bowling Club  
 Harden District Bowling Club  
 Quandialla Bowling Club Limited  
 Stockinbingal Bowling Club  
 Young Bowling Club Limited  
 Adelong Services & Citizens Bowling Club  
 Batlow RSL Bowling Club  
 Gundagai District Services Bowling Club  
 Tarcutta Bowling Club  
 Tumbarumba Bowling Club  
 Tumut Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Tumut RSL Bowling Club  
 Bargo Mens Bowling Club  
 Bowral Bowling Club Limited  
 Bundanoon Bowling Club  
 Camden Mens Bowling Club Inc  
 Camden RSL Bowling Club  
 Campbelltown City Bowling Club  
 Crookwell Services Bowling Club  
 Goulburn Railway Bowling Club Co-Op Ltd  
 Pictou Mens Bowling Club  
 Robertson Bowling Club  
 Taralga Bowling Club

## Southern Slopes and Plains

Adaminaby Bowling & Sports Club Ltd  
 Cooma Mens Bowling Club  
 Jindabyne Bowling & Sports Club  
 Nimmitabel Country Bowling Club  
 Binalong Bowling Club  
 Boorowa Bowling Club  
 Boorowa Ex Services Bowling Club  
 Bribbaree Services & Citizens Bowling Club  
 Cootamundra Bowling Club

Table 3.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 80,586 playing members (including 30,722 pennant playing members and 49,864 non-pennant playing members) and 134,250 non-playing members in New South Wales. This imbalance in favour of non-playing members stems from the long history of a high proportion of licensed clubs with gaming machines, and additional recreational facilities at New South Wales bowls clubs.

**Of the 214,836 bowls club members in New South Wales,**

- 14.3% were registered pennant playing members
- 23.2% were non-pennant playing members
- 62.5% were non-playing members
- 66.4% of members were located in country New South Wales.

**New South Wales regions with the greatest number of bowls club members were**

- Greater Western Sydney
- North Coast
- Hunter
- South Coast.

**TABLE 3.1 BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS NEW SOUTH WALES, 2011**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Northern Sydney	37	2,697	4,409	7,106	8,241	15,347
Greater Western Sydney	78	6,083	7,577	13,660	23,755	37,415
Inner Sydney	32	912	2,817	3,729	6,024	9,753
Southern Sydney	25	1,477	3,046	4,523	5,132	9,655
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>11,169</b>	<b>17,848</b>	<b>29,017</b>	<b>43,152</b>	<b>72,169</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Central West	32	824	1,148	1,972	10,574	12,546
Far West	24	828	643	1,471	5,423	6,894
North West	38	476	754	1,230	9,898	11,128
North Coast	81	5,632	7,697	13,329	15,218	28,547
South Coast	60	2,686	9,132	11,818	10,956	22,774
Hunter	81	5,537	7,227	12,764	19,711	32,475
Central Coast	25	1,038	1,705	2,743	5,007	7,750
Southern Slopes and Plains	44	791	1,959	2,750	8,549	11,299
Riverina Murray	34	1,741	1,751	3,492	5,762	9,254
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>19,553</b>	<b>32,016</b>	<b>51,569</b>	<b>91,098</b>	<b>142,667</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>30,722</b>	<b>49,864</b>	<b>80,586</b>	<b>134,250</b>	<b>214,836</b>

Table 3.2 and Figure 3.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 149,262 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in New South Wales during 2011. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in New South Wales were non-pennant (or 'other') bowls competitions, with 50% of participants
- Male participation makes up 61% of all bowls participation in New South Wales. Female participation is least among school (35%) and pennant segments (33%) and is highest in the 'social and other' segment (46%)
- Participation in country New South Wales (101,456) is more than double the metropolitan participation (47,805) and two of the three largest regions for bowls participation are in the country. New South Wales has the three largest bowls participation regions in Australia.

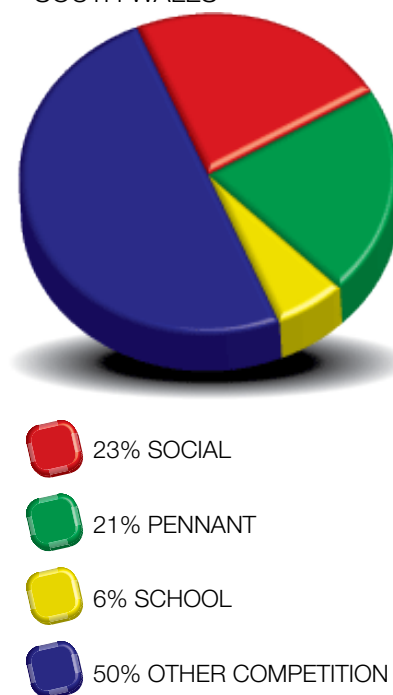
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Regional rankings for New South Wales regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 3.3.

**FIGURE 3.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR SEGMENT, NEW SOUTH WALES



**TABLE 3.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN NEW SOUTH WALES, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Sydney	1,872	879	2,751	3,713	1,242	4,955	2,342	1,553	3,895	362	143	505	8,289	3,817	12,106
Greater Western Sydney	3,984	2,190	6,174	8,183	5,428	13,610	2,626	2,251	4,877	387	298	685	15,180	10,167	25,347
Inner Sydney	631	304	935	2,134	1,458	3,592	442	623	1,065	94	70	164	3,300	2,455	5,755
Southern Sydney	760	743	1,504	1,043	799	1,842	399	590	989	213	50	263	2,415	2,182	4,598
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,247</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>11,364</b>	<b>15,072</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>23,999</b>	<b>5,809</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>10,826</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>29,184</b>	<b>18,621</b>	<b>47,805</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	530	311	840	4,692	3,566	8,258	1,115	1,059	2,173	188	109	297	6,525	5,045	11,569
Far West	298	548	846	788	1,002	1,790	544	923	1,467	24	135	159	1,655	2,608	4,263
North West	337	149	486	2,294	1,124	3,419	975	1,657	2,632	160	152	312	3,766	3,082	6,848
North Coast	3,714	2,003	5,716	6,445	3,817	10,262	2,751	1,173	3,924	1,011	729	1,740	13,921	7,722	21,643
South Coast	1,928	820	2,748	3,631	2,450	6,082	1,316	351	1,668	1,224	490	1,714	8,099	4,112	12,211
Hunter	4,321	1,326	5,648	7,288	4,337	11,624	1,621	756	2,377	1,312	524	1,836	14,542	6,943	21,485
Central Coast	388	671	1,059	1,154	1,007	2,161	612	1,012	1,623	73	28	101	2,228	2,717	4,944
Southern Slopes and Plains	690	117	807	2,392	870	3,262	1,343	2,260	3,603	459	264	723	4,884	3,511	8,394
Riverina Murray	1,287	489	1,776	2,500	1,243	3,743	2,576	1,729	4,305	223	52	275	6,585	3,513	10,099
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>13,493</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>19,926</b>	<b>31,184</b>	<b>19,417</b>	<b>50,602</b>	<b>12,852</b>	<b>10,921</b>	<b>23,773</b>	<b>4,674</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>7,156</b>	<b>62,204</b>	<b>39,253</b>	<b>101,456</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>31,289</b>	<b>46,256</b>	<b>28,344</b>	<b>74,600</b>	<b>18,660</b>	<b>15,938</b>	<b>34,599</b>	<b>5,729</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>8,773</b>	<b>91,388</b>	<b>57,874</b>	<b>149,262</b>

**TABLE 3.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2011**

		Participants Number	Rank	2010 Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Greater Western Sydney	Metropolitan	25,347	1	4	20,903	1	37,415	1
North Coast	Country	21,643	2	3	18,530	2	28,547	3
Hunter	Country	21,485	3	1	16,288	4	32,475	2
South Coast	Country	12,211	10	2	9,872	9	22,774	4
Northern Sydney	Metropolitan	12,106	11	12	7,511	16	15,347	7
Central West	Country	11,569	12	51	9,620	12	12,546	9
Riverina Murray	Country	10,099	15	24	6,117	22	9,254	16
Southern Slopes and Plains	Country	8,394	21	40	7,636	15	11,299	11
North West	Country	6,848	28	57	5,938	24	11,128	12
Inner Sydney	Metropolitan	5,755	34	25	4,443	32	9,753	14
Central Coast	Country	4,944	37	21	3,186	44	7,750	19
Southern Sydney	Metropolitan	4,598	39	19	3,612	38	9,655	15
Far West	Country	4,263	41	54	1,515	62	6,894	22

**FIGURE 3.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

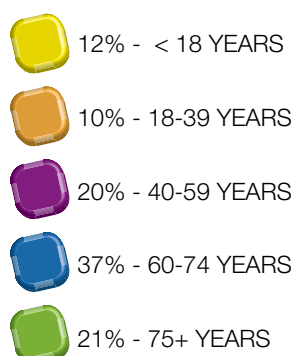
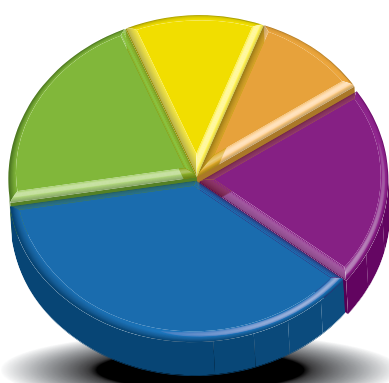


Figure 3.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in New South Wales.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

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- Participants involved in both competition and social or corporate bowls.

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Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. For New South Wales the player to population rates are presented in Tables 3.4 to 3.6.

New South Wales regions with the highest player to population rates in 2011 were:

- Southern Slopes and Plains
- North West NSW
- North Coast.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- South Sydney
- Inner Sydney
- Northern Sydney.

The overall player to population rate in New South Wales was 1.69%, the rate in country New South Wales was 2.61% and in metropolitan Sydney it was 0.96%.

Finally, Table 3.7 summarises participants by age and gender. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 3.4 to 3.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 3.7 has higher figures, relating to participation.

**TABLE 3.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES NEW SOUTH WALES**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Northern Sydney	1,186	271,363	0.44%	1,218	141,177	0.86%	1,886	57,138	3.30%	963	27,491	3.50%	5,254	497,169	1.06%
Greater Western Sydney	2,282	417,299	0.55%	2,822	183,757	1.54%	5,179	69,034	7.50%	2,778	26,268	10.58%	13,061	696,357	1.88%
Inner Sydney	420	237,320	0.18%	559	104,751	0.53%	1,085	40,393	2.69%	590	19,787	2.98%	2,654	402,251	0.66%
Southern Sydney	332	219,403	0.15%	401	105,398	0.38%	733	44,748	1.64%	393	23,246	1.69%	1,858	392,795	0.47%
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>1,145,385</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>535,083</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>8,883</b>	<b>211,313</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>4,724</b>	<b>96,791</b>	<b>4.88%</b>	<b>22,827</b>	<b>1,988,572</b>	<b>1.15%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central West	968	144,257	0.67%	1,220	70,914	1.72%	2,245	28,119	7.98%	1,205	10,793	11.17%	5,638	254,083	2.22%
Far West	186	36,863	0.50%	144	19,966	0.72%	211	9,930	2.12%	105	4,029	2.62%	646	70,787	0.91%
North West	868	48,048	1.81%	694	25,599	2.71%	1,115	13,165	8.47%	576	5,266	10.94%	3,253	92,078	3.53%
North Coast	2,620	127,680	2.05%	2,556	79,791	3.20%	4,459	42,716	10.44%	2,360	22,072	10.69%	11,995	272,258	4.41%
South Coast	1,337	103,328	1.29%	1,261	54,832	2.30%	2,269	27,298	8.31%	1,211	12,919	9.37%	6,079	198,376	3.06%
Hunter	1,795	168,733	1.06%	2,215	88,063	2.52%	4,394	43,025	10.21%	2,404	20,678	11.62%	10,808	320,498	3.37%
Central Coast	322	79,629	0.40%	344	41,380	0.83%	541	21,005	2.58%	278	12,441	2.23%	1,485	154,455	0.96%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	1,140	38,918	2.93%	983	22,399	4.39%	1,503	9,534	15.77%	765	3,492	21.90%	4,391	74,343	5.91%
Riverina Murray	1,098	74,349	1.48%	1,020	38,172	2.67%	1,341	18,244	7.35%	645	8,275	7.79%	4,104	139,040	2.95%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,334</b>	<b>821,805</b>	<b>1.26%</b>	<b>10,437</b>	<b>441,114</b>	<b>2.37%</b>	<b>18,079</b>	<b>213,036</b>	<b>8.49%</b>	<b>9,548</b>	<b>99,963</b>	<b>9.55%</b>	<b>48,398</b>	<b>1,575,918</b>	<b>3.07%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,554</b>	<b>1,967,190</b>	<b>0.74%</b>	<b>15,437</b>	<b>976,197</b>	<b>1.58%</b>	<b>26,961</b>	<b>424,349</b>	<b>6.35%</b>	<b>14,272</b>	<b>196,754</b>	<b>7.25%</b>	<b>71,225</b>	<b>3,564,491</b>	<b>2.00%</b>

**TABLE 3.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES NEW SOUTH WALES**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Northern Sydney	718	271,494	0.26%	643	150,768	0.43%	871	60,035	1.45%	489	44,313	1.10%	2,721	526,610	0.52%
Greater Western Sydney	1,564	409,415	0.38%	1,760	187,035	0.94%	3,564	70,140	5.08%	2,247	38,949	5.77%	9,134	705,540	1.29%
Inner Sydney	368	233,636	0.16%	419	102,236	0.41%	789	41,114	1.92%	489	29,040	1.68%	2,064	406,026	0.51%
Southern Sydney	439	216,595	0.20%	390	107,729	0.36%	711	46,993	1.51%	437	34,393	1.27%	1,977	405,709	0.49%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>1,131,140</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>547,768</b>	<b>0.59%</b>	<b>5,934</b>	<b>218,283</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>146,694</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>15,897</b>	<b>2,043,885</b>	<b>0.78%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central West	736	141,179	0.52%	871	72,321	1.20%	1,817	28,665	6.34%	1,153	16,867	6.84%	4,577	259,032	1.77%
Far West	194	36,403	0.53%	229	19,423	1.18%	342	9,657	3.54%	198	5,643	3.52%	963	71,126	1.35%
North West	1,031	47,671	2.16%	763	25,759	2.96%	788	13,136	6.00%	470	7,852	5.98%	3,052	94,418	3.23%
North Coast	2,136	127,306	1.68%	1,147	83,893	1.37%	2,668	44,534	5.99%	1,729	29,416	5.88%	7,680	285,149	2.69%
South Coast	1,656	101,186	1.64%	489	56,602	0.86%	1,355	28,938	4.68%	904	17,820	5.07%	4,404	204,546	2.15%
Hunter	1,876	165,176	1.14%	859	90,417	0.95%	2,257	45,170	5.00%	1,494	30,361	4.92%	6,487	331,124	1.96%
Central Coast	345	79,518	0.43%	464	44,200	1.05%	689	23,603	2.92%	400	17,939	2.23%	1,898	165,260	1.15%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	1,380	38,102	3.62%	1,086	21,350	5.09%	880	9,147	9.62%	372	5,075	7.33%	3,718	73,673	5.05%
Riverina Murray	579	72,020	0.80%	650	37,621	1.73%	760	18,396	4.13%	402	11,849	3.39%	2,391	139,886	1.71%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,933</b>	<b>808,561</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>6,559</b>	<b>451,586</b>	<b>1.45%</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>221,247</b>	<b>5.22%</b>	<b>7,122</b>	<b>142,821</b>	<b>4.99%</b>	<b>35,169</b>	<b>1,624,214</b>	<b>2.17%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,022</b>	<b>1,939,701</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>9,771</b>	<b>999,354</b>	<b>0.98%</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>439,529</b>	<b>3.98%</b>	<b>10,784</b>	<b>289,515</b>	<b>3.72%</b>	<b>51,066</b>	<b>3,668,098</b>	<b>1.39%</b>

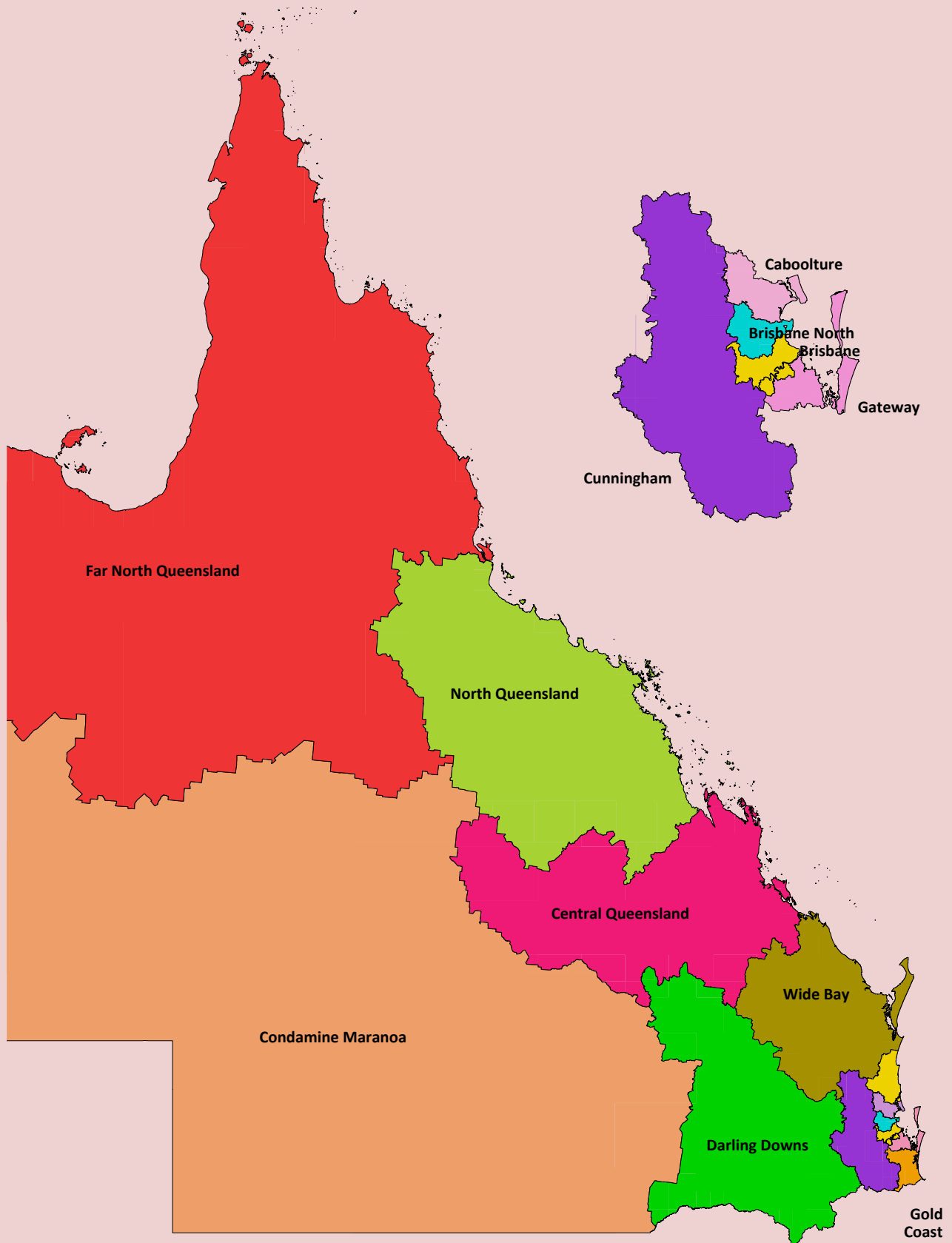
**TABLE 3.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES NEW SOUTH WALES**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Northern Sydney	1,904	542,857	0.35%	1,861	291,945	0.64%	2,757	117,174	2.35%	1,452	71,804	2.02%	7,975	1,023,779	0.78%
Greater Western Sydney	3,846	826,714	0.47%	4,581	370,792	1.24%	8,743	139,174	6.28%	5,025	65,217	7.71%	22,195	1,401,897	1.58%
Inner Sydney	789	470,956	0.17%	977	206,987	0.47%	1,873	81,507	2.30%	1,079	48,827	2.21%	4,718	808,277	0.58%
Southern Sydney	770	435,998	0.18%	792	213,127	0.37%	1,444	91,741	1.57%	830	57,638	1.44%	3,835	798,504	0.48%
Sub Total	7,308	2,276,525	0.32%	8,212	1,082,851	0.76%	14,817	429,596	3.45%	8,386	243,486	3.44%	38,723	4,032,457	0.96%
COUNTRY															
Central West	1,703	285,436	0.60%	2,091	143,235	1.46%	4,062	56,785	7.15%	2,358	27,660	8.53%	10,215	513,115	1.99%
Far West	380	73,266	0.52%	373	39,389	0.95%	552	19,586	2.82%	304	9,672	3.14%	1,609	141,913	1.13%
North West	1,899	95,719	1.98%	1,457	51,357	2.84%	1,903	26,302	7.23%	1,046	13,118	7.97%	6,305	186,496	3.38%
North Coast	4,756	254,986	1.87%	3,703	163,683	2.26%	7,127	87,249	8.17%	4,089	51,488	7.94%	19,676	557,407	3.53%
South Coast	2,993	204,513	1.46%	1,750	111,434	1.57%	3,624	56,236	6.44%	2,115	30,738	6.88%	10,482	402,922	2.60%
Hunter	3,671	333,909	1.10%	3,075	178,479	1.72%	6,651	88,195	7.54%	3,898	51,038	7.64%	17,295	651,622	2.65%
Central Coast	667	159,147	0.42%	808	85,580	0.94%	1,230	44,609	2.76%	677	30,379	2.23%	3,383	319,715	1.06%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	2,520	77,020	3.27%	2,069	43,749	4.73%	2,383	18,681	12.76%	1,136	8,566	13.27%	8,108	148,016	5.48%
Riverina Murray	1,677	146,369	1.15%	1,671	75,793	2.20%	2,101	36,640	5.73%	1,047	20,124	5.20%	6,495	278,926	2.33%
Sub Total	20,268	1,630,366	1.24%	16,996	892,700	1.90%	29,633	434,282	6.82%	16,670	242,784	6.87%	83,567	3,200,132	2.61%
TOTAL	27,576	3,906,891	0.71%	25,208	1,975,551	1.28%	44,450	863,878	5.15%	25,057	486,269	5.15%	122,291	7,232,589	1.69%

**TABLE 3.7 NEW SOUTH WALES PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2011**

NEW SOUTH WALES	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
METROPOLITAN													
Northern Sydney	607	637	1,178	444	1,834	968	2,839	1,311	1,450	736	7,908	4,095	12,004
Greater Western Sydney	892	1,010	1,692	761	3,195	1,993	5,864	4,036	3,146	2,544	14,789	10,343	25,132
Inner Sydney	179	244	330	202	676	507	1,312	954	714	591	3,211	2,498	5,709
Southern Sydney	140	333	254	188	477	463	870	844	466	519	2,207	2,348	4,555
Sub Total	1,817	2,224	3,454	1,594	6,181	3,930	10,886	7,145	5,776	4,391	28,115	19,284	47,399
COUNTRY													
Central West	362	459	722	365	1,367	975	2,515	2,036	1,350	1,292	6,317	5,128	11,445
Far West	238	248	261	271	385	613	564	915	283	532	1,731	2,579	4,310
North West	347	428	510	448	823	904	1,321	933	682	464	3,683	3,177	6,860
North Coast	1,309	1,936	1,610	444	2,848	1,278	4,969	2,973	2,630	1,927	13,366	8,558	21,925
South Coast	774	1,794	814	172	1,497	581	2,694	1,608	1,438	1,074	7,218	5,229	12,446
Hunter	937	2,004	1,302	336	2,763	1,072	5,480	2,815	2,998	1,863	13,479	8,090	21,569
Central Coast	151	200	313	297	495	669	780	993	400	576	2,139	2,735	4,874
Southern Slopes and Plains	525	853	668	591	1,028	1,136	1,573	921	800	389	4,595	3,891	8,485
Riverina Murray	534	409	1,148	478	1,563	996	2,054	1,164	988	615	6,286	3,662	9,948
Sub Total	5,177	8,331	7,348	3,403	12,770	8,225	21,951	14,357	11,568	8,732	58,814	43,049	101,862
TOTAL	6,994	10,555	10,802	4,997	18,951	12,156	32,837	21,502	17,344	13,123	86,929	62,333	149,262

## 4. QUEENSLAND





## 4.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Queensland is Australia's third largest state in terms of resident population with 4,513,850<sup>7</sup> persons or 20.2% of the Australian population. Queensland and Tasmania are Australia's most decentralised states. They are the only states/territories where the majority of the population does not live in the capital city (56% of Queensland residents live in a country region). Bowls Queensland has twelve regions: Four regions in metropolitan Brisbane, and eight country regions.

