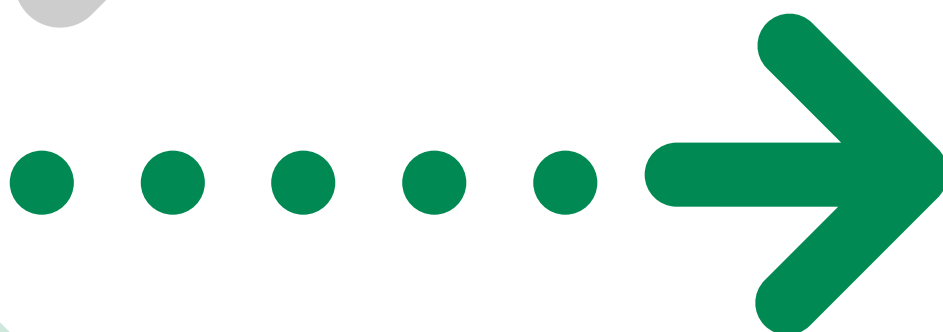




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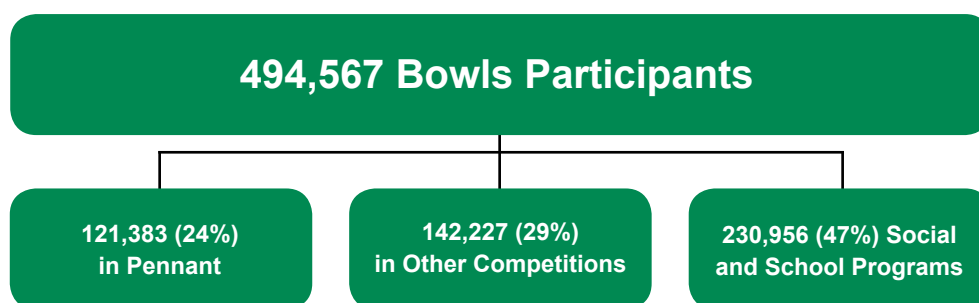




## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 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 third annual National Bowls Census, undertaken to monitor and plan 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 2.4% per annum on average and between 2011 and 2012 the decrease was 1.8%. This has occurred during a period when the total Australian resident population has increased by 49% (from 15.29 million to 22.83 million over 30 years).
- 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. Growth in flexible formats for social bowls has also had a profound impact on the age structure of bowls participants.
- There were 494,567 participants in Australian bowls (Figure E1) in 2012:
  - o 121,383 pennant participants
  - o 142,227 participants in other competitions for members
  - o 192,969 participants in social programs
  - o 37,987 participants in school programs.
- Bowls participation increased by 0.9% in the past year. Social and schools programs are the growth segments in Australian bowls, with 37.3% and 2.3% growth, respectively, between 2011 and 2012. Social bowls is now established as, by far, the largest participation segment in bowls. Pennant and other competition participation declined by 18% and 13%, respectively, in the past year.
- Non-metropolitan, or country, participation outstrips metropolitan participation in bowls. In 2012, 59% of participants were in country regions (although these country regions accommodate just 39% of Australian residents). Country participation increased by 0.26% between 2011 and 2012.

**FIGURE E1** NATIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION, 2012



<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 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 now 214,557, across 1,954 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 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 other supporting 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 introduced an annual National Census of Australian Bowls in 2010 and this is the report on the third annual census.

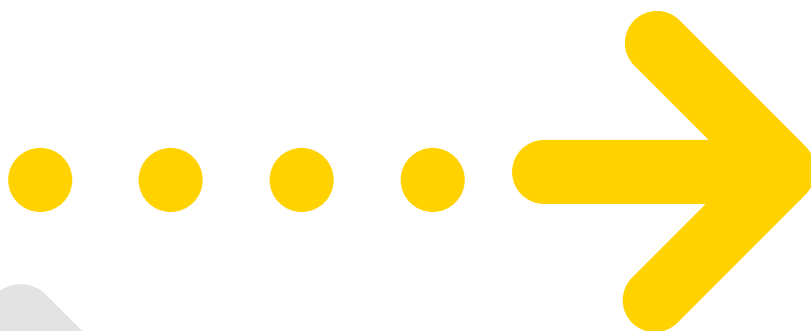
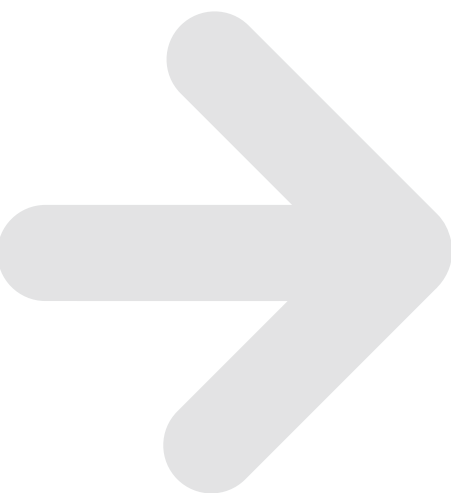
Formal membership of bowls clubs has been reducing for many years while, anecdotally, participation in social and corporate bowls competitions and events are believed to have significantly increased. There is a clear need to develop a much better understanding of participation in bowls, at all levels 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 2012 Census, results are presented for both overall participants, 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.

## 1.2 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR BOWLS

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



<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.



## 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.





### 1.3 DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL BOWLS CENSUS

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

#### REVIEWING CENSUS CONTENT AND COVERAGE

The steps in developing and implementing the third National Bowls Census included

- Review and modification of the State and Territory spreadsheets covering pennant, social and other bowls participation formats
- Re-design of the interview format for Clubs
- Completion of the State and Territory spreadsheets in liaison with State/Territory managers completing the pennant and other member competition details and Community Development Officers (CDOs) assisting with the completion of social, school and other participation spreadsheets (except in Queensland)
- Undertaking the Survey of Clubs for all states/territories.

#### 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 implemented and is reviewed with consideration given to statistical area boundaries, in order to enable the calculation of player to population rates and preparation of regional profiles. There are 70 Bowls Regions:

- 26 Metropolitan Regions (including the Australian Capital

Territory as a single metropolitan region)

- 44 Country Regions.

#### CENSUS FORMS

Census information spreadsheet forms were completed through liaison with state/territory and regional contacts. These forms were comprehensively completed in the third National Census, and the capacity of State/Territory Associations to establish monitoring procedures and complete these forms has improved considerably over the three years since the inception of the census. The involvement of Bowls Australia's Community Development Officers (CDOs) in this process has been a major factor in the improved capacity, both at State/Territory and regional levels.

#### SURVEYS OF BOWLS CLUBS

Due to the limitations on information available at State/Territory level, the

Survey of Clubs continues to be a critical component in the 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 ).
- Non-playing members.
- Non- member participation.

The survey of clubs had a response rate 40.69%, as shown in Table 1.1. The range of responses was 63.89% in Tasmania, through to 21.45% in the Queensland. These very high response rates have enabled results to be calculated for each State and Territory, and regional level results in all States/ Territories.

**TABLE 1.1 SURVEY OF BOWLS CLUBS: RESPONSE RATES, 2012**

	TOTAL CLUBS	SURVEY RESPONSES	% OF CLUBS
<b>Australia</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>40.69%</b>
Australian Capital Territory	4	14	28.57%
New South Wales	295	601	49.08%
Northern Territory	4	7	57.14%
Queensland	71	331	21.45%
South Australia	126	216	58.33%
Tasmania	46	72	63.89%
Victoria	196	503	38.97%
Western Australia	53	210	25.24%

<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 increasingly conscious of the importance of health and leisure but, at the same time, is increasingly 'time poor' and receptive to sport and recreational pursuits that enable participation within the constraints of a busy lifestyle. BA is developing a new strategic plan to lead and guide the sport during 2013 to 2016.

The new Strategic Plan (in draft form) notes the vision and mission for Australian bowls:

- VISION:  
*"Bowls - The sport for life"*
- MISSION:  
*"To grow the sport of bowls".*

Core values embodied in the new plan will include:

- Collaborative – national unity through collaborative governance, leadership, management and administration.
- Professionalism – demonstrated

through integrity and ethical behaviour.

- Respect and diversity – demonstrated through the creation of a positive feeling to the sport of bowls and the increasingly diverse range of individuals associated with the sport as participants, volunteers and employees.
- Progressive – adapt to the changing needs of society.
- Innovative – creation of more effective products, processes and services.
- Service excellence – quality member service provision.
- Evidence based decision making – adopt a systematic research focused approach to inform sustainable decisions and policy formulation.
- Communitas – create a sense of community through bowls.

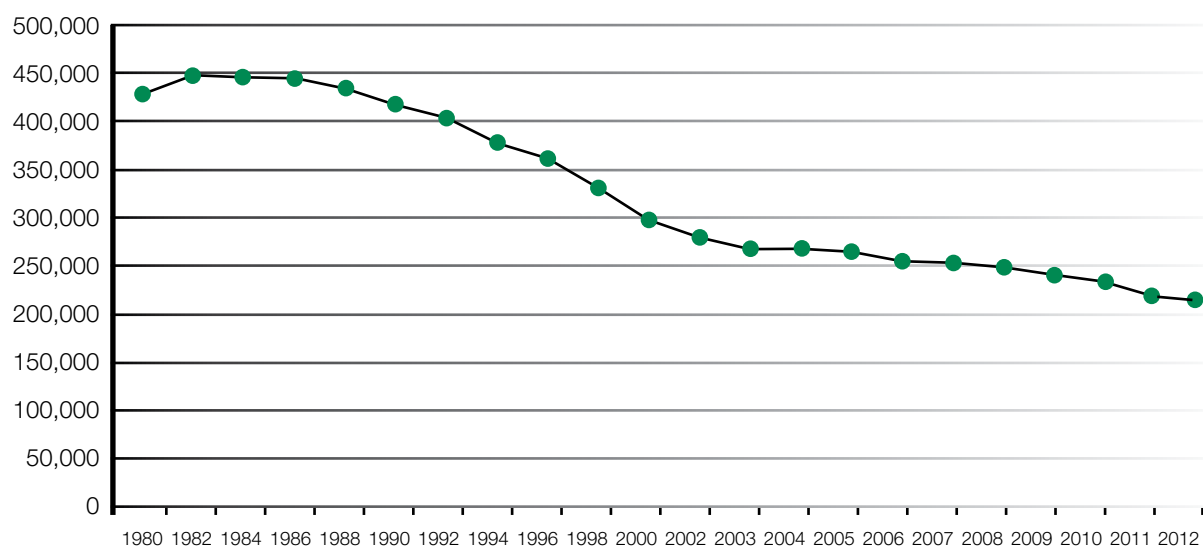
Several of these core values are expected to be developed, informed and monitored through reference to the Annual Bowls Census.

Figure 2.1 shows that formal, or registered, playing membership has

been decreasing for 30 years. The average rate of decrease has been 2.4% per annum throughout the period. However, in the past five years the average annual decrease has escalated to 3.0%. Between 2011 and 2012 the decrease reduced to 1.8%. Playing members of bowls clubs in 2012 were only 49% of those registered in 1982. Over this same 30 year period (1982-2012) the Australian total resident population has increased by the same percentage (49%), from 15.29 million to 22.83 million.

Table 2.1 demonstrates that the reduction in playing members has been relatively consistent across all States and Territories, although three states/territories had an increase in membership level between 2010-11 and 2011-12.



**FIGURE 2.1** TRENDS IN PLAYING MEMBERSHIP 1980-2012**TABLE 2.1** PLAYING MEMBER TRENDS, 2007 TO 2012

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
ACT	2,458	2,484	2,502	2,463	2,135
NSW	91,990	88,433	85,140	80,587	78,749
NT	450	381	416	447	594
QLD	49,766	47,725	45,638	43,571	39,106
SA	18,018	17,774	17,472	17,150	17,532
TAS	6,228	6,062	6,018	5,980	6,773
VIC	60,071	59,075	58,169	51,969	51,098
WA	19,964	19,757	19,370	18,965	21,283
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248,945</b>	<b>241,691</b>	<b>234,725</b>	<b>221,132</b>	<b>217,270</b>

Playing members of bowls clubs, in 2012, made up 45.5% of total membership, shown in Table 2.2. That is, 54.5% of members were non-playing members who joined the club for social activities, other (non-bowls) recreation (the most popular include carpet bowls, darts,

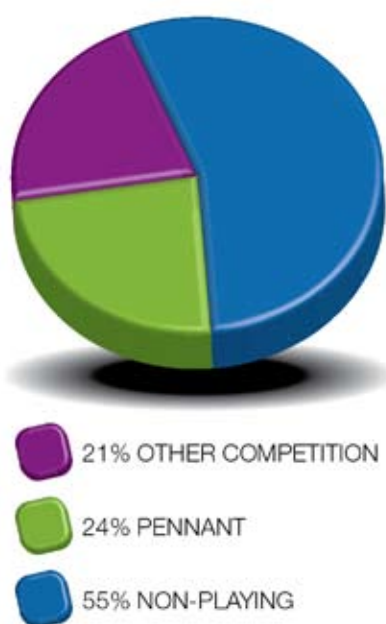
tennis, snooker/billiards, croquet, bocce, fishing, golf and swimming). Of the playing members, 53.8% were involved in Pennant Competitions and 47.2% in other regular intra or inter-club matches. New South Wales, Queensland

and the Australian Capital Territory are the three States/Territories where non-playing membership exceeds playing membership. In New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory 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, 2012

	PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	NON-PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL PLAYING MEMBERS	NON PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS
ACT	602	1,533	2,135	3,251	5,386
NSW	31,795	46,954	78,749	155,580	234,329
NT	356	238	594	30	624
QLD	11,712	27,394	39,106	70,500	109,606
SS	15,376	2,156	17,532	2,249	19,781
TAS	5,327	1,446	6,773	3,066	9,839
VIC	37,277	13,821	51,098	11,516	62,614
WA	14,416	6,867	21,283	14,605	35,888
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>116,861</b>	<b>100,409</b>	<b>217,270</b>	<b>260,797</b>	<b>478,067</b>
METROPOLITAN	49,365	37,875	88,091	92,951	173,232
COUNTRY	67,496	62,534	129,178	167,847	304,835

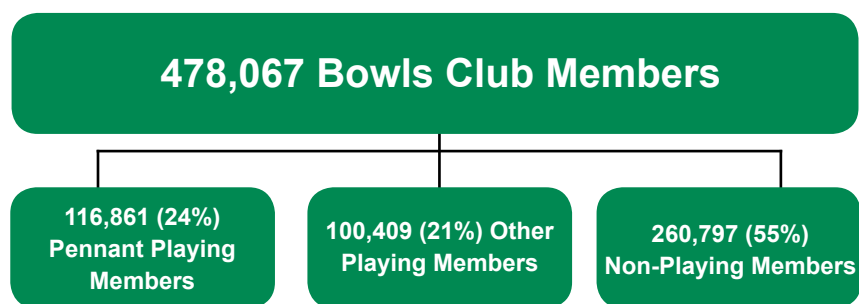
**FIGURE 2.2**  
BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS  
AUSTRALIA, 2012

In summary, the 2012 National Bowls Census has revealed that there were 478,067 bowls club members in 2012, shown in Figure 2.3, of which:

- 217,270 were playing members (116,861 in pennant competitions

and 100,409 in other competitions).

- 260,797 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

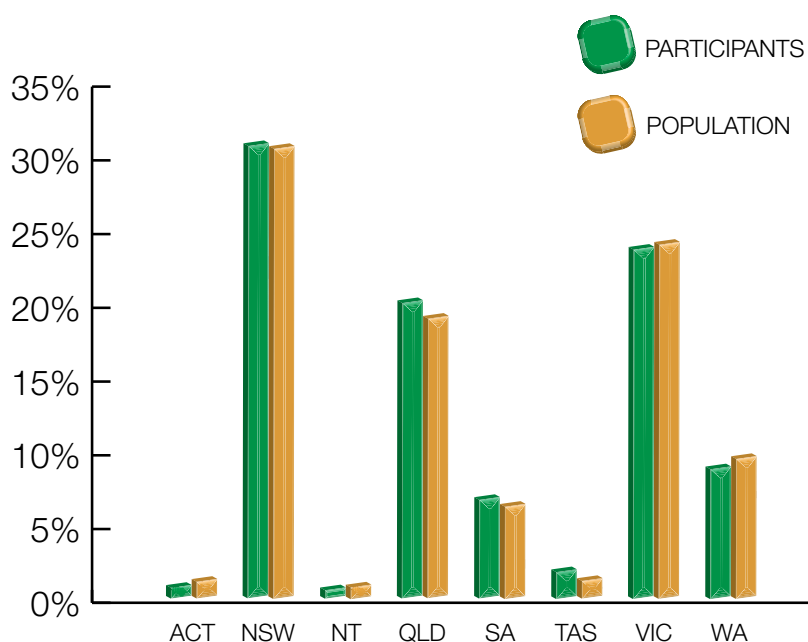
Table 2.4 presents details of all bowls participation (greater than 4 weeks/games duration) by State/Territory and bowls segment. There were 494,567 participants in bowls in 2012 (in competitions and programs of at least 4 weeks/games duration), comprising:

- 121,383 pennant participants
- 142,227 non-pennant bowls competitions participants
- 192,969 social and corporate competitions/programs participants
- 37,987 school participants.

Country participation outweighs metropolitan participation (59.1% of participants were in country regions).

Figure 2.4 compares relative participation in bowls with the population in each State and Territory. It indicates that participation in bowls is closely balanced with the resident population in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria, is relatively higher in Queensland and Tasmania and relatively lower in the Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory, and Western Australia. Figure 2.5 shows the percentage participation in major bowls segments.

**FIGURE 2.4**  
BOWLS PARTICIPANTS AND STATE/TERRITORY POPULATIONS



**FIGURE 2.5**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, AUSTRALIA, 2012

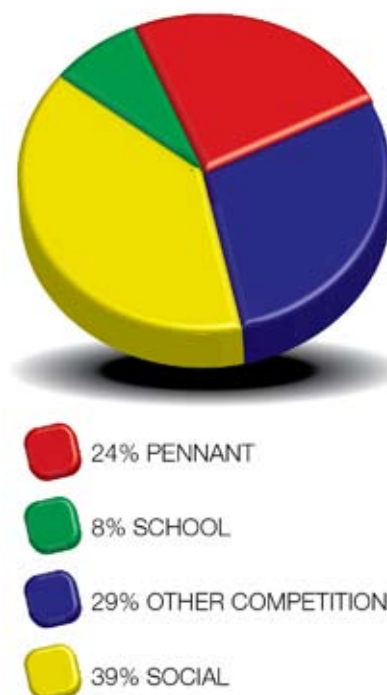
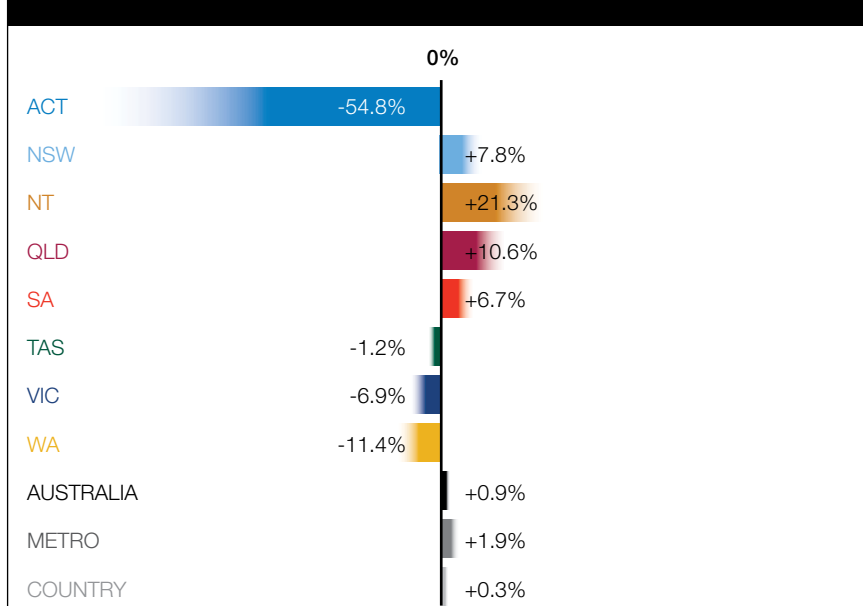




Table 2.3 shows that total participation in bowls increased by 0.9% between 2011 and 2012, and the participation growth was overwhelmingly in the social bowls segment, which had an increase of 37.3%. School participation also increased (2.3%), while all other segments recorded a participation decrease. Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia were the only States/Territories to record decreases in participation. Metropolitan areas increased in participation by more than Country areas.