The Queensland regions nominated for the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are:

### ❖ METROPOLITAN BRISBANE

- Brisbane
- Brisbane North/Caboolture
- Cunningham
- Gateway

### ❖ COUNTRY QUEENSLAND

- Wide Bay Burnett
- Sunshine Coast
- Gold Coast Tweed
- Darling Downs
- Central Queensland
- Condamine-Maranoa
- North Queensland
- Far North and Gulf

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 4.1.

## 4.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2011, QUEENSLAND HAD:

- 36 bowls associations
- 331 bowls clubs
- 113,748 playing and non-playing members
- 96,411 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 75,411 players in all forms of bowls

**The bowling clubs in each region in Queensland in 2011 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN BRISBANE**

### **Brisbane Region**

Ashgrove Bowls Club Inc  
Enoggera Bowling Club Inc  
Everton Park Bowls Club Inc  
Ferry Grove Bowls Club Inc  
Gaythorne Bowls Sports  
Grange Bowls Club Inc  
Indooroopilly Bowls Club Inc  
Kalinga Bowls Club Inc  
Merthyr Bowls Club Inc  
New Farm Bowls Club Inc  
Newmarket Bowls Club Inc  
Samford District Bowls Club  
St Lucia Bowling Club Inc  
Stafford Bowls Club  
Toowong Bowls Club Inc  
West Toowong Bowling Club Inc  
Windsor Bowls Club Inc

### **Brisbane North Region**

Aspley Mem Bowls Club Inc  
Banyo Bowls Club Inc  
Bramble Bay Bowling Club  
Brighton Bowls Club  
Chermside Bowls Club Inc  
Clayfield Bowls Club Inc  
Dayboro Bowls Club Inc  
Deception Bay Bowls Club Inc  
Geebung Bowls Club Inc  
Hamilton Bowls Club Inc  
Hendra Nundah Bowls Club  
Kallangur Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
Pine Rivers Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
Sandgate Bowls and Comm Centre  
Scarborough Mens Bowling Club Inc  
Toombul Bowls Club  
Wavell Heights Bowling Club Inc

### **Cunningham Region**

Algeria Bowls Club Inc  
Boonah Bowls Club Inc  
Brisbane LBC Inc  
Cementco Bowls Club Inc  
Corinda Bowls Club Inc  
Durack-Inala Bowls Club Inc  
Esk Bowls Club Inc  
Goodna Bowls Club Inc  
Graceville Bowls Club Inc  
Harrisville Bowling Club Inc  
Ipswich Bowls Club Inc  
Ipswich United Serv Bowling Club Inc  
Jindalee Men's Bowls Club Inc  
Lowood & District Mem Bowling Club Inc  
Moorooka Bowls Club  
Mount Crosby Bowling Club Inc  
North Ipswich Bowls Club Inc  
Oxley Bowls Club Inc  
RAAF Amberley Bowls Club  
Rathdowney Memorial Bowling Club  
Rosewood Bowls Club Inc  
Salisbury Bowls Club Inc  
Souths Acacia Bowls Club

Sunnybank Bowls Club Inc  
Swifts Bowls Club Inc  
Tarragindi Bowls Club Inc  
Toogoolawah Bowls Club Inc  
Wellers Hill Bowls Club Inc  
Yeronga Bowls Club Inc

### **Gateway Region**

Balmoral Bowls Club Inc  
Belmont Services Bowling Club Inc  
Bulimba Bowls Club  
Camp Hill Comm & Sporting Club  
Cannon Hill Comm Sports Club  
Capalaba Mens Bowls Club Inc  
Carina Bowls Club Inc  
Cleveland Bowls Club Inc  
Coorparoo Bowls Club Inc  
Greenslopes Bowls Club Inc  
Holland Park Bowling Club Inc.  
Logan City Rec & Sport Club Inc  
Lynndon Bowls Club Inc  
Macleay Island Bowls Club Inc  
Manly Bowls Club Inc  
Mt Gravatt Bowls Club Inc  
Norman Park Services Bowling Club  
Pt Lookout Bowls Club Inc  
Russell Island Bowls Club Inc  
Springwood Bowls Club Inc Mens  
Victoria Point Bowls and Recreation Club  
Wellington Point Bowling Club Inc  
Wynnum Bowls Club Inc  
Wynnum Manly Leagues & Services Bowling Club

### **Caboolture Region**

Beachmere Comm Lawn Bowling Club Inc  
Bongaree Bowls Club Inc  
Bribie Island Bowls Club Inc  
Caboolture Lakes Bowls  
Caboolture Memorial Bowls Club  
Donnybrook & Dist Bowling Club Inc  
Glasshouse Country Men's Club  
Kilcoy Bowls Club Inc  
Narangba Bowls Club  
Solander Lake Bowls Club Inc  
Woodford & Dist Bowling Club Inc

## **COUNTRY QUEENSLAND**

### **Darling Downs Region**

Cambooya LBC Inc  
Crows Nest Bowls Club Inc  
Drayton Bowls Club Inc  
Gatton Bowls Club Inc  
Laidley Bowls Club Inc  
Millmerran Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
North Toowoomba Bowling Club  
Oakey & District Memorial Bowling Club  
Peranga & District Bowling Club Inc  
Pittsworth Bowls Club Inc  
South Toowoomba Bowling Club Inc  
Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc  
Toowoomba City Bowling Club Inc  
West Toowoomba Bowls Club Inc  
Allora Bowls Club

Clifton Bowls Club Inc  
 Goondiwindi Bowls Club Inc  
 Inglewood Bowling Club Inc  
 Killarney Bowls Club Inc  
 Southern Cross Bowls Club  
 Stanthorpe Bowls Club  
 Tannymorel Bowls Club Inc  
 Tenterfield Bowling Club Inc  
 Texas & Dist Mem Bowling Club  
 The Summit Bowls Club Inc  
 Warwick Bowls Club Inc  
 Warwick East Bowls Club Inc

## Gold Coast Tweed Region

Beaudesert Bowling Club Inc  
 Beenleigh Bowls Club Inc  
 Benowa Bowls Club Inc  
 Broadbeach Bowling Club Inc  
 Burleigh Heads Bowling Club Inc  
 Canungra Bowls Club Inc  
 Club Helensvale  
 Coolangatta Bowls Club Inc  
 Gold Coast Couls and Community Club  
 Mckenzie Park-Nerang Mens BVC  
 Mermaid Beach Bowling Club Inc  
 Mudgeeraba Bowling Club Inc  
 Musgrave Hill Bowls Club Inc  
 Paradise Point Bowls Club Inc  
 Robina Bowls Club Inc  
 South Tweed Bowling Club Ltd  
 Southport Bowls Club Inc  
 Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club  
 Tugun Bowls Club Inc  
 Tweed Heads Bowls Club  
 Twin Towns Services Bowling Club  
 Woongoolba Bowling Club Inc

## Sunshine Coast

Buderim Bowls Club Inc  
 Caloundra Bowling Club Inc  
 Coolum Beach Bowls Club Inc  
 Cooroy RSL & Citizens  
 Headland Bowls Club  
 Kawana Bowls & Recreation Inc  
 Maleny Bowls Club  
 Mapleton Bowls Club Inc  
 Maroochydore Beach Bowling Club Inc  
 Mooloolaba Bowls Club Inc  
 Mooloolah Valley Bowls Club Inc  
 Nambour Bowls Club Inc  
 Nambour Heights Bowling Club Inc  
 Noosa Heads Bowls Club Inc  
 Pacific Paradise Bowling Club Inc  
 Palmwoods Bowls Club  
 Pelican Waters Bowls Club Inc  
 Tewantin-Noosa Bowling Club Inc  
 Woombye Bowls Club Inc  
 Yandina Bowls Club Inc

## Wide Bay Burnett Region

1770 Bowls Club  
 Across The Waves Bowls Club  
 Alumina Bowls Club  
 Bargara Bowls Sports Club Inc  
 Biloela Bowls Club Inc  
 Boyne Tannum Bowls Club Inc

Brothers B'berg Bowling Club Inc  
 Bundaberg Bowls Club Inc  
 Burnett Bowls Club Inc  
 Calliope Central Bowling Club Inc  
 Calliope Country Bowling Club Inc  
 East Bundaberg Bowling Club Inc  
 Elliott Heads Bowling Club Inc  
 Gin Gin Bowls Club Inc  
 Gladstone Bowls Club Inc  
 Isis Cent Mill Bowls Club Inc  
 Miriam Vale Bowls Club  
 Moore Park Sports Club Inc  
 Mount Larcom Bowling Club  
 Tantitha Bowls Club Inc  
 Woodgate Bowls Club Inc  
 Biggenden Bowls Club Inc  
 Binjour Bowls Club  
 Durong Bowls Club  
 Eidsvold Bowls Club  
 Gayndah Bowls Club Inc  
 Goomeri Bowls Club Inc  
 Kingaroy Mens Bowls Club Inc  
 Monto Mens Bowls Club Inc  
 Mundubbera Bowls Club  
 Murgon Bowls Club Inc  
 Nanango Bowls Club  
 Preston Bowls Club Inc  
 Tansey Bowls Club Inc  
 Wondai Country Club Inc  
 Yarraman Bowls Club Inc  
 Boonooroo-Sandy Straits Bowling Club  
 Burgowan Bowls Club  
 Burrum Heads Bowls Club Inc  
 Cooloola Coast Bowling Club Inc  
 Doon Villa LBC Inc  
 Gympie Bowls Club Inc  
 Hervey Bay Bowling Club Inc  
 Imbil Bowls Club Inc  
 Kandanga Bowls Club Inc  
 Kenilworth Bowls Club Inc  
 Kilkivan Bowls Club Inc  
 Maryborough Bowls Club Inc  
 Maryborough Serv Mem LBC  
 Pialba Serv Mem Bowls Club Inc  
 Pomona Bowls Club Inc  
 Rainbow Beach Mens Bowls Club  
 Services Mem Maryborough  
 Sunshine LBC  
 The Albert Bowls Club Inc  
 Tin Can Bay Bowls Club  
 Urangan Bowls Club

## Condamine-Maranoa Region

Bell & District Members Bowling Club Inc  
 Chinchilla Bowls Club Inc  
 Dalby Bowls Club Inc  
 Jandowae Bowls Club Inc  
 Meandarra Bowls Club  
 Miles Bowls Club Inc  
 North Dalby Bowls Club Inc  
 Tara Bowls Club Inc  
 Taroom Bowls Club  
 Wandoan Bowls Club Inc  
 Augathella RSL Mem Bowling Club  
 Charleville Bowls Club Inc  
 Cunnamulla Bowling Club Inc  
 Injune Bowls Club Inc

Mitchell Bowls Club Inc  
Quilpie Bowls Club  
Roma Bowls Club Inc  
St George Bowls Club  
Surat Bowls Club

## North Queensland Region

Airlie Beach Bowls Club Inc  
Eton North Bowls Club Inc  
Glenden Bottle Tree Bowling Club Inc  
Mackay Bowling Club Inc  
Mackay City Bowls Club Inc  
Mackay North'n Beaches Bowling Club Inc  
Mackay RSL Memorial Bowls Club  
Mackay Suburban Bowling Club Inc  
Marian Bowls Club Inc  
Moranbah Bowls Club Inc  
North Mackay Bowls Club Inc  
Pioneer Valley Bowls Club Inc  
Proserpine Bowling Club Inc  
Sarina Bowls Club Inc  
Seaforth Bowls Club  
St Helens Bowling Club Inc  
Alligator Creek Bowls Club Inc  
Ayr Bowling Club Inc  
Bowen Bowls Club Inc  
Brandon Bowls Club Inc  
Charters Towers Bowls Club Inc  
Collinsville Bowling Club Inc  
Cutheringa Bowls Club Inc  
Giru Bowls Club Inc  
Home Hill Bowls Club Inc  
Hughenden Bowls Club  
Ingham Bowls Club Inc  
Jubilee Bowls Club Inc  
Macknade Bowls Club Inc  
Magnetic Island Bowling Club Inc  
Mystic Sands Bowling Club  
Noorla Bowls Club Inc  
Services Memorial Bowls Club  
South Townsville Bowls Club  
Suburban Bowling Club  
Thuringowa City Bowls Club Inc  
Townsville Bowls Club Inc  
Townsville Suburban LBC  
Wangaratta Bowls Club

## Far North and Gulf Region

Atherton Bowls Club Inc  
Babinda Bowls Club  
Brothers Edmonton Bowling Club Inc  
Cairns Bowls Club Inc  
Cardwell Bowls Club Inc  
Cooktown Bowls Club Inc  
Dimbulah Bowls Club Inc  
Edge Hill Mem Bowling Club Inc  
Gordonvale Bowling Club Inc  
Herberton Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
Innisfail Bowls Club Inc  
Malanda Bowls Club Inc  
Mareeba & Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
Marlin Coast Bowls Club Inc  
Mossman Mem Bowling Club Inc  
Ravenshoe Mem Bowling Club Inc  
Silkwood Bowls Club

Sth Johnstone Bowls Club Inc  
Stratford Bowls Club Inc  
Thursday Island Bowling Club Inc  
Tully Bowls Club Inc  
Weipa Bowls Club Inc  
West Cairns Bowls Club Inc  
Yungaburra Bowls Club Inc  
Cloncurry Bowls Club  
Julia Creek Bowling Club Inc  
Leichhardt Services Bowls Club  
Mount Isa Bowls Club Inc  
Normanton Bowls Club Inc  
Richmond Bowls Club

## Central Queensland

Emu Park Bowls Club Inc  
Gracemere Bowling Club Inc  
Mount Morgan Welfare Bowling Club Inc  
Moura Bowls Club Inc  
Nth Rockhampton Bowling Club Inc  
Rockhampton Bowling Club Inc  
St Lawrence & District Bowling Club Inc  
Theodore Bowls Club Inc  
Victoria Park Bowls Club Inc  
Wowan Bowls Club  
Yeppoon Bowls Club Inc  
Aramac Bowls Club Inc  
Barcaldine Bowls Club Inc  
Blackall Bowling Club  
Blackwater Bowls Club  
Blair Athol Clermont Bowling Club  
Capella Bowls Club Inc  
Dysart Bowls Club Inc  
Emerald Bowls Club Inc  
Longreach Bowls Club Inc  
Middlemount Bowls Club Inc  
Springsure Bowls Club Inc  
Tieri Bowls Club Inc  
Winton Bowls Club Inc

Table 4.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 43,571 playing members (including 24,120 pennant playing members and 19,451 non-pennant playing members) and 70,177 non-playing members in Queensland. The state has more members than participants in bowls clubs, and non-playing members and non-member participants make up the majority, respectively, in both cases.

#### Of the 113,748 bowls club members in Queensland

- 21.2% were registered pennant playing members
- 17.1% were non-pennant playing members
- 61.7% were non-playing members
- 64.2% of members were located in country Queensland.

#### New South Wales regions with the greatest number of bowls club members were

- Gold Coast Tweed
- Sunshine Coast
- Brisbane Central
- Wide Bay Burnett
- Gateway, Brisbane.

**TABLE 4.1** BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS QUEENSLAND, 2011

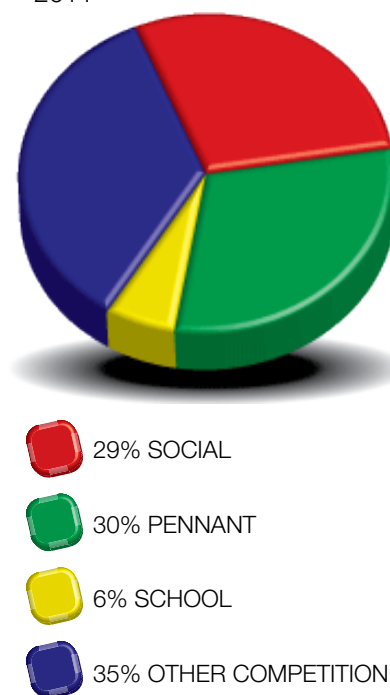
	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Brisbane Central	52	2,256	3,058	5,314	9,174	14,488
Brisbane North/Caboolture	16	2,568	1,127	3,695	1,188	4,883
Cunningham	17	3,024	1,051	4,075	2,414	6,489
Gateway	15	1,656	1,984	3,640	6,748	10,388
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,504</b>	<b>7,220</b>	<b>16,724</b>	<b>19,524</b>	<b>36,248</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Wide Bay Burnett	43	4,896	1,868	3,764	8,350	12,114
Sunshine Coast	24	2,976	2,151	5,127	13,774	18,901
Gold Coast Tweed	18	1,152	4,585	8,737	11,149	19,886
Darling Downs	35	1,656	535	2,191	3,731	5,922
Central Queensland	25	1,272	1,679	2,951	2,851	5,802
Condamine-Maranoa	14	504	629	1,133	1,988	3,121
North Queensland	41	1,056	658	1,714	2,501	4,215
Far North and Gulf	31	1,104	127	1,231	1,810	3,041
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>14,616</b>	<b>12,231</b>	<b>26,847</b>	<b>46,154</b>	<b>73,001</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>24,120</b>	<b>19,451</b>	<b>43,571</b>	<b>70,177</b>	<b>113,748</b>

Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 96,411 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Queensland during 2011. Specifically,

- Participation in 2011 was affected by the floods and cyclones that disrupted lives and recreational programs in a large part of Queensland.
- The greatest participation segment in Queensland were competition (pennant and non-pennant) bowls competitions, with 65.4% of participants
- Male participation makes up 64.4% of all bowls participation in Queensland. Female participation ranges from 33% to 40% across the bowls segments/program areas.

- Participation in country Queensland (56,542) is higher than metropolitan participation (39,869) and the largest regions for bowls participation are in the south east of the State (Gold Coast, Wide Bay Burnett and Brisbane Central).

**FIGURE 4.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, QUEENSLAND, 2011



**TABLE 4.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN QUEENSLAND, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Brisbane	2,728	1,148	3,876	2,870	1,555	4,425	4,092	3,510	7,602	250	192	442	9,940	6,405	16,345
Brisbane North	843	225	1,068	471	102	573	300	152	452	240	180	420	1,854	659	2,513
Caboolture	1,312	344	1,656	1,665	505	2,170	2,010	1,040	3,050	560	60	620	5,547	1,949	7,496
Cunningham	718	307	1,025	735	429	1,165	43	38	81	0	0	0	1,496	774	2,270
Gateway	1,968	517	2,485	2,498	758	3,255	3,015	1,560	4,575	840	90	930	8,321	2,924	11,245
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,569</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>10,110</b>	<b>8,239</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>9,460</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>15,760</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>27,158</b>	<b>12,711</b>	<b>39,869</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Wide Bay Burnett	1,622	1,481	3,103	2,645	1,383	4,028	3,003	2,215	5,218	358	315	674	7,627	5,394	13,022
Sunshine Coast	2,788	899	3,687	1,848	1,084	2,932	780	524	1,304	472	300	772	5,888	2,807	8,695
Gold Coast Tweed	4,561	1,234	5,795	738	540	1,278	3,980	2,965	6,945	280	175	455	9,559	4,914	14,473
Darling Downs	1,650	818	2,468	558	229	787	1,383	1,558	2,941	88	263	350	3,679	2,868	6,547
Central Queensland	656	615	1,271	583	792	1,375	625	125	750	333	333	667	2,197	1,865	4,062
Condamine-Maranoa	591	253	844	606	354	959	35	32	67	0	0	0	1,232	638	1,870
North Queensland	864	435	1,299	1,773	759	2,532	697	210	907	359	313	671	3,693	1,717	5,410
Far North and Gulf	500	280	780	558	315	873	238	196	434	222	155	377	1,518	946	2,464
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>13,232</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>19,246</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>14,764</b>	<b>10,741</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>18,566</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>3,966</b>	<b>35,394</b>	<b>21,148</b>	<b>56,542</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,801</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>29,356</b>	<b>17,548</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>26,351</b>	<b>20,201</b>	<b>14,125</b>	<b>34,326</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>6,378</b>	<b>62,552</b>	<b>33,859</b>	<b>96,411</b>

**TABLE 4.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF QUEENSLAND REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2011**

		Participants Number	Rank	2010 Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Brisbane	Metropolitan	16,345	6	7	13,361	7	14,488	8
Gold Coast Tweed	Country	14,473	7	5	13,889	6	19,886	5
Darling Downs	Country	14,046	8	47	4,120	33	5,922	26
Wide Bay Burnett	Country	13,022	10	34	9,664	11	12,114	10
Gateway	Metropolitan	11,245	14	6	9,788	10	10,388	13
Brisbane North/Caboolture	Metropolitan	10,009	17	7	4,866	28	4,883	33
Sunshine Coast	Country	8,695	21	27	7,348	17	18,901	6
North Queensland	Country	5,410	35	59	3,287	42	4,215	36
Central Queensland	Country	4,062	44	37	3,743	37	5,802	27
Far North and Gulf	Country	2,464	63	52	2,046	59	3,041	45
Cunningham	Metropolitan	2,270	64	11	2,080	58	6,489	25
Condamine-Maranoa	Country	1,870	65	68	1,219	64	3,121	43

**FIGURE 4.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

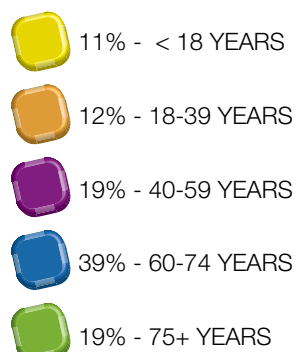


Figure 4.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Queensland.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

- Pennant and other competition participants who regularly play in more than one competition during the same season or year.
- Participants involved in both competition and social or corporate bowls.

Regional rankings for Queensland regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 4.3.

Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. For Queensland the player to population rates are presented in Tables 4.4 to 4.6.

Queensland regions with the highest player to population rates in 2011 were:

- Wide Bay Burnett
- Condamine-Maranoa
- Brisbane Gateway.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- Gold Coast Tweed
- Far North and Gulf
- North Queensland
- Cunningham.

The overall player to population rate in Queensland was 1.67%, the rate in country Queensland was 1.87% and in metropolitan Brisbane it was 1.44%. Queensland was the only State where metropolitan player to population rates exceeded the rates in the country areas of the State.

Finally, Table 4.7 summarises participants by age and gender. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 4.4 to 4.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 4.5 has higher figures, relating to participation.



**TABLE 4.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
QUEENSLAND	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Brisbane	2,600	234,293	1.11%	1,430	103,342	1.38%	2,314	37,758	6.13%	1,580	18,945	8.34%	7,924	394,339	2.01%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	877	105,548	0.83%	1,278	51,825	2.47%	1,175	22,211	5.29%	486	8,783	5.53%	3,816	188,366	2.03%
Cunningham	217	75,744	0.29%	519	36,157	1.44%	513	15,185	3.38%	146	5,414	2.70%	1,395	132,500	1.05%
Gateway	2,498	184,114	1.36%	1,035	85,523	1.21%	2,331	32,910	7.08%	1,302	12,284	10.60%	7,166	314,831	2.28%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>599,699</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>276,847</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>108,064</b>	<b>5.86%</b>	<b>3,515</b>	<b>45,426</b>	<b>7.74%</b>	<b>20,301</b>	<b>1,030,036</b>	<b>1.97%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Wide Bay Burnett	1,173	69,196	1.69%	1,312	41,026	3.20%	2,372	25,412	9.34%	720	9,835	7.32%	5,577	145,469	3.83%
Sunshine Coast	780	80,030	0.97%	1,047	45,761	2.29%	2,048	24,301	8.43%	1,135	11,083	10.24%	5,009	161,174	3.11%
Gold Coast Tweed	1,112	154,689	0.72%	1,778	76,850	2.31%	3,996	35,187	11.36%	2,407	15,623	15.41%	9,294	282,349	3.29%
Darling Downs	276	65,327	0.42%	890	31,633	2.81%	644	15,302	4.21%	255	6,592	3.87%	2,065	118,854	1.74%
Central Queensland	383	65,390	0.59%	300	31,911	0.94%	730	12,174	5.99%	303	4,563	6.64%	1,715	114,038	1.50%
Condamine-Maranoa	97	10,911	0.89%	277	5,516	5.02%	272	2,459	11.04%	44	929	4.70%	689	19,814	3.48%
North Queensland	419	120,635	0.35%	378	58,007	0.65%	1,172	21,457	5.46%	271	7,922	3.42%	2,240	208,022	1.08%
Far North and Gulf	404	89,302	0.45%	221	44,838	0.49%	477	17,142	2.79%	150	5,705	2.63%	1,252	156,987	0.80%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,644</b>	<b>655,479</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>335,542</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>11,710</b>	<b>153,434</b>	<b>7.63%</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>62,251</b>	<b>8.49%</b>	<b>27,841</b>	<b>1,206,707</b>	<b>2.31%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,836</b>	<b>1,255,178</b>	<b>0.86%</b>	<b>10,465</b>	<b>612,389</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>18,043</b>	<b>261,499</b>	<b>6.90%</b>	<b>8,799</b>	<b>107,678</b>	<b>8.17%</b>	<b>48,142</b>	<b>2,236,744</b>	<b>2.15%</b>

**TABLE 4.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
QUEENSLAND	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Brisbane	1,897	234,678	0.81%	574	106,557	0.54%	1,563	40,744	3.84%	1,403	31,460	4.46%	5,437	413,439	1.32%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	365	104,827	0.35%	52	54,608	0.09%	266	22,672	1.17%	366	11,807	3.10%	1,050	193,914	0.54%
Cunningham	39	74,975	0.05%	123	36,130	0.34%	351	14,525	2.42%	171	7,414	2.31%	685	133,045	0.51%
Gateway	843	182,421	0.46%	247	91,197	0.27%	1,085	32,984	3.29%	447	18,443	2.42%	2,622	325,045	0.81%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>596,901</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>288,492</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>110,925</b>	<b>2.94%</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>69,124</b>	<b>3.45%</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>1,065,443</b>	<b>0.92%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Wide Bay Burnett	1,198	69,275	1.73%	902	43,042	2.10%	1,770	23,765	7.45%	217	11,904	1.82%	4,087	147,986	2.76%
Sunshine Coast	509	79,919	0.64%	266	50,628	0.53%	848	25,092	3.38%	717	14,120	5.08%	2,339	169,760	1.38%
Gold Coast Tweed	1,078	153,032	0.70%	1,060	81,593	1.30%	1,668	35,437	4.71%	789	20,537	3.84%	4,595	290,599	1.58%
Darling Downs	488	64,641	0.75%	702	32,804	2.14%	778	15,654	4.97%	87	9,584	0.91%	2,055	122,683	1.67%
Central Queensland	416	62,367	0.67%	233	29,647	0.79%	1,191	11,431	10.42%	187	6,033	3.10%	2,027	109,478	1.85%
Condamine-Maranoa	17	10,674	0.16%	70	5,119	1.37%	313	2,140	14.65%	129	1,129	11.41%	530	19,062	2.78%
North Queensland	318	114,625	0.28%	124	54,517	0.23%	433	19,986	2.17%	173	10,714	1.61%	1,048	199,842	0.52%
Far North and Gulf	286	87,689	0.33%	103	42,605	0.24%	279	14,834	1.88%	127	7,127	1.78%	794	152,254	0.52%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,311</b>	<b>642,222</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>339,954</b>	<b>1.02%</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>148,339</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>81,148</b>	<b>2.99%</b>	<b>17,474</b>	<b>1,211,664</b>	<b>1.44%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,456</b>	<b>1,239,123</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>628,446</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>259,265</b>	<b>4.07%</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>150,272</b>	<b>3.20%</b>	<b>27,268</b>	<b>2,277,106</b>	<b>1.20%</b>

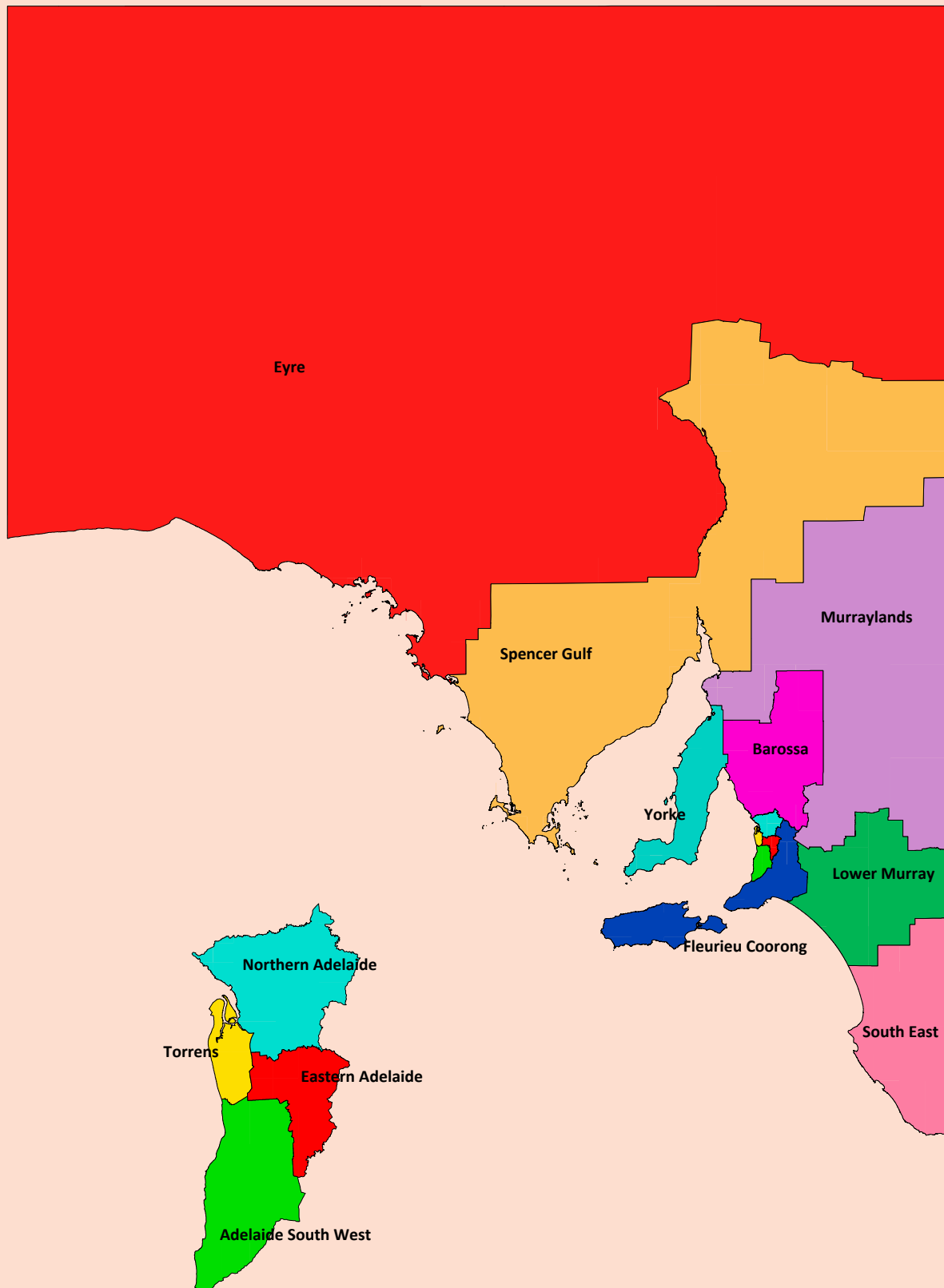
**TABLE 4.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
QUEENSLAND	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Brisbane	4,497	468,972	0.96%	2,005	209,899	0.96%	3,877	78,502	4.94%	2,983	50,405	5.92%	13,361	807,778	1.65%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	1,242	210,375	0.59%	1,330	106,433	1.25%	1,441	44,883	3.21%	852	20,590	4.14%	4,866	382,280	1.27%
Cunningham	256	150,719	0.17%	643	72,288	0.89%	864	29,711	2.91%	317	12,828	2.47%	2,080	265,545	0.78%
Gateway	3,341	366,534	0.91%	1,282	176,720	0.73%	3,416	65,894	5.18%	1,749	30,728	5.69%	9,788	639,876	1.53%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>1,196,600</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>5,259</b>	<b>565,339</b>	<b>0.93%</b>	<b>9,598</b>	<b>218,990</b>	<b>4.38%</b>	<b>5,902</b>	<b>114,550</b>	<b>5.15%</b>	<b>30,095</b>	<b>2,095,479</b>	<b>1.44%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Wide Bay Burnett	2,371	138,471	1.71%	2,214	84,068	2.63%	4,142	49,177	8.42%	937	21,739	4.31%	9,664	293,455	3.29%
Sunshine Coast	1,288	159,949	0.81%	1,312	96,389	1.36%	2,895	49,393	5.86%	1,852	25,203	7.35%	7,348	330,934	2.22%
Gold Coast Tweed	2,190	307,722	0.71%	2,839	158,443	1.79%	5,664	70,624	8.02%	3,196	36,160	8.84%	13,889	572,948	2.42%
Darling Downs	764	129,968	0.59%	1,593	64,437	2.47%	1,421	30,956	4.59%	342	16,176	2.11%	4,120	241,537	1.71%
Central Queensland	799	127,757	0.63%	533	61,558	0.87%	1,921	23,605	8.14%	490	10,595	4.62%	3,743	223,516	1.67%
Condamine-Maranoa	115	21,584	0.53%	347	10,634	3.26%	585	4,599	12.72%	173	2,058	8.38%	1,219	38,876	3.14%
North Queensland	737	235,260	0.31%	502	112,525	0.45%	1,605	41,443	3.87%	443	18,636	2.38%	3,287	407,864	0.81%
Far North and Gulf	689	176,991	0.39%	324	87,443	0.37%	756	31,976	2.36%	277	12,832	2.16%	2,046	309,241	0.66%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,954</b>	<b>1,297,701</b>	<b>0.69%</b>	<b>9,664</b>	<b>675,497</b>	<b>1.43%</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>301,774</b>	<b>6.29%</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>143,399</b>	<b>5.38%</b>	<b>45,316</b>	<b>2,418,371</b>	<b>1.87%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,291</b>	<b>2,494,301</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>14,922</b>	<b>1,240,836</b>	<b>1.20%</b>	<b>28,587</b>	<b>520,763</b>	<b>5.49%</b>	<b>13,611</b>	<b>257,949</b>	<b>5.28%</b>	<b>75,411</b>	<b>4,513,850</b>	<b>1.67%</b>

**TABLE 4.7 QUEENSLAND PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2011**

	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		Total
QUEENSLAND	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>													
Brisbane	1,039	494	1,671	1,406	1,843	658	3,200	2,029	2,221	1,814	9,973	6,402	16,375
Brisbane North	258	186	435	160	570	23	524	118	217	162	2,003	650	2,652
Caboolture	988	149	780	412	799	177	1,928	880	1,073	329	5,568	1,947	7,515
Cunningham	35	3	159	26	521	123	515	590	81	256	1,311	999	2,310
Gateway	1,483	224	1,170	618	1,199	265	2,892	1,320	1,609	493	8,353	2,920	11,273
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>3,803</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>4,938</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>27,208</b>	<b>12,917</b>	<b>40,125</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
Wide Bay Burnett	561	439	674	828	1,576	1,168	3,715	2,629	1,063	410	7,588	5,472	13,060
Sunshine Coast	543	315	273	198	1,279	301	2,586	1,037	1,445	924	6,126	2,776	8,902
Gold Coast Tweed	182	0	912	1,077	1,674	992	3,888	1,712	2,299	725	8,955	4,506	13,462
Darling Downs	88	262	366	235	1,265	822	1,281	1,157	1,144	387	4,144	2,863	7,007
Central Queensland	335	333	45	79	896	212	657	1,071	273	167	2,205	1,862	4,068
Condamine-Maranoa	24	0	126	21	435	106	428	491	67	205	1,080	823	1,903
North Queensland	371	316	125	8	725	224	1,888	760	607	385	3,717	1,693	5,410
Far North and Gulf	312	209	108	86	272	122	635	361	202	167	1,529	944	2,474
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>8,121</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>15,079</b>	<b>9,218</b>	<b>7,101</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>35,344</b>	<b>20,942</b>	<b>56,286</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>2,931</b>	<b>6,842</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>13,053</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>24,137</b>	<b>14,156</b>	<b>12,301</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>62,552</b>	<b>33,859</b>	<b>96,411</b>

## 5. SOUTH AUSTRALIA



## 5.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

South Australia is Australia's fifth most populous state with 1,644,582<sup>8</sup> residents or 7.4% of the Australian population. Bowls South Australia currently has four identified regions in metropolitan Adelaide, and eight country regions.

The South Australian regions for the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are

### ❖ METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE

- Northern Adelaide
- Eastern Adelaide
- Adelaide South West
- Adelaide Torrens

### ❖ COUNTRY SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- South East
- Yorke Peninsula
- Spencer Gulf
- Murraylands
- Eyre
- Lower Murray
- Coorong-Fleurieu
- Barossa

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 5.1.

## 5.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2011, SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAD:

- 227 bowls clubs
- 18,966 playing and non-playing members
- 35,556 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 25,675 players in all forms of bowls

**The bowling clubs in each region in South Australia in 2011 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE**

### **Eastern Adelaide Region**

Adelaide Bowling Club  
Adelaide Oval Bowling Club  
Adelaide High School O.S Bowling Club  
Beaumont Bowling Club  
Blackwood Bowling Club  
Happy Valley Bowling Club  
Hawthorn Bowling Club  
Kens/Marry Bowling Club  
Payneham Bowling Club  
Toorak Burnside Bowling Club  
Tranmere Bowling Club  
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club

### **Adelaide South West Region**

Ascot Park Bowling Club  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Christies Beach Bowling Club  
Clarence Gardens Bowling Club  
Edwardstown Bowling Club  
Glenelg Bowling Club  
Marion Bowling Club  
Marion RSL Bowling Club  
Millswood Bowling Club  
Morphett Vale Bowling Club  
Port Noarlunga Bowling Club  
Reade Park Bowling Club  
Reynella Bowling Club  
Somerton Bowling Club  
Sturt Bowling Club

### **Adelaide Torrens Region**

Croydon Bowling Club  
Grange Bowling Club  
Henley Bowling Club  
Hindmarsh Bowling Club  
Holdfast Bay Bowling Club  
Lockleys Bowling Club  
Novar Gardens Bowling Club  
Port Adelaide Bowling Club  
Rosewater Bowling Club  
Semaphore Bowling Club  
Underdale Airport Bowling Club  
West Croydon & Kilkenny Bowling Club  
West Lakes Bowling Club  
Woodville Bowling Club

### **Northern Adelaide Region**

Clearview Bowling Club  
Elizabeth Bowling Club  
Gawler Bowling Club  
Hope Valley Bowling Club  
Modbury Bowling Club  
Munno Para Bowling Club  
Para Hills Bowling Club  
Penfield Bowling Club  
Prospect-Broadview Bowling Club  
Salisbury Bowling Club  
Two Wells Bowling Club  
Walkerville Bowling Club

## **COUNTRY SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

### **South East Region**

Beachport Bowling Club  
Bordertown Bowling Club  
Coonalpyn Bowling Club  
Frances Bowling Club  
Kalangadoo Bowling Club  
Keith Bowling Club  
Kingston SE Bowling Club  
Lucindale Bowling Club  
Mt Gambier RSL Bowling Club  
Mt Gambier Bowling Club  
Millicent Bowling Club  
Mundulla Bowling Club  
Naracoorte Bowling Club  
Naracoorte RSL  
Padthaway Bowling Club  
Penola Bowling Club  
Port MacDonnell Bowling Club  
Robe Bowling Club  
Tintinara Bowling Club

### **Yorke Peninsula Region**

Alford Bowling Club  
Ardrossan Bowling Club  
Arthurton Bowling Club  
Bute Bowling Club  
Curramulka Bowling Club  
Edithburgh RSL Bowling Club  
Kadina Bowling Club  
Maitland Bowling Club  
Minlaton Bowling Club  
Moonta Bowling Club  
Paskeville Bowling Club  
Port Broughton Bowling Club  
Port Victoria Bowling Club  
Port Vincent Bowling Club  
Stansbury Bowling Club  
Wallaroo Bowling Club  
Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club  
Warooka Bowling Club  
Yorketown Bowling Club