**TABLE 2.4** CHANGE IN BOWLS PARTICIPATION 2011 TO 2012



**TABLE 2.3** Bowls Participation (>4 weeks/games), Australia, 2012

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
ACT	774	248	1,022	620	588	1,208	1,050	1,050	2,100	0	0	0	2,444	1,886	4,330
NSW	18,566	13,229	31,795	29,796	25,638	55,434	35,702	25,903	61,606	7,728	4,339	12,067	91,793	69,109	160,903
NT	242	114	356	348	225	573	870	870	1,740	440	440	880	1,900	1,648	3,548
Qld	8,172	3,540	11,712	16,934	9,603	26,538	45,323	17,360	62,683	3,193	2,512	5,705	73,622	33,016	106,638
SA	10,688	4,688	15,376	6,793	3,080	9,873	5,274	2,164	7,438	2,919	2,331	5,249	25,674	12,263	37,937
Tas	3,495	1,832	5,327	2,336	1,442	3,778	2,470	1,633	4,103	345	315	660	8,645	5,222	13,867
Vic	28,664	12,716	41,379	21,700	10,140	31,840	24,764	14,890	39,654	4,700	3,387	8,087	79,828	41,133	120,961
WA	10,164	4,252	14,416	7,957	5,028	12,985	8,280	5,364	13,644	3,064	2,276	5,340	29,465	16,920	46,384
Total	80,765	40,619	121,383	86,484	55,743	142,227	123,733	69,236	192,969	22,388	15,599	37,987	313,370	181,197	494,567
% change 2011-12	-18.89%	-16.23%	-18.01%	-17.39%	-6.54%	-13.45%	56.56%	12.54%	37.29%	-6.38%	17.91%	2.27%	2.01%	-0.92%	0.91%







## 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 2.6. Table 2.5 indicates that there are 1,954 bowls clubs in Australia and these have been allocated to 71 regions, 26 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 71 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 2.7 shows the number and ranking for 70 Australian Bowls regions (with Katherine/Barkly and Central Australia combined

	METROPOLITAN		COUNTRY		TOTAL	
	CLUBS	REGIONS	CLUBS	REGIONS	CLUBS	REGIONS
ACT	14	1	0	0	14	1
NSW	172	4	429	9	601	13
NT	4	1	3	1	7	2
QLD	100	5	231	8	331	13
SA	53	4	168	8	216	12
TAS	28	1	44	3	72	4
VIC	192	6	311	10	503	16
WA	68	4	142	6	210	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>71</b>

into a single region) in terms of participants, players and members. It reveals that Brisbane, Greater Western Sydney, Gold Coast Tweed and Hunter regions have the greatest participation and players 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 32nd and 13th in members)

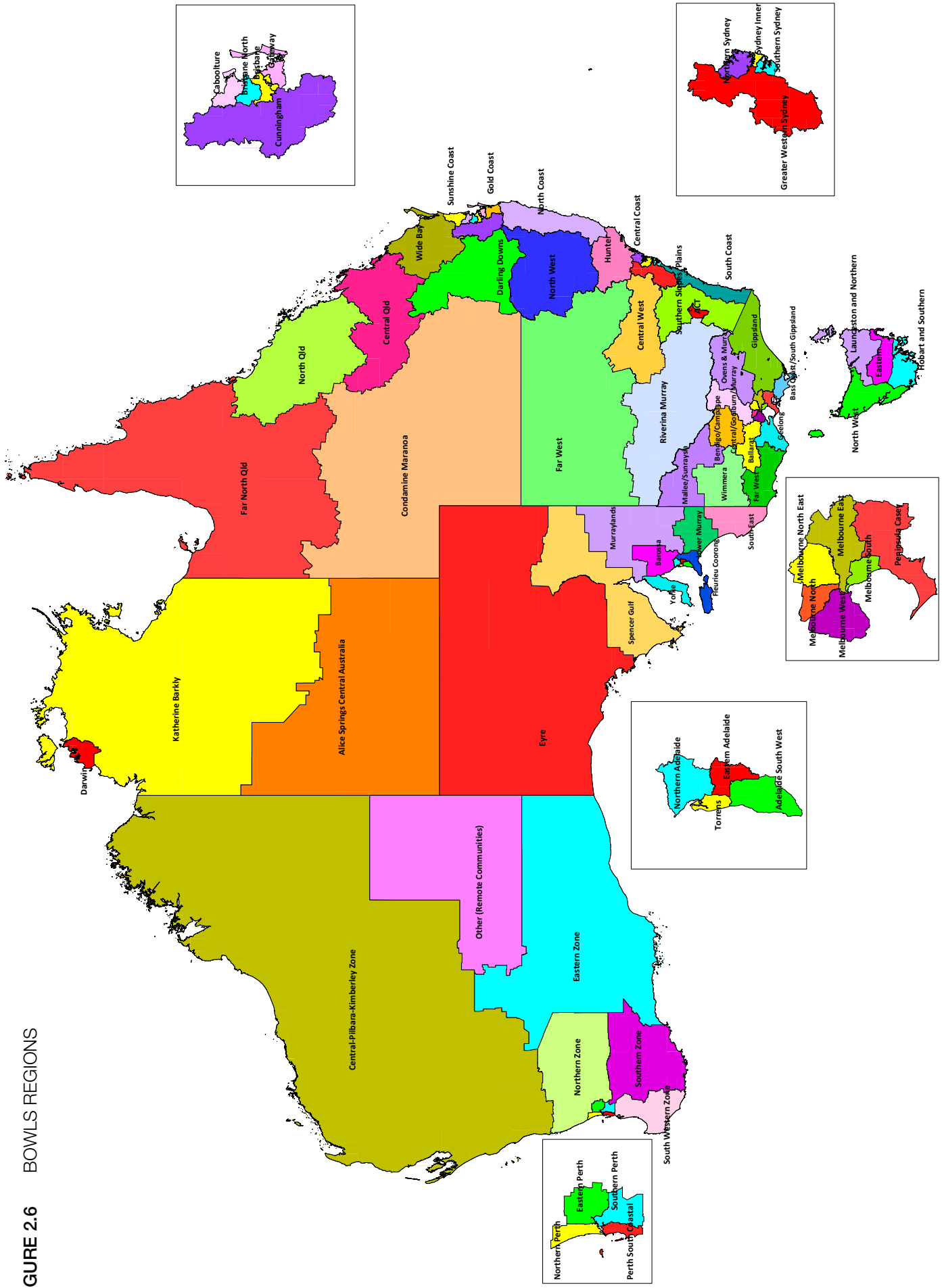
- Southern Sydney (12th in members, 33rd in participation and 23rd in players)
- Wide Bay Burnett, Qld (21st in members, 7th in participants and 9th in players)
- Brisbane/Caboolture (7th in members, 50th in participation and 45th in players).

Table 2.6 summarises members, players and participants by state and territory.

	MEMBERS	PLAYERS	PARTICIPANTS
ACT	5386	2574	4330
NSW	234329	118139	160903
NT	624	2013	3548
QLD	109606	78100	106638
SA	31578	29087	37937
TAS	9839	9907	13867
VIC	62614	91401	120961
WA	35888	37550	46384
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>478067</b>	<b>368771</b>	<b>494567</b>



FIGURE 2.6 BOWLS REGIONS





**TABLE 2.7****RANKING OF ALL REGIONS FOR BOWLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP, PLAYERS AND PARTICIPATION**

	State Territory	Participants		Players		Members	
		Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Brisbane	Qld	27,150	1	15,969	3	12,537	8
Greater Western Sydney	NSW	26,962	2	24,247	1	37,421	3
Gold Coast Tweed	Qld	22,821	3	14,796	4	28,836	4
Hunter	NSW	20,615	4	18,774	2	66,629	1
Melbourne South	Vic	19,296	5	14,517	5	7,788	13
North Coast	NSW	17,187	6	13,361	7	6,473	17
Wide Bay Burnett	Qld	16,933	7	11,481	9	5,491	21
South Coast	NSW	16,890	8	14,260	6	39,655	2
Northern Sydney	NSW	16,056	9	8,683	11	26,734	6
North West	NSW	14,603	10	5,975	19	9,671	10
Sunshine Coast	Qld	14,166	11	11,610	8	27,060	5
Geelong	Vic	13,147	12	7,013	17	3,982	32
Melbourne North East	Vic	11,540	13	9,691	10	7,514	14
Central West	NSW	10,257	14	7,181	13	9,468	11
Central Highlands	Vic	9,831	15	5,376	21	4,075	30
Peninsula/Casey	Vic	9,074	16	7,691	12	5,195	24
North Central	Vic	8,947	17	7,060	15	4,566	29
Inner Sydney	NSW	8,763	18	4,074	31	5,873	20
Melbourne East	Vic	8,579	19	7,083	14	5,452	22
South Western	WA	8,500	20	7,033	16	6,171	18
Central Coast	NSW	8,092	21	5,236	22	11,041	9
Riverina Murray	NSW	7,828	22	5,628	20	6,541	16
Southern Perth	WA	7,242	23	6,909	18	6,828	15
Hobart & Southern	Tas	6,836	24	5,096	26	4,580	28
South Coastal	WA	6,703	25	4,585	28	5,886	19
Goulburn/North East	Vic	6,522	26	3,847	34	2,571	49
Southern	WA	6,222	27	3,517	37	3,086	41
Gippsland	Vic	5,824	28	5,046	27	3,932	33
Melbourne West	Vic	5,662	29	4,377	29	3,314	38
South West	Vic	5,648	30	5,203	24	4,688	27
Adelaide Torrens	SA	5,440	31	4,073	32	3,437	36
North Queensland	Qld	5,427	32	5,160	25	4,062	31
Southern Sydney	NSW	5,356	33	5,206	23	9,425	12
Northern Perth	WA	5,183	34	4,114	30	4,965	25
Eastern Adelaide	SA	4,986	35	2,950	48	3,065	43
ACT	ACT	4,330	36	2,574	52	5,386	23
Southern Slopes and Plains	NSW	4,209	37	3,415	39	3,357	37
Ovens and Murray	Vic	4,113	38	3,164	44	2,159	54
Far West	NSW	4,087	39	2,099	59	2,041	57
Wimmera Mallee	Vic	4,011	40	3,627	36	2,538	50
Eastern Perth	WA	3,996	41	3,890	33	3,051	44
Eastern	WA	3,935	42	3,716	35	2,790	46
Bass Coast/Gippsland	Vic	3,780	43	3,200	42	1,687	62
Launceston	Tas	3,778	44	3,209	41	2,742	48
Northern Adelaide	SA	3,675	45	3,240	40	3,308	39
Northern	WA	3,652	46	2,933	49	1,800	59
Coorong-Fleurieu	SA	3,651	47	2,766	51	2,107	55
Gateway	Qld	3,540	48	3,199	43	3,705	34
Far North and Gulf	Qld	3,512	49	3,440	38	4,955	26
Brisbane Nth/Caboolture	Qld	3,328	50	3,111	45	14,092	7
Adelaide South West	SA	3,325	51	2,401	55	3,184	40



	State Territory	Participants Number	Participants Rank	Players Number	Players Rank	Members Number	Members Rank
Barossa	SA	3,149	52	2,185	58	2,014	58
Mallee/Sunraysia	Vic	3,144	53	2,920	50	1,703	61
Central Queensland	Qld	3,106	54	2,975	47	3,450	35
South East	SA	2,998	55	2,548	53	2,105	56
Yorke Peninsula	SA	2,663	56	2,349	56	2,819	45
North West	Tas	2,615	57	1,357	64	2,175	53
Murraylands	SA	2,612	58	2,195	57	2,750	47
Darling Downs	Qld	2,510	59	2,488	54	3,070	42
Darwin	NT	2,460	60	1,730	61	338	68
Cunningham	Qld	2,313	61	3,065	46	1,683	63
Spencer Gulf	SA	2,152	62	1,607	62	2,513	51
Melbourne North West	Vic	1,843	63	1,586	63	1,452	64
Eyre	SA	1,806	64	1,751	60	1,790	60
Lower Murray	SA	1,481	65	1,022	65	2,487	52
Katherine/Central	NT	1,088	66	283	68	286	69
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	WA	952	67	853	66	1,312	65
Condamine-Maranoa	Qld	833	68	807	67	665	66
Eastern	Tas	638	69	245	69	343	67

## 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

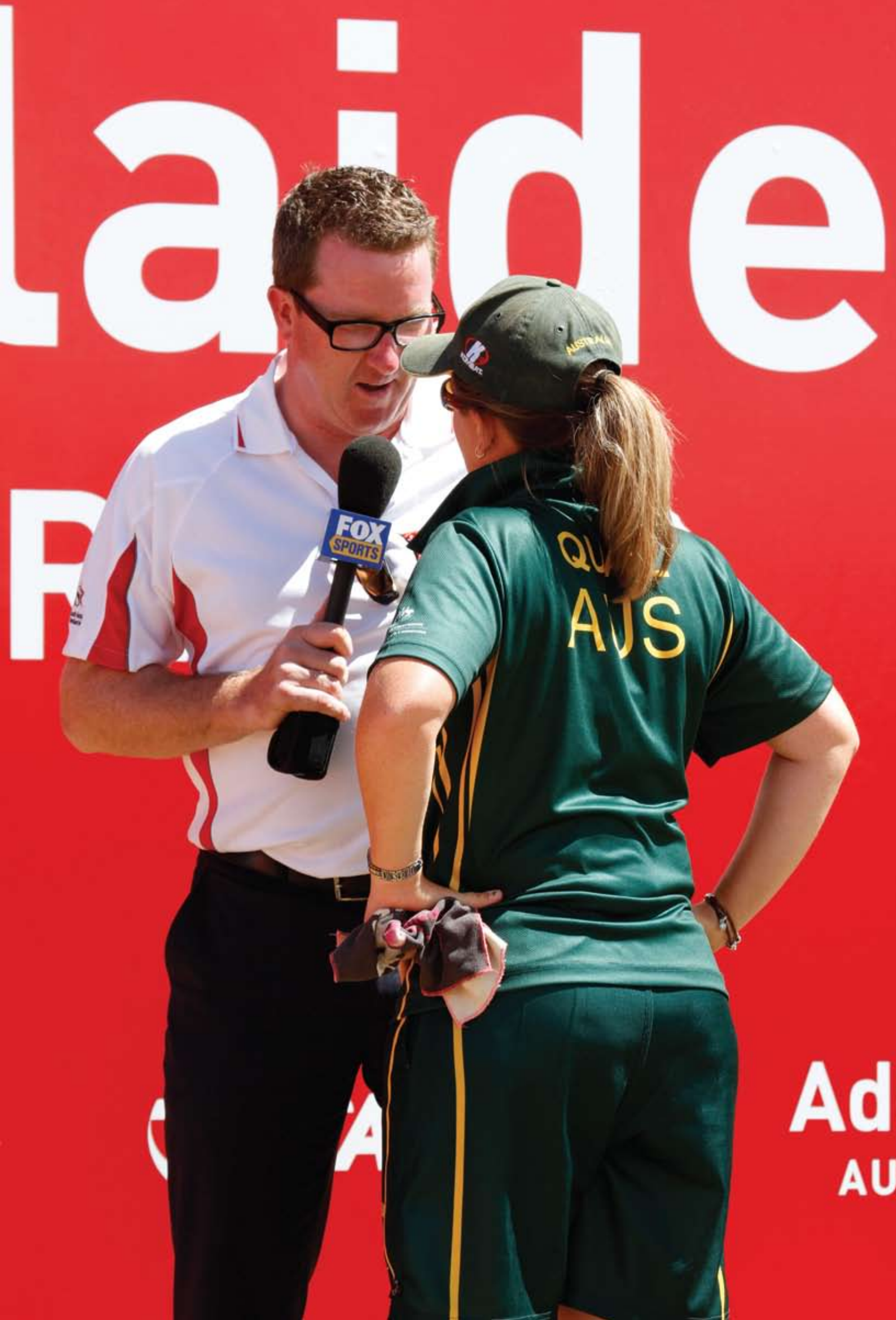
TABLE 2.8 PROMOTIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION (<4 WEEKS/GAMES)				
	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	%
ACT	2,256	1,080	3,335	1.00%
NSW	76,353	45,291	121,644	36.65%
NT	687	667	1,354	0.41%
QLD	53,119	28,407	81,526	24.56%
SA	5,010	2,767	7,776	2.34%
TAS	2,692	2,011	4,703	1.42%
VIC	65,198	35,814	101,012	30.44%
WA	6,289	4,245	10,534	3.17%
AUSTRALIA	211,603	120,281	331,884	100.00%

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 2.8 shows that there were 331,884 participants in bowls activities of less than four weeks

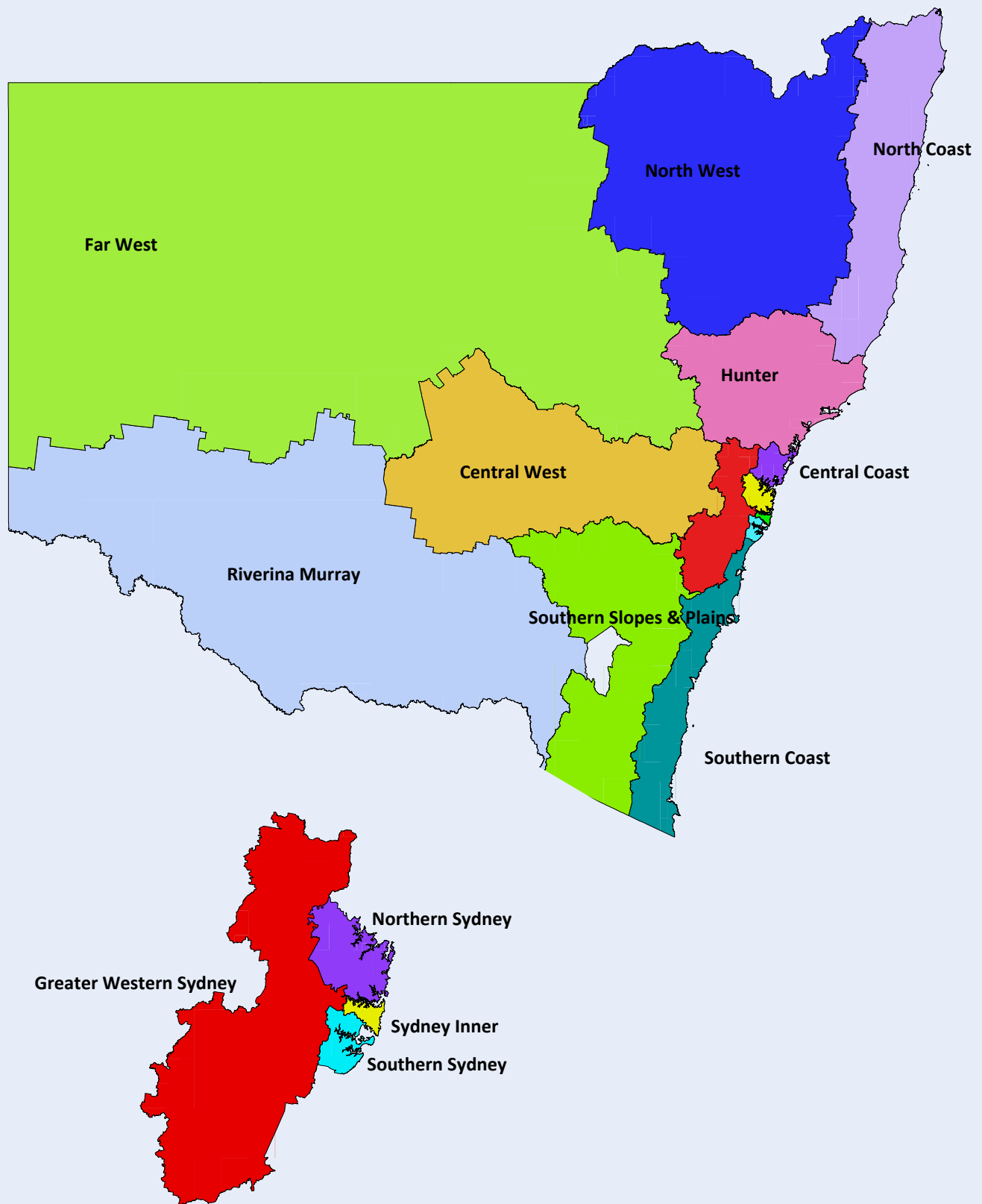
duration in 2012, 211,603 males and 120,281 females. The States/Territories with the greatest level of promotional activity were New South Wales (121,644 participants or 36.7%), Victoria (101,012 participants or 30.44%), and Queensland (81,526 participants or 24.6% of all promotional participation).







### 3. NEW SOUTH WALES





## 3.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

New South Wales is Australia's most populous state with 7,211,468 residents or 32.3% of the Australian population. Bowls New South Wales has four regions in metropolitan Sydney, and nine country regions.