### **Spencer Gulf Region**

BHAS Bowling Club  
Booleroo Centre Bowling Club  
Caltowie Bowling Club  
Crystal Brook Bowling Club  
ETSA Bowling and Croquet Club  
Georgetown Bowling Club  
Gladstone Bowling Club  
Gulnare Bowling Club  
Hawker Bowling Club  
Iron Knob Bowling Club  
Jamestown Bowling Club  
Laura Bowling Club  
Melrose Bowling Club  
Orroroo Bowling Club  
Peterborough Bowling Club  
Port Augusta Bowling Club  
Port Germein Bowling Club  
Port Pirie Bowling Club  
Quorn Bowling Club

Roxby Downs Bowling Club  
Whyalla Bowling Club  
Whyalla Golf Bowling Club  
Wilmington Bowling Club  
Wirrabara Bowling Club

## **Murraylands Region**

Angaston Bowling Club  
Barmera Bowling Club  
Berri Bowling Club  
Blanchetown Bowling Club  
Broken Hill Bowling Club  
Cadell Bowling Club  
Eudunda Bowling Club  
Freeling Bowling Club  
Kapunda Bowling Club  
Loxton Bowling Club  
Loxton RSL Bowling Club  
Lyndoch Bowling Club  
Lyrup Bowling Club  
Monash Bowling Club  
Moorook Bowling Club  
Morgan Bowling Club  
North Broken Hill Bowling Club  
Nuriootpa Bowling Club  
Renmark Bowling Club  
Renmark RSL Bowling Club  
Swan Reach Bowling Club  
Tanunda Bowling Club  
Waikerie Bowling Club  
Zinc Broken Hill

## **Eyre Region**

Arno Bay Bowling Club  
Ceduna Bowling Club  
Cleve Bowling Club  
Coffin Bay Bowling Club  
Cowell Bowling Club  
Cummins Bowling Club  
Kimba Bowling Club  
Kirtton Bowling Club  
Lock Bowling Club  
Minnipa Bowling Club  
Poochera Bowling Club  
Port Lincoln Bowling Club  
Port Neill Bowling Club  
Streaky Bay Bowling Club  
Tumby Bay Bowling Club  
Wirrulla Bowling Club  
Wudinna Bowling Club

## **Lower Murray Region**

Geranium Bowling Club  
Gumeracha Bowling Club  
Hahndorf Bowling Club  
Jervois Bowling Club  
Karoonda Bowling Club  
Lameroo Bowling Club  
Lenswood Bowling Club  
Lobethal Bowling Club  
Mannum Bowling Club  
Meadows Bowling Club  
Meningie Bowling Club  
Mount Barker Bowling Club  
Mount Pleasant Bowling Club  
Murray Bridge Bowling Club

Murray Bridge RSL Bowling Club  
Murrayville & RSL Bowling Club  
OakBank Bowling Club  
Parilla Bowling Club  
Pinnaroo Bowling Club  
Tailem Bend Bowling Club  
Uraidla Bowling Club  
Woodside Bowling Club

## **Coorong-Fleurieu Region**

Aldinga Bay Bowling Club  
Birchmore Bowling Club  
Clarendon Bowling Club  
Encounter Bay Bowling Club  
Goolwa Bowling Club  
Kingscote Bowling Club  
Langhorne Creek Bowling Club  
McLaren Flat Bowling Club  
McLaren Vale Bowling Club  
Milang Bowling Club  
Myponga Bowling Club  
Parndana Bowling Club  
Port Elliot Bowling Club  
Strathalbyn Bowling Club  
Victor Harbor Bowling Club  
Willunga Bowling Club  
Yankalilla Bowling Club

## **Barossa Region**

Auburn Bowling Club  
Balaklava Bowling Club  
Blyth Bowling Club  
Booborowie Bowling Club  
Brinkworth Bowling Club  
Burra Bowling Club  
Clare Bowling Club  
Hallett Bowling Club  
Hamley Bridge Bowling Club  
Koolunga Bowling Club  
Mallala Bowling Club  
Mintaro Bowling Club  
Mundoora Bowling Club  
Owen Bowling Club  
Port Broughton Bowling Club  
Port Wakefield Bowling Club  
Redhill Bowling Club  
Riverton Bowling Club  
Robertstown Bowling Club  
Saddleworth Bowling Club  
Snowtown Bowling Club  
Spalding Bowling Club  
Tarlee Bowling Club  
Wasleys Bowling Club  
Watervale Bowling Club  
Yacka Bowling Club





Table 5.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 17,150 playing members (including 15,105 pennant playing members and 2,045 non-pennant playing members) and 1,815 non-playing members in South Australia. Unlike New South Wales and Queensland, South Australia does not have a high number of bowls club members compared with bowls participants and players.

#### Of the 18,966 bowls club members in South Australia

- 79.6% were registered pennant playing members
- 10.8% were non-pennant playing members
- 9.6% were non-playing members
- 62.4% of members were located in country South Australia.

#### The South Australian regions with the greatest number of bowls club members were

- Adelaide South West
- Murraylands
- Adelaide Torrens
- Spencer Gulf.

**TABLE 5.1** BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2011

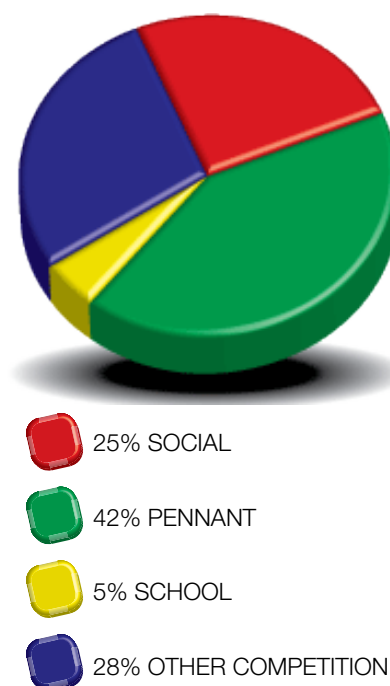
	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Northern Adelaide	10	1,252	222	1,475	129	1,604
Eastern Adelaide	15	1,271	136	1,407	144	1,551
Adelaide South West	13	1,054	397	1,452	629	2,081
Adelaide Torrens	15	1,420	113	1,534	356	1,889
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>5,867</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>7,125</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
South East	19	909	261	1,169	133	1,303
Yorke Peninsula	19	1,116	209	1,324	129	1,453
Spencer Gulf	24	1,359	162	1,521	91	1,612
Murraylands	24	1,656	134	1,790	43	1,832
Eyre	17	1,126	37	1,164	34	1,197
Lower Murray	21	1,505	44	1,549	27	1,576
Coorong-Fleurieu	23	1,327	132	1,459	50	1,509
Barossa	27	1,110	198	1,308	51	1,358
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>10,107</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>11,283</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>11,841</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>15,105</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>17,150</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>18,966</b>

Table 5.2 and Figure 5.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 35,556 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in South Australia during 2011. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in South Australia was regular bowls competitions, with 70.9% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 66.5% of all bowls participation in South Australia. Female participation ranges from 27.5% for social programs to 45.4% in schools programs.

- Participation in country South Australia (22,476) is higher than metropolitan participation (13,080) and the largest regions for bowls participation are the Adelaide Torrens and Adelaide South West regions and Coorong-Fleurieu and South East in the country.

**FIGURE 5.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION  
BY SEGMENT, SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA, 2011



**TABLE 5.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
North Adelaide	1,041	471	1,512	465	138	604	713	232	945	113	101	214	2,333	942	3,275
Eastern Adelaide	1,064	405	1,469	204	254	458	637	277	914	0	0	0	1,905	936	2,841
Adelaide South West	1,062	365	1,426	135	178	313	1,332	523	1,855	24	20	44	2,553	1,085	3,638
Adelaide Torrens	1,125	487	1,612	256	139	395	995	273	1,268	28	23	51	2,404	922	3,326
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>6,019</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>3,886</b>	<b>13,080</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	756	414	1,170	540	972	1,512	335	122	457	119	102	220	1,749	1,610	3,359
Yorke Peninsula	904	451	1,355	402	287	689	245	162	407	79	70	149	1,630	970	2,600
Spencer Gulf	998	585	1,583	328	29	357	187	111	298	191	164	355	1,704	888	2,592
Murraylands	1,280	603	1,883	408	168	577	360	158	518	44	29	74	2,093	958	3,051
Eyre	820	421	1,241	348	239	588	173	115	288	71	62	133	1,412	837	2,250
Lower Murray	1,052	603	1,655	317	158	475	190	95	285	75	47	122	1,634	903	2,537
Coorong-Fleurieu	852	674	1,526	876	138	1,014	977	275	1,252	137	121	258	2,843	1,208	4,051
Barossa	795	546	1,341	440	31	470	86	23	109	66	50	116	1,387	649	2,036
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,458</b>	<b>4,295</b>	<b>11,753</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>14,453</b>	<b>8,023</b>	<b>22,476</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>6,022</b>	<b>17,772</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>7,452</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>8,596</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>23,647</b>	<b>11,909</b>	<b>35,556</b>

**TABLE 5.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2011**

		Participants Number	Rank	2010 Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Coorong-Fleurieu	Country	4,051	44	46	2,289	51	1,509	60
Adelaide South West	Metropolitan	3,638	47	29	3,211	43	2,081	52
South East	Country	3,359	49	58	2,256	52	1,303	63
Adelaide Torrens	Metropolitan	3,326	50	49	2,765	47	1,889	53
Northern Adelaide	Metropolitan	3,275	51	53	2,109	57	1,604	57
Murraylands	Country	3,051	53	45	1,991	60	1,832	54
Eastern Adelaide	Metropolitan	2,841	57	32	1,386	63	1,551	59
Yorke Peninsula	Country	2,600	58	55	2,117	56	1,453	61
Spencer Gulf	Country	2,592	59	63	3,389	40	1,612	56
Lower Murray	Country	2,537	60	66	1,685	61	1,576	58
Eyre	Country	2,250	63	56	1,055	66	1,197	64
Barossa	Country	2,036	64	64	2,145	55	1,358	62

**FIGURE 5.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

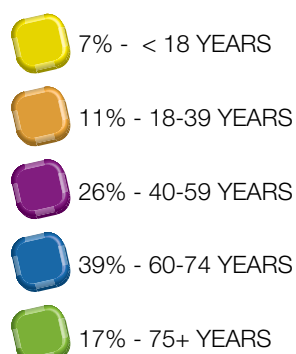


Figure 5.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in South Australia.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

- Pennant and other competition participants who regularly play in more than one competition during the same season or year.
- Participants involved in both competition and social or corporate bowls.

Regional rankings for South Australian regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 5.3.

Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and each region are involved in bowls. For South Australia the player to population rates are presented in Tables 5.4 to 5.6.

South Australian regions with the highest player to population rates in 2011 were all in country regions:

- Yorke Peninsula
- Eyre
- Lower Murray
- Coorong-Fleurieu.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were all in Adelaide:

- Northern Adelaide
- Adelaide South West
- Eastern Adelaide.

The overall player to population rate in South Australia was 1.56%. The rate in country South Australia was 3.48% (the highest non-metropolitan rate in Australia) and in metropolitan Adelaide it was 0.86%. Notably, all country South Australian regions had higher player to population rates than all Adelaide metropolitan regions.

Finally, Table 5.7 summarises participants by age and gender. Note that details on bowlers presented in Table 5.4 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 5.7 has higher figures, relating to participation.

**TABLE 5.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Northern Adelaide	308	109,805	0.28%	735	52,099	1.41%	448	21,667	2.07%	267	9,309	2.87%	1,759	192,880	0.91%
Eastern Adelaide	224	61,346	0.37%	389	32,717	1.19%	556	14,290	3.89%	188	8,086	2.32%	1,357	116,438	1.17%
Adelaide South West	428	89,156	0.48%	523	49,016	1.07%	777	20,368	3.81%	431	11,281	3.82%	2,159	169,821	1.27%
Adelaide Torrens	464	55,665	0.83%	622	29,968	2.08%	531	13,597	3.90%	238	9,074	2.62%	1,855	108,303	1.71%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>315,971</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>163,799</b>	<b>1.39%</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>69,922</b>	<b>3.31%</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>37,750</b>	<b>2.98%</b>	<b>7,129</b>	<b>587,442</b>	<b>1.21%</b>
COUNTRY															
South East	276	17,896	1.54%	400	9,798	4.08%	422	3,941	10.70%	174	1,849	9.42%	1,273	33,484	3.80%
Yorke Peninsula	208	5,487	3.80%	269	4,032	6.67%	593	2,927	20.26%	163	1,348	12.07%	1,233	13,794	8.94%
Spencer Gulf	352	19,696	1.79%	249	10,827	2.30%	677	4,921	13.75%	282	1,955	14.41%	1,558	37,399	4.17%
Murraylands	325	16,612	1.96%	450	10,159	4.43%	397	5,100	7.79%	121	2,347	5.14%	1,293	34,218	3.78%
Eyre	141	5,348	2.64%	119	2,636	4.52%	193	977	19.80%	49	275	17.92%	503	9,235	5.45%
Lower Murray	144	7,296	1.97%	280	4,052	6.92%	381	2,176	17.49%	290	879	33.05%	1,095	14,402	7.61%
Coorong-Fleurieu	542	21,987	2.47%	864	13,708	6.31%	510	7,224	7.05%	142	3,264	4.36%	2,059	46,183	4.46%
Barossa	193	16,703	1.15%	284	10,147	2.80%	428	4,292	9.96%	149	1,770	8.40%	1,053	32,911	3.20%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>111,025</b>	<b>1.97%</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>65,358</b>	<b>4.46%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>31,558</b>	<b>11.41%</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>13,685</b>	<b>10.01%</b>	<b>10,067</b>	<b>221,627</b>	<b>4.54%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>426,996</b>	<b>0.84%</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>229,157</b>	<b>2.26%</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>101,480</b>	<b>5.82%</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>51,435</b>	<b>4.85%</b>	<b>17,196</b>	<b>809,069</b>	<b>2.13%</b>

**TABLE 5.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Northern Adelaide	182	105,933	0.17%	194	54,295	0.36%	330	23,590	1.40%	110	13,381	0.82%	816	197,198	0.41%
Eastern Adelaide	75	60,331	0.12%	214	35,109	0.61%	267	15,918	1.68%	96	13,734	0.70%	653	125,092	0.52%
Adelaide South West	314	87,634	0.36%	128	52,570	0.24%	306	22,240	1.38%	305	17,672	1.73%	1,053	180,117	0.58%
Adelaide Torrens	196	53,883	0.36%	150	30,632	0.49%	170	15,491	1.10%	159	13,331	1.19%	676	113,337	0.60%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>307,781</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>172,606</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>77,239</b>	<b>1.39%</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>58,118</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>615,744</b>	<b>0.52%</b>
COUNTRY															
South East	169	17,168	0.99%	337	9,266	3.63%	88	4,154	2.11%	63	2,653	2.39%	657	33,240	1.98%
Yorke Peninsula	145	5,267	2.75%	121	4,031	3.01%	331	2,842	11.66%	125	1,627	7.68%	722	13,766	5.25%
Spencer Gulf	262	18,519	1.41%	141	10,016	1.41%	324	4,750	6.82%	184	2,765	6.65%	911	36,050	2.53%
Murraylands	175	16,052	1.09%	184	9,819	1.87%	205	4,928	4.17%	92	3,223	2.85%	656	34,022	1.93%
Eyre	111	4,984	2.23%	60	2,075	2.88%	113	645	17.58%	37	236	15.54%	321	7,941	4.04%
Lower Murray	62	7,015	0.88%	66	3,977	1.66%	217	2,067	10.49%	245	1,272	19.27%	590	14,331	4.12%
Coorong-Fleurieu	326	21,813	1.49%	172	14,285	1.20%	287	7,460	3.85%	90	4,320	2.07%	874	47,879	1.83%
Barossa	89	16,132	0.55%	64	9,807	0.65%	293	4,055	7.23%	105	2,546	4.12%	551	32,541	1.69%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>106,950</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>63,277</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>6.02%</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>18,643</b>	<b>5.04%</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>219,769</b>	<b>2.40%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>414,730</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>235,883</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>108,139</b>	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>76,760</b>	<b>2.10%</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>835,513</b>	<b>1.01%</b>

**TABLE 5.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Adelaide	490	215,737	0.23%	929	106,394	0.87%	778	45,257	1.72%	377	22,690	1.66%	2,574	390,078	0.66%
Eastern Adelaide	299	121,677	0.25%	603	67,826	0.89%	823	30,207	2.72%	284	21,820	1.30%	2,010	241,530	0.83%
Adelaide South West	741	176,790	0.42%	651	101,586	0.64%	1,083	42,609	2.54%	736	28,954	2.54%	3,211	349,938	0.92%
Adelaide Torrens	660	109,547	0.60%	773	60,600	1.27%	700	29,089	2.41%	397	22,404	1.77%	2,531	221,640	1.14%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>623,752</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>2,956</b>	<b>336,405</b>	<b>0.88%</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>147,161</b>	<b>2.30%</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>95,868</b>	<b>1.87%</b>	<b>10,326</b>	<b>1,203,186</b>	<b>0.86%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	446	35,063	1.27%	737	19,064	3.86%	509	8,095	6.29%	238	4,502	5.28%	1,929	66,724	2.89%
Yorke Peninsula	353	10,755	3.28%	390	8,062	4.84%	925	5,769	16.03%	287	2,974	9.67%	1,955	27,560	7.10%
Spencer Gulf	614	38,215	1.61%	390	20,844	1.87%	1,001	9,671	10.35%	466	4,720	9.86%	2,469	73,449	3.36%
Murraylands	500	32,664	1.53%	634	19,977	3.17%	602	10,028	6.01%	213	5,570	3.82%	1,948	68,240	2.86%
Eyre	253	10,332	2.45%	179	4,712	3.80%	307	1,622	18.92%	86	511	16.82%	824	17,176	4.80%
Lower Murray	206	14,310	1.44%	346	8,029	4.31%	597	4,243	14.08%	536	2,151	24.90%	1,685	28,733	5.87%
Coorong-Fleurieu	868	43,800	1.98%	1,036	27,993	3.70%	797	14,685	5.42%	232	7,584	3.06%	2,933	94,062	3.12%
Barossa	282	32,835	0.86%	348	19,954	1.74%	721	8,347	8.64%	253	4,316	5.87%	1,604	65,452	2.45%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>217,975</b>	<b>1.62%</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>128,634</b>	<b>3.16%</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>62,458</b>	<b>8.74%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>32,328</b>	<b>7.15%</b>	<b>15,349</b>	<b>441,396</b>	<b>3.48%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>841,727</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>7,016</b>	<b>465,040</b>	<b>1.51%</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>209,620</b>	<b>4.22%</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>128,195</b>	<b>3.20%</b>	<b>25,675</b>	<b>1,644,582</b>	<b>1.56%</b>

**TABLE 5.7 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2011**

	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
METROPOLITAN													
Northern Adelaide	128	110	193	57	782	195	770	440	485	150	2,357	952	3,309
Eastern Adelaide	3	3	217	69	460	249	874	438	371	186	1,925	946	2,871
Adelaide South West	32	37	550	265	806	243	793	262	400	233	2,580	1,041	3,620
Adelaide Torrens	36	42	456	168	679	183	804	244	455	265	2,429	903	3,332
Sub Total	198	192	1,416	560	2,726	871	3,240	1,384	1,711	834	9,291	3,841	13,132
COUNTRY													
Wide Bay Burnett	561	439	674	828	1,576	1,168	3,715	2,629	1,063	410	7,588	5,472	13,060
Sunshine Coast	543	315	273	198	1,279	301	2,586	1,037	1,445	924	6,126	2,776	8,902
Gold Coast Tweed	182	0	912	1,077	1,674	992	3,888	1,712	2,299	725	8,955	4,506	13,462
Darling Downs	88	262	366	235	1,265	822	1,281	1,157	1,144	387	4,144	2,863	7,007
Central Queensland	335	333	45	79	896	212	657	1,071	273	167	2,205	1,862	4,068
Condamine-Maranoa	24	0	126	21	435	106	428	491	67	205	1,080	823	1,903
North Queensland	371	316	125	8	725	224	1,888	760	607	385	3,717	1,693	5,410
Far North and Gulf	312	209	108	86	272	122	635	361	202	167	1,529	944	2,474
Sub Total	2,415	1,874	2,628	2,531	8,121	3,948	15,079	9,218	7,101	3,370	35,344	20,942	56,286
TOTAL	6,218	2,931	6,842	5,153	13,053	5,194	24,137	14,156	12,301	6,424	62,552	33,859	96,411

## 6. VICTORIA



## 6.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Victoria is Australia's second most populous state with 5,545,932<sup>9</sup> residents or 24.8% of the Australian population. Bowls Victoria currently has eight identified regions in metropolitan Melbourne, and eight country regions.

Victorian regions in the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are

### ❖ METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

- Peninsula/Casey
- Melbourne South
- Melbourne East
- Melbourne North
- Melbourne North East
- Melbourne West

### ❖ COUNTRY VICTORIA

- Geelong
- Far West
- Wimmera
- Mallee/Sunraysia
- Ballarat
- Bendigo/Campaspe
- Central/Goulburn/Murray
- Ovens & Murray
- Gippsland
- Bass Coast/South Gippsland

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 6.1.