The New South Wales Bowls regions for planning and 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 2012, NEW SOUTH WALES HAD:

- 42 bowls associations
- 563 men's bowls clubs and 480 women's clubs (most of these are co-located), with a total of 601 identified club facilities.
- 234,329 playing and non-playing members
- 160,903 participants in all forms of bowls
- 118,139 players in all forms of bowls



**The bowling clubs in each region in New South Wales in 2012 (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 Club Limited  
S.S. Junior League Mens Bowling Club  
South Coogee Bowling Club  
South Strathfield 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 City Bowling Club Co-Operative Limited  
Ryde Eastwood 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 Epping Panthers 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 Anzac Memorial 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  
Auburn RSL Bowling Club Limited  
Bankstown District Sports Club  
Belfield Bowling & Recreation Club Limited



Belmore Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Birrong Bowling & Sports Club Ltd  
 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  
 Brighton Le Sands Bowling Club  
 Bundeena Bowling & Sports Club Ltd  
 Caringbah Mens Bowling Club  
 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  
 Mortdale 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

Albury SS&A Bowling Club Inc  
 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  
 Junee Ex Services 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  
 Goodooga 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 Bowling Club  
 Orange Ex Services Mens Bowling Club



Orange Newstead Bowling Club  
 Canowindra Bowling 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  
 Arianah 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  
 Central Coast  
 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  
 Wialda 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  
 Batemans Bay Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 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  
 Gerrington 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 Mens Bowling Club  
 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  
 Aberdeen RSL Bowling Club  
 Hunter Region (Continued)  
 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 Bowling 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  
 Morpeth Bowling & Recreation 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

## Southern Slopes and Plains

Adaminaby Bowling & Sports Club Ltd  
 Coolamatong Country Bowling Club (Bowls)  
 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  
 Cootamundra Ex-Services Bowling Club  
 HarDen District Bowling Club  
 Quandialla Bowling Club Limited  
 Stockinbingal Bowling Club  
 Yass Mens 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  
 Picton Mens Bowling Club  
 Robertson Bowling Club  
 Taralga Bowling Club



Table 3.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 78,749 playing members and 155,580 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 234,329 bowls club members in New South Wales,**

- 33.6% were playing members
- 66.4% were non-playing members
- 66.1% of members were located in country New South Wales.

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

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

**TABLE 3.1 BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS NEW SOUTH WALES, 2012**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Northern Sydney	63	2,679	4,925	7,604	19,130	26,734
Greater Western Sydney	40	3,152	3,296	6,448	30,973	37,421
Inner Sydney	32	1,473	1,892	3,364	2,508	5,873
Southern Sydney	23	1,799	2,769	4,567	4,858	9,425
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>9,103</b>	<b>12,881</b>	<b>21,983</b>	<b>57,470</b>	<b>79,453</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Central West	43	2,445	3,724	6,169	3,298	9,468
Far West	30	602	1,228	1,829	212	2,041
North West	32	1,356	1,835	3,191	6,481	9,671
North Coast	79	2,036	3,651	5,687	786	6,473
South Coast	59	4,370	7,956	12,326	27,328	39,655
Hunter	93	5,929	9,767	15,696	50,933	66,629
Central Coast	25	1,677	2,579	4,256	6,785	11,041
Southern Slopes and Plains	32	927	1,887	2,814	543	3,357
Riverina Murray	50	3,351	1,446	4,797	1,744	6,541
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>22,693</b>	<b>34,073</b>	<b>56,765</b>	<b>98,110</b>	<b>154,876</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>31,795</b>	<b>46,953</b>	<b>78,749</b>	<b>155,580</b>	<b>234,329</b>



Table 3.2 and Figure 3.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 160,903 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in New South Wales during 2012. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in New South Wales were non-pennant (or 'other') bowls competitions, with 36.0% of participants
- Male participation makes up 57.1% of all bowls participation in New South Wales. Female participation is least among non-pennant competitions (33%) and highest in pennant segments (42%) and is highest in the 'social and other' segment (41%)
- Participation in country New South Wales (103,766) is almost double the metropolitan participation (57,136) and two of the three largest regions for bowls participation are in the country.

New South Wales has six of the ten largest bowls participation regions in Australia.

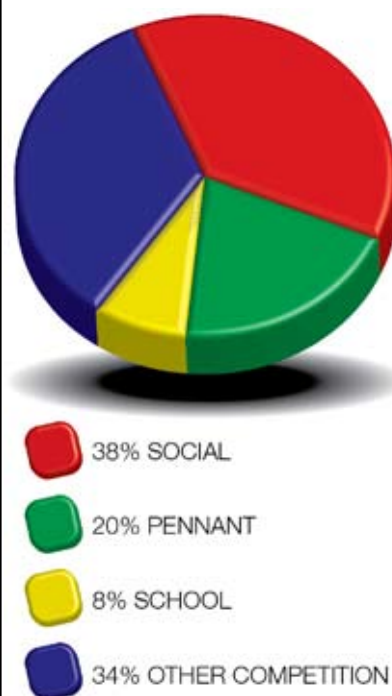
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This means that the number of 'players' (counting each person only once, irrespective of how often they play) is less than the number of participants (counting each person whenever they play in a bowls competition or program of more than 4 games duration).

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, 2012

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	1,491	1,188	2,679	2,509	2,488	4,997	4,520	3,260	7,780	420	180	600	8,940	7,116	16,056
Greater Western Sydney	2,340	812	3,152	6,285	4,705	10,989	7,250	4,690	11,940	520	360	880	16,395	10,567	26,962
Inner Sydney	1,077	396	1,473	1,479	728	2,207	64	4,894	4,958	89	36	124	2,709	6,053	8,763
Southern Sydney	986	813	1,799	1,425	1,390	2,815	329	253	582	161	0	161	2,900	2,456	5,356
Sub Total	5,894	3,209	9,103	11,697	9,311	21,008	12,163	13,097	25,260	1,190	576	1,765	30,944	26,193	57,136
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	1,655	790	2,445	2,762	1,520	4,282	1,157	932	2,089	728	712	1,441	6,302	3,954	10,257
Far West	342	259	602	0	1,164	1,164	1,534	735	2,269	28	24	52	1,904	2,183	4,087
North West	1,034	322	1,356	1,254	1,072	2,326	5,673	3,722	9,395	1,419	107	1,526	9,380	5,223	14,603
North Coast	59	1,976	2,036	59	2,725	2,784	5,748	2,604	8,352	2,555	1,460	4,015	8,422	8,765	17,187
South Coast	2,928	1,442	4,370	3,687	2,183	5,869	3,000	1,550	4,550	1,050	1,050	2,100	10,665	6,225	16,890
Hunter	3,551	2,378	5,929	6,824	3,565	10,389	2,064	1,805	3,869	248	180	428	12,687	7,928	20,615
Central Coast	500	1,177	1,677	983	1,871	2,854	2,750	750	3,500	40	20	60	4,273	3,818	8,092
Southern Slopes and Plains	748	179	927	1,133	581	1,714	854	434	1,288	190	90	280	2,925	1,284	4,209
Riverina Murray	1,855	1,496	3,351	1,397	1,646	3,043	760	274	1,034	280	120	400	4,292	3,536	7,828
Sub Total	12,672	10,020	22,693	18,099	16,327	34,426	23,540	12,806	36,346	6,538	3,763	10,302	60,850	42,916	103,766
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,566</b>	<b>13,229</b>	<b>31,795</b>	<b>29,796</b>	<b>25,638</b>	<b>55,434</b>	<b>35,702</b>	<b>25,903</b>	<b>61,606</b>	<b>7,728</b>	<b>4,339</b>	<b>12,067</b>	<b>91,793</b>	<b>69,109</b>	<b>160,903</b>



**TABLE 3.3** NATIONAL RANKINGS OF NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2012

		Participants Number	Rank	2011 Rank	Players 2012 Number	Rank	Members 2012 Number	Rank
Greater Western Sydney	Metropolitan	26,962	2	1	24,247	1	37,421	3
Hunter	Country	20,615	4	3	18,774	2	66,629	1
North Coast	Country	17,187	6	2	13,361	7	6,473	17
South Coast	Country	16,890	8	11	14,260	6	39,655	2
Northern Sydney	Metropolitan	16,056	9	12	8,683	11	26,734	6
North West	Country	14,603	10	29	5,975	19	9,671	10
Central West	Country	10,257	14	13	7,181	13	9,468	11
Inner Sydney	Metropolitan	8,763	18	34	4,074	31	5,873	20
Central Coast	Country	8,092	21	37	5,236	22	11,041	9
Riverina Murray	Country	7,828	22	16	5,628	20	6,541	16
Southern Sydney	Metropolitan	5,356	33	39	5,206	23	9,425	12
Southern Slopes and Plains	Country	4,209	37	23	3,415	39	3,357	37
Far West	Country	4,087	39	42	2,099	59	2,041	57

**FIGURE 3.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

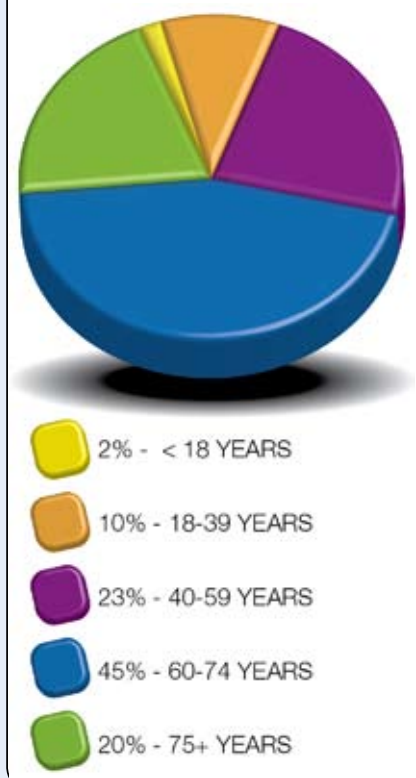


Figure 3.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in New South Wales.

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

- 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.

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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 2012 were:

- South Coast
- North West NSW
- Hunter.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- Northern Sydney
- South Sydney
- Inner Sydney.

The overall player to population rate in New South Wales was 1.64%, the rate in country New South Wales was 2.41% and in metropolitan Sydney it was 1.04%.

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	542	268,135	0.20%	800	139,130	0.57%	1,833	64,968	2.82%	1,324	28,485	4.65%	4,499	500,717	0.90%
Greater Western Sydney	6,073	413,515	1.47%	5,070	180,044	2.82%	4,413	79,214	5.57%	1,348	29,107	4.63%	16,904	701,880	2.41%
Inner Sydney	291	241,577	0.12%	1,106	103,640	1.07%	1,244	43,101	2.89%	585	19,447	3.01%	3,226	407,764	0.79%
Southern Sydney	669	218,410	0.31%	910	102,907	0.88%	1,165	48,324	2.41%	555	23,876	2.32%	3,298	393,516	0.84%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,574</b>	<b>1,141,636</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>525,720</b>	<b>1.50%</b>	<b>8,655</b>	<b>235,606</b>	<b>3.67%</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>100,916</b>	<b>3.78%</b>	<b>27,927</b>	<b>2,003,878</b>	<b>1.39%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central West	1,042	137,161	0.76%	1,165	68,409	1.70%	1,392	34,620	4.02%	583	12,081	4.83%	4,183	252,270	1.66%
Far West	32	35,158	0.09%	219	18,837	1.16%	351	11,073	3.17%	137	4,438	3.08%	738	69,507	1.06%
North West	692	45,595	1.52%	1,148	24,270	4.73%	1,360	14,642	9.29%	574	5,830	9.84%	3,773	90,338	4.18%
North Coast	1,080	118,703	0.91%	1,140	74,314	1.53%	1,388	48,393	2.87%	854	23,080	3.70%	4,462	264,491	1.69%
South Coast	3,089	97,854	3.16%	1,751	51,673	3.39%	3,296	30,180	10.92%	1,131	13,915	8.13%	9,267	193,623	4.79%
Hunter	2,411	163,130	1.48%	2,698	84,474	3.19%	4,822	47,921	10.06%	1,842	21,394	8.61%	11,773	316,918	3.71%
Central Coast	371	77,928	0.48%	198	41,089	0.48%	797	23,823	3.35%	457	12,442	3.67%	1,823	155,281	1.17%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	319	36,650	0.87%	683	21,427	3.19%	956	10,828	8.83%	466	3,777	12.35%	2,423	72,682	3.33%
Riverina Murray	458	68,406	0.67%	476	35,593	1.34%	1,308	20,516	6.37%	659	9,050	7.28%	2,901	133,564	2.17%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,493</b>	<b>780,584</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	<b>9,479</b>	<b>420,086</b>	<b>2.26%</b>	<b>15,669</b>	<b>241,996</b>	<b>6.47%</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>106,008</b>	<b>6.32%</b>	<b>41,343</b>	<b>1,548,674</b>	<b>2.67%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>1,922,221</b>	<b>0.89%</b>	<b>17,364</b>	<b>945,806</b>	<b>1.84%</b>	<b>24,324</b>	<b>477,602</b>	<b>5.09%</b>	<b>10,514</b>	<b>206,924</b>	<b>5.08%</b>	<b>69,270</b>	<b>3,552,552</b>	<b>1.95%</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	486	266,748	0.18%	387	150,683	0.26%	2,120	69,169	3.06%	1,191	42,232	2.82%	4,184	528,833	0.79%
Greater Western Sydney	1,807	405,164	0.45%	2,197	186,715	1.18%	2,535	81,074	3.13%	805	40,700	1.98%	7,343	713,654	1.03%
Inner Sydney	76	238,315	0.03%	288	101,832	0.28%	304	44,532	0.68%	180	27,547	0.65%	849	412,226	0.21%
Southern Sydney	352	213,869	0.16%	450	107,960	0.42%	911	50,405	1.81%	195	33,738	0.58%	1,908	405,973	0.47%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>1,124,096</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>547,191</b>	<b>0.61%</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>245,181</b>	<b>2.39%</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>144,217</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>14,284</b>	<b>2,060,685</b>	<b>0.69%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central West	817	134,454	0.61%	462	71,038	0.65%	1,204	34,912	3.45%	516	17,423	2.96%	2,998	257,827	1.16%
Far West	144	34,484	0.42%	182	18,801	0.97%	802	10,539	7.61%	232	5,992	3.88%	1,360	69,816	1.95%
North West	364	45,403	0.80%	590	24,731	2.38%	1,046	14,672	7.13%	202	8,027	2.51%	2,201	92,833	2.37%
North Coast	1,599	118,436	1.35%	2,173	80,736	2.69%	3,114	49,567	6.28%	2,013	30,149	6.68%	8,900	278,888	3.19%
South Coast	1,332	94,861	1.40%	354	54,360	0.65%	2,311	31,134	7.42%	996	18,559	5.37%	4,993	198,914	2.51%
Hunter	576	159,166	0.36%	824	87,063	0.95%	3,767	49,781	7.57%	1,834	30,179	6.08%	7,001	326,190	2.15%
Central Coast	239	77,468	0.31%	185	44,571	0.42%	2,052	26,433	7.76%	937	17,931	5.22%	3,413	166,404	2.05%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	268	35,597	0.75%	49	21,036	0.23%	530	10,309	5.14%	144	5,175	2.78%	992	72,117	1.37%
Riverina Murray	316	66,970	0.47%	323	35,926	0.90%	1,402	20,236	6.93%	685	12,111	5.66%	2,727	135,242	2.02%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>766,841</b>	<b>0.74%</b>	<b>5,142</b>	<b>438,261</b>	<b>1.17%</b>	<b>16,230</b>	<b>247,583</b>	<b>6.56%</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>145,546</b>	<b>5.19%</b>	<b>34,586</b>	<b>1,598,231</b>	<b>2.16%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,377</b>	<b>1,890,937</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>985,452</b>	<b>0.86%</b>	<b>22,099</b>	<b>492,763</b>	<b>4.48%</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>289,763</b>	<b>3.43%</b>	<b>48,870</b>	<b>3,658,916</b>	<b>1.34%</b>



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

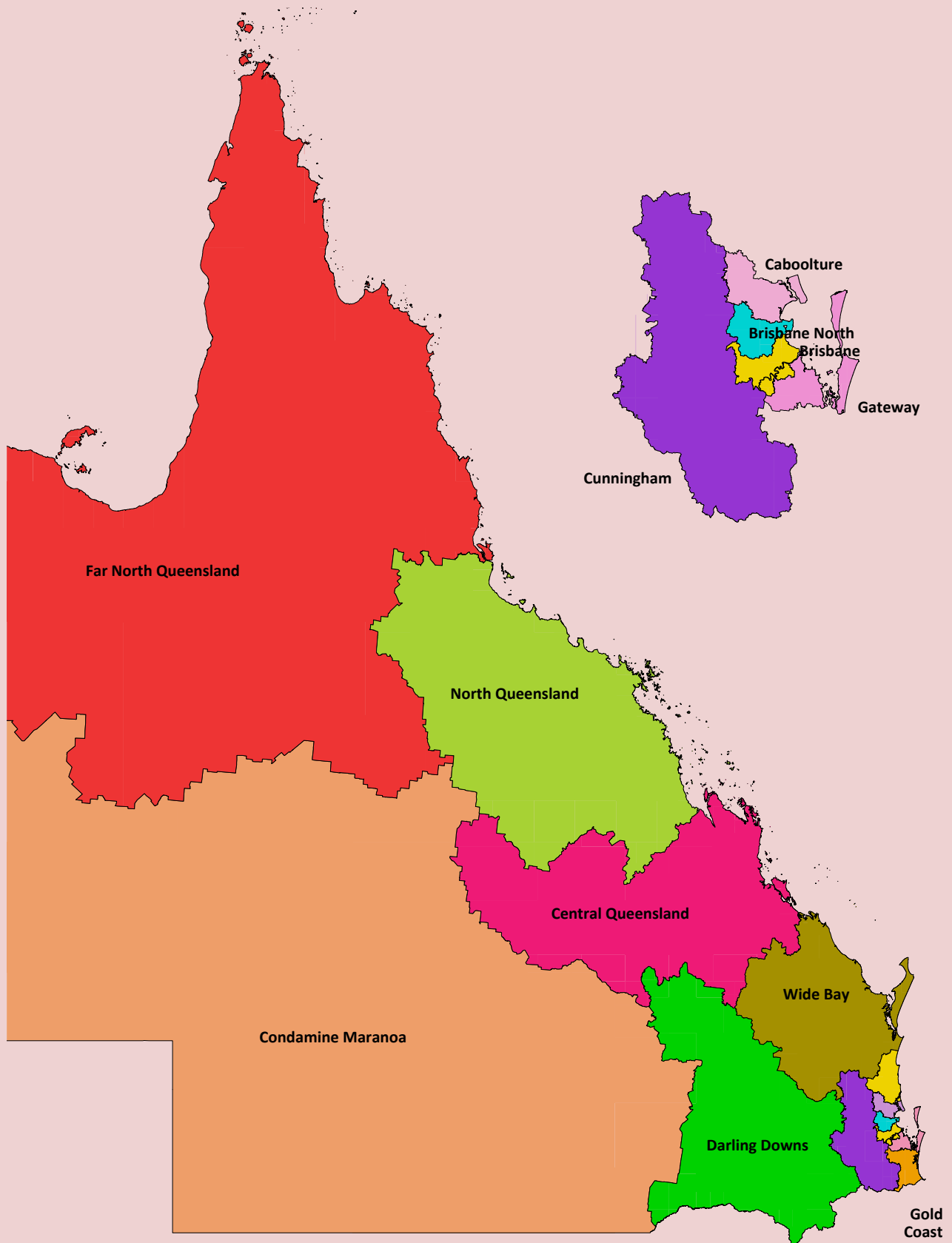
	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
METROPOLITAN															
NORTHERN SYDNEY	1,028	534,883	0.19%	1,187	289,813	0.41%	3,953	134,137	2.95%	2,515	70,717	3.56%	8,683	1,029,550	0.84%
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY	7,880	818,679	0.96%	7,267	366,759	1.98%	6,947	160,288	4.33%	2,153	69,807	3.08%	24,247	1,415,534	1.71%
INNER SYDNEY	367	479,892	0.08%	1,394	205,472	0.68%	1,549	87,633	1.77%	765	46,994	1.63%	4,074	819,990	0.50%
SOUTHERN SYDNEY	1,021	432,279	0.24%	1,360	210,867	0.64%	2,076	98,729	2.10%	750	57,615	1.30%	5,206	799,489	0.65%
SUB TOTAL	10,295	2,265,733	0.45%	11,208	1,072,911	1.04%	14,525	480,787	3.02%	6,183	245,133	2.52%	42,211	4,064,563	1.04%
COUNTRY															
Central West	1,859	271,615	0.68%	1,627	139,446	1.17%	2,596	69,533	3.73%	1,099	29,503	3.73%	7,181	510,097	1.41%
Far West	177	69,643	0.25%	400	37,638	1.06%	1,153	21,612	5.34%	369	10,430	3.54%	2,099	139,323	1.51%
North West	1,056	90,998	1.16%	1,737	49,001	3.55%	2,406	29,314	8.21%	776	13,857	5.60%	5,975	183,171	3.26%
North Coast	2,679	237,139	1.13%	3,314	155,050	2.14%	4,502	97,961	4.60%	2,867	53,229	5.39%	13,361	543,379	2.46%
South Coast	4,421	192,716	2.29%	2,105	106,034	1.99%	5,607	61,314	9.15%	2,127	32,474	6.55%	14,260	392,537	3.63%
Hunter	2,987	322,296	0.93%	3,522	171,537	2.05%	8,590	97,702	8.79%	3,675	51,573	7.13%	18,774	643,108	2.92%
Central Coast	609	155,396	0.39%	383	85,660	0.45%	2,850	50,256	5.67%	1,394	30,374	4.59%	5,236	321,685	1.63%
Southern Slopes and Plains*	587	72,247	0.81%	732	42,463	1.72%	1,486	21,137	7.03%	610	8,952	6.82%	3,415	144,799	2.36%
Riverina Murray	775	135,375	0.57%	800	71,518	1.12%	2,710	40,751	6.65%	1,344	21,161	6.35%	5,628	268,806	2.09%
Sub Total	15,149	1,547,425	0.98%	14,621	858,347	1.70%	31,899	489,579	6.52%	14,260	251,554	5.67%	75,928	3,146,905	2.41%
TOTAL	25,444	3,813,158	0.67%	25,828	1,931,258	1.34%	46,423	970,366	4.78%	20,443	496,687	4.12%	118,139	7,211,468	1.64%

**TABLE 3.7 NEW SOUTH WALES PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2012**

	>39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		
NEW SOUTH WALES	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
METROPOLITAN											
Northern Sydney	521	226	1,702	721	3,900	3,949	2,817	2,219	8,940	7,116	16,056
Greater Western Sydney	5,890	2,600	4,917	3,162	4,280	3,647	1,308	1,158	16,395	10,567	26,962
Inner Sydney	193	394	931	1,376	1,016	2,486	569	1,798	2,709	6,053	8,763
Southern Sydney	364	240	612	425	1,583	1,195	341	597	2,900	2,456	5,356
Sub Total	6,968	3,461	8,161	5,684	10,779	11,277	5,035	5,772	30,944	26,193	57,136
COUNTRY											
Central West	531	140	2,142	807	2,558	2,105	1,072	902	6,302	3,954	10,257
Far West	52	0	730	281	969	1,455	154	446	1,904	2,183	4,087
North West	1,387	670	2,977	1,462	3,528	2,592	1,489	500	9,380	5,223	14,603
North Coast	2,229	227	2,353	1,265	2,106	4,756	1,734	2,516	8,422	8,765	17,187
South Coast	1,351	430	2,640	560	4,969	3,658	1,705	1,576	10,665	6,225	16,890
Hunter	1,772	215	3,145	989	5,623	4,523	2,147	2,201	12,687	7,928	20,615
Central Coast	194	6	557	222	2,240	2,465	1,283	1,125	4,273	3,818	8,092
Southern Slopes and Plains	121	55	909	84	1,273	902	621	244	2,925	1,284	4,209
Riverina Murray	439	105	751	460	2,063	1,995	1,039	975	4,292	3,536	7,828
Sub Total	8,075	1,847	16,205	6,131	25,326	24,451	11,243	10,487	60,850	42,916	103,766
TOTAL	15,044	5,308	24,366	11,815	36,105	35,728	16,278	16,259	91,793	69,109	160,903



## 4. QUEENSLAND





## 4.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Queensland is Australia's third largest state in terms of resident population with 4,474,098 persons or 20.0% 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 2012 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 2012, QUEENSLAND HAD:

- 36 bowls associations
- 331 bowls clubs
- 109,606 playing and non-playing members
- 106,638 participants in all forms of bowls
- 78,100 players in all forms of bowls.



**The bowling clubs in each region in Queensland in 2012 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 In  
 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 39,106 playing members and 70,500 non-playing members in Queensland. The state has more similar numbers of members and participants in bowls clubs, and non-playing members and non-member participants make up the majority, respectively, in both cases.

**Of the 109,606 bowls club members in Queensland,**

- 10.4% were registered pennant playing members
- 26.3% were non-pennant playing members
- 63.3% were non-playing members
- 70.8% of members were located in country Queensland.

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

- Gold Coast Tweed
- Sunshine Coast
- Brisbane North/Caboolture
- Brisbane Central.

**TABLE 4.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS QUEENSLAND, 2012**

	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	636	7,949	8,585	3,952	12,537
Brisbane North/Caboolture	16	1,394	1,934	3,328	10,764	14,092
Cunningham	17	1,010	429	1,439	244	1,683
Gateway	15	1,316	1,455	2,771	934	3,705
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>11,768</b>	<b>16,124</b>	<b>15,893</b>	<b>32,017</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Gold Coast Tweed	43	1,644	2,802	4,446	24,390	28,836
Sunshine Coast	24	1,308	2,454	3,762	23,298	27,060
Wide Bay Burnett	18	1,322	1,820	3,142	2,348	5,491
Darling Downs	35	580	1,750	2,330	740	3,070
Central Queensland	25	356	2,607	2,963	488	3,450
Condamine-Maranoa	14	154	511	665	0	665
North Queensland	41	1,172	2,162	3,334	729	4,062
Far North and Gulf	31	820	1,521	2,341	2,614	4,955
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>15,626</b>	<b>22,982</b>	<b>54,607</b>	<b>77,589</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>11,712</b>	<b>27,394</b>	<b>39,106</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>109,606</b>

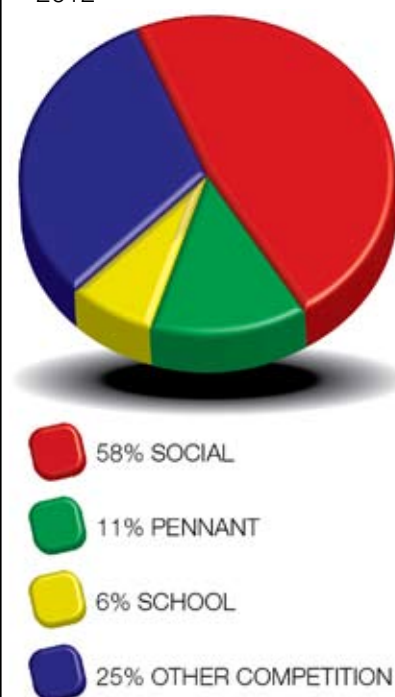


Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 106,638 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Queensland during 2012. Specifically

- The greatest participation segment in Queensland was social bowls programs, with 58.4% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 69.0% of all bowls participation in Queensland. Female participation ranges from 28% to 44% across the bowls segments/program areas.
- Participation in country Queensland (69,307) is higher than metropolitan participation (37,331) and the largest regions for bowls participation are in the south east of the State

(Gold Coast, Wide Bay Burnett, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane Central).

**FIGURE 4.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, QUEENSLAND, 2012



**TABLE 4.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN QUEENSLAND, 2012

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 Central	1,076	318	1,394	3,999	1,591	5,590	9,807	7,363	17,170	1,784	1,212	2,995	16,666	10,484	27,150
Brisbane North/Caboolture	445	191	636	1,816	796	2,612	0	0	0	40	40	80	2,301	1,027	3,328
Cunningham	798	212	1,010	816	295	1,111	625	568	1,193	0	0	0	2,239	1,075	3,313
Gateway	921	395	1,316	1,181	578	1,759	353	30	383	68	15	83	2,522	1,018	3,540
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>7,812</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>11,071</b>	<b>10,784</b>	<b>7,961</b>	<b>18,746</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>3,158</b>	<b>23,728</b>	<b>13,603</b>	<b>37,331</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast Tweed	1,299	345	1,644	1,953	954	2,907	18,000	270	18,270	0	0	0	21,252	1,569	22,821
Sunshine Coast	994	314	1,308	2,022	1,452	3,474	6,072	3,312	9,384	0	0	0	9,088	5,078	14,166
Wide Bay Burnett	687	635	1,322	1,058	873	1,932	8,584	4,827	13,411	129	139	268	10,459	6,474	16,933
Darling Downs	389	191	580	390	705	1,095	300	175	475	190	170	360	1,269	1,241	2,510
Central Queensland	185	171	356	1,088	663	1,750	200	50	250	375	375	750	1,848	1,259	3,106
Condamine-Maranoa	103	51	154	245	252	497	91	91	182	0	0	0	439	394	833
North Queensland	750	422	1,172	1,457	893	2,350	713	271	984	473	448	921	3,393	2,034	5,427
Far North and Gulf	525	295	820	909	553	1,462	579	403	982	134	114	248	2,147	1,365	3,512
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>9,122</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>15,466</b>	<b>34,539</b>	<b>9,399</b>	<b>43,938</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>49,894</b>	<b>19,413</b>	<b>69,307</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,172</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>11,712</b>	<b>16,934</b>	<b>9,603</b>	<b>26,538</b>	<b>45,323</b>	<b>17,360</b>	<b>62,683</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>5,705</b>	<b>73,622</b>	<b>33,016</b>	<b>106,638</b>



**TABLE 4.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF QUEENSLAND REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2012**

		Participants Number	Rank	2011 Rank	Players 2012 Number	Rank	Members 2012 Number	Rank
Brisbane Central	Metropolitan	27,150	1	6	15,969	3	12,537	8
Gold Coast Tweed	Country	22,821	3	7	14,796	4	28,836	4
Wide Bay Burnett	Country	16,933	7	10	11,481	9	5,491	21
Sunshine Coast	Country	14,166	11	22	11,610	8	27,060	5
North Queensland	Country	5,427	32	35	5,160	25	4,062	31
Gateway	Metropolitan	3,540	48	14	3,199	43	3,705	34
Far North and Gulf	Country	3,512	49	61	3,440	38	4,955	26
Brisbane Nth/Caboolture	Metropolitan	3,328	50	17	3,111	45	14,092	7
Cunningham	Metropolitan	3,313	51	62	3,065	46	1,683	63
Central Queensland	Country	3,106	54	43	2,975	47	3,450	35
Darling Downs	Country	2,510	59	9	2,488	54	3,070	42
Condamine-Maranoa	Country	833	68	65	807	67	665	66

**FIGURE 4.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

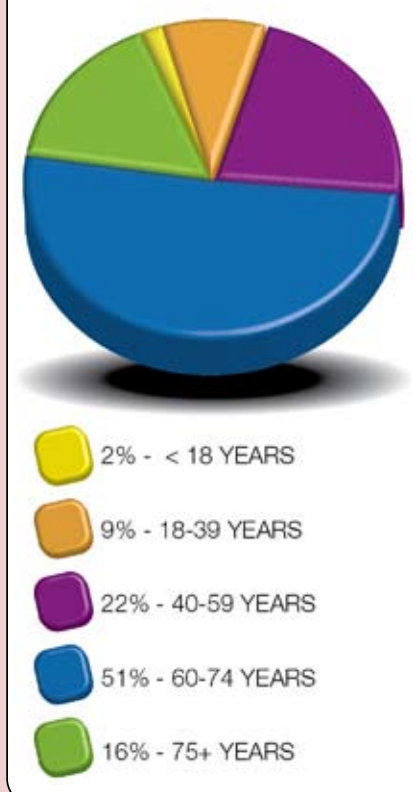


Figure 4.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Queensland.

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 apparent player to population rates in 2012 were:

- Wide Bay Burnett
- Sunshine Coast
- Gold Coast.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- Gateway Brisbane
- Brisbane North/Caboolture
- Darling Downs.

The overall player to population rate in Queensland was 1.75%, the rate in country Queensland was 2.21% and in metropolitan Brisbane it was 1.22%.

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, 2012**

	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 Central	1,483	241,532	0.61%	2,397	104,216	2.30%	4,396	42,360	10.38%	1,770	18,089	9.79%	10,046	406,196	2.47%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	328	105,963	0.31%	572	50,775	1.13%	1,224	25,653	4.77%	696	8,989	7.74%	2,820	191,380	1.47%
Cunningham	475	76,141	0.62%	602	34,650	1.74%	736	16,814	4.37%	175	5,468	3.20%	1,988	133,072	1.49%
Gateway	202	172,426	0.12%	611	76,804	0.80%	990	35,706	2.77%	462	12,199	3.79%	2,265	297,134	0.76%
Sub Total	2,488	596,061	0.42%	4,182	266,445	1.57%	7,346	120,532	6.09%	3,104	44,744	6.94%	17,119	1,027,782	1.67%
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast Tweed	804	163,397	0.49%	2,598	78,268	3.32%	4,420	40,499	10.91%	2,304	15,999	14.40%	10,125	298,163	3.40%
Sunshine Coast	221	73,679	0.30%	773	42,410	1.82%	4,529	26,036	17.40%	921	11,322	8.13%	6,444	153,447	4.20%
Wide Bay Burnett	236	63,211	0.37%	1,085	36,422	2.98%	3,985	27,601	14.44%	1,592	10,478	15.19%	6,897	137,711	5.01%
Darling Downs	93	60,933	0.15%	135	29,708	0.46%	533	16,797	3.18%	528	6,994	7.55%	1,290	114,432	1.13%
Central Queensland	63	62,358	0.10%	325	30,856	1.05%	988	13,345	7.40%	713	4,572	15.59%	2,088	111,130	1.88%
Condamine-Maranoa	132	10,573	1.25%	108	5,542	1.95%	137	2,746	5.00%	39	1,022	3.84%	416	19,882	2.09%
North Queensland	715	115,347	0.62%	768	56,014	1.37%	783	23,319	3.36%	528	7,652	6.90%	2,794	202,332	1.38%
Far North and Gulf	290	83,822	0.35%	663	42,934	1.55%	641	19,623	3.26%	419	6,065	6.90%	2,012	152,444	1.32%
Sub Total	2,553	633,319	0.40%	6,456	322,154	2.00%	16,015	169,966	9.42%	7,042	64,103	10.99%	32,066	1,189,542	2.70%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>1,229,380</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>10,637</b>	<b>588,599</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>23,361</b>	<b>290,498</b>	<b>8.04%</b>	<b>10,146</b>	<b>108,847</b>	<b>9.32%</b>	<b>49,186</b>	<b>2,217,324</b>	<b>2.22%</b>

**TABLE 4.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2012**

	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 Central	955	236,117	0.40%	1,265	107,135	1.18%	2,546	45,151	5.64%	1,157	28,663	4.04%	5,923	417,067	1.42%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	4	105,676	0.00%	44	53,921	0.08%	208	26,754	0.78%	35	11,931	0.29%	291	198,281	0.15%
Cunningham	330	75,668	0.44%	215	35,221	0.61%	380	16,366	2.32%	151	7,091	2.13%	1,077	134,347	0.80%
Gateway	40	169,632	0.02%	155	82,462	0.19%	551	36,487	1.51%	188	17,460	1.08%	934	306,042	0.31%
Sub Total	1,329	587,093	0.23%	1,679	278,740	0.60%	3,685	124,759	2.95%	1,530	65,146	2.35%	8,224	1,055,737	0.78%
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast Tweed	220	162,997	0.13%	632	84,264	0.75%	2,445	42,040	5.82%	1,374	20,938	6.56%	4,671	310,240	1.51%
Sunshine Coast	191	73,768	0.26%	724	47,824	1.51%	2,706	27,623	9.80%	1,544	14,196	10.88%	5,166	163,411	3.16%
Wide Bay Burnett	244	63,294	0.39%	535	39,621	1.35%	2,839	26,662	10.65%	966	11,914	8.11%	4,584	141,490	3.24%
Darling Downs	22	60,418	0.04%	90	30,997	0.29%	618	17,362	3.56%	468	9,536	4.91%	1,198	118,313	1.01%
Central Queensland	0	58,929	0.00%	63	28,988	0.22%	563	12,275	4.58%	263	5,839	4.50%	888	106,031	0.84%
Condamine-Maranoa	132	10,388	1.27%	102	5,188	1.96%	102	2,336	4.34%	56	1,127	5.00%	391	19,039	2.05%
North Queensland	690	109,999	0.63%	393	52,417	0.75%	779	21,464	3.63%	503	10,223	4.92%	2,365	194,102	1.22%
Far North and Gulf	206	82,613	0.25%	336	41,775	0.80%	644	17,189	3.74%	242	6,835	3.54%	1,428	148,412	0.96%
Sub Total	1,705	622,406	0.27%	2,875	331,073	0.87%	10,695	166,951	6.41%	5,415	80,607	6.72%	20,691	1,201,037	1.72%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>1,209,499</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>609,813</b>	<b>0.75%</b>	<b>14,381</b>	<b>291,709</b>	<b>4.93%</b>	<b>6,946</b>	<b>145,753</b>	<b>4.77%</b>	<b>28,915</b>	<b>2,256,774</b>	<b>1.28%</b>



**TABLE 4.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2012**

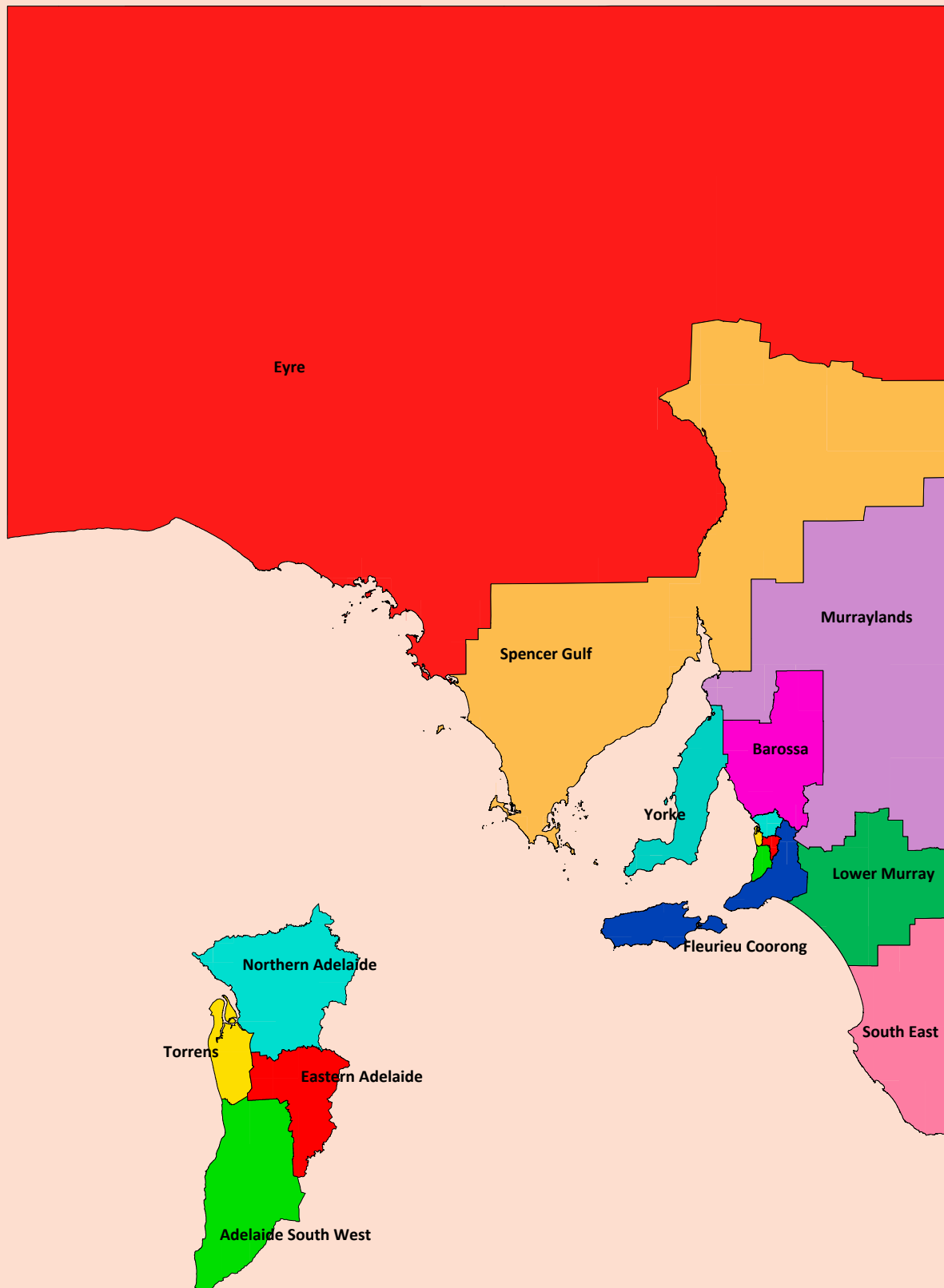
	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
QUEENSLAND	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Brisbane Central	2,437	477,648	0.51%	3,663	211,352	1.73%	6,942	87,511	7.93%	2,927	46,752	6.26%	15,969	823,263	1.94%
Brisbane North/ Caboolture	332	211,639	0.16%	616	104,696	0.59%	1,432	52,407	2.73%	731	20,920	3.49%	3,111	389,661	0.80%
Cunningham	806	151,809	0.53%	817	69,871	1.17%	1,116	33,180	3.36%	326	12,559	2.59%	3,065	267,419	1.15%
Gateway	242	342,058	0.07%	765	159,266	0.48%	1,541	72,193	2.13%	651	29,659	2.19%	3,199	603,176	0.53%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>1,183,154</b>	<b>0.32%</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>545,185</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>245,290</b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>109,890</b>	<b>4.22%</b>	<b>25,344</b>	<b>2,083,519</b>	<b>1.22%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast Tweed	1,023	326,395	0.31%	3,230	162,532	1.99%	6,865	82,539	8.32%	3,677	36,937	9.96%	14,796	608,403	2.43%
Sunshine Coast	412	147,446	0.28%	1,498	90,234	1.66%	7,235	53,659	13.48%	2,465	25,519	9.66%	11,610	316,858	3.66%
Wide Bay Burnett	480	126,504	0.38%	1,620	76,043	2.13%	6,824	54,263	12.58%	2,557	22,391	11.42%	11,481	279,201	4.11%
Darling Downs	115	121,351	0.09%	225	60,705	0.37%	1,152	34,159	3.37%	996	16,530	6.03%	2,488	232,745	1.07%
Central Queensland	63	121,287	0.05%	388	59,844	0.65%	1,550	25,620	6.05%	975	10,410	9.37%	2,975	217,161	1.37%
Condamine-Maranoa	263	20,961	1.26%	209	10,730	1.95%	239	5,082	4.70%	96	2,149	4.45%	807	38,921	2.07%
North Queensland	1,406	225,346	0.62%	1,161	108,431	1.07%	1,562	44,783	3.49%	1,031	17,874	5.77%	5,160	396,434	1.30%
Far North and Gulf	496	166,435	0.30%	999	84,709	1.18%	1,284	36,812	3.49%	660	12,900	5.12%	3,440	300,856	1.14%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>1,255,725</b>	<b>0.34%</b>	<b>9,330</b>	<b>653,227</b>	<b>1.43%</b>	<b>26,711</b>	<b>336,917</b>	<b>7.93%</b>	<b>12,457</b>	<b>144,710</b>	<b>8.61%</b>	<b>52,757</b>	<b>2,390,579</b>	<b>2.21%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,075</b>	<b>2,438,879</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>15,191</b>	<b>1,198,412</b>	<b>1.27%</b>	<b>37,742</b>	<b>582,207</b>	<b>6.48%</b>	<b>17,092</b>	<b>254,600</b>	<b>6.71%</b>	<b>78,100</b>	<b>4,474,098</b>	<b>1.75%</b>