## 6.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2010, VICTORIA HAD:

- 79 associations
- 503 bowls clubs
- 70,650 playing and non-playing members
- 129,961 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 106,558 players in all forms of bowls



**The bowling clubs in each region in Victoria in 2011 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE**

### **Melbourne East Region**

Balmoral Gardens Bowls Club  
Bayswater Bowls Club  
Bennettswood Bowling Club  
Boronia Bowls Club Inc  
Ferntree Gully Bowling Club  
Glen Waverley Bowls Club  
Monbulk Bowling Club Inc  
Mt Waverley Bowling Club  
Riversdale Golf Bowling Club  
Upwey-Tecoma Bowls Club  
Vermont South Bowling Club  
Waterford Valley Lakes Bowling Club  
Blackburn Bowls Club  
Blackburn North Bowling Club  
Box Hill Bowls Club  
Box Hill RSL Bowls Club  
Chirnside Park Bowls Club  
Croydon Bowling Club  
Eastwood Golf Bowls Club  
Heatherdale Recreation Bowls Club  
Heathmont Bowls Club  
Lilydale Bowling Club  
Mitcham Bowling Club  
Mooroolbark Bowls Club  
Ringwood Bowls Club  
Yarra Glen Bowling Club  
Mulgrave CC Bowling Club  
Oakleigh Bowling Club  
South Oakleigh Bowling Club  
Waverley Golf Bowls Club Inc  
Cockatoo & District Bowls Club  
Healesville Bowling Club  
Marysville Bowls Club Inc  
Warburton Bowls Club  
Yarra Junction Bowling Club Inc

### **Melbourne North Region**

Whittlesea Bowls Club  
Richmond Union Bowling Club  
Aberfeldie Bowls Club  
Broadmeadows Bowls Club  
Brunswick Bowling Club  
Buckley Park Bowls Club Inc  
Clifton Park Bowling Club  
Coburg Moreland Bowls Club  
Craigieburn Bowling Club  
Doutta Galla Bowls Club  
Epping RSL Bowls Club  
Essendon Bowls Club  
Fawkner Bowling Club  
Fitzroy Victoria Bowling Club  
Gladstone Park Bowls Club  
Glenroy Bowls Club  
Kingsbury Bowls Club  
Lalor Bowling Club  
Moonee Ponds Bowling Club  
Moonee Valley Bowling Club  
Preston Bowls Club  
Princes Park Bowling Club  
Reservoir Bowling Club  
Strathmore Bowls Club

Sunbury Bowling Club  
Thornbury Bowls Club  
West Coburg Bowling Club  
Flemington/Kensington Bowling Club  
Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club  
Alphington Bowls Club  
Darebin City Bowls Club Inc  
Fairfield Bowling Club

### **Melbourne North East Region**

Ashburton Bowls Club  
Auburn Bowls Club  
Burwood District Bowls Club  
Camberwell Central Bowls Club  
Cameron Close Bowling Club  
Doncaster Bowling Club  
Donvale Bowls Club  
Greythorn Bowling Club  
North Balwyn Bowls Club  
MCC Bowls Club  
Hawthorn Bowls Club  
BundooRa Bowling Club  
City Of Heidelberg Bowling Club  
Diamond Creek Bowling Club  
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
Eltham Recreation Bowling Club  
Greensborough Bowling Club  
Heidelberg Golf Bowling Club  
Hurstbridge Bowling Club  
Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
Kew Heights Sports Bowls Club  
Montmorency Bowling Club  
Rosanna Bowling Club  
Templestowe Bowling Club  
Yarra Valley CC Bowls Club

### **Melbourne South Region**

Beaumaris Bowls Club  
Bentleigh Bowling Club Inc  
Black Rock Bowling Club  
Brighton Beach Bowls Club Inc  
Chelsea Bowling Club  
Cheltenham Bowls Club  
Coatesville Bowling Club  
Edithvale Bowling Club  
Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club  
Hampton Bowls Club  
Hampton RSL Bowling Club  
Highett Bowls Club  
Mentone Bowling Club  
Moorabbin Bowling Club  
Mordialloc Bowls Club  
Parkdale Bowling Club  
Sandringham Bowls Club  
SOC Bowls Club  
East Malvern RSL Bowling Club  
Albert Park VRI Bowls Club  
Alma Bowling Club  
Armada Bowls Club Inc  
Bentleigh Club, The Bowls Section  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Caulfield Park Bowling Club  
Chadstone Bowls Club  
Elsternwick Club Bowls Club

Elsternwick Park Bowls Club  
 Malvern Bowling Club  
 Melbourne Bowling Club Inc  
 Middle Park Bowling Club  
 Murrumbeena Bowls Club  
 Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club  
 St Kilda Bowling Club  
 Toorak Bowling Club  
 Burden Park Bowling Club  
 Clayton Bowls Club  
 Dandenong City Bowling Club  
 Dandenong Club Bowls Club  
 Dandenong RSL Recreation Bowls Club  
 Keysborough Bowls Club  
 Noble Park Bowls Club Inc  
 Willow Lodge Bowls Club

## Melbourne West Region

Melton Bowling Club  
 Mt Cottrell Bowls Club  
 Keilor Bowls Club  
 Altona Bowling Club Inc  
 Altona North Bowls Club  
 Altona Sports Bowls Club  
 City Of Melbourne Bowls Club  
 Deer Park Bowls Club  
 Footscray Park Bowling Club  
 Hoppers Bowls Club  
 Laverton Bowling Club  
 Newport Bowls Club  
 Port Melbourne Bowling Club  
 Rosamond Bowling Club  
 St Albans Bowls Club  
 Sunshine City Bowling Club  
 Sunshine RSL Memorial Bowling Club  
 Sunshine VRI Bowling Club  
 Werribee RSL Bowls Club  
 Williamstown Bowling Club  
 Yarraville/Footscray Bowling Club

## Peninsula/Casey Region

Carrum Bowling Club  
 Balnarring Social Bowls Club  
 Carrington Park Bowling Club  
 Dromana Bowls Club  
 Flinders Golf Bowls Club  
 Main Ridge Bowls Club  
 Mt Martha Bowls Club  
 Rosebud Bowls Club  
 Rosebud CC Bowls Club  
 Rye Bowls Club  
 Sorrento Bowls Club Inc  
 Village Glen Bowls Club  
 West Rosebud Bowling Club  
 Berwick Bowls Club  
 Cranbourne Bowling Club  
 Cranbourne RSL Bowls Club  
 Hampton Park Bowls Club  
 Narre Warren Bowls Club  
 Pakenham Bowls Club  
 Baxter Village Bowls Club  
 Blue Hills Bowling Club  
 City of Frankston Bowling Club  
 Frankston RSL BowLing Club  
 Hastings Bowling Club  
 Karingal Bowling Club

Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club  
 Long Island Cc Bowling Club  
 Mornington Bowling Club  
 Mornington Civic Bowls Club  
 Mt Eliza Bowling Club  
 Seaford Bowls Club  
 Somerville Bowling Club  
 Yamala Park Frankston Bowling Club

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### Ballarat Region

Avenue Bowling Club  
 Ballan Bowling Club  
 Ballarat Bowling Club  
 Ballarat East Bowling Club  
 Ballarat Memorial Sports Bowling Club  
 Ballarat North Bowling Club  
 Beaufort Golf Bowls Club  
 Buninyong Bowling Club  
 Central Wendouree Bowling Club  
 City Oval Bowling Club Inc  
 Clunes Bowling Club  
 Creswick Bowling Club  
 Daylesford Bowling Club  
 Invermay Bowling Club  
 Learmonth Bowling Club  
 Linton & District Bowling Club  
 Midlands Golf Bowls Club  
 Mt Xavier Bowling Club  
 Sebastopol Bowling Club  
 Smeaton Bowling Club  
 Victoria Bowling Club  
 Waubra Bowling Club  
 Webbcona Bowls Club  
 Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club  
 Diggers Rest Bowling Club  
 Gisborne & District Bowling Club  
 Kyneton Bowling Club  
 Kyneton Golf Bowling Club  
 Lancefield Bowling Club  
 Macedon Ranges Bowling Club  
 Romsey Bowling Club  
 Trentham Bowling Club  
 Woodend Bowling Club  
 Avoca Country Golf Bowling Club  
 Carisbrook Bowling Club  
 Dunolly Bowling Club  
 Maldon Bowling Club  
 Maryborough Golf Bowls Club  
 Maryborough Highland Society Bowls Club  
 Newstead Bowling Club  
 Talbot Bowling Club

### Bass Coast/South Gippsland Region

Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Bowls Club  
 Drouin Bowling Club  
 Garfield Bowling Club  
 Longwarry Bowls Club  
 Moe Bowling Club  
 Morwell Bowling Club  
 Morwell Club Bowling Club  
 Neerim District Bowling Club  
 Thorpdale & District Bowling Club  
 Trafalgar Bowls Club  
 Trafalgar Park Bowls Club  
 Traralgon Bowls Club

Traralgon RSL Bowling Club  
 Warragul Bowling Club  
 Yallourn Bowling Club  
 Yallourn North Bowling Club  
 Yarragon Bowling Club  
 Yinnar Bowls Club  
 Corinella Bowling Club  
 Fish Creek Bowling Club  
 Foster Bowls Club  
 Inverloch Bowling Club  
 Korumburra Bowling Club  
 Lang Lang Bowling Club  
 Leongatha Bowls Club  
 Loch & District Bowling Club  
 Meeniyah Bowling Club  
 Mirboo North Bowling Club  
 Phillip Island Bowling Club  
 Port Welshpool & District Bowling Club  
 San Remo Bowls Club  
 Tarwin Lower & District Bowls Club  
 Toora Bowls Club  
 Wonthaggi Bowls Club

## Bendigo Campaspe Region

Bendigo Bowls Club  
 Bendigo East Bowling Club  
 Bendigo Golf Bowling Club  
 Bendigo VRI Bowling Club  
 Bridgewater Bowling Club  
 Calivil Bowling Club  
 Campbell's Creek Bowling Club  
 Castlemaine Bowling Club  
 Dingee Bowling Club  
 Eaglehawk Bowling Club  
 Golden Square Bowling Club  
 Harcourt Bowling Club  
 Heathcote Bowling Club  
 Inglewood Bowls Club  
 Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club  
 Lockwood South Bowls Club  
 Marong Bowls Club  
 North Bendigo Bowls Club  
 Serpentine Bowling Club  
 South Bendigo Bowls Club  
 Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club  
 White Hills Bowls Club  
 Woodbury Bowling Club  
 City of Echuca Bowls Club  
 Deniliquin Bowling Club  
 Deniliquin RSL Bowling Club  
 Elmore Bowls Club  
 Kyabram Valley View Bowls Club  
 Lockington Bowls Club  
 Mathoura District & Servicemen's Bowling Club  
 Moama Bowling Club  
 Rich River Bowls Club  
 Rochester Bowls Club  
 Tongala Bowls Club

## Geelong Region

Anglesea Bowling Club  
 Bannockburn & District Bowls Club  
 Bareena Bowling Club  
 Barwon Heads Bowling Club  
 Bell Post Hill Bowls Club  
 Belmont Bowls Club

Clifton Springs Bowling Club  
 Drumcondra Bowling Club  
 Drysdale Bowling Club  
 Geelong Bowls Club  
 Geelong Cement Bowls Club  
 Geelong Eastern Park Bowling Club Inc  
 Geelong RSL Bowls Club  
 Geelong West Bowls Club  
 Highton Bowls Club  
 Inverleigh Bowls Club  
 Lara Bowling Club  
 Leopold Sportsmans Bowls Club  
 Norlane Bowling Club  
 Ocean Grove Bowling Club  
 Point Lonsdale Bowls Club  
 Portarlington Bowls Club  
 Queenscliff Bowling Club  
 St Leonards Bowling Club  
 Torquay Bowls Club

## Gippsland Region

Bairnsdale Bowls Club  
 Bairnsdale Golf Bowls Club  
 Bruthen Bowling Club  
 Howitt Park Bowls Club  
 Lakes Entrance Bowls Club  
 Lindenow Bowling Club  
 Metung Bowls Club  
 Orbost Bowls Club  
 Paynesville Bowling Club  
 Tambo Valley Bowling Club  
 Golden Paradise Beach Bowling Club  
 Heyfield Bowls Club  
 Loch Sport Bowls Club  
 Maffra & Recreation Bowls Club  
 Rosedale Bowling Club  
 Sale Bowls Club  
 Sale Golf Bowls Club  
 Stratford Bowling Club  
 Wurruk Bowls Club  
 Yarram CC Bowls Club

## Central/Goulburn/Murray Region

Alexandra Bowling Club  
 Broadford Bowling Club  
 Eildon Bowling Club  
 Kilmore Bowls Club  
 Seymour Bowling Club Inc  
 Seymour VRI Bowling Club  
 Wallan Bowling Club  
 Yea Bowls Club  
 Avenel Bowling Club  
 Dookie Bowls Club  
 Colbinabbin Bowls Club  
 Kyabram Bowls Club  
 Rushworth Bowls Club  
 Stanhope Bowls Club  
 East Shepparton Bowls Club  
 Euroa Bowls Club  
 Hilltop (Tatura) Bowls Club  
 Merrigum Bowls Club  
 Mooroopna Bowls Club  
 Mooroopna Golf Bowls Club  
 Murchison Bowls Club  
 Nagambie Bowls Club  
 Shepparton Golf Bowls Club

Shepparton Park Bowls Club  
 Shepparton RSL Bowls Club  
 Tatura Bowls Club  
 Violet Town Bowls Club  
 Barooga Sports Bowls Club  
 Berrigan Bowls Club  
 Cobram Bowling Club  
 Finley Bowling Club  
 Finley RSL Bowls Club  
 Jerilderie Sports Club  
 Katandra West Bowling Club  
 Nathalia Bowling Club  
 Numurkah Bowls Club  
 Numurkah Golf Bowls Club  
 Picola Bowling Club  
 Strathmerton Bowling Club  
 Tallygaroopna Bowling Club  
 Tocumwal Bowls Club  
 Wunghnu Bowls Club  
 Oaklands RSL Bowling Club

## **Mallee/Sunraysia Region**

Balranald District Ex-Servicemen's Bowling Club  
 Lake Boga Bowling Club  
 Manangatang & District Bowling Club  
 Moulamein Bowling Club  
 Murray Downs Golf & Country Club Bowling Club  
 Nyah District Bowling Club  
 Swan Hill Bowls Club  
 Swan Hill Golf Bowls Club  
 Tooleybuc Bowling Club  
 Barham District Services Bowling Club  
 Barham Sports Bowling Club  
 Cohuna Bowls Club  
 Cohuna Golf Bowling Club  
 Gunbower Bowls Club  
 Kerang Bowls Club  
 Kerang Golf Bowling Club  
 Leitchville Bowls Club  
 Pyramid Hill Bowling Club  
 Wakool Bowling Club  
 Coomealla Bowling Club  
 Euston Bowls Club  
 Irymple Bowls Club  
 Merbein Bowling Club  
 Mildura Bowls Club  
 Mildura Workingmans Bowling Club  
 Nangiloc & District Bowls Club  
 Ouyen Bowls Club  
 Red Cliffs Bowling Club  
 Underbool Bowls Club  
 Wentworth Services Bowling Club  
 Berriwillock Bowling Club  
 Birchip Bowls Club  
 Culgoa Bowling Club  
 Quambatook Bowling Club  
 Sea Lake Golf Bowls Club  
 Woomelang Bowling Club

## **Ovens and Murray Region**

Benalla Bowls Club  
 Bright Bowls Club  
 Mansfield Bowls Club  
 Milawa Bowls Club  
 Moira Benalla Bowls Club  
 Moyhu Bowling Club

Myrtleford Bowls Club  
 Ovens Bowls Club  
 Swanpool Bowling Club  
 Wangaratta Bowls Club  
 Beechworth Bowls Club  
 Corryong Bowls Club  
 Dederang Bowls Club  
 Kiewa Valley Bowling Club  
 Mitta Valley Bowling Club  
 Mt Beauty Bowling Club  
 SS & A Wodonga Country Bowls Club  
 Tallangatta Bowling Club  
 Tawonga Bowling Club  
 Wodonga Bowling Club  
 Yackandandah Bowling Club  
 Chiltern Bowling Club  
 Club Mulwala Bowls Club  
 Corowa Services Bowling Club  
 Rutherglen Bowling Club  
 St James Bowls Club  
 Tungamah Bowls Club  
 Yarrawonga & Border Golf Bowls Club  
 Yarrawonga Bowls Club  
 Wangaratta City Bowls Club

## **Far West Region**

Apollo Bay Bowls Club  
 Birregurra Bowling Club  
 Camperdown Bowling Club  
 Camperdown Golf Bowls Club  
 City Colac Bowls Club  
 Cobden Bowling Club  
 Colac Bowling Club  
 Colac Central Bowling Club  
 Cressy Bowling Club  
 Derrinallum Bowling Club  
 Lismore Memorial Bowling Club  
 Lorne Bowls Club  
 Simpson Bowls Club  
 Skipton Golf Bowling Club  
 Winchelsea Bowls Club  
 Balmoral Bowls Club  
 Casterton Bowling Club  
 Coleraine Bowling Club  
 Dartmoor Bowling Club  
 Dunkeld Bowling Club  
 Grangeburn Bowling Club  
 Hamilton Bowling Club  
 Heywood Bowling Club  
 Macarthur Bowls Club  
 Portland Bowling Club  
 Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club  
 Dennington Bowling Club  
 Koroit Bowls Club  
 Mortlake Bowls Club  
 Penshurst Bowls Club  
 Port Fairy Bowls Club  
 St John's Bowls Club  
 Terang Bowling Club  
 Timboon Bowling Club  
 Warrnambool Bowls Club  
 Warrnambool City Memorial Bowls Club  
 Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Bowling Club

## Wimmera Region

Aradale Bowls Club  
Ararat Bowling Club  
Ararat Vri Bowls Club  
Chalambar Bowls Club  
Lake Bolac & District Bowling Club  
Landsborough & District Bowling Club  
Stawell Bowling Club  
Stawell Golf Bowling Club  
Willaura Bowls Club  
Boort Bowls Club  
Charlton Bowling Club Inc  
Donald Golf Bowls Club  
Korong Vale Bowling Club  
St Arnaud Bowling Club  
St Arnaud Cc Bowling Club  
Watchem Bowling Club  
Wedderburn Bowls Club  
Wycheproof Bowls Club  
Beulah Bowling Club  
Brim Memorial Bowling Club

Donald Bowling Club  
Hopetoun Bowls Club Inc  
Jeparit & District Bowling Club  
Minyip Bowls Club  
Murtoa Bowling Club  
Rainbow Bowls Club  
Rupanyup Bowls Club  
Warracknabeal Bowling Club  
Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Club  
Coughlin Park Bowls Club  
Dimboola Bowling Club  
Edenhope Bowling Club  
Goroke Bowling Club  
Horsham City Bowling Club  
Horsham Golf Bowling Club  
Horsham Sunnyside Bowling Club  
Horsham West Bowling Club  
Kaniva Bowls Club  
Natimuk Bowling Club  
Nhill Bowling Club  
Serviceton Memorial Bowling Club

Table 6.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 51,969 playing members (including 39,346 pennant playing members and 12,623 non-pennant playing members) and 18,681 non-playing members in Victoria.

**Of the 70,650 bowls club members in Victoria,**

- 55.7% were registered pennant playing members
- 17.9% were non-pennant playing members
- 26.4% were non-playing members
- 56.6% of members were located in country Victoria.

**The Victorian regions with the greatest number of bowls club members were :**

- Melbourne East
- Geelong
- Melbourne South
- Far West
- Melbourne West
- Gippsland.

**TABLE 6.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS VICTORIA, 2011**

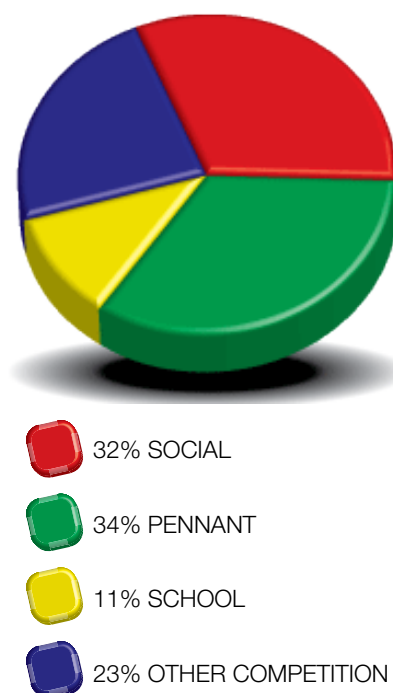
	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Peninsula/Casey	36	2,968	1,384	4,352	736	5,088
Melbourne South	50	4,135	921	5,056	1,596	6,651
Melbourne East	47	5,266	1,428	6,695	1,340	8,034
Melbourne North	9	1,109	117	1,226	448	1,674
Melbourne North East	20	2,086	614	2,699	734	3,434
Melbourne West	30	2,825	579	3,404	2,361	5,764
Sub Total	192	18,388	5,043	23,432	7,214	30,646
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Geelong	32	3,159	1,120	4,279	2,805	7,083
Far West	30	2,361	783	3,144	3,453	6,597
Wimmera	27	1,286	738	2,024	236	2,259
Mallee/Sunraysia	27	1,430	255	1,685	438	2,123
Ballarat	32	3,017	278	3,296	974	4,269
Bendigo/Campaspe	44	3,505	901	4,406	818	5,224
Central/Goulburn/Murray	40	2,545	317	2,862	612	3,474
Ovens & Murray	28	1,103	767	1,870	379	2,249
Gippsland	36	1,730	2,179	3,909	1,620	5,529
Bass Coast/Sth Gippsland	15	823	241	1,063	133	1,196
Sub Total	311	20,958	7,580	28,538	11,466	40,004
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>39,346</b>	<b>12,623</b>	<b>51,969</b>	<b>18,681</b>	<b>70,650</b>

Table 6.2 and Figure 6.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 129,961 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Victoria during 2011. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in Victoria was bowls competitions, with 56.7% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 64.6% of all bowls participation in Victoria. Female participation ranges from 33.1% for pennant competitions to 35.4% in schools programs.