**TABLE 4.7 QUEENSLAND PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2012**

	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		
QUEENSLAND	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
METROPOLITAN													
Brisbane Central	157	0	2,174	1,659	3,840	2,288	7,910	4,892	2,584	1,645	16,666	10,484	27,150
Brisbane North/Caboolture	32	8	286	11	632	95	903	609	448	304	2,301	1,027	3,328
Cunningham	266	190	455	146	738	190	626	387	154	161	2,239	1,075	3,313
Gateway	0	0	256	24	761	155	1,257	678	248	161	2,522	1,018	3,540
Sub Total	455	198	3,170	1,841	5,970	2,728	10,697	6,566	3,435	2,271	23,728	13,603	37,331
COUNTRY													
Gold Coast Tweed	114	0	1,600	90	5,999	290	9,769	829	3,771	360	21,252	1,569	22,821
Sunshine Coast	0	0	257	27	1,479	599	6,259	3,608	1,093	844	9,088	5,078	14,166
Wide Bay Burnett	104	140	673	140	1,838	939	6,601	4,356	1,243	899	10,459	6,474	16,933
Darling Downs	25	0	50	12	314	110	503	742	377	377	1,269	1,241	2,510
Central Queensland	0	0	336	0	420	71	840	886	252	301	1,848	1,259	3,106
Condamine-Maranoa	69	82	116	82	104	95	127	109	23	27	439	394	833
North Queensland	188	161	670	435	1,071	369	978	719	486	350	3,393	2,034	5,427
Far North and Gulf	10	6	324	214	855	383	654	575	305	186	2,147	1,365	3,512
Sub Total	510	388	4,026	1,000	12,079	2,856	25,730	11,824	7,549	3,345	49,894	19,413	69,307
TOTAL	965	586	7,197	2,841	18,049	5,584	36,427	18,390	10,984	5,615	73,622	33,016	106,638



## 5. SOUTH AUSTRALIA





## 5.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

South Australia is Australia's fifth most populous state with 1,638,232 residents or 7.3% of the Australian population. Bowls South Australia has four identified regions in metropolitan Adelaide, and eight country regions.

The South Australian regions for the 2012 Census and for bowls planning and 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 2012, SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAD:

- 223 bowls clubs
- 31,578 playing and non-playing members
- 37,937 participants in all forms of bowls
- 29,087 players in all forms of bowls



**The bowling clubs in each region in South Australia in 2012 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 & Kilkeny 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  
Kirtou 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 29,329 playing members (including 19,456 pennant playing members and 9,873 non-pennant playing members) and 2,249 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 29,329 bowls club members in South Australia

- 77.7% were registered pennant playing members
- 10.9% were non-pennant playing members
- 11.4% were non-playing members
- 60.6% of members were located in country South Australia.

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

- Eastern Adelaide
- Coorong-Fleurieu
- Adelaide Torrens
- Northern Adelaide
- Adelaide South West
- Yorke Peninsula.

**TABLE 5.1** BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2012

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Northern Adelaide	12	1,727	262	1,465	125	1,852
Eastern Adelaide	12	1,834	388	1,446	495	2,329
Adelaide South West	15	1,400	167	1,233	192	1,592
Adelaide Torrens	14	1,453	35	1,418	578	2,030
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6,413</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>5,562</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>7,803</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
South East	19	1,408	367	1,041	89	1,497
Yorke Peninsula	20	1,411	26	1,386	110	1,521
Spencer Gulf	24	1,341	241	1,100	129	1,471
Murraylands	24	1,475	30	1,446	72	1,547
Eyre	17	995	153	842	51	1,046
Lower Murray	22	1,036	63	973	53	1,089
Coorong-Fleurieu	17	1,834	251	1,583	243	2,076
Barossa	27	1,618	174	1,445	113	1,731
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>11,118</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>9,814</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>11,978</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>17,532</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>15,376</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>19,781</b>

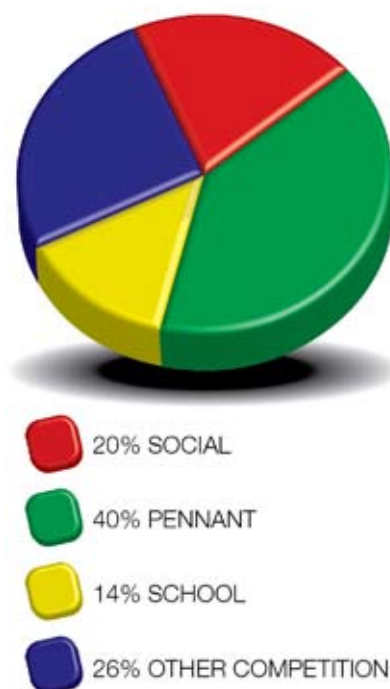


Table 5.2 and Figure 5.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 37,937 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in South Australia during 2012. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in South Australia was regular bowls competitions, with 66.5% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 67.7% of all bowls participation in South Australia. Female participation ranges from 30.0% for social programs to 44.4% in schools programs.

- Participation in country South Australia (20,510) is higher than metropolitan participation (17,426) and the largest regions for bowls participation are the Adelaide Torrens and Eastern Adelaide metropolitan regions and Coorong-Fleurieu and Barossa in the country.

**FIGURE 5.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION  
BY SEGMENT, SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA, 2012



**TABLE 5.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2012

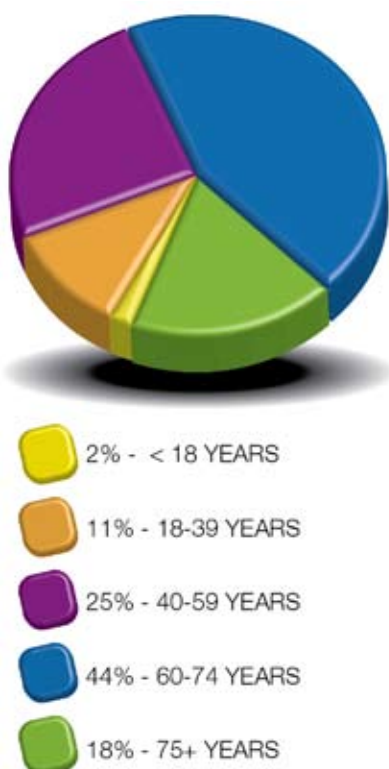
Participants	Pennant Participants			Non-Pennant Competition Participation			Social and other Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (>4 games)		
Region	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Metropolitan															
North Adelaide	1,055	410	1,465	803	363	1,167	678	165	843	105	95	200	2,642	1,033	3,675
Eastern Adelaide	1,022	424	1,446	677	276	954	793	386	1,179	701	707	1,408	3,193	1,794	4,986
Adelaide South West	885	348	1,233	707	237	944	456	251	707	267	174	441	2,315	1,010	3,325
Adelaide Torrens	1,050	368	1,418	733	255	988	1,448	495	1,943	605	488	1,093	3,835	1,605	5,440
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	703	338	1,041	779	372	1,151	371	222	593	124	89	213	1,976	1,022	2,998
Yorke Peninsula	832	554	1,386	612	353	965	65	43	109	94	110	204	1,603	1,060	2,663
Spencer Gulf	704	396	1,100	417	255	672	196	123	319	37	24	61	1,355	797	2,152
Murraylands	976	470	1,446	332	186	518	199	97	296	182	169	352	1,688	923	2,612
Eyre	629	213	842	289	170	459	251	16	267	167	71	238	1,336	470	1,806
Lower Murray	676	298	973	259	144	403	39	32	70	21	14	35	994	487	1,481
Coorong-Fleurieu	1,121	462	1,583	736	328	1,064	347	184	531	318	155	473	2,522	1,129	3,651
Barossa	1,036	408	1,445	449	140	589	432	150	582	299	235	533	2,216	933	3,149
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>9,814</b>	<b>3,873</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>13,689</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>20,510</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>4,688</b>	<b>15,376</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>9,873</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>7,438</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>5,249</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>37,937</b>



**TABLE 5.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2012**

		Participants		2011 Rank	Players 2012		Members 2012	
		Number	Rank		Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Adelaide Torrens	Metropolitan	5,440	31	50	4,073	32	3,437	36
Eastern Adelaide	Metropolitan	4,986	35	57	2,950	48	3,065	43
Northern Adelaide	Metropolitan	3,675	45	51	3,240	40	3,308	39
Coorong-Fleurieu	Country	3,651	47	44	2,766	51	2,107	55
Adelaide South West	Metropolitan	3,325	51	48	2,401	55	3,184	40
Barossa	Country	3,149	52	64	2,185	58	2,014	58
South East	Country	2,998	55	49	2,548	53	2,105	56
Yorke Peninsula	Country	2,663	56	58	2,349	56	2,819	45
Murraylands	Country	2,612	58	53	2,195	57	2,750	47
Spencer Gulf	Country	2,152	62	59	1,607	62	2,513	51
Eyre	Country	1,806	64	63	1,751	60	1,790	60
Lower Murray	Country	1,481	65	60	1,022	65	2,487	52

**FIGURE 5.3 PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP**



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 2012 were all country regions:

- Eyre
- Yorke Peninsula

- South East
- 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 1.78%. The rate in country South Australia was 3.79% (the highest non-metropolitan rate in Australia) and in metropolitan Adelaide it was 1.05%. 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, 2012**

	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	193	108,940	0.18%	732	50,546	1.45%	768	23,677	3.25%	632	10,168	6.21%	2,325	193,331	1.20%
Eastern Adelaide	206	60,444	0.34%	345	31,630	1.09%	976	16,317	5.98%	377	8,251	4.57%	1,904	116,641	1.63%
Adelaide South West	201	87,756	0.23%	419	47,013	0.89%	775	24,084	3.22%	392	11,263	3.48%	1,787	170,115	1.05%
Adelaide Torrens	500	56,743	0.88%	918	30,085	3.05%	1,265	14,304	8.84%	303	8,613	3.51%	2,985	109,745	2.72%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>313,882</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>159,274</b>	<b>1.52%</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>78,382</b>	<b>4.83%</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>38,295</b>	<b>4.45%</b>	<b>9,001</b>	<b>589,833</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
COUNTRY															
South East	162	16,087	1.00%	441	9,328	4.73%	735	4,770	15.42%	334	1,968	17.00%	1,672	32,153	5.20%
Yorke Peninsula	119	5,039	2.37%	346	3,749	9.23%	723	3,229	22.40%	227	1,380	16.42%	1,416	13,397	10.57%
Spencer Gulf	175	18,317	0.95%	255	10,475	2.43%	405	5,514	7.35%	177	2,067	8.58%	1,012	36,372	2.78%
Murraylands	421	14,996	2.81%	383	9,515	4.02%	556	5,779	9.63%	220	2,392	9.21%	1,580	32,682	4.83%
Eyre	85	5,663	1.50%	357	2,952	12.09%	417	1,073	38.81%	60	274	21.73%	918	9,962	9.22%
Lower Murray	88	7,219	1.21%	179	4,079	4.38%	284	2,427	11.68%	133	1,008	13.19%	683	14,733	4.63%
Coorong-Fleurieu	117	20,635	0.57%	372	13,011	2.86%	1,081	8,657	12.49%	328	3,548	9.25%	1,899	45,851	4.14%
Barossa	233	15,756	1.48%	500	9,894	5.05%	538	4,922	10.94%	287	1,879	15.27%	1,558	32,451	4.80%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>103,712</b>	<b>1.35%</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>63,003</b>	<b>4.49%</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>36,370</b>	<b>13.03%</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>14,516</b>	<b>12.17%</b>	<b>10,736</b>	<b>217,601</b>	<b>4.93%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>417,594</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>222,277</b>	<b>2.36%</b>	<b>8,524</b>	<b>114,751</b>	<b>7.43%</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>52,811</b>	<b>6.57%</b>	<b>19,737</b>	<b>807,433</b>	<b>2.44%</b>

**TABLE 5.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2012**

	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	60	104,992	0.06%	152	52,332	0.29%	433	25,891	1.67%	270	13,877	1.95%	915	197,092	0.46%
Eastern Adelaide	114	59,350	0.19%	169	33,766	0.50%	624	18,121	3.44%	139	12,978	1.07%	1,046	124,215	0.84%
Adelaide South West	65	86,730	0.07%	134	50,214	0.27%	273	26,185	1.04%	142	16,733	0.85%	614	179,862	0.34%
Adelaide Torrens	255	54,677	0.47%	360	30,618	1.18%	345	16,107	2.14%	128	12,537	1.02%	1,088	113,939	0.95%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>305,748</b>	<b>0.16%</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>166,930</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>86,304</b>	<b>1.94%</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>56,125</b>	<b>1.21%</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>615,107</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
COUNTRY															
South East	97	15,527	0.62%	182	8,975	2.03%	391	4,744	8.25%	205	2,707	7.58%	876	31,952	2.74%
Yorke Peninsula	99	4,831	2.05%	157	3,743	4.21%	440	3,084	14.26%	238	1,667	14.25%	934	13,326	7.01%
Spencer Gulf	105	17,535	0.60%	149	9,856	1.52%	260	5,238	4.96%	80	2,813	2.84%	595	35,442	1.68%
Murraylands	54	14,347	0.37%	112	9,144	1.22%	294	5,674	5.18%	157	3,157	4.96%	616	32,322	1.90%
Eyre	213	5,011	4.24%	204	2,136	9.55%	349	745	46.76%	68	266	25.55%	833	8,158	10.21%
Lower Murray	28	6,725	0.42%	53	3,940	1.33%	140	2,357	5.94%	119	1,290	9.22%	340	14,312	2.37%
Coorong-Fleurieu	65	20,643	0.31%	176	13,863	1.27%	487	9,077	5.37%	140	4,394	3.19%	868	47,977	1.81%
Barossa	44	15,261	0.29%	138	9,748	1.42%	265	4,693	5.65%	181	2,500	7.22%	628	32,202	1.95%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>99,880</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>61,405</b>	<b>1.91%</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>35,611</b>	<b>7.37%</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>18,795</b>	<b>6.32%</b>	<b>5,688</b>	<b>215,691</b>	<b>2.64%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>405,629</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>228,335</b>	<b>0.87%</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>121,915</b>	<b>3.53%</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>74,920</b>	<b>2.49%</b>	<b>9,350</b>	<b>830,799</b>	<b>1.13%</b>



**TABLE 5.6** TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2012

	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	253	213,932	0.12%	883	102,878	0.86%	1,202	49,568	2.42%	902	24,045	3.75%	3,240	390,423	0.83%
Eastern Adelaide	319	119,794	0.27%	514	65,396	0.79%	1,600	34,437	4.65%	516	21,229	2.43%	2,950	240,856	1.22%
Adelaide South West	266	174,486	0.15%	553	97,227	0.57%	1,048	50,269	2.08%	534	27,996	1.91%	2,401	349,977	0.69%
Adelaide Torrens	755	111,419	0.68%	1,278	60,704	2.10%	1,610	30,411	5.29%	430	21,150	2.03%	4,073	223,684	1.82%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>619,630</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>3,228</b>	<b>326,205</b>	<b>0.99%</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>164,686</b>	<b>3.32%</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>94,420</b>	<b>2.52%</b>	<b>12,664</b>	<b>1,204,940</b>	<b>1.05%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	258	31,614	0.82%	623	18,303	3.40%	1,127	9,513	11.84%	540	4,675	11.54%	2,548	64,105	3.97%
Yorke Peninsula	219	9,870	2.21%	504	7,493	6.72%	1,163	6,313	18.42%	464	3,047	15.23%	2,349	26,723	8.79%
Spencer Gulf	280	35,852	0.78%	404	20,330	1.99%	665	10,751	6.19%	257	4,880	5.27%	1,607	71,814	2.24%
Murraylands	474	29,344	1.62%	494	18,659	2.65%	850	11,453	7.42%	377	5,549	6.79%	2,195	65,004	3.38%
Eyre	298	10,674	2.79%	561	5,088	11.03%	765	1,818	42.07%	128	540	23.61%	1,751	18,120	9.66%
Lower Murray	116	13,944	0.83%	231	8,018	2.88%	424	4,783	8.85%	252	2,299	10.96%	1,022	29,045	3.52%
Coorong-Fleurieu	182	41,278	0.44%	548	26,874	2.04%	1,568	17,734	8.84%	468	7,942	5.90%	2,766	93,828	2.95%
Barossa	277	31,017	0.89%	638	19,643	3.25%	803	9,615	8.35%	467	4,379	10.67%	2,185	64,653	3.38%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>203,593</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>124,408</b>	<b>3.22%</b>	<b>7,365</b>	<b>71,981</b>	<b>10.23%</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>33,311</b>	<b>8.87%</b>	<b>16,424</b>	<b>433,292</b>	<b>3.79%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>823,223</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>7,231</b>	<b>450,612</b>	<b>1.60%</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>236,666</b>	<b>5.42%</b>	<b>5,335</b>	<b>127,730</b>	<b>4.18%</b>	<b>29,087</b>	<b>1,638,232</b>	<b>1.78%</b>

**TABLE 5.7** SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2012

	< 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
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>													
Northern Adelaide	27	23	193	45	831	171	873	489	718	305	2,642	1,033	3,675
Eastern Adelaide	65	29	280	165	578	290	1,637	1,070	632	239	3,193	1,794	4,986
Adelaide South West	10	12	250	95	543	220	1,004	449	508	234	2,315	1,010	3,325
Adelaide Torrens	16	11	626	365	1,179	531	1,625	509	389	188	3,835	1,605	5,440
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>11,985</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>17,426</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
South East	25	11	166	102	521	213	869	457	395	239	1,976	1,022	2,998
Yorke Peninsula	34	15	101	97	392	179	819	499	257	270	1,603	1,060	2,663
Spencer Gulf	105	100	129	41	341	200	543	349	237	107	1,355	797	2,152
Murraylands	24	11	426	70	409	167	595	440	235	235	1,688	923	2,612
Eyre	0	0	124	120	520	115	606	196	87	38	1,336	470	1,806
Lower Murray	15	0	112	40	260	75	413	201	194	171	994	487	1,481
Coorong-Fleurieu	33	19	122	65	494	229	1,436	634	436	182	2,522	1,129	3,651
Barossa	26	10	305	55	711	206	766	394	408	268	2,216	933	3,149
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>13,689</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>20,510</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>11,185</b>	<b>5,687</b>	<b>4,496</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>37,937</b>



## 6. VICTORIA





## 6.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Victoria is Australia's second most populous state with 5,534,526 residents or 24.8% of the Australian population. Bowls Victoria currently has six identified regions in metropolitan Melbourne, and ten country regions.

Victorian regions in the 2012 Census and bowls planning and 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 2012, VICTORIA HAD:

- 79 associations
- 503 bowls clubs
- 62,614 playing and non-playing members
- 120,961 participants in all forms of bowls
- 91,401 players in all forms of bowls



**The bowling clubs in each region in Victoria in 2012 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

## **COUNTRY VICTORIA**

### **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 51,099 playing members (including 37,277 pennant playing members and 13,821 non-pennant playing members) and 11,516 non-playing members in Victoria.

**Of the 62,614 bowls club members in Victoria,**

- 59.5% were registered pennant playing members
- 22.1% were non-pennant playing members
- 18.4% were non-playing members
- 51.0% of members were located in country Victoria.

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

- Melbourne South
- Melbourne North East
- Melbourne Eastern
- South West Victoria
- North Central
- Peninsula
- Geelong
- Gippsland

**TABLE 6.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS VICTORIA, 2012**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Western Melbourne	30	2,201	417	2,618	695	3,314
North West Melbourne	9	826	233	1,059	394	1,452
North East Melbourne	20	4,993	2,064	7,056	457	7,514
Eastern	47	3,381	915	4,296	1,156	5,452
Southern	50	4,679	1,198	5,877	1,910	7,788
Peninsula	36	1,872	2,584	4,456	739	5,195
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>7,411</b>	<b>25,363</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>30,714</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Central Highlands	32	2,955	281	3,236	839	4,075
Geelong	32	2,421	384	2,805	1,177	3,982
South West	30	1,770	1,068	2,838	1,850	4,688
Wimmera Mallee	27	1,575	555	2,130	408	2,538
North Central	44	3,207	968	4,175	391	4,566
Goulburn North East	40	1,796	400	2,196	375	2,571
Gippsland	36	2,128	1,283	3,412	521	3,932
Bass South Coast	15	1,090	288	1,378	308	1,687
Mallee Sunraysia	27	1,101	432	1,533	170	1,703
Ovens and Murray	28	1,283	751	2,034	125	2,159
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>19,326</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>25,736</b>	<b>6,164</b>	<b>31,900</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>37,277</b>	<b>13,821</b>	<b>51,099</b>	<b>11,516</b>	<b>62,614</b>

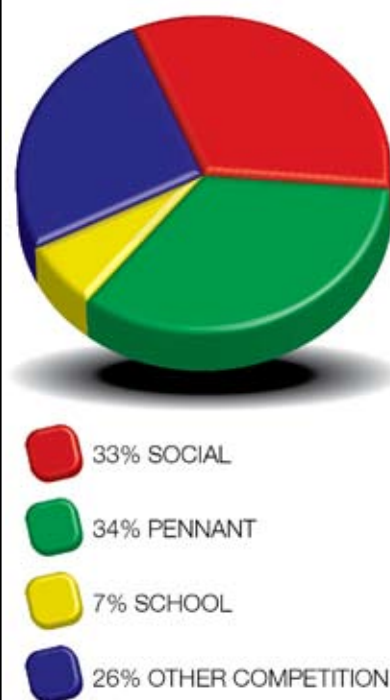


Table 6.2 and Figure 6.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 120,961 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Victoria during 2012. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in Victoria was bowls competitions, with 60.5% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 66.0% of all bowls participation in Victoria. Female participation ranges from 30.7% for pennant competitions to 41.9% in schools programs.

- Participation in country Victoria (64,967) is higher than metropolitan participation (55,993) and the largest regions for bowls participation are Geelong, Melbourne South, Melbourne North East and the Central Highlands.

**FIGURE 6.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, VICTORIA, 2012



**TABLE 6.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN VICTORIA, 2012

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>															
Western Melbourne	1,658	526	2,185	1,227	409	1,636	1,039	734	1,773	41	27	68	3,965	1,696	5,662
North West Melbourne	659	275	934	403	153	556	185	169	353	0	0	0	1,247	596	1,843
North East Melbourne	4,754	1,406	6,160	1,497	509	2,006	2,326	940	3,266	74	34	109	8,651	2,889	11,540
Eastern	2,358	1,446	3,804	1,670	879	2,549	962	722	1,684	315	227	542	5,305	3,273	8,579
Southern	3,354	1,571	4,925	2,817	1,463	4,279	5,506	3,244	8,750	869	473	1,342	12,546	6,750	19,296
Peninsula	2,130	1,046	3,176	2,103	1,105	3,208	1,082	697	1,779	584	328	911	5,898	3,176	9,074
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>14,914</b>	<b>6,269</b>	<b>21,183</b>	<b>9,717</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>14,234</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>6,505</b>	<b>17,605</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>37,613</b>	<b>18,380</b>	<b>55,993</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central Highlands	2,201	1,017	3,218	1,212	487	1,700	2,347	420	2,766	1,241	907	2,148	7,001	2,830	9,831
Geelong	1,991	821	2,811	1,938	750	2,688	4,062	3,157	7,218	219	210	430	8,210	4,937	13,147
South West	1,303	668	1,970	1,295	550	1,845	1,120	713	1,833	0	0	0	3,718	1,930	5,648
Wimmera Mallee	1,131	444	1,575	894	417	1,311	636	381	1,017	54	54	108	2,715	1,296	4,011
North Central	2,127	1,090	3,217	2,039	1,129	3,168	1,159	699	1,858	391	313	704	5,715	3,232	8,947
Goulburn North East	1,335	509	1,844	840	236	1,076	1,850	1,425	3,275	193	135	327	4,217	2,305	6,522
Gippsland	1,389	728	2,118	1,438	707	2,145	836	512	1,349	127	85	212	3,791	2,033	5,824
Bass South Coast	700	392	1,092	702	408	1,110	688	508	1,197	183	198	382	2,273	1,507	3,780
Mallee Sunraysia	752	307	1,059	897	403	1,300	353	166	519	150	116	266	2,152	993	3,144
Ovens and Murray	822	471	1,293	728	535	1,263	613	405	1,018	260	280	540	2,423	1,690	4,113
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>6,447</b>	<b>20,196</b>	<b>11,983</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>17,606</b>	<b>13,664</b>	<b>8,385</b>	<b>22,050</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>5,115</b>	<b>42,215</b>	<b>22,752</b>	<b>64,967</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,664</b>	<b>12,716</b>	<b>41,379</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>10,140</b>	<b>31,840</b>	<b>24,764</b>	<b>14,890</b>	<b>39,654</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>8,087</b>	<b>79,828</b>	<b>41,133</b>	<b>120,961</b>



**TABLE 6.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF VICTORIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2012**

		Participants Number	Rank	2011 Rank	Players 2012 Number	Rank	Members 2012 Number	Rank
Melbourne South	Metropolitan	19,296	5	4	14,517	5	7,788	13
Geelong	Country	13,147	12	5	7,013	17	3,982	32
Melbourne North East	Metropolitan	11,540	13	45	9,691	10	7,514	14
Central Highlands	Country	9,831	15	25	5,376	21	4,075	30
Peninsula	Metropolitan	9,074	16	18	7,691	12	5,195	24
North Central	Country	8,947	17	20	7,060	15	4,566	29
Melbourne East	Metropolitan	8,579	19	8	7,083	14	5,452	22
Goulburn/North East	Country	6,522	26	31	3,847	34	2,571	49
Gippsland	Country	5,824	28	15	5,046	27	3,932	33
Melbourne West	Metropolitan	5,662	29	24	4,377	29	3,314	38
South West	Country	5,648	30	27	5,203	24	4,688	27
Ovens and Murray	Country	4,113	38	52	3,164	44	2,159	54
Wimmera Mallee	Country	4,011	40	47	3,627	36	2,538	50
Bass South Coast	Country	3,780	43	54	3,200	42	1,687	62
Mallee/Sunraysia	Country	3,144	53	46	2,920	50	1,703	61
Melbourne North West	Metropolitan	1,843	63	66	1,586	63	1,452	64

**FIGURE 6.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

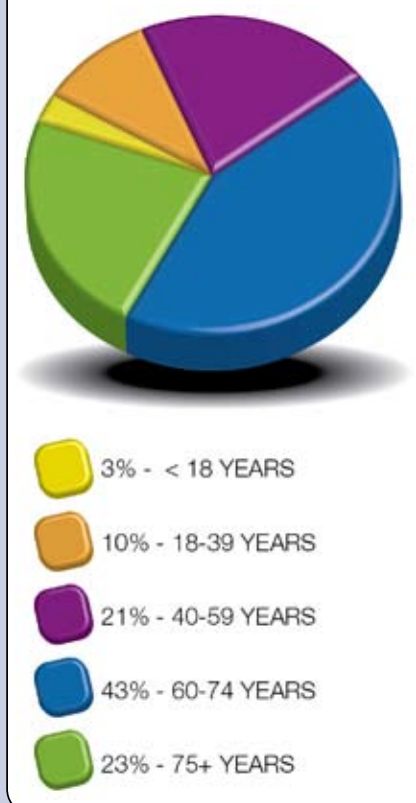


Figure 6.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Victoria.

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 2012 were all country regions:

- Wimmera Mallee

- Bass South Coast
- Far West Victoria
- South West.

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

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

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, 2012**

	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															
Melbourne West	325	222,331	0.15%	773	95,436	0.81%	1,563	37,668	4.15%	541	14,590	3.71%	3,202	370,025	0.87%
Melbourne North West	166	97,528	0.17%	303	40,943	0.74%	421	16,040	2.63%	207	8,214	2.52%	1,098	162,725	0.67%
Melbourne North East	869	135,587	0.64%	1,669	63,675	2.62%	3,413	27,859	12.25%	1,321	12,644	10.45%	7,271	239,765	3.03%
Melbourne East	653	279,900	0.23%	832	132,541	0.63%	1,947	62,714	3.10%	1,097	27,576	3.98%	4,529	502,731	0.90%
Melbourne South	2,383	242,855	0.98%	2,513	115,511	2.18%	2,767	55,009	5.03%	2,014	27,940	7.21%	9,677	441,314	2.19%
Peninsula	565	168,657	0.34%	1,150	81,332	1.41%	2,055	37,168	5.53%	1,367	15,538	8.80%	5,139	302,695	1.70%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,961</b>	<b>1,146,857</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>529,437</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>12,167</b>	<b>236,459</b>	<b>5.15%</b>	<b>6,548</b>	<b>106,502</b>	<b>6.15%</b>	<b>30,915</b>	<b>2,019,255</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central Highlands	364	39,395	0.92%	1,051	20,802	5.05%	1,511	11,344	13.32%	778	4,555	17.08%	3,705	76,097	4.87%
Geelong	537	71,541	0.75%	905	37,785	2.40%	2,116	20,385	10.38%	1,251	9,299	13.46%	4,809	139,011	3.46%
South West	435	24,652	1.76%	647	13,976	4.63%	1,531	7,925	19.32%	818	3,530	23.16%	3,430	50,083	6.85%
Wimmera Mallee	239	10,973	2.18%	534	6,870	7.77%	951	4,153	22.90%	712	2,146	33.16%	2,436	24,142	10.09%
North Central	830	42,251	1.96%	800	23,601	3.39%	2,062	14,214	14.51%	987	6,329	15.59%	4,679	86,395	5.42%
Goulburn/North East	375	44,475	0.84%	880	24,811	3.55%	990	13,520	7.32%	438	5,308	8.25%	2,684	88,114	3.05%
Gippsland	226	48,531	0.47%	725	27,228	2.66%	1,538	17,099	8.99%	768	6,809	11.28%	3,257	99,667	3.27%
Bass South Coast	247	12,368	1.99%	303	7,738	3.91%	1,065	5,773	18.45%	344	2,437	14.11%	1,958	28,316	6.92%
Mallee/Sunraysia	222	22,090	1.00%	366	12,104	3.03%	894	6,858	13.03%	464	3,299	14.07%	1,946	44,351	4.39%
Ovens & Murray	291	31,063	0.94%	310	18,605	1.67%	814	11,149	7.30%	463	4,443	10.42%	1,879	65,260	2.88%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>347,340</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>193,521</b>	<b>3.37%</b>	<b>13,472</b>	<b>112,420</b>	<b>11.98%</b>	<b>7,022</b>	<b>48,157</b>	<b>14.58%</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>701,437</b>	<b>4.39%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>1,494,196</b>	<b>0.58%</b>	<b>13,761</b>	<b>722,959</b>	<b>1.90%</b>	<b>25,638</b>	<b>348,878</b>	<b>7.35%</b>	<b>13,570</b>	<b>154,659</b>	<b>8.77%</b>	<b>61,698</b>	<b>2,720,692</b>	<b>2.27%</b>

**TABLE 6.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2012**

	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															
Melbourne West	56	216,636	0.03%	239	97,961	0.24%	631	38,804	1.63%	249	20,779	1.20%	1,175	374,180	0.31%
Melbourne North West	53	96,181	0.05%	160	42,441	0.38%	140	17,632	0.80%	135	11,170	1.21%	488	167,425	0.29%
Melbourne North East	259	133,581	0.19%	351	67,812	0.52%	1,244	30,038	4.14%	566	17,550	3.22%	2,420	248,981	0.97%
Melbourne East	130	277,104	0.05%	307	142,197	0.22%	1,487	68,472	2.17%	631	40,037	1.58%	2,555	527,810	0.48%
Melbourne South	1,263	235,458	0.54%	946	121,604	0.78%	1,543	60,285	2.56%	1,087	40,454	2.69%	4,840	457,801	1.06%
Peninsula	111	166,497	0.07%	381	84,893	0.45%	1,224	40,242	3.04%	836	20,861	4.01%	2,552	312,493	0.82%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>1,125,458</b>	<b>0.17%</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>556,908</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>6,269</b>	<b>255,473</b>	<b>2.45%</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>150,852</b>	<b>2.32%</b>	<b>14,030</b>	<b>2,088,690</b>	<b>0.67%</b>
COUNTRY															
Central Highlands	106	39,293	0.27%	270	22,173	1.22%	838	11,847	7.07%	458	6,727	6.80%	1,671	80,040	2.09%
Geelong	229	70,055	0.33%	379	40,086	0.94%	1,100	21,753	5.06%	495	13,287	3.73%	2,203	145,182	1.52%
South West	166	23,972	0.69%	297	14,583	2.04%	845	7,953	10.63%	464	5,032	9.21%	1,773	51,541	3.44%
Wimmera Mallee	106	10,651	1.00%	209	6,903	3.02%	541	4,161	12.99%	335	2,937	11.42%	1,191	24,652	4.83%
North Central	396	42,028	0.94%	240	24,943	0.96%	1,124	14,447	7.78%	621	8,588	7.23%	2,381	90,006	2.65%
Goulburn/North East	110	43,791	0.25%	342	25,566	1.34%	501	13,224	3.79%	210	6,970	3.01%	1,164	89,552	1.30%
Gippsland	59	47,916	0.12%	192	28,803	0.67%	953	17,006	5.60%	586	8,945	6.55%	1,789	102,670	1.74%
Bass South Coast	173	12,214	1.42%	235	8,145	2.88%	625	5,847	10.69%	209	3,122	6.69%	1,242	29,327	4.23%
Mallee/Sunraysia	152	21,744	0.70%	166	12,088	1.38%	405	6,958	5.82%	251	4,460	5.62%	974	45,250	2.15%
Ovens & Murray	161	30,467	0.53%	233	19,465	1.20%	643	11,013	5.84%	249	5,980	4.16%	1,285	66,925	1.92%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>342,132</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>202,755</b>	<b>1.26%</b>	<b>7,574</b>	<b>114,211</b>	<b>6.63%</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>66,046</b>	<b>5.87%</b>	<b>15,673</b>	<b>725,144</b>	<b>2.16%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>1,467,590</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>759,662</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	<b>13,843</b>	<b>369,684</b>	<b>3.74%</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>216,898</b>	<b>3.40%</b>	<b>29,703</b>	<b>2,813,834</b>	<b>1.06%</b>



**TABLE 6.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2012**

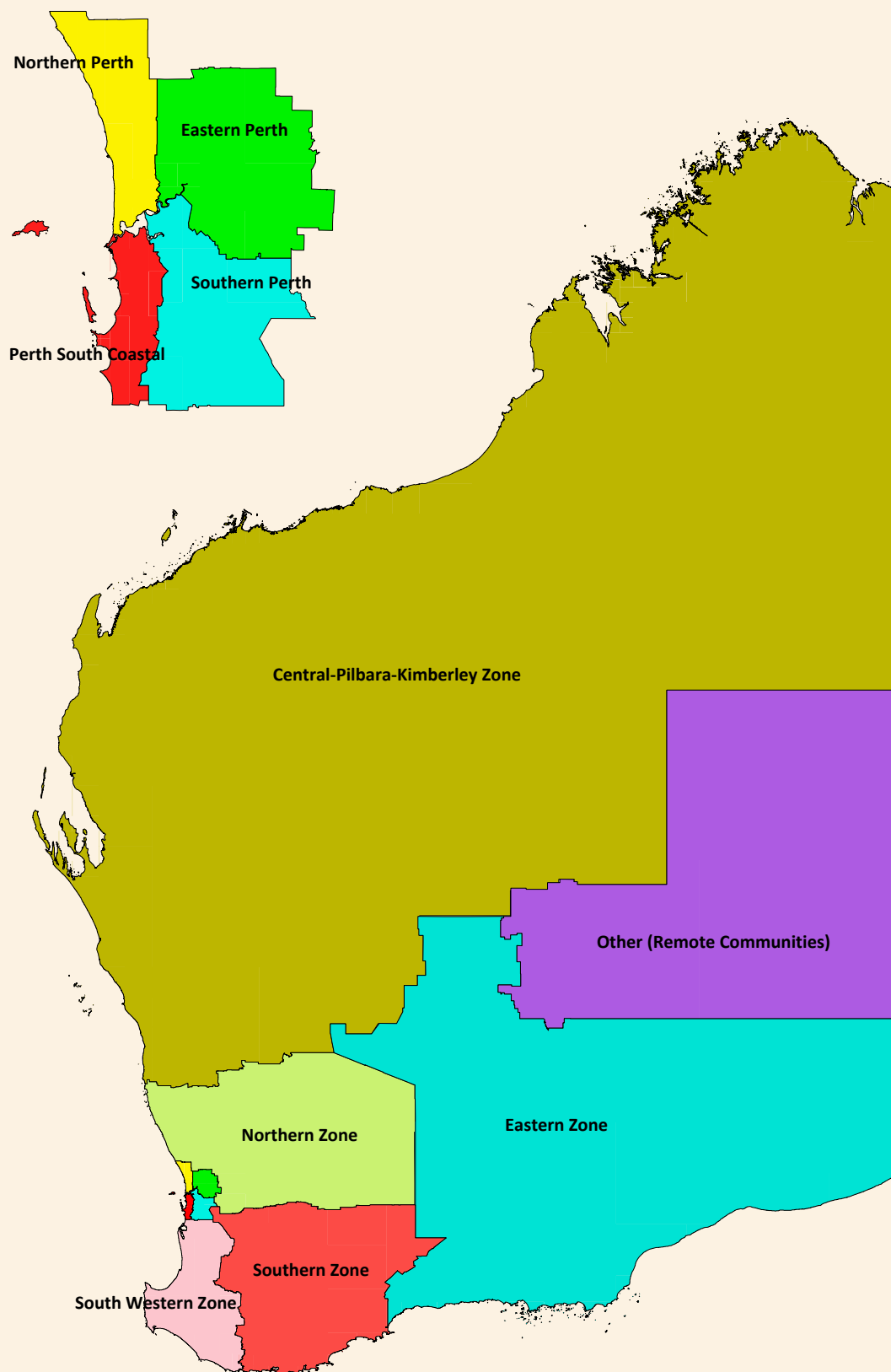
	Total < 39 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
VICTORIA	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Melbourne West	381	438,967	0.09%	1,012	193,397	0.52%	2,194	76,472	2.87%	790	35,369	2.23%	4,377	744,205	0.59%
Melbourne North West	219	193,709	0.11%	464	83,384	0.56%	562	33,672	1.67%	342	19,385	1.76%	1,586	330,150	0.48%
Melbourne North East	1,128	269,168	0.42%	2,019	131,487	1.54%	4,657	57,897	8.04%	1,887	30,194	6.25%	9,691	488,746	1.98%
Melbourne East	783	557,004	0.14%	1,138	274,738	0.41%	3,434	131,186	2.62%	1,727	67,613	2.55%	7,083	1,030,541	0.69%
Melbourne South	3,646	478,312	0.76%	3,459	237,114	1.46%	4,310	115,294	3.74%	3,102	68,394	4.53%	14,517	899,115	1.61%
Peninsula	676	335,154	0.20%	1,532	166,225	0.92%	3,280	77,410	4.24%	2,203	36,399	6.05%	7,691	615,188	1.25%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,834</b>	<b>2,272,314</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>9,624</b>	<b>1,086,345</b>	<b>0.89%</b>	<b>18,436</b>	<b>491,932</b>	<b>3.75%</b>	<b>10,051</b>	<b>257,354</b>	<b>3.91%</b>	<b>44,946</b>	<b>4,107,945</b>	<b>1.09%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central Highlands	471	78,688	0.60%	1,321	42,975	3.07%	2,349	23,191	10.13%	1,236	11,282	10.95%	5,376	156,137	3.44%
Geelong	766	141,597	0.54%	1,284	77,871	1.65%	3,216	42,139	7.63%	1,747	22,586	7.73%	7,013	284,193	2.47%
South West	601	48,624	1.24%	944	28,559	3.30%	2,376	15,879	14.96%	1,281	8,562	14.96%	5,203	101,624	5.12%
Wimmera Mallee	346	21,623	1.60%	742	13,774	5.39%	1,492	8,315	17.94%	1,047	5,083	20.60%	3,627	48,794	7.43%
North Central	1,226	84,279	1.45%	1,040	48,544	2.14%	3,186	28,661	11.12%	1,608	14,917	10.78%	7,060	176,401	4.00%
Goulburn/North East	486	88,267	0.55%	1,222	50,378	2.43%	1,491	26,744	5.58%	648	12,278	5.28%	3,847	177,666	2.17%
Gippsland	285	96,447	0.30%	917	56,031	1.64%	2,490	34,105	7.30%	1,354	15,754	8.59%	5,046	202,337	2.49%
Bass South Coast	420	24,582	1.71%	537	15,883	3.38%	1,690	11,619	14.54%	553	5,559	9.94%	3,200	57,643	5.55%
Mallee/Sunraysia	374	43,834	0.85%	533	24,191	2.20%	1,298	13,817	9.40%	715	7,759	9.21%	2,920	89,601	3.26%
Ovens and Murray	453	61,530	0.74%	543	38,070	1.43%	1,457	22,162	6.57%	711	10,423	6.83%	3,164	132,185	2.39%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>689,471</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>9,084</b>	<b>396,276</b>	<b>2.29%</b>	<b>21,046</b>	<b>226,631</b>	<b>9.29%</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>114,203</b>	<b>9.54%</b>	<b>46,455</b>	<b>1,426,581</b>	<b>3.26%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,261</b>	<b>2,961,786</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>18,708</b>	<b>1,482,621</b>	<b>1.26%</b>	<b>39,481</b>	<b>718,563</b>	<b>5.49%</b>	<b>20,951</b>	<b>371,556</b>	<b>5.64%</b>	<b>91,401</b>	<b>5,534,526</b>	<b>1.65%</b>