- Participation in country Victoria (73,276) is higher than metropolitan participation (56,685) and the largest regions for bowls participation are Geelong, Melbourne South, Melbourne East and Gippsland.

**FIGURE 6.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, VICTORIA, 2011



**TABLE 6.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN VICTORIA, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Peninsula/Casey	2,003	965	2,968	1,868	891	2,759	1,247	953	2,200	988	948	1,935	6,106	3,757	9,863
Melbourne South	2,750	1,385	4,135	2,002	987	2,989	5,380	2,435	7,815	3,074	504	3,578	13,207	5,311	18,517
Melbourne East	3,546	1,720	5,266	2,966	1,358	4,324	1,932	1,697	3,628	562	533	1,095	9,005	5,309	14,314
Melbourne North	781	328	1,109	371	74	445	112	25	137	27	27	54	1,291	454	1,744
Melbourne North East	1,397	689	2,086	1,203	471	1,674	140	109	249	0	0	0	2,740	1,269	4,009
Melbourne West	2,107	718	2,825	1,495	637	2,132	845	845	1,689	1,214	378	1,592	5,661	2,578	8,238
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12,584</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>18,388</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>14,323</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>15,719</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>38,009</b>	<b>18,676</b>	<b>56,685</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Geelong	2,087	1,072	3,159	2,146	1,049	3,195	3,922	7,778	11,701	48	55	103	8,203	9,954	18,158
Far West	1,731	630	2,361	1,425	726	2,151	1,200	840	2,040	606	291	897	4,962	2,487	7,449
Wimmera	957	329	1,286	722	380	1,102	795	304	1,100	118	93	211	2,592	1,107	3,699
Mallee/Sunraysia	994	435	1,429	963	483	1,446	547	238	786	24	21	45	2,529	1,177	3,706
Ballarat	2,057	960	3,017	1,262	494	1,755	1,408	494	1,902	750	526	1,275	5,477	2,473	7,950
Bendigo/Campaspe	2,182	1,324	3,505	2,149	1,001	3,150	1,577	774	2,350	183	147	330	6,090	3,245	9,335
Central/Goulburn/Murray	1,760	785	2,545	1,468	662	2,129	738	535	1,274	191	194	385	4,157	2,175	6,332
Ovens & Murray	709	394	1,103	474	385	859	390	194	584	342	353	694	1,915	1,325	3,241
Gippsland	1,863	1,287	3,150	1,935	1,386	3,321	1,512	1,170	2,682	810	468	1,278	6,120	4,311	10,431
Bass Coast/Sth Gippsland	430	392	822	620	370	990	560	367	927	140	95	235	1,750	1,225	2,975
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>14,771</b>	<b>7,608</b>	<b>22,378</b>	<b>13,163</b>	<b>6,935</b>	<b>20,098</b>	<b>12,650</b>	<b>12,696</b>	<b>25,346</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>5,453</b>	<b>43,795</b>	<b>29,481</b>	<b>73,276</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,355</b>	<b>13,411</b>	<b>40,766</b>	<b>23,068</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>34,422</b>	<b>22,306</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>41,064</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>4,633</b>	<b>13,708</b>	<b>81,804</b>	<b>48,157</b>	<b>129,961</b>



**TABLE 6.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF VICTORIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2011**

		Participants Number	Rank	2010 Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Melbourne South	Metropolitan	18,517	4	10	16,449	3	6,651	23
Geelong	Country	18,158	5	9	16,082	5	7,083	20
Melbourne East	Metropolitan	14,314	8	13	11,218	8	8,034	17
Gippsland	Country	10,431	15	43	7,869	14	5,529	30
Peninsula/Casey	Metropolitan	9,863	18	22	8,488	13	5,088	32
Bendigo/Campaspe	Country	9,335	19	31	7,087	18	5,224	31
Melbourne West	Metropolitan	8,238	23	36	6,486	19	5,764	28
Ballarat	Country	7,950	24	38	6,473	20	4,269	35
Far West	Country	7,449	26	18	6,081	23	6,597	24
Central/Goulburn/Murray	Country	6,332	31	14	4,520	31	3,474	41
Mallee/Sunraysia	Country	4,009	45	20	2,516	50	2,123	51
Wimmera	Country	3,706	46	23	3,335	41	2,259	49
Melbourne North East	Metropolitan	3,699	47	35	3,411	39	3,434	42
Ovens & Murray	Country	3,241	52	39	3,149	45	2,249	50
Bass Coast/Sth Gippsland	Country	2,975	54	42	2,226	53	1,196	65
Melbourne North	Metropolitan	1,744	66	28	1,170	65	1,674	55

**FIGURE 6.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

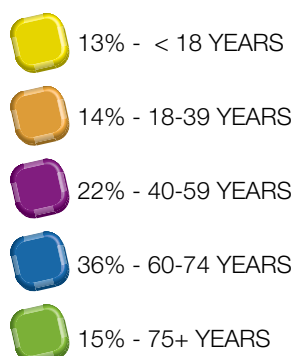


Figure 6.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Victoria.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

- Pennant and other competition participants who regularly play in more than one competition during the same season or year.
- Participants involved in both competition and social or corporate bowls.

Regional rankings for Victorian regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 6.3.

Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. For Victoria the player to population rates are presented in Tables 6.4 to 6.6.

Victorian regions with the highest player to population rates in 2011 were all in country regions:

- Wimmera

- Far West Victoria
- Geelong
- Gippsland
- Ballarat.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were all in Melbourne:

- Melbourne West
- Melbourne North
- Melbourne East
- Melbourne North East.

The overall player to population rate in Victoria was 1.92%. The rate in country Victoria was 4.04% and in metropolitan Melbourne it was 1.16%. Notably, all country Victorian regions had higher player to population rates than all Melbourne metropolitan regions.

Finally, Table 6.7 summarises participants by age and gender. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 6.4 to 6.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 6.7 has higher figures, relating to participation.

**TABLE 6.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
VICTORIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Peninsula/Casey	1,590	170,814	0.93%	1,194	81,558	1.46%	1,494	32,698	4.57%	767	14,790	5.19%	5,046	299,860	1.68%
Melbourne South	5,859	241,537	2.43%	3,114	117,791	2.64%	1,883	51,823	3.63%	864	27,875	3.10%	11,720	439,025	2.67%
Melbourne East	1,437	285,993	0.50%	1,580	135,879	1.16%	2,733	56,579	4.83%	938	25,648	3.66%	6,688	504,099	1.33%
Melbourne North	64	95,302	0.07%	160	39,533	0.41%	358	15,747	2.27%	165	7,755	2.13%	748	158,337	0.47%
Melbourne North East	181	135,213	0.13%	507	64,402	0.79%	929	25,982	3.58%	565	11,950	4.73%	2,182	237,547	0.92%
Melbourne West	1,689	214,136	0.79%	483	96,252	0.50%	1,659	34,670	4.79%	297	14,713	2.02%	4,128	359,771	1.15%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,820</b>	<b>1,142,995</b>	<b>0.95%</b>	<b>7,038</b>	<b>535,414</b>	<b>1.31%</b>	<b>9,056</b>	<b>217,499</b>	<b>4.16%</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>102,730</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>30,512</b>	<b>1,998,638</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
COUNTRY															
Geelong	1,748	75,272	2.32%	1,842	39,466	4.67%	2,565	18,188	14.10%	579	9,282	6.24%	6,734	142,207	4.74%
Far West	1,357	27,103	5.01%	798	15,141	5.27%	1,112	7,040	15.80%	569	3,462	16.44%	3,837	52,746	7.27%
Wimmera	510	11,804	4.32%	441	7,401	5.95%	845	3,882	21.78%	424	2,004	21.17%	2,220	25,090	8.85%
Mallee/Sunraysia	202	24,565	0.82%	489	13,014	3.76%	733	6,336	11.57%	235	3,195	7.37%	1,660	47,111	3.52%
Ballarat	1,752	41,169	4.26%	835	21,797	3.83%	1,190	9,889	12.03%	509	4,471	11.39%	4,286	77,326	5.54%
Bendigo/ Campaspe	734	45,417	1.62%	1,339	25,263	5.30%	1,714	12,592	13.61%	819	6,073	13.48%	4,606	89,345	5.16%
Central/Goulburn/ Murray	672	47,364	1.42%	639	25,850	2.47%	1,063	11,624	9.15%	403	4,868	8.29%	2,778	89,705	3.10%
Ovens & Murray	572	34,008	1.68%	392	20,170	1.94%	697	9,368	7.44%	279	4,191	6.66%	1,940	67,737	2.86%
Gippsland	1,352	51,425	2.63%	1,498	29,547	5.07%	1,213	14,795	8.20%	785	6,492	12.08%	4,847	102,260	4.74%
Bass Coast/South Gippsland	586	12,849	4.56%	210	8,394	2.50%	497	5,208	9.55%	94	2,488	3.77%	1,387	28,939	4.79%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,484</b>	<b>370,977</b>	<b>2.56%</b>	<b>8,484</b>	<b>206,042</b>	<b>4.12%</b>	<b>11,630</b>	<b>98,922</b>	<b>11.76%</b>	<b>4,697</b>	<b>46,525</b>	<b>10.09%</b>	<b>34,294</b>	<b>722,466</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>1,513,971</b>	<b>1.34%</b>	<b>15,522</b>	<b>741,456</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>20,686</b>	<b>316,421</b>	<b>6.54%</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>149,255</b>	<b>5.56%</b>	<b>64,805</b>	<b>2,721,104</b>	<b>2.38%</b>

**TABLE 6.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
VICTORIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Peninsula/Casey	2,901	340,475	0.85%	1,937	165,903	1.17%	2,371	67,871	3.49%	1,279	35,428	3.61%	8,488	609,677	1.39%
Melbourne South	7,803	478,332	1.63%	4,352	240,986	1.81%	2,826	108,123	2.61%	1,468	70,448	2.08%	16,449	897,889	1.83%
Melbourne East	2,448	571,176	0.43%	2,461	281,241	0.88%	4,651	116,881	3.98%	1,657	65,792	2.52%	11,218	1,035,089	1.08%
Melbourne North	93	190,819	0.05%	222	80,578	0.28%	527	32,961	1.60%	328	18,475	1.78%	1,170	322,834	0.36%
Melbourne North East	290	269,109	0.11%	743	132,754	0.56%	1,420	53,566	2.65%	957	29,256	3.27%	3,411	484,685	0.70%
Melbourne West	2,566	425,764	0.60%	811	194,577	0.42%	2,641	70,201	3.76%	468	36,320	1.29%	6,486	726,862	0.89%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16,102</b>	<b>2,275,675</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>10,526</b>	<b>1,096,039</b>	<b>0.96%</b>	<b>14,436</b>	<b>449,604</b>	<b>3.21%</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>255,719</b>	<b>2.41%</b>	<b>47,221</b>	<b>4,077,036</b>	<b>1.16%</b>
COUNTRY															
Geelong	4,607	148,646	3.10%	4,674	80,953	5.77%	5,792	37,830	15.31%	1,009	22,848	4.42%	16,082	290,277	5.54%
Far West	2,044	53,561	3.82%	1,225	30,413	4.03%	1,965	14,406	13.64%	848	8,692	9.75%	6,081	107,072	5.68%
Wimmera	784	23,457	3.34%	659	14,598	4.51%	1,358	7,834	17.34%	534	5,014	10.65%	3,335	50,903	6.55%
Mallee/Sunraysia	342	48,848	0.70%	637	25,898	2.46%	1,168	12,796	9.13%	368	7,671	4.80%	2,516	95,213	2.64%
Ballarat	2,585	82,410	3.14%	1,073	44,487	2.41%	1,969	20,205	9.75%	846	11,526	7.34%	6,473	158,627	4.08%
Bendigo/ Campaspe	1,216	90,837	1.34%	1,857	51,477	3.61%	2,610	25,450	10.25%	1,403	14,775	9.50%	7,087	182,539	3.88%
Central/Goulburn/ Murray	1,126	93,985	1.20%	948	51,996	1.82%	1,756	22,843	7.69%	690	11,596	5.95%	4,520	180,421	2.51%
Ovens & Murray	1,001	67,274	1.49%	534	40,816	1.31%	1,040	18,788	5.54%	573	10,248	5.60%	3,149	137,126	2.30%
Gippsland	2,243	102,437	2.19%	2,367	60,071	3.94%	1,887	29,517	6.39%	1,373	15,546	8.83%	7,869	207,571	3.79%
Bass Coast/South Gippsland	982	25,645	3.83%	316	17,210	1.83%	792	10,620	7.46%	136	5,672	2.40%	2,226	59,147	3.76%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16,929</b>	<b>737,101</b>	<b>2.30%</b>	<b>14,290</b>	<b>417,919</b>	<b>3.42%</b>	<b>20,336</b>	<b>200,289</b>	<b>10.15%</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>113,587</b>	<b>6.85%</b>	<b>59,337</b>	<b>1,468,896</b>	<b>4.04%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,031</b>	<b>3,012,775</b>	<b>1.10%</b>	<b>24,816</b>	<b>1,513,958</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>34,772</b>	<b>649,893</b>	<b>5.35%</b>	<b>13,939</b>	<b>369,306</b>	<b>3.77%</b>	<b>106,558</b>	<b>5,545,932</b>	<b>1.92%</b>

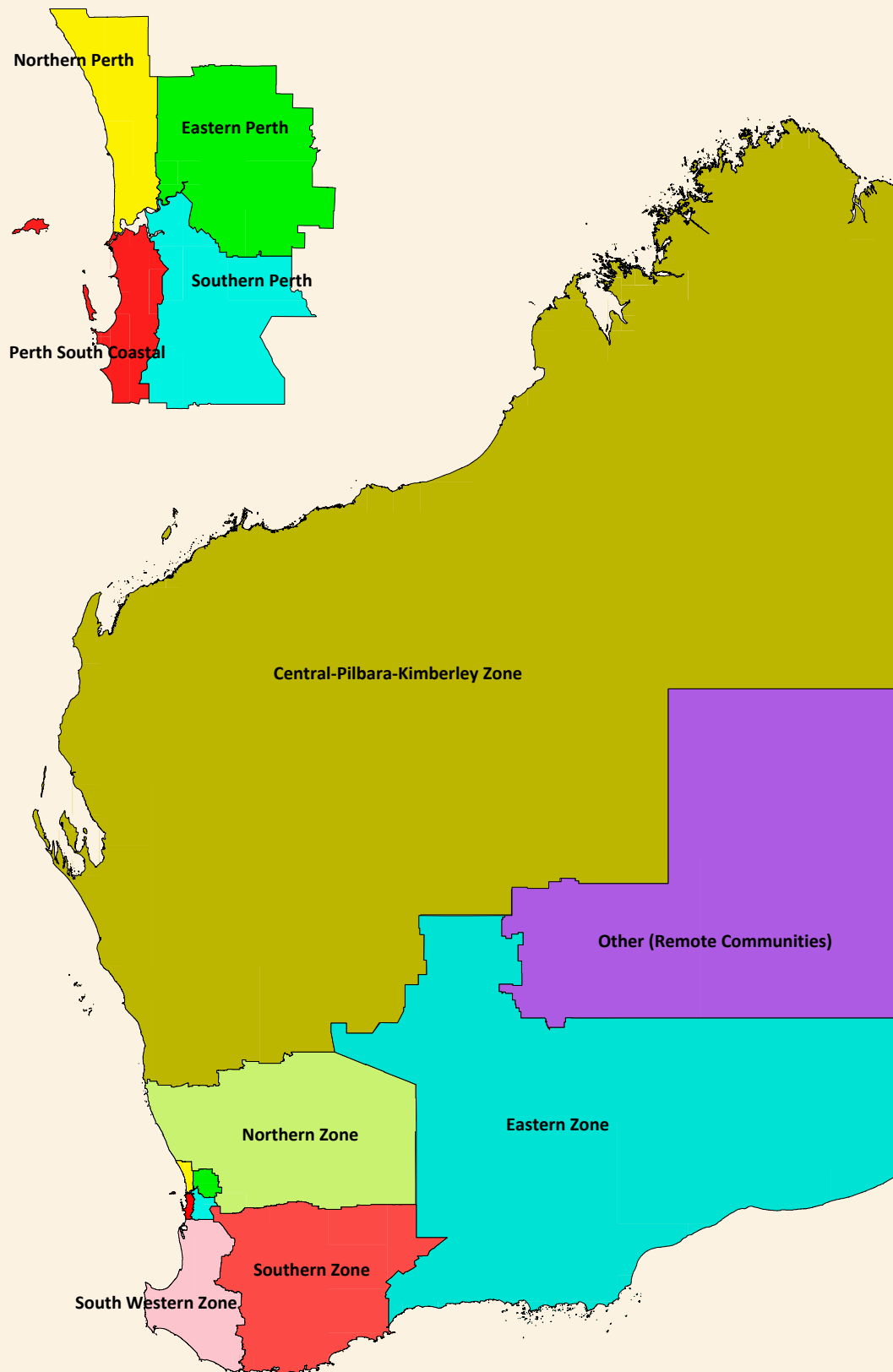
**TABLE 6.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2011**

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**TABLE 6.7 VICTORIAN PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER**

VICTORIA	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>													
Peninsula/Casey	1,077	1,061	603	277	1,424	726	2,083	714	1,086	414	6,274	3,192	9,465
Melbourne South	3,603	787	2,488	1,204	3,464	1,258	2,724	912	1,290	580	13,570	4,740	18,310
Melbourne East	692	548	977	487	2,158	873	3,964	1,843	1,462	675	9,253	4,426	13,679
Melbourne North	35	28	53	2	263	52	588	144	271	139	1,211	364	1,576
Melbourne North East	45	13	157	93	660	164	1,214	334	740	265	2,815	869	3,684
Melbourne West	1,322	454	441	444	707	310	2,845	787	502	143	5,816	2,139	7,955
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,776</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>8,677</b>	<b>3,383</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>4,734</b>	<b>5,350</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>38,940</b>	<b>15,730</b>	<b>54,669</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
Geelong	127	92	1,750	2,858	2,135	2,975	3,505	3,684	912	619	8,429	10,228	18,657
Far West	790	381	669	328	1,136	485	1,679	1,022	825	340	5,098	2,555	7,654
Wimmera	157	143	378	138	519	223	1,070	522	539	112	2,663	1,137	3,801
Mallee/Sunraysia	84	36	154	113	673	188	1,252	663	435	210	2,599	1,210	3,808
Ballarat	816	540	1,084	317	1,138	274	1,774	979	816	432	5,627	2,541	8,168
Bendigo/Campaspe	257	177	569	364	1,640	626	2,549	1,302	1,243	866	6,258	3,334	9,592
Central/Goulburn/Murray	440	358	364	116	975	381	1,780	960	711	420	4,271	2,235	6,506
Ovens & Murray	413	393	173	49	397	165	704	404	281	351	1,968	1,362	3,330
Gippsland	942	588	484	350	1,857	1,158	1,837	1,266	1,168	1,068	6,288	4,430	10,718
Bass Coast/Sth Gippsland	181	125	427	286	266	146	781	613	143	89	1,798	1,259	3,057
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,209</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>6,051</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>10,736</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>16,932</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>7,073</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>75,292</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,985</b>	<b>5,722</b>	<b>10,770</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>19,412</b>	<b>10,002</b>	<b>30,350</b>	<b>16,148</b>	<b>12,423</b>	<b>6,722</b>	<b>83,940</b>	<b>46,021</b>	<b>129,961</b>

# 7. WESTERN AUSTRALIA



## 7.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Western Australia is Australia's fourth most populous state with 2,293,510<sup>10</sup> residents or 10.3% of the Australian population. Bowls Western Australia currently has four regions in metropolitan Perth and five country regions (with a couple of additional remote communities).

The Western Australian regions for the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are

### ❖ METROPOLITAN PERTH

- Eastern
- Northern
- Southern
- South Coastal

### ❖ COUNTRY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Eastern Zone
- Northern Zone
- Southern Zone
- South Western Zone
- Central - Pilbara - Kimberley
- Other (remote communities)

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 7.1.