**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>													
Western Melbourne	156	19	246	62	957	345	1,936	910	671	359	3,965	1,696	5,662
North West Melbourne	37	3	152	61	344	196	478	171	235	165	1,247	596	1,843
North East Melbourne	139	81	894	229	1,985	419	4,061	1,485	1,572	676	8,651	2,889	11,540
Eastern	480	14	285	154	974	393	2,281	1,905	1,285	808	5,305	3,273	8,579
Southern	292	206	2,797	1,556	3,258	1,320	3,587	2,152	2,611	1,516	12,546	6,750	19,296
Peninsula	95	9	554	129	1,321	475	2,359	1,523	1,570	1,040	5,898	3,176	9,074
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>3,147</b>	<b>14,702</b>	<b>8,147</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>37,613</b>	<b>18,380</b>	<b>55,993</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
Central Highlands	102	21	587	159	1,987	457	2,855	1,419	1,471	775	7,001	2,830	9,831
Geelong	155	33	762	481	1,545	849	3,612	2,464	2,136	1,110	8,210	4,937	13,147
South West	101	45	371	137	701	324	1,659	920	886	505	3,718	1,930	5,648
Wimmera Mallee	46	26	221	89	595	227	1,060	588	793	365	2,715	1,296	4,011
North Central	600	411	414	126	978	325	2,519	1,526	1,205	843	5,715	3,232	8,947
Goulburn North East	116	36	474	182	1,383	678	1,556	992	688	416	4,217	2,305	6,522
Gippsland	52	12	211	55	844	218	1,790	1,082	894	666	3,791	2,033	5,824
Bass South Coast	28	19	258	191	351	285	1,236	758	399	254	2,273	1,507	3,780
Mallee Sunraysia	72	48	173	107	405	170	988	413	513	256	2,152	993	3,144
Ovens and Murray	95	17	281	195	400	306	1,050	845	597	327	2,423	1,690	4,113
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>9,189</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>18,326</b>	<b>11,008</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>5,515</b>	<b>42,215</b>	<b>22,752</b>	<b>64,967</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>8,681</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>18,028</b>	<b>6,985</b>	<b>33,028</b>	<b>19,155</b>	<b>17,526</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>79,828</b>	<b>41,133</b>	<b>120,961</b>



# 7. WESTERN AUSTRALIA





## 7.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Western Australia is Australia's fourth most populous state with 2,352,215 residents or 10.5% of the Australian population. Bowls Western Australia has four regions in metropolitan Perth and five country regions.

The Western Australian regions for the 2012 Census and for bowls planning and 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 2012, WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAD:

- 199 bowls clubs
- 35,888 playing and non-playing members
- 46,384 participants in all forms of bowls
- 37,550 players in all forms of bowls



**The bowling clubs in each metropolitan and country region in Western Australia in 2012 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 21,283 playing members (including 14,416 pennant playing members and 6,867 non-pennant playing members) and 14,605 non-playing members in Western Australia.

**Of the 35,888 bowls club members in Western Australia,**

- 40.2% were registered pennant playing members
- 19.1% were non-pennant playing members
- 40.7% were non-playing members
- 42.4% of members were located in country Western Australia.

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

- Southern Perth
- South Western WA
- South Coastal Perth
- Northern Perth.

**TABLE 7.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2012**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Eastern	17	1,916	390	2,306	745	3,051
Northern	17	2,928	188	3,116	1,849	4,965
Southern	19	1,928	1,151	3,079	3,749	6,828
South Coastal	15	2,404	227	2,631	3,255	5,886
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>11,132</b>	<b>9,598</b>	<b>20,729</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Eastern Zone	31	1,024	1,251	2,275	515	2,790
Northern Zone	28	876	559	1,435	365	1,800
Southern Zone	31	1,080	737	1,817	1,269	3,086
South Western Zone	31	2,180	1,453	3,633	2,538	6,171
Central - Pilbara – Kimberley	10	80	912	992	320	1,312
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>4,912</b>	<b>10,152</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>15,159</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>14,416</b>	<b>6,867</b>	<b>21,283</b>	<b>14,605</b>	<b>35,888</b>

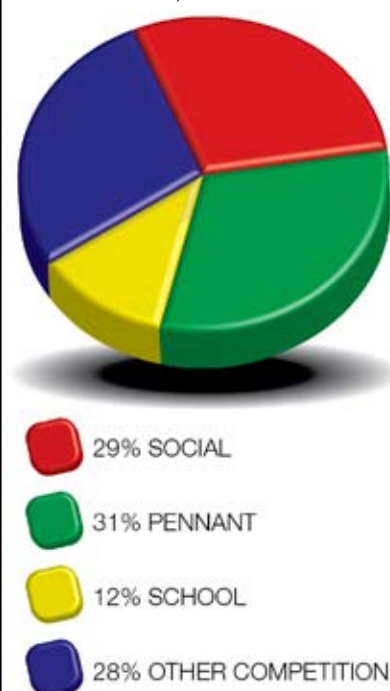


Table 7.2 and Figure 7.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 46,384 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Western Australia during 2012. Specifically,

- The greatest participation segment in Western Australia was pennant bowls competitions, with 31.1% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 63.5% of all bowls participation in Western Australia. Female participation ranges from 29.4% in Pennant to 42.6% for school participation.

- Participation in country Western Australia (23,261 is only slightly higher than metropolitan participation (23,123) and the two largest regions for bowls participation were Southern Perth and South Western Zone.

**FIGURE 7.2**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2012



**TABLE 7.2** BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2012

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	1,352	564	1,916	717	571	1,289	547	116	663	60	68	128	2,677	1,319	3,996
Northern	2,112	816	2,928	776	438	1,213	497	374	871	83	87	170	3,468	1,715	5,183
Southern	1,360	568	1,928	1,476	975	2,451	1,349	564	1,913	887	63	950	5,071	2,170	7,242
South Coastal	1,656	748	2,404	960	494	1,454	1,863	933	2,795	32	18	50	4,511	2,193	6,703
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>2,478</b>	<b>6,407</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>15,727</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>23,123</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	756	268	1,024	871	442	1,313	739	528	1,267	165	165	330	2,531	1,403	3,935
Northern Zone	596	280	876	686	418	1,104	557	476	1,032	236	404	640	2,075	1,577	3,652
Southern Zone	728	352	1,080	650	412	1,062	1,345	1,105	2,450	815	815	1,630	3,538	2,684	6,222
South Western Zone	1,564	616	2,180	1,717	1,182	2,899	1,046	934	1,980	787	655	1,442	5,114	3,387	8,500
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	40	40	80	104	96	200	336	336	672	0	0	0	480	472	952
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>4,028</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>7,402</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>9,523</b>	<b>23,261</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,164</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>14,416</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>8,280</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>13,644</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>29,465</b>	<b>16,920</b>	<b>46,384</b>



**TABLE 7.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS, 2012**

		Participants		2011 Rank	Players 2012		Members 2012	
		Number	Rank		Number	Rank	Number	Rank
South Western	Country	8,500	20	26	7,033	16	6,171	18
Southern Perth	Country	7,242	23	21	6,909	18	6,828	15
South Coastal	Metropolitan	6,703	25	32	4,585	28	5,886	19
Southern	Metropolitan	6,222	27	36	3,517	37	3,086	41
Northern Perth	Country	5,183	34	40	4,114	30	4,965	25
Eastern Perth	Country	3,996	41	38	3,890	33	3,051	44
Eastern	Metropolitan	3,935	42	30	3,716	35	2,790	46
Northern	Metropolitan	3,652	46	28	2,933	49	1,800	59
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	Country	952	67	67	853	66	1,312	65

**FIGURE 7.3 PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP**

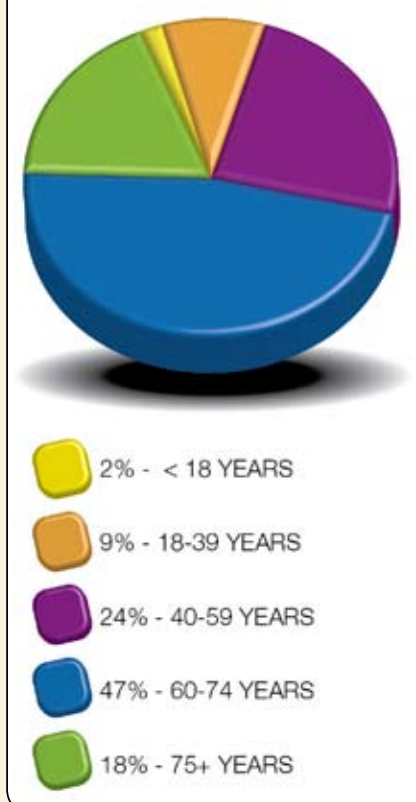


Figure 7.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Western Australia.

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 2012, were all the country regions except Central/Pilbara/Kimberley (which had the lowest rate). Other regions with low player to population rates were in Perth:

- Northern
- South Coastal
- Eastern.

The overall player to population rate in Western Australia was 1.60%. The rate in country Western Australia was 2.98% and in metropolitan Perth it was 1.12%.

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, 2012**

	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	307	80,576	0.38%	566	39,804	1.42%	1,383	17,838	7.75%	127	6,496	1.96%	2,383	144,713	1.65%
Northern	270	191,896	0.14%	774	89,930	0.86%	1,222	38,708	3.16%	277	15,531	1.78%	2,544	336,065	0.76%
Southern	1,242	119,461	1.04%	1,002	51,094	1.96%	1,896	22,878	8.29%	358	8,412	4.25%	4,498	201,845	2.23%
South Coastal	688	103,392	0.66%	1,071	49,567	2.16%	841	21,758	3.87%	479	9,233	5.19%	3,079	183,951	1.67%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>495,325</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>230,395</b>	<b>1.48%</b>	<b>5,342</b>	<b>101,182</b>	<b>5.28%</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>39,672</b>	<b>3.13%</b>	<b>12,504</b>	<b>866,574</b>	<b>1.44%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	127	17,944	0.71%	523	8,377	6.24%	1,017	2,887	35.23%	650	710	91.47%	2,317	29,918	7.74%
Northern Zone	169	13,003	1.30%	694	8,394	8.26%	752	5,047	14.90%	173	1,681	10.32%	1,788	28,124	6.36%
Southern Zone	89	18,250	0.49%	280	10,881	2.58%	1,172	6,076	19.29%	471	2,468	19.10%	2,013	37,675	5.34%
South Western Zone	178	63,830	0.28%	561	34,596	1.62%	2,344	19,584	11.97%	943	7,768	12.14%	4,026	125,778	3.20%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	54	54,492	0.10%	290	27,719	1.05%	228	8,105	2.82%	48	2,023	2.37%	620	92,339	0.67%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>167,520</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>89,966</b>	<b>2.61%</b>	<b>5,514</b>	<b>41,699</b>	<b>13.22%</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>14,650</b>	<b>15.60%</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>313,835</b>	<b>3.43%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>662,845</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>5,761</b>	<b>320,361</b>	<b>1.80%</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>142,881</b>	<b>7.60%</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>54,322</b>	<b>6.49%</b>	<b>23,268</b>	<b>1,180,409</b>	<b>1.97%</b>

**TABLE 7.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2012**

	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	103	76,785	0.13%	263	40,744	0.64%	723	18,367	3.94%	417	8,611	4.85%	1,506	144,506	1.04%
Northern	282	186,912	0.15%	415	93,415	0.44%	729	40,634	1.79%	145	22,855	0.63%	1,570	343,816	0.46%
Southern	445	112,608	0.40%	518	52,155	0.99%	1,154	23,298	4.95%	294	12,739	2.31%	2,412	200,801	1.20%
South Coastal	228	101,185	0.23%	382	52,100	0.73%	540	22,642	2.38%	356	12,905	2.76%	1,506	188,832	0.80%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>477,490</b>	<b>0.22%</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>238,413</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>3,146</b>	<b>104,942</b>	<b>3.00%</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>57,109</b>	<b>2.12%</b>	<b>6,995</b>	<b>877,955</b>	<b>0.80%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	31	16,368	0.19%	138	7,117	1.94%	876	2,288	38.31%	354	936	37.78%	1,399	26,709	5.24%
Northern Zone	137	12,323	1.12%	457	8,015	5.71%	402	4,415	9.09%	148	1,737	8.53%	1,145	26,490	4.32%
Southern Zone	19	17,737	0.11%	233	10,848	2.15%	981	5,830	16.82%	271	3,036	8.92%	1,504	37,451	4.01%
South Western Zone	37	62,181	0.06%	467	35,646	1.31%	1,961	19,578	10.02%	542	9,635	5.62%	3,007	127,040	2.37%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	0	45,237	0.00%	13	19,846	0.06%	131	6,101	2.15%	89	2,115	4.21%	233	73,300	0.32%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>153,846</b>	<b>0.15%</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>81,473</b>	<b>1.61%</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>38,211</b>	<b>11.39%</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>17,459</b>	<b>8.04%</b>	<b>7,287</b>	<b>290,989</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>631,336</b>	<b>0.20%</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>319,886</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>7,496</b>	<b>143,154</b>	<b>5.24%</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>74,568</b>	<b>3.51%</b>	<b>14,282</b>	<b>1,168,944</b>	<b>1.22%</b>



**TABLE 7.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2012**

	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	411	157,360	0.26%	829	80,547	1.03%	2,106	36,205	5.82%	545	15,106	3.61%	3,890	289,219	1.34%
Northern	551	378,808	0.15%	1,189	183,346	0.65%	1,951	79,342	2.46%	422	38,386	1.10%	4,114	679,881	0.61%
Southern	1,687	232,070	0.73%	1,520	103,249	1.47%	3,050	46,176	6.61%	652	21,151	3.08%	6,909	402,646	1.72%
South Coastal	916	204,578	0.45%	1,453	101,666	1.43%	1,381	44,401	3.11%	836	22,138	3.78%	4,585	372,783	1.23%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>972,816</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>4,991</b>	<b>468,808</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	<b>8,488</b>	<b>206,124</b>	<b>4.12%</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>96,781</b>	<b>2.54%</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>1,744,529</b>	<b>1.12%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern Zone	158	34,312	0.46%	661	15,494	4.27%	1,893	5,175	36.59%	1,003	1,646	60.94%	3,716	56,627	6.56%
Northern Zone	307	25,326	1.21%	1,151	16,408	7.01%	1,154	9,462	12.19%	322	3,417	9.41%	2,933	54,614	5.37%
Southern Zone	108	35,987	0.30%	514	21,729	2.36%	2,153	11,906	18.08%	742	5,504	13.48%	3,517	75,126	4.68%
South Western Zone	216	126,011	0.17%	1,028	70,243	1.46%	4,305	39,162	10.99%	1,484	17,403	8.53%	7,033	252,818	2.78%
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	54	99,730	0.05%	303	47,565	0.64%	359	14,206	2.53%	137	4,138	3.31%	853	165,639	0.52%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>321,366</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>171,439</b>	<b>2.13%</b>	<b>9,864</b>	<b>79,910</b>	<b>12.34%</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>32,109</b>	<b>11.49%</b>	<b>18,052</b>	<b>604,824</b>	<b>2.98%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,407</b>	<b>1,294,181</b>	<b>0.34%</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>640,248</b>	<b>1.35%</b>	<b>18,352</b>	<b>286,034</b>	<b>6.42%</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>128,890</b>	<b>4.77%</b>	<b>37,550</b>	<b>2,349,353</b>	<b>1.60%</b>

**TABLE 7.7 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2012**

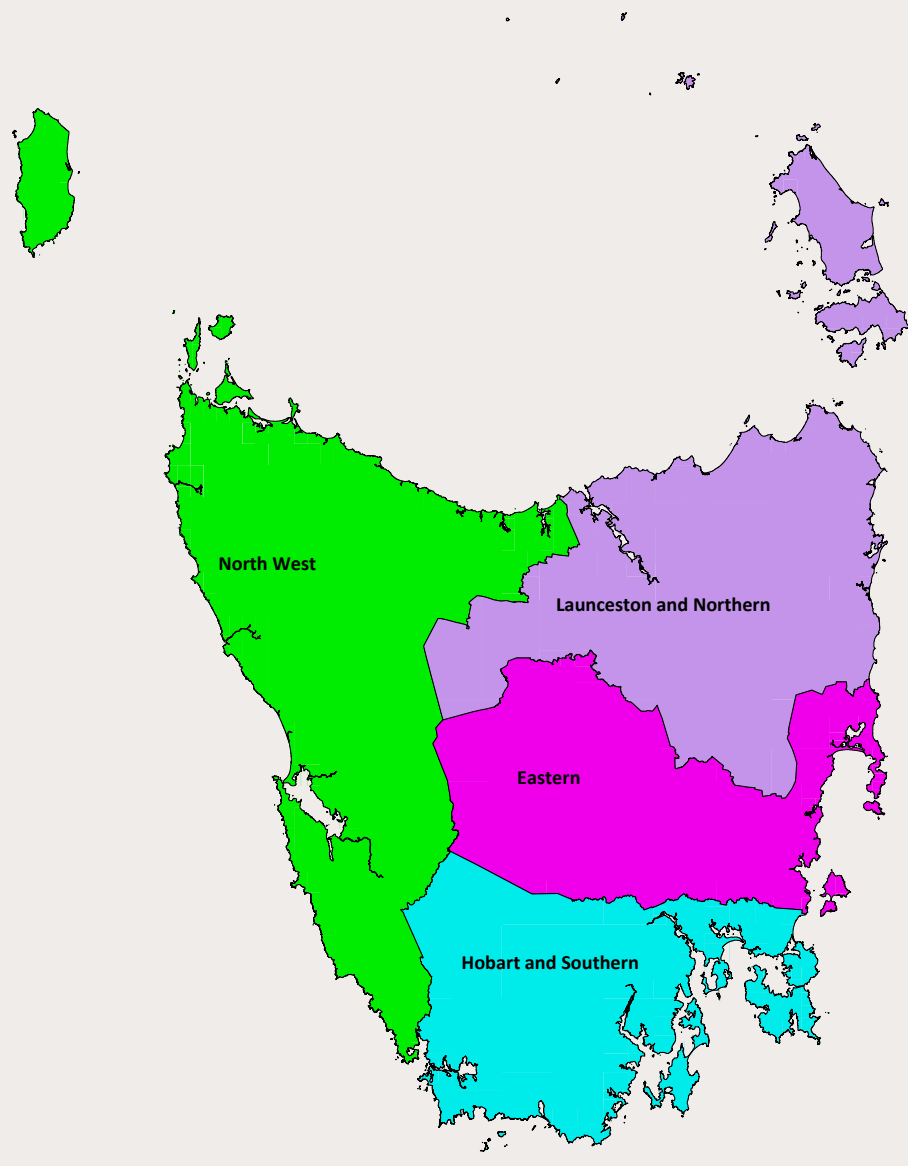
	< 18 years		18-39 years		40-59 years		60-74 years		75 + years		Total		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>													
Eastern	56	21	227	64	551	323	1,356	590	487	320	2,677	1,319	3,996
Northern	12	10	391	366	1,197	476	1,514	716	354	146	3,468	1,715	5,183
Southern	864	37	670	400	1,173	646	2,106	892	258	195	5,071	2,170	7,242
South Coastal	26	17	879	296	1,280	512	1,469	868	857	499	4,511	2,193	6,703
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>15,727</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>23,123</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>													
Eastern Zone	15	0	93	15	463	137	1,080	915	880	336	2,531	1,403	3,935
Northern Zone	22	29	241	201	799	631	809	566	204	151	2,075	1,577	3,652
Southern Zone	0	0	24	0	693	412	1,948	1,661	873	611	3,538	2,684	6,222
South Western Zone	0	0	35	0	1,002	520	2,816	2,096	1,261	771	5,114	3,387	8,500
Central-Pilbara-Kimberley	0	0	16	0	118	14	212	318	134	140	480	472	952
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>5,556</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>9,523</b>	<b>23,261</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>7,276</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>13,311</b>	<b>8,622</b>	<b>5,306</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>29,465</b>	<b>16,920</b>	<b>46,384</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 511,195 residents or 2.3% of the Australian population. Bowls Tasmania has four regions; Hobart and South and three country regions.