## 7.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2011, WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAD:

- 213 bowls clubs
- 37,175 playing and non-playing members
- 52,369 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 32,614 players in all forms of bowls

**The bowling clubs in each metropolitan and country region in Western Australia in 2011 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN PERTH**

### **Eastern Metropolitan Region**

Bassendean Bowling Club  
Bayswater Bowling Club  
Bedford Bowling Club  
Bellevue RSL Bowling Club  
Belmont City Bowling Club  
Bullsbrook Bowling Club  
Glen Forrest Bowling Club  
Kalamunda Bowling Club  
Maylands Bowling Club  
Midland-Morrison Bowling Club  
Morley Bowling Club  
Mt. Lawley Bowling Club  
Mundaring Bowling Club  
Sportsmen's Bowling Club  
Swan Bowling Club  
Valley Bowling Club  
Yokine Bowling Club

### **Northern Region**

Beaumaris Bowling Club  
Cambridge Bowling Club  
Doubtview Bowling Club  
Innaloo Bowling Club  
Lake Monger Bowling Club  
Merriwa Bowling Club  
Nollamara Bowling Club  
North Beach Bowling Club  
North Perth Bowling Club  
Osborne Park Bowling Club  
Quinns Rocks Bowling Club  
Scarborough Bowling Club  
Sorrento Bowling Club  
Stirling Bowling Club  
Wanneroo Bowling Club  
Warwick Bowling Club  
Yanchep Bowling Club

### **Southern Region**

Armadale Bowling Club  
Bullcreek Afa Bowling Club  
Byford Bowling Club  
Cannington Bowling Club  
Como Bowling Club  
Forrestfield Bowling Club  
Gosnells Bowling Club  
Leeming Bowling Club  
Manning Bowling Club  
Mills Park Bowling Club  
Mt. Pleasant Bowling Club  
Perth & Tatts Bowling Club  
Pickering Brook Bowling Club  
Rossmoyne Bowling Club  
Roleystone Bowling Club  
South Perth Bowling Club  
Thornlie Bowling Club  
Victoria Park-Carlisle Bowling Club  
WA Blind Bowling Club  
Willetton Bowling Club

### **South Coastal Region**

Claremont Bowling Club  
Cockburn Bowling Club  
Dalkeith-Nedlands Bowling Club  
East Fremantle Bowling Club  
Fremantle Bowling Club  
Hilton Park Bowling Club  
Hollywood-Subiaco Bowling Club  
Kardinya Bowling Club  
Kwinana Bowling Club  
Melville Bowling Club  
Mosman Park Bowling Club  
Rockingham Bowling Club  
Safety Bay Bowling Club  
Spearwood Bowling Club  
Warnbro Bowling Club

## **COUNTRY WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Eastern Zone**

Beverley Bowling Club  
Bolgart Bowling Club  
Dowerin Bowling Club  
Goomalling Bowling Club  
Meckering Bowling Club  
Northam Bowling Club  
Toodyay Bowling Club  
York Bowling Club  
Beacon Bowling Club  
Bencubbin Bowling Club  
Koorda Bowling Club  
Mukinbudin Bowling Club  
Nungarin Bowling Club  
Trayning Bowling Club  
Wyalkatchem Bowling Club  
Cunderdin Bowling Club  
Doodlakine Bowling Club  
Kelleberrin Bowling Club  
Quairading Bowling Club  
Tammin Bowling Club  
Bruce Rock Bowling Club  
Corrigin Bowling Club  
Merredin Bowling Club  
Merredin Civic Bowling Club  
Narembeen Bowling Club  
Shackleton Bowling Club  
Westonia Bowling Club  
Yilgarn Bowling Club  
Boulder Bowling Club  
Kalgoorlie Bowling Club  
Kambalda Bowling Club  
Railways Bowling Club

### **Northern Zone**

Denison Bowling Club  
Geraldton Bowling Club  
Mullewa Bowling Club  
Northampton Bowling Club  
Wonthella Bowling Club  
Ballidu Bowling Club  
Calingiri Bowling Club  
Dalwallinu Bowling Club  
Kalannie Bowling Club  
Moora Bowling Club  
Wongan Hills Bowling Club

Badgingarra Bowling Club  
Cervantes Bowling Club  
Dandaragan Bowling Club  
Jurien Bowling Club  
Leeman Bowling Club  
Bindoon Bowling Club  
Gingin Bowling Club  
Guilderton Bowling Club  
Lancelin Bowling Club  
Ledge Point Bowling Club  
Carnamah Bowling Club  
Coorow Bowling Club  
Latham Bowling Club  
Mingenew Bowling Club  
Morawa Bowling Club  
Perenjori Bowling Club  
Three Springs Bowling Club

### **Southern Zone**

Borden Bowling Club  
Broomehill Bowling Club  
Gnowangerup Bowling Club  
Jerramungup Bowling Club  
Nyabing Bowling Club  
Ongerup Bowling Club  
Tambellup Bowling Club  
Darkan Bowling Club  
Dumbleyung Bowling Club  
Katanning Bowling Club  
Kojonup Bowling Club  
Moodiarrup Bowling Club  
Wagin Bowling Club  
Albany Bowling Club  
Cranbrook Bowling Club  
Denmark Bowling Club  
Emu Point Bowling Club  
Frankland Bowling Club  
Green Range Bowling Club  
Middleton Beach Bowling Club  
Mt. Barker Bowling Club  
Mt. Barker Golf Bowling Club  
Walpole Bowling Club  
Kalgoorlie Bowling Club  
Kondinin Bowling Club  
Kukerin Bowling Club  
Kulin Bowling Club  
Lake Grace Bowling Club  
Newdegate Bowling Club  
Condingup Bowling Club  
Esperance Bowling Club  
Ravensthorpe Bowling Club  
Scaddan Bowling Club  
Hopetoun Bowling Club  
Brookton Bowling Club  
Lake Yealering Bowling Club  
Narrogin Bowling Club  
Pingelly Bowling Club  
Wickepin Bowling Club  
Williams Bowling Club

### **South Western Zone**

Balingup Bowling Club  
Boyup Brook Bowling Club  
Bridgetown Bowling Club

Donnybrook Bowling Club  
Manjimup Bowling Club  
Pemberton Bowling Club  
Augusta Bowling Club  
Cowaramup Bowling Club  
Dunsborough Bowling Club  
Margaret River Bowling Club  
Nannup Bowling Club  
Boddington Bowling Club  
Comet Bay Bowling Club  
Dudley Park Bowling Club  
Halls Head Bowling Club  
Mandurah Bowling Club  
Meadow Springs Bowling Club  
Pinjarra Bowling Club  
Port Bouvard Bowling Club  
Waroona Bowling Club  
Yarloop Bowling Club  
Yunderup Bowling Club  
Binningup Bowling Club  
Boyanup Bowling Club  
Brunswick Bowling Club  
Bunbury Bowling Club  
Busselton Bowling Club  
Capel Bowling Club  
Collie Bowling Club  
Eaton Bowling Club  
Harvey Bowling Club

### **Central-Pilbara-Kimberley Zone**

Dampier Bowling Club  
Karratha Bowling Club  
Paraburdoo Bowling Club  
Port Hedland Bowling Club  
South Hedland Bowling Club  
Exmouth Bowling Club





Table 7.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 18,965 playing members (including 14,449 pennant playing members and 4,516 non-pennant playing members) and 18,210 non-playing members in Western Australia.

**Of the 37,175 bowls club members in Western Australia,**

- 38.9% were registered pennant playing members
- 12.1% were non-pennant playing members
- 48.9% were non-playing members
- 64.7% of members were located in country Western Australia.

**The Western Australian regions with the greatest number of bowls club members were in the Country:**

- Eastern Zone
- South Western Zone
- Southern Zone.

**TABLE 7.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2011**

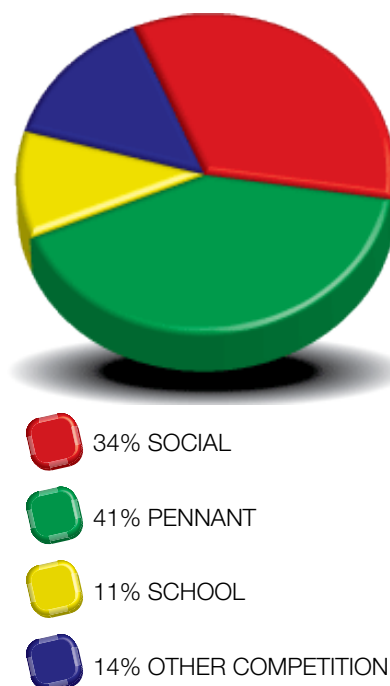
	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Eastern	17	1,952	195	2,147	472	2,619
Northern	17	2,900	284	3,184	816	4,000
Southern	19	2,460	249	2,709	299	3,008
South Coastal	16	1,968	194	2,162	1,333	3,495
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>9,280</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>10,202</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>13,122</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Eastern Zone	33	1,066	616	1,682	5,066	6,748
Northern Zone	29	868	507	1,375	2,308	3,683
Southern Zone	41	1,236	721	1,957	3,405	5,362
South Western Zone	31	1,999	1,186	3,185	4,316	7,501
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	8	0	486	486	195	681
Other	2	0	77	77	0	77
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>3,594</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>15,290</b>	<b>24,053</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>18,965</b>	<b>18,210</b>	<b>37,175</b>

Table 7.2 and Figure 7.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 52,369 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Western Australia during 2011. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in Western Australia was pennant bowls competitions, with 40.8% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 64.0% of all bowls participation in Western Australia. Female participation ranges from 31.9% for school participation to 39.1% in social participation.

- Participation in country Western Australia (27,314) is higher than metropolitan participation (25,055) and the two largest regions for bowls participation were country's Southern Zone and South Western Zone.

**FIGURE 7.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2011



**TABLE 7.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2011

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Eastern	2,073	817	2,890	1,250	459	1,709	890	694	1,584	181	145	326	4,394	2,115	6,508
Northern	2,732	921	3,653	1,464	478	1,943	1,105	658	1,763	24	24	49	5,326	2,081	7,407
Southern	1,708	976	2,684	707	547	1,254	589	479	1,068	95	57	152	3,099	2,059	5,158
South Coastal	1,518	771	2,288	1,045	518	1,563	1,384	683	2,067	38	24	62	3,985	1,997	5,981
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,031</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>11,516</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>16,803</b>	<b>8,252</b>	<b>25,055</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	1,118	573	1,691	880	517	1,397	1,067	770	1,837	0	0	0	3,065	1,860	4,925
Northern Zone	1,333	592	1,925	735	437	1,172	692	485	1,177	131	73	203	2,891	1,586	4,477
Southern Zone	2,002	1,149	3,151	902	492	1,394	1,056	400	1,456	1,845	851	2,696	5,805	2,892	8,696
South Western Zone	1,397	1,057	2,454	997	835	1,831	1,266	975	2,242	765	269	1,035	4,426	3,136	7,562
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	306	231	537	318	189	507	184	128	312	0	0	0	808	547	1,356
Other	68	35	102	53	31	85	65	47	111	0	0	0	186	113	298
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,224</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>9,860</b>	<b>3,886</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>6,387</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>7,134</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>3,934</b>	<b>17,181</b>	<b>10,133</b>	<b>27,314</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,255</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>21,376</b>	<b>8,351</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>12,855</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>5,319</b>	<b>13,616</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>33,984</b>	<b>18,385</b>	<b>52,369</b>

**TABLE 7.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2011**

		Participants Number	Rank	2010 Rank	Players Number	Rank	Members Number	Rank
Southern Zone	Country	8,696	20	16	5,315	26	5,539	29
South Western Zone	Country	7,562	25	17	4,891	27	7,792	18
Northern	Metropolitan	7,407	27	48	4,814	29	4,069	37
Eastern	Metropolitan	6,508	29	33	4,051	34	2,667	46
South Coastal	Metropolitan	5,981	32	44	4,268	33	3,543	40
Southern	Metropolitan	5,158	36	50	3,743	36	3,069	44
Eastern Zone	Country	4,925	38	33	2,590	49	6,899	21
Northern Zone	Country	4,477	40	26	2,180	54	3,807	38
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	Country	1,356	67	67	629	68	681	66

**FIGURE 7.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE  
GROUP

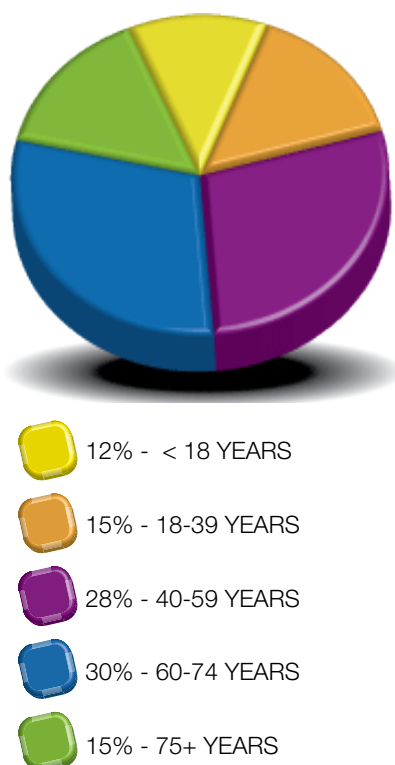


Figure 7.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Western Australia.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

- Pennant and other competition participants who regularly play in more than one competition during the same season or year.
- Participants involved in both competition and social or corporate bowls.

Regional rankings for Western Australian regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 7.3.

Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. For Western Australia the player to population rates are presented in Tables 7.4 to 7.6.

Western Australian regions with highest 'player to population' rates, in 2011, were all the country regions except Central/Pilbara/Kimberley (which had the lowest rate). The other regions with the lowest player to population rates were in Perth:

- Northern
- South Coastal
- Southern.

The overall player to population rate in Western Australia was 1.42%, the lowest among all the states and territories. The rate in country Western Australia was 2.63% and in metropolitan Perth it was 1.00%.

Finally, Table 7.7 summarises participants by age and gender. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 7.4 to 7.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 7.7 has higher figures, relating to participation.

**TABLE 7.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Eastern	623	79,882	0.78%	675	40,279	1.68%	861	15,559	5.54%	317	6,069	5.22%	2,475	141,789	1.75%
Northern	473	185,761	0.25%	1,041	90,713	1.15%	1,190	34,635	3.44%	306	15,229	2.01%	3,010	326,337	0.92%
Southern	393	111,135	0.35%	561	51,814	1.08%	1,050	19,684	5.33%	377	8,509	4.43%	2,381	191,143	1.25%
South Coastal	704	99,884	0.71%	790	49,567	1.59%	873	20,210	4.32%	517	8,938	5.79%	2,884	178,600	1.61%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>476,663</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>232,373</b>	<b>1.32%</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>90,088</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>38,746</b>	<b>3.91%</b>	<b>10,751</b>	<b>837,869</b>	<b>1.28%</b>
COUNTRY															
Eastern Zone	195	18,389	1.06%	754	8,257	9.14%	495	2,443	20.26%	110	632	17.43%	1,555	29,721	5.23%
Northern Zone	354	14,022	2.52%	523	9,059	5.77%	360	4,417	8.15%	89	1,472	6.03%	1,325	28,970	4.57%
Southern Zone	1,971	20,123	9.79%	526	11,789	4.46%	436	5,326	8.19%	538	2,235	24.07%	3,470	39,472	8.79%
South Western Zone	1,313	64,645	2.03%	465	36,022	1.29%	1,109	17,826	6.22%	298	7,546	3.95%	3,185	126,038	2.53%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	107	47,373	0.23%	127	22,614	0.56%	100	6,675	1.51%	52	1,946	2.69%	387	78,608	0.49%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>165,318</b>	<b>2.39%</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>88,070</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>36,782</b>	<b>6.88%</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>7.94%</b>	<b>10,002</b>	<b>304,016</b>	<b>3.29%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>641,980</b>	<b>0.96%</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>320,443</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>6,503</b>	<b>126,869</b>	<b>5.13%</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>52,593</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>20,753</b>	<b>1,141,885</b>	<b>1.82%</b>

**TABLE 7.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
Eastern	420	77,466	0.54%	545	41,095	1.33%	444	15,653	2.84%	143	8,336	1.72%	1,554	142,550	1.09%
Northern	225	182,182	0.12%	404	95,220	0.42%	896	36,228	2.47%	244	23,392	1.04%	1,769	337,023	0.52%
Southern	221	106,921	0.21%	253	53,394	0.47%	599	20,535	2.92%	260	13,307	1.96%	1,333	194,157	0.69%
South Coastal	244	98,543	0.25%	433	51,862	0.84%	427	21,073	2.03%	254	12,988	1.95%	1,358	184,466	0.74%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>465,113</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>241,572</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>93,488</b>	<b>2.53%</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>58,022</b>	<b>1.55%</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>858,196</b>	<b>0.70%</b>
COUNTRY															
Eastern Zone	140	17,212	0.81%	580	6,965	8.32%	255	1,989	12.80%	50	891	5.59%	1,024	27,057	3.78%
Northern Zone	251	13,496	1.86%	276	8,475	3.26%	263	3,799	6.93%	55	1,694	3.23%	845	27,465	3.08%
Southern Zone	861	19,524	4.41%	439	11,412	3.84%	214	5,145	4.16%	318	2,959	10.76%	1,832	39,040	4.69%
South Western Zone	568	63,349	0.90%	384	36,948	1.04%	562	17,738	3.17%	167	9,439	1.77%	1,682	127,474	1.32%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	63	44,999	0.14%	90	18,871	0.48%	54	5,399	0.99%	32	2,040	1.57%	239	71,308	0.34%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>159,286</b>	<b>1.19%</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>82,950</b>	<b>2.16%</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>34,153</b>	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>17,040</b>	<b>3.68%</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>293,429</b>	<b>1.93%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>624,399</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>324,522</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>127,641</b>	<b>2.92%</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>75,062</b>	<b>2.04%</b>	<b>11,689</b>	<b>1,151,625</b>	<b>1.01%</b>

**TABLE 7.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Eastern	1,045	157,348	0.66%	1,225	81,374	1.51%	1,317	31,212	4.22%	464	14,405	3.22%	4,051	284,339	1.42%
Northern	702	367,943	0.19%	1,456	185,933	0.78%	2,102	70,862	2.97%	554	38,621	1.44%	4,814	663,360	0.73%
Southern	616	218,056	0.28%	821	105,209	0.78%	1,664	40,219	4.14%	642	21,816	2.95%	3,743	385,300	0.97%
South Coastal	950	198,428	0.48%	1,228	101,429	1.21%	1,312	41,283	3.18%	779	21,927	3.55%	4,268	363,066	1.18%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>941,776</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>473,945</b>	<b>1.00%</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>183,576</b>	<b>3.48%</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>96,768</b>	<b>2.52%</b>	<b>16,877</b>	<b>1,696,065</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	335	35,600	0.94%	1,337	15,222	8.79%	756	4,432	17.05%	162	1,523	10.61%	2,590	56,778	4.56%
Northern Zone	606	27,518	2.20%	803	17,534	4.58%	627	8,217	7.63%	145	3,166	4.57%	2,180	56,435	3.86%
Southern Zone	2,832	39,647	7.14%	965	23,201	4.16%	653	10,470	6.24%	864	5,194	16.64%	5,315	78,512	6.77%
South Western Zone	1,883	127,993	1.47%	853	72,970	1.17%	1,685	35,563	4.74%	470	16,986	2.76%	4,891	253,512	1.93%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	170	92,372	0.18%	218	41,485	0.53%	155	12,074	1.29%	85	3,986	2.14%	629	149,916	0.42%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,847</b>	<b>324,603</b>	<b>1.80%</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>171,020</b>	<b>2.47%</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>70,935</b>	<b>5.53%</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>30,887</b>	<b>5.64%</b>	<b>15,737</b>	<b>597,445</b>	<b>2.63%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>1,266,380</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>8,955</b>	<b>644,965</b>	<b>1.39%</b>	<b>10,317</b>	<b>254,511</b>	<b>4.05%</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>127,655</b>	<b>3.28%</b>	<b>32,614</b>	<b>2,293,510</b>	<b>1.42%</b>

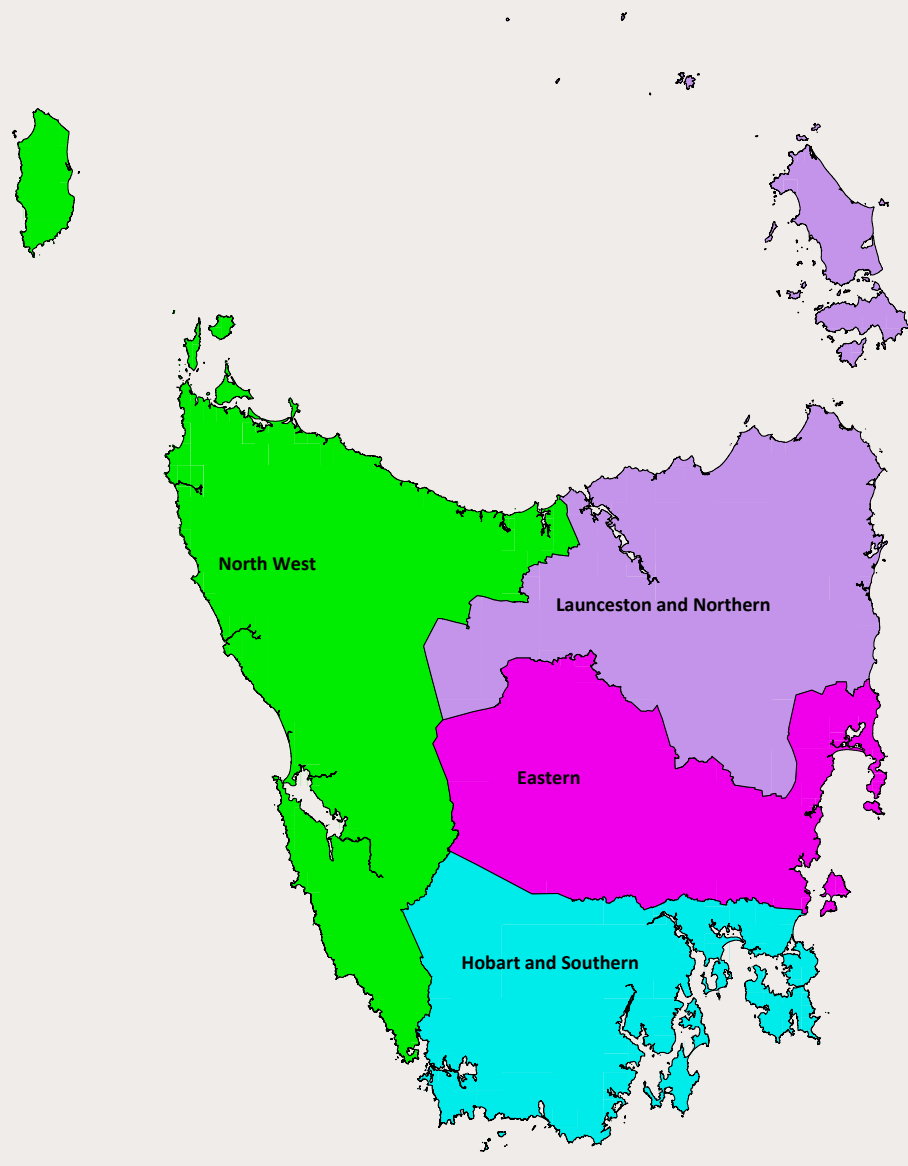
**TABLE 7.7 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2011**

	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>													
Eastern	202	151	487	317	797	604	1,050	477	390	150	2,927	1,700	4,627
Northern	64	47	563	229	1,230	418	1,245	674	296	160	3,398	1,528	4,925
Southern	99	69	388	251	549	328	853	588	290	226	2,179	1,463	3,642
South Coastal	104	69	802	364	1,012	623	1,078	525	638	303	3,634	1,885	5,518
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>18,713</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
Eastern Zone	74	28	189	151	1,005	758	647	358	143	69	2,057	1,364	3,421
Northern Zone	154	73	313	231	818	398	591	410	152	92	2,028	1,204	3,231
Southern Zone	1,860	851	181	8	777	449	825	319	1,339	854	4,982	2,481	7,462
South Western Zone	860	300	717	504	607	605	1,276	774	329	221	3,789	2,404	6,193
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	10	3	102	61	171	125	176	106	96	67	555	362	917
Other	4	2	11	9	61	46	39	22	9	4	125	83	207
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>13,535</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>21,431</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>7,781</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>25,673</b>	<b>14,471</b>	<b>40,144</b>

## 8. TASMANIA

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### NORTHERN TERRITORY



### 8.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Tasmania is Australia's smallest state (and ranks sixth among states and territories) with 507,643<sup>11</sup> residents or 2.3% of the Australian population. Bowls Tasmania has three identified regions; Hobart and South and three country regions.

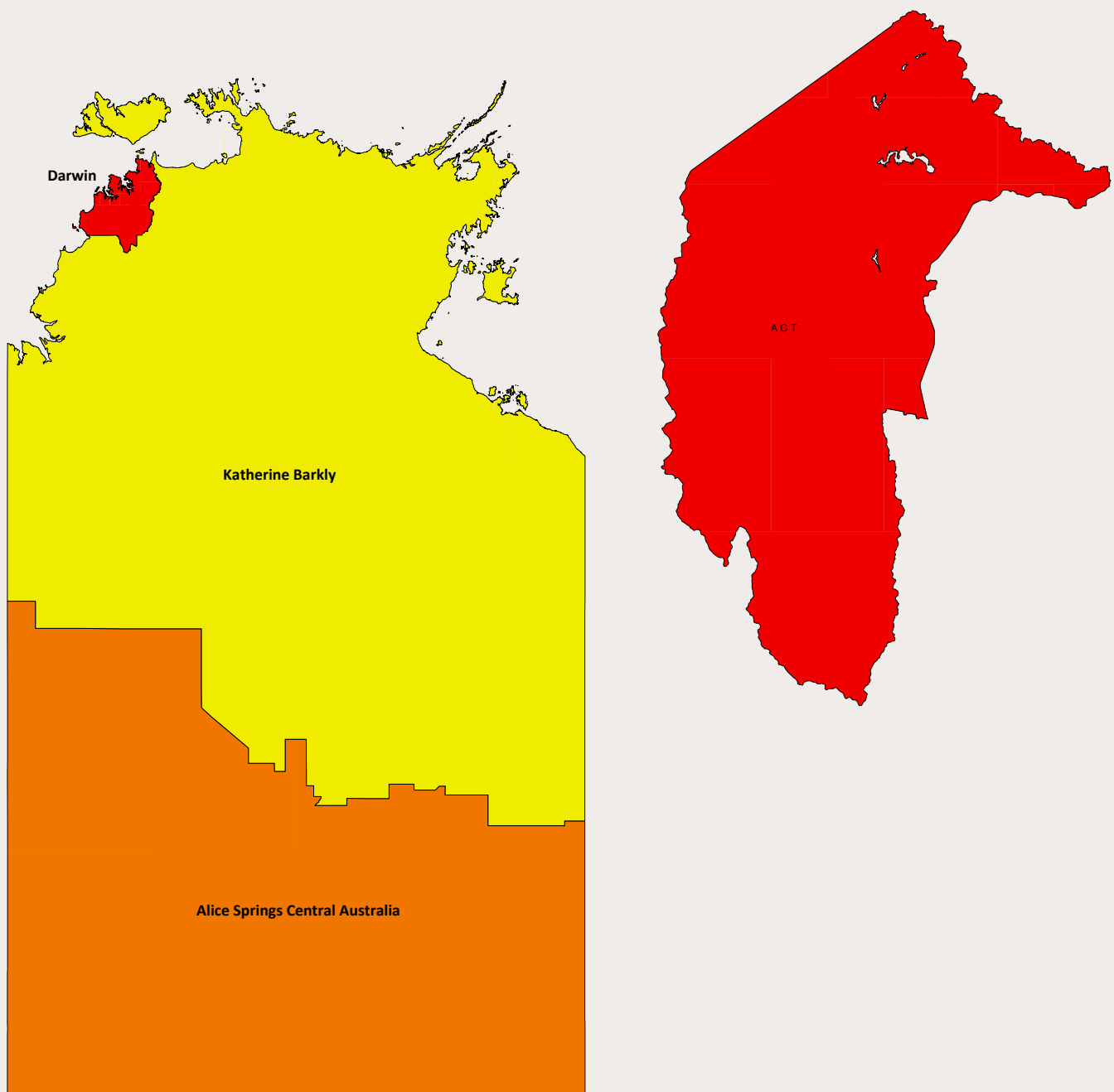
The Tasmanian regions in the 2011 Census and for planning bowls development are

#### ❖ METROPOLITAN HOBART AND SOUTH

#### ❖ COUNTRY TASMANIA

- Launceston and North
- North West
- East





The Northern Territory is Australia's least populous state/territory with 229,711<sup>12</sup> residents or 1.03% of the Australian population. Northern Territory Bowls has three longer-term identified regions; one metropolitan region and two country regions.

**The Northern Territory regions for longer term bowls censuses and for planning bowls development are:**

- Metropolitan Darwin and Top End
- Katherine Barkly
- Central Australia.

However, in the 2011 Census, the Northern Territory has been analysed as a single region.

**The Australian Capital Territory** has 358,571<sup>13</sup> residents, or 1.6% of the Australian resident population. The ACT is classified as one cricket administration region, although Bowls ACT encompasses bowls competitions and programs extend beyond the Territory's border, and includes the City of Queanbeyan (with an additional population of 40,620 residents).

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 8.1.

## 8.2 MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2011, TASMANIA HAD:

- 4 bowls associations
- 73 bowls clubs
- 9,035 playing and non-playing members
- 14,030 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 12,288 players in all forms of bowls

### IN 2011, THE NORTHERN TERRITORY HAD:

- 9 bowls clubs
- 605 playing and non-playing members
- 2,926 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 2,707 players in all forms of bowls

### IN 2011, THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY HAD:

- 1 bowls associations
- 14 bowls clubs
- 4,734 playing and non-playing members
- 9,576 regular participants (>4 weeks/games) in all forms of bowls
- 6,330 players in all forms of bowls

**The clubs in each Tasmanian, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory region in 2011 are as follows:**

## **Tasmania**

### **Hobart and South Region**

Beltana Bowling Club  
Berriedale Bowling Club  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Bruny Bowling Club  
Buckingham Bowling Club  
Claremont Bowling Club  
Cremorne Bowling Club  
Cygnet Bowling Club  
Derwent-City Bowling Club  
Dover RSL Bowling Club  
Franklin Bowling Club  
Geeveston Bowling Club  
Glenorchy Rodman Bowling Club  
Glenorchy RSL Bowling Club  
Hobart Indoor Bowling Club  
Howrah Bowling Club  
Huonville Bowling Club  
Kingborough Bowling Club  
New Norfolk Bowling Club  
Oatlands Bowling Club  
Orford Bowling Club  
Ouse Bowling Club  
Rosny Park Bowling Club  
Royal Hobart Bowling Club  
Sandy Bay Bowling Club  
Sorell Bowling Club  
St John's Park Bowling Club  
Taroona Bowling Club  
Tasman Bowling Club

### **Launceston and Northern Region**

Bass And Flinders Bowling Club  
Beauty Point Bowling Club  
Bridport Bowling Club  
Cosgrove Park Bowling Club  
Cressy Bowling Club  
Deloraine Bowling Club  
East Launceston Bowling Club  
Exeter RSL Bowling Club  
Flinders Island Bowling Club  
George Town Bowling Club  
Invermay Bowling Club  
Kings Meadows Bowling Club  
Launceston Bowling Club  
Lilydale Bowling Club  
Longford Bowling Club  
Midlands Bowling Club  
North Launceston Bowling Club  
Ravenswood Bowling Club  
Riverside Bowling Club  
Scottsdale Bowling Club  
Trevallyn Bowling Club  
West Launceston Bowling Club  
Westbury Bowling Club

## **North West Region**

Burnie Bowling Club  
Devonport Bowling Club  
East Devonport Bowling Club  
Latrobe Bowling Club  
Penguin Bowling Club  
Port Sorell Bowling Club  
Railton Bowling Club  
Ridgley Bowling Club  
Sheffield Bowling Club  
Smithton Bowling Club  
South Burnie Bowling Club  
Spreyton Bowling Club  
Turners Beach Bowling Club  
Ulverstone Bowling Club  
Viewmont Bowling Club  
Wynyard Bowling Club

## **Eastern Region**

Bicheno Bowling Club  
Scamander Bowling Club  
St Helens Bowling Club  
St Marys Sports Centre Bowling Club  
Swansea Bowling Club

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Darwin Bowling Club  
Humpty Doo Bowling Club  
Nighcliff Bowling Club  
Palmerston Bowling Club  
North Darwin Bowling Club  
Katherine Bowling Club  
Tennant Creek Bowling Club  
Alice Springs Memorial Bowling Club

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Belconnen Bowling Club  
Bungendore Bowling Club  
Canberra Bowling Club  
Canberra City Bowling Club  
Canberra North Bowling Club  
Queanbeyan Bowling Club  
Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club  
Queanbeyan Women's Bowling Club  
Tuggeranong Bowling Club  
West Deakin Hellenic Bowling  
Weston Creek Bowling Club  
Weston Creek Women's Bowling Club  
Yass Men's Bowling Club  
Yass Women's Bowling Club  
Yowani Bowling Club

Table 8.1 presents details of bowls membership for Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

#### Of the 9,035 club members in Tasmania,

- 20.9% were registered pennant playing members
- 43.1% were non-pennant playing members
- 36.1% were non-playing members
- 58.7% of members were located in country Tasmania (ie northern, north-western and eastern regions).

#### Of the 605 club members in the Northern Territory,

- 16.8% were registered pennant playing members
- 57.0% were non-pennant playing members
- 26.2% were non-playing members.

#### Of the 4,734 club members in the Australian Capital Territory,

- 16.9% were registered pennant playing members
- 32.9% were non-pennant playing members
- 50.3% were non-playing members.

The Tasmanian region with the greatest number of bowls club members was Hobart and South.

<b>TABLE 8.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2011</b>						
	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>TASMANIA</b>						
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Hobart and South	29	760	1,821	2,581	1,158	3,739
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>3,739</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Launceston and North	23	488	1,054	1,542	1,081	2,623
North West	16	480	1,075	1,555	768	2,323
East	5	40	262	302	48	350
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>3,399</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>5,296</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>4,212</b>	<b>5,980</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>9,035</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>						
	9	101	346	447	158	605
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>						
	14	762	1,701	2,463	2,271	4,734

Table 8.2 and Figure 8.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. Specifically,

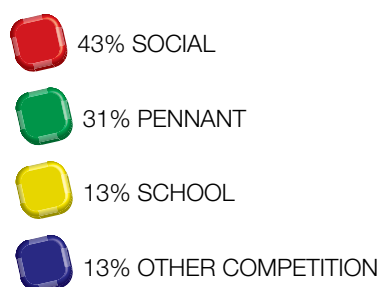
- In Tasmania and Northern Territory the greatest bowls participation segment in was 'social and other programs', with 36.8% and 38.9% respectively, while non-

pennant competition was the largest segment in the Australian Capital Territory (52.8%).

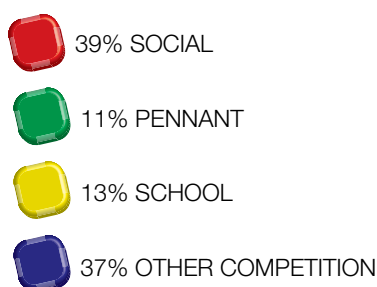
- Male participation makes up 60.6%, 58.2% and 60.3% of all bowls participation in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory, respectively. Female participation ranges from

26.7% for pennant competitions in the Australian Capital Territory to 56.2% in social programs in the Northern Territory.

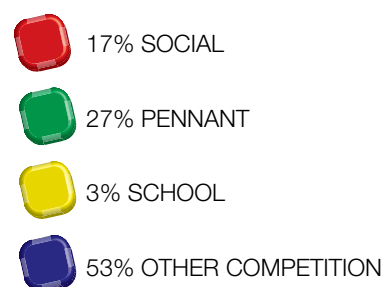
**FIGURE 8.2 TASMANIA**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2011



**FIGURE 8.2 NT**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2011



**FIGURE 8.2 ACT**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2011



**TABLE 8.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY  
AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2011**

Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>TAS METROPOLITAN</b>															
Hobart and South	1,377	693	2,071	1,107	486	1,594	1,076	829	1,905	135	119	254	3,695	2,128	5,823
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>5,823</b>
<b>TAS COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	342	229	566	551	371	922	782	707	1,489	685	603	1,288	2,360	1,911	4,271
North West	481	242	717	666	274	940	679	559	1,238	32	32	65	1,858	1,108	2,966
East	121	75	194	146	82	229	319	218	537	8	0	8	595	375	970
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>3,394</b>	<b>8,207</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>14,030</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>2,926</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>9,576</b>

Figure 8.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

Many bowls participants are involved in more than one structured bowls competition, social or other program. This includes:

- Pennant and other competition participants who regularly play in more than one competition during the same season or year.
- Participants involved in both competition and social

or corporate bowls.

Regional rankings for Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory regions in terms of participants, players and members are summarised in Table 8.3.

Bowls player to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. For Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory the player to population rates are presented in Tables 8.4 to 8.6.

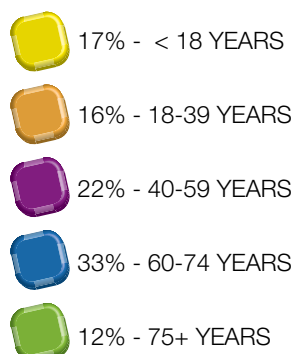
The overall player to population rate in the Australian Capital Territory was 1.77%, Tasmania was 2.42%, while the Northern Territory's rate was 1.18%.

Finally, Table 8.7 summarises participants by age and gender for Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 8.4 to 8.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 8.5 has higher figures, relating to participation.

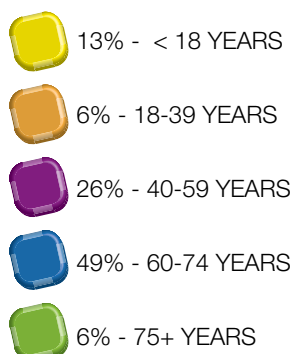
**TABLE 8.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS**

		Participants		2010 Rank	Players		Members	
		Number	Rank		Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Australian Capital Territory	COMBINED	9,576	19	8	6,330	21	4,734	34
Hobart and South	COMBINED	5,823	33	30	4,721	30	3,739	39
Launceston and North	COMBINED	4,271	41	61	3,878	35	2,623	47
North West Tas	COMBINED	2,966	55	62	2,846	46	2,323	48
Northern Territory	COMBINED	2,926	56	65	2,707	48	605	67
East Tas	COMBINED	970	68	69	842	67	350	68

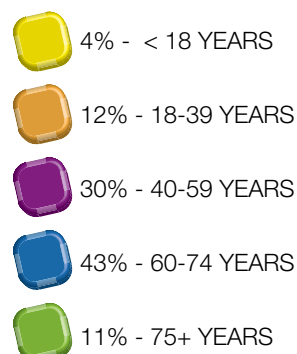
**FIGURE 8.3 TAS PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP**



**FIGURE 8.3 NT PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP**



**FIGURE 8.3 ACT PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP**



**TABLE 8.4 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>TASMANIA</b>															
Hobart and South	540	62,469	0.86%	707	33,227	2.13%	1,115	14,402	7.75%	403	6,661	6.05%	2,765	116,758	2.37%
Sub Total	540	62,469	0.86%	707	33,227	2.13%	1,115	14,402	7.75%	403	6,661	6.05%	2,765	116,758	2.37%
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston/North	943	36,192	2.61%	409	20,011	2.04%	506	9,388	5.39%	288	4,079	7.05%	2,146	69,670	3.08%
North West	725	28,143	2.58%	349	15,970	2.19%	421	8,007	5.25%	153	3,319	4.61%	1,648	55,439	2.97%
East	98	2,555	3.83%	132	2,359	5.58%	221	1,433	15.40%	57	376	15.18%	507	6,723	7.55%
Sub Total	1,767	66,891	2.64%	890	38,340	2.32%	1,147	18,827	6.09%	498	7,774	6.40%	4,301	131,832	3.26%
TOTAL TASMANIA	2,307	129,359	1.78%	1,597	71,566	2.23%	2,262	33,229	6.81%	901	14,435	6.24%	7,066	248,590	2.84%
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
	79	76,087	0.10%	118	32,060	0.37%	1,078	8,450	12.75%	69	1,656	4.16%	1,343	118,253	1.14%
<b>ACT</b>															
	1,036	104,995	0.99%	1,398	48,403	2.89%	760	16,784	4.53%	119	6,487	1.84%	3,313	176,668	1.88%

**TABLE 8.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>TASMANIA</b>															
Hobart and South	513	62,176	0.82%	438	35,274	1.24%	794	15,395	5.16%	212	10,272	2.06%	1,956	123,117	1.59%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>62,176</b>	<b>0.82%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>35,274</b>	<b>1.24%</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>15,395</b>	<b>5.16%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>10,272</b>	<b>2.06%</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>123,117</b>	<b>1.59%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston/North	943	36,192	2.61%	409	20,011	2.04%	506	9,388	5.39%	288	4,079	7.05%	2,146	69,670	3.08%
North West	561	28,100	2.00%	155	16,351	0.95%	353	8,114	4.36%	129	4,785	2.70%	1,198	57,350	2.09%
East	32	2,394	1.35%	83	2,228	3.70%	177	1,042	17.01%	43	272	15.72%	335	5,936	5.64%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>66,660</b>	<b>2.11%</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>39,131</b>	<b>1.78%</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>18,930</b>	<b>4.39%</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>11,205</b>	<b>2.97%</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>135,927</b>	<b>2.40%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>128,837</b>	<b>1.49%</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>74,406</b>	<b>1.52%</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>34,325</b>	<b>4.74%</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>21,477</b>	<b>2.53%</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>259,044</b>	<b>2.02%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
	211	73,492	0.29%	294	29,306	1.00%	736	6,769	10.87%	122	1,891	6.47%	1,363	111,458	1.22%
<b>ACT</b>															
	775	103,223	0.75%	760	51,592	1.47%	1,303	17,731	7.35%	179	9,356	1.92%	3,018	181,903	1.66%

**TABLE 8.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2011**

	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>TASMANIA</b>															
Hobart and South	1,053	124,645	0.84%	1,144	68,501	1.67%	1,909	29,797	6.41%	615	16,932	3.63%	4,721	239,875	1.97%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>124,645</b>	<b>0.84%</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>68,501</b>	<b>1.67%</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>29,797</b>	<b>6.41%</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>16,932</b>	<b>3.63%</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>239,875</b>	<b>1.97%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	1,756	72,358	2.43%	867	40,563	2.14%	807	19,162	4.21%	448	10,227	4.38%	3,878	142,311	2.73%
North West	1,286	56,243	2.29%	504	32,321	1.56%	774	16,121	4.80%	282	8,104	3.48%	2,846	112,789	2.52%
East	130	4,950	2.63%	214	4,587	4.67%	398	2,475	16.08%	100	648	15.41%	842	12,659	6.65%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>133,551</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>77,471</b>	<b>2.05%</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>37,758</b>	<b>5.24%</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>18,980</b>	<b>4.37%</b>	<b>7,566</b>	<b>267,759</b>	<b>2.83%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>258,196</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>145,972</b>	<b>1.87%</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>67,554</b>	<b>5.76%</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>35,912</b>	<b>4.02%</b>	<b>12,288</b>	<b>507,634</b>	<b>2.42%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
	290	149,579	0.19%	412	61,365	0.67%	1,813	15,219	11.92%	191	3,547	5.39%	2,707	229,711	1.18%
<b>ACT</b>															
	1,811	208,218	0.87%	2,159	99,995	2.16%	2,062	34,514	5.98%	298	15,843	1.88%	6,330	358,571	1.77%

**TABLE 8.7 TAS, NT AND ACT PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2011**

	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
TASMANIA													
Hobart and South	263	261	330	262	905	462	1,594	896	604	246	3,695	2,128	5,823
Sub Total	263	261	330	262	905	462	1,594	896	604	246	3,695	2,128	5,823
COUNTRY													
Launceston and North	760	734	332	259	493	458	494	301	279	159	2,360	1,911	4,271
North West	160	161	602	402	399	138	512	298	186	109	1,858	1,108	2,966
East	30	2	76	31	154	89	257	200	78	52	595	375	970
Sub Total	951	898	1,011	692	1,046	684	1,262	800	543	320	4,813	3,394	8,207
TOTAL TASMANIA	1,213	1,159	1,341	955	1,950	1,147	2,856	1,696	1,148	566	8,508	5,522	14,030
NORTHERN TERRITORY	68	54	30	158	207	301	1,157	749	76	125	1,539	1,387	2,926
ACT	126	47	1,092	729	1,932	889	1,144	2,842	269	507	4,563	5,013	9,576





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