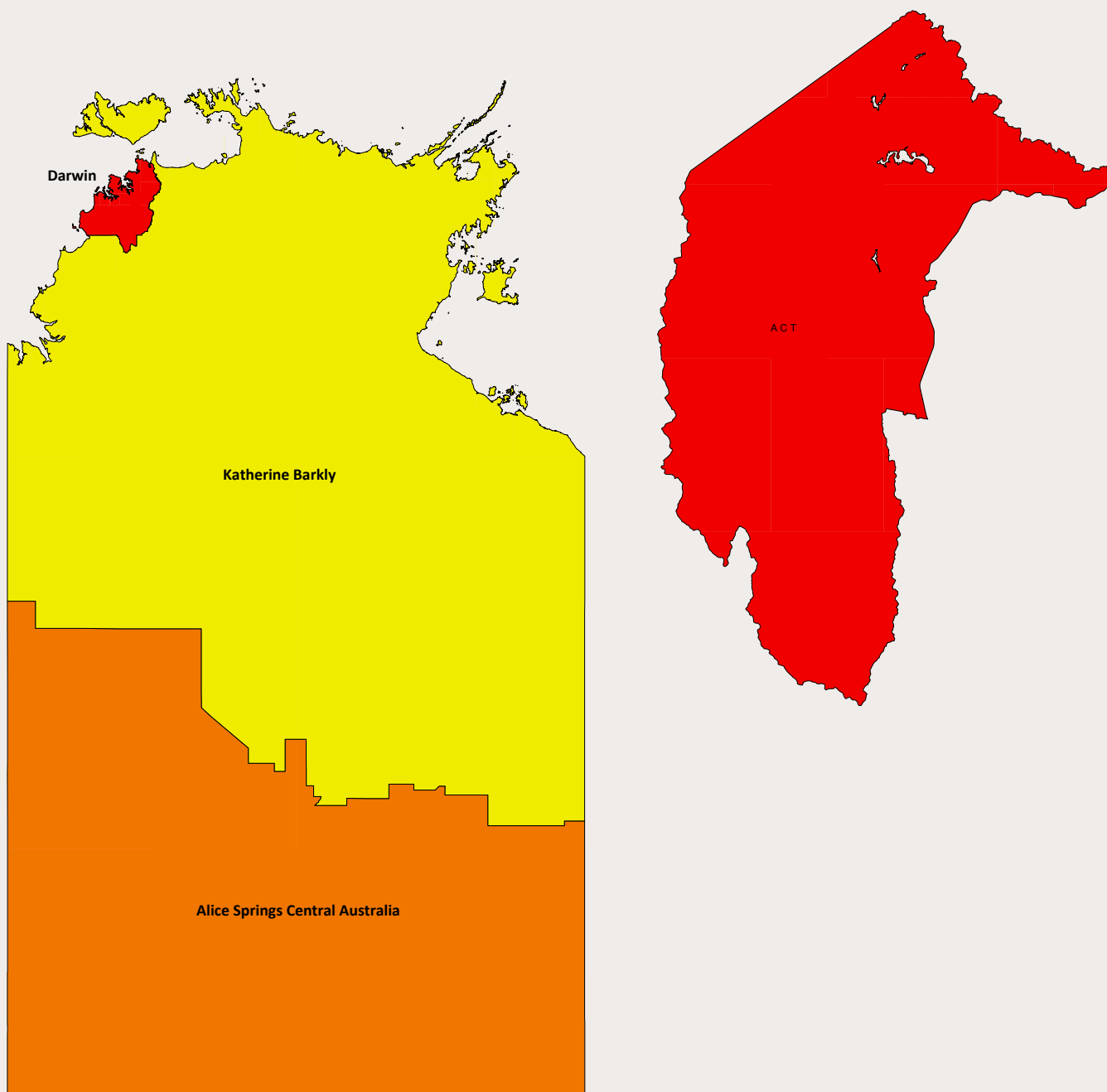
The Tasmanian regions in the 2012 Census and for planning bowls development are

#### ❖ METROPOLITAN HOBART AND SOUTH

#### ❖ COUNTRY TASMANIA

- Launceston and North
- North West
- East





The Northern Territory is Australia's least populous state/territory with 231,331 residents or 1.04% 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 2012 Census, the Northern Territory has been analysed as two regions: Darwin and Combined Katherine Barkly/Central Australia.

**The Australian Capital Territory** has 367,752 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 2012, TASMANIA HAD:

- 4 bowls associations
- 72 bowls clubs
- 9,839 playing and non-playing members
- 13,867 participants in all forms of bowls
- 9,907 players in all forms of bowls

### IN 2012, THE NORTHERN TERRITORY HAD:

- 7 bowls clubs
- 624 playing and non-playing members
- 3,548 participants in all forms of bowls
- 2,013 players in all forms of bowls

### IN 2012, THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY HAD:

- 1 bowls association
- 14 bowls clubs
- 5,386 playing and non-playing members
- 4,330 participants in all forms of bowls
- 2,574 players in all forms of bowls



**The clubs in each Tasmanian, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory region in 2012 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 9,839 club members in Tasmania

- 54.1% were registered pennant playing members
- 14.7% were non-pennant playing members
- 31.2% were non-playing members
- 53.5% of members were located in country Tasmania (ie northern, north-western and eastern regions).

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

### Of the 624 club members in the Northern Territory

- 57.0% were registered pennant playing members
- 38.2% were non-pennant playing members
- 4.8% were non-playing members
- 45.9% were located in country Northern Territory.

### Of the 5,386 club members in the Australian Capital Territory

- 11.2% were registered pennant playing members
- 28.5% were non-pennant playing members
- 60.4% were non-playing members.

**TABLE 8.1** BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2012

	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	28	2,347	897	3,244	1,336	4,580
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>4,580</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Launceston and North	23	1,621	236	1,857	885	2,742
North West	16	1,139	305	1,444	730	2,175
East	5	220	8	228	115	343
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>5,259</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>5,327</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>6,773</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>9,839</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>						
Darwin	4	268	40	308	30	338
Katherine/Central Australia	3	88	198	286	0	286
<b>TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>5,386</b>

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

- In Tasmania, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, the largest bowls

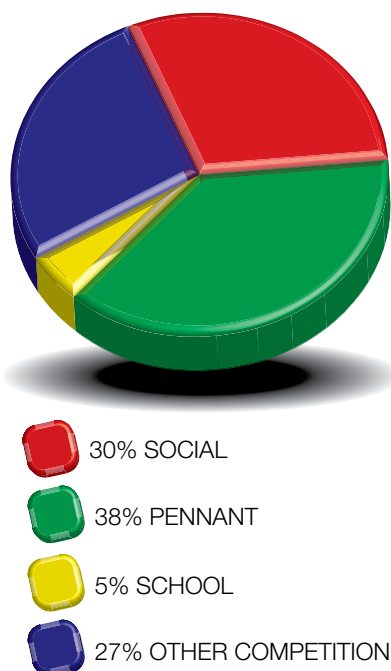
participation segment in was 'social programs', with 29.6%, 49.0% and 48.5% respectively.

- Male participation makes up 62.3%, 53.5% and 56.4% of all bowls participation in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian

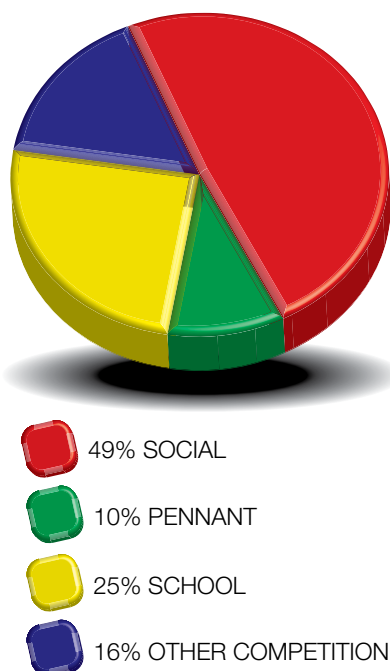
Capital Territory, respectively. Female participation ranges from 24.3% for pennant competitions in the Australian Capital Territory to 50.0% in social programs in both the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.



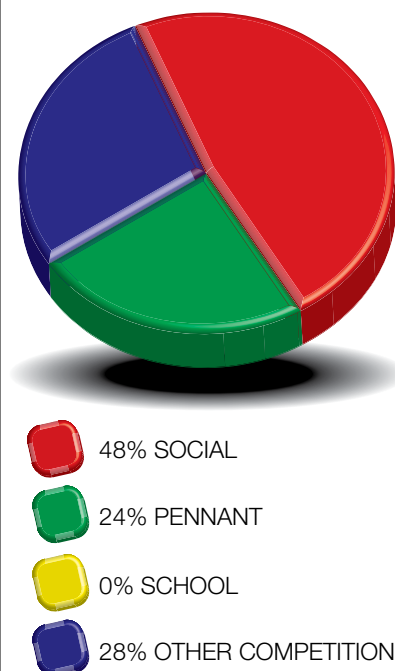
**FIGURE 8.2 TASMANIA**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2012



**FIGURE 8.2 NT**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2012



**FIGURE 8.2 ACT**  
BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY  
SEGMENT, 2012



**TABLE 8.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY  
AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2012**

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	1,514	833	2,347	1,175	748	1,922	1,527	957	2,484	42	41	83	4,257	2,579	6,836
Sub Total	1,514	833	2,347	1,175	748	1,922	1,527	957	2,484	42	41	83	4,257	2,579	6,836
<b>TAS COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	1,093	528	1,621	741	366	1,106	380	242	622	229	200	429	2,443	1,335	3,778
North West	755	384	1,139	288	239	527	500	377	877	36	36	73	1,580	1,036	2,615
East	133	88	220	133	90	223	63	58	120	38	38	75	365	273	638
Sub Total	1,981	999	2,980	1,161	694	1,855	943	676	1,619	303	274	576	4,387	2,643	7,031
Total Tasmania	3,495	1,832	5,327	2,336	1,442	3,778	2,470	1,633	4,103	345	315	660	8,645	5,222	13,867
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
Darwin	190	78	268	200	93	293	550	550	1,100	400	400	800	1,340	1,120	2,460
Katherine/Central Australia	52	36	88	148	132	280	320	320	640	40	40	80	560	528	1,088
TOTAL NT	242	114	356	348	225	573	870	870	1,740	440	440	880	1,900	1,648	3,548
ACT	774	248	1,022	620	588	1,208	1,050	1,050	2,100	0	0	0	2,444	1,886	4,330

Figure 8.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory, indicating that the Northern Territory has the youngest bowls participation structure in Australia (due to the introduction of schools programs in 2012).

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 0.70%, Tasmania was 1.33%, while the Northern Territory's rate was 0.87%.

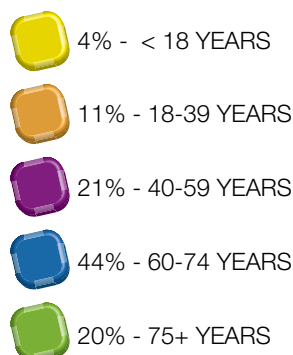
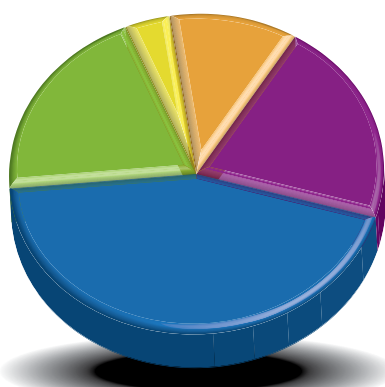
Finally, Table 8.7 summarises participants by age and gender for Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Note that details on bowlers presented in Tables 8.4 to 8.6 relate to players (counting each participant only once) and Table 8.7 has higher figures, relating to participation.



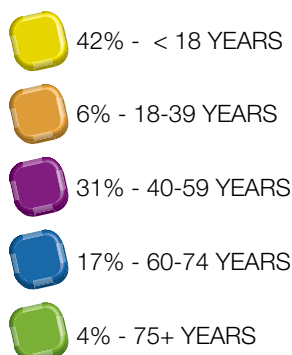
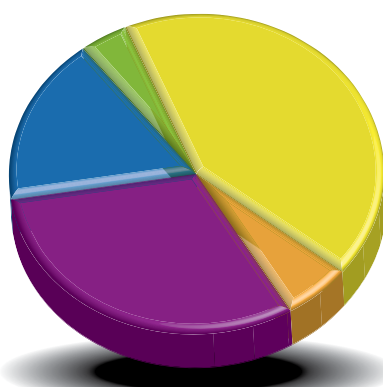
**TABLE 8.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS**

		Participants		2011	Players 2012		Members 2012	
		Number	Rank	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank
Australian Capital Territory	COMBINED	4,330	36	19	2,574	52	5,386	23
Hobart and Southern	COMBINED	6,836	24	33	5,096	26	4,580	28
Launceston	COMBINED	3,778	44	41	3,209	41	2,742	48
North West	COMBINED	2,615	57	55	1,357	64	2,175	53
Darwin	COMBINED	2,460	60	n.a.	1,730	61	338	68
Katherine/Central	COMBINED	1,088	66	56	283	68	286	69
Eastern	COMBINED	638	69	68	245	69	343	67

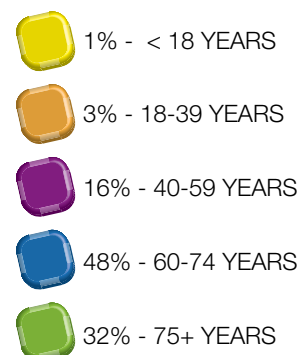
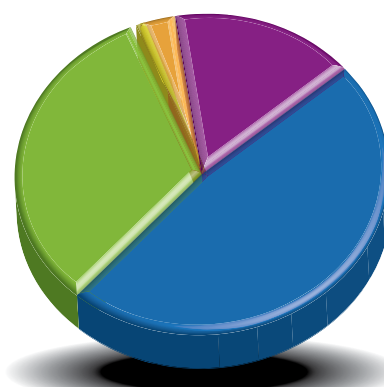
**FIGURE 8.3 TAS**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP



**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, 2012**

	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	369	59,516	0.62%	599	31,437	1.90%	1,456	16,498	8.83%	872	6,782	12.86%	3,296	114,233	2.89%
Sub Total	369	59,516	0.62%	599	31,437	1.90%	1,456	16,498	8.83%	872	6,782	12.86%	3,296	114,233	2.89%
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston/North	321	34,661	0.93%	517	19,609	2.64%	896	11,373	7.88%	259	4,551	5.69%	1,993	70,194	2.84%
North West	140	27,131	0.51%	224	15,783	1.42%	330	9,355	3.53%	125	3,611	3.46%	819	55,879	1.47%
East	18	3,899	0.45%	40	3,156	1.27%	65	2,347	2.77%	20	624	3.20%	143	10,027	1.42%
Sub Total	478	125,207	0.38%	781	69,985	1.12%	1,291	39,574	3.26%	404	15,568	2.60%	2,954	250,333	1.18%
TOTAL TASMANIA	847	184,723	0.46%	1,380	101,422	1.36%	2,747	56,072	4.90%	1,276	22,350	5.71%	6,250	364,567	1.71%
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
DARWIN	425	41,864	1.02%	335	19,164	1.75%	215	6,855	3.14%	65	1,242	5.23%	1,040	69,126	1.50%
KATHERINE/CENTRAL	57	33,906	0.17%	40	12,260	0.33%	50	3,539	1.41%	10	572	1.75%	157	50,278	0.31%
TOTAL NT	482	75,771	0.64%	375	31,424	1.19%	265	10,395	2.55%	75	1,814	4.13%	1,197	119,404	1.00%
ACT	73	107,791	0.07%	314	47,221	0.66%	437	19,895	2.20%	519	7,048	7.36%	1,342	181,955	0.74%



**TABLE 8.5 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2012**

	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	193	58,999	0.33%	273	33,768	0.81%	911	17,341	5.26%	423	9,825	4.30%	1,800	119,933	1.50%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>58,999</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>33,768</b>	<b>0.81%</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>17,341</b>	<b>5.26%</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>4.30%</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>119,933</b>	<b>1.50%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston/North	163	34,803	0.47%	268	20,681	1.29%	521	11,660	4.46%	265	6,221	4.26%	1,217	73,365	1.66%
North West	61	27,108	0.23%	121	16,612	0.73%	260	9,425	2.76%	96	4,946	1.94%	538	58,091	0.93%
East	15	3,833	0.39%	35	2,996	1.17%	43	2,028	2.10%	10	616	1.62%	103	9,473	1.08%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>124,743</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>74,057</b>	<b>0.57%</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>40,453</b>	<b>2.04%</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>21,608</b>	<b>1.72%</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>260,862</b>	<b>0.71%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>183,742</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>107,824</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>57,794</b>	<b>3.00%</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>31,433</b>	<b>2.52%</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>380,794</b>	<b>0.96%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
Darwin	375	38,537	0.97%	165	17,926	0.92%	125	5,457	2.29%	25	1,265	1.98%	690	63,185	1.09%
Katherine/Central	61	32,838	0.19%	20	12,073	0.17%	40	3,049	1.31%	5	782	0.64%	126	48,742	0.26%
<b>TOTAL NT</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>71,375</b>	<b>0.61%</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>29,999</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>8,506</b>	<b>1.94%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>1.47%</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>111,927</b>	<b>0.73%</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>104,890</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>49,779</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>21,208</b>	<b>2.95%</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>9,920</b>	<b>3.17%</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>185,797</b>	<b>0.66%</b>

**TABLE 8.6 TOTAL PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2012**

	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	561	118,516	0.47%	872	65,204	1.34%	2,368	33,839	7.00%	1,295	16,607	7.80%	5,096	234,166	2.18%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>118,516</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>65,204</b>	<b>1.34%</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>33,839</b>	<b>7.00%</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>16,607</b>	<b>7.80%</b>	<b>5,096</b>	<b>234,166</b>	<b>2.18%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	484	69,464	0.70%	784	40,290	1.95%	1,416	23,033	6.15%	524	10,772	4.87%	3,209	143,559	2.24%
North West	201	54,238	0.37%	345	32,395	1.06%	591	18,780	3.14%	221	8,557	2.58%	1,357	113,970	1.19%
East	33	7,732	0.42%	75	6,152	1.22%	108	4,376	2.46%	30	1,240	2.42%	245	19,500	1.26%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>249,950</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>144,042</b>	<b>0.84%</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>80,027</b>	<b>2.64%</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>37,176</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>511,195</b>	<b>0.94%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>368,466</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>209,246</b>	<b>0.99%</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>113,866</b>	<b>3.94%</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>53,783</b>	<b>3.85%</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>745,361</b>	<b>1.33%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>															
Darwin	800	80,401	1.00%	500	37,090	1.35%	340	12,313	2.76%	90	2,507	3.59%	1,730	132,311	1.31%
Katherine/Central	118	66,745	0.18%	60	24,333	0.25%	90	6,588	1.37%	15	1,354	1.11%	283	99,020	0.29%
<b>TOTAL NT</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>147,146</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>61,423</b>	<b>0.91%</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>18,901</b>	<b>2.28%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>231,331</b>	<b>0.87%</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>212,681</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>96,999</b>	<b>0.58%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>41,104</b>	<b>2.59%</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>16,968</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>367,752</b>	<b>0.70%</b>

**TABLE 8.7 TAS, NT AND ACT PARTICIPATION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2012**

	< 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	122	81	411	257	762381	1,853	1,270	1,110	589	4,257	2,579	6,836	
Sub Total	122	81	411	257	762381	1,853	1,270	1,110	589	4,257	2,579	6,836	
COUNTRY													
Launceston and North	115	46	298	152	627	289	1,087	562	314	286	2,443	1,335	3,778
North West	95	61	198	82	424	226	625	487	237	180	1,580	1,036	2,615
East	42	24	24	36	96	85	156	103	48	24	365	273	638
Sub Total	252	131	521	270	1,147	600	1,868	1,152	599	490	4,387	2,643	7,031
TOTAL TASMANIA	373	213	932	527	1,909	981	3,721	2,423	1,709	1,079	8,645	5,222	13,867
NORTHERN TERRITORY													
Darwin	461	437	169	55	398	304	291	249	105	35	1,425	1,080	2,505
Katherine/Central	246	302	45	50	234	126	25	15	0	0	550	493	1,043
TOTAL NT	708	739	214	106	632	430	316	264	105	35	1,975	1,573	3,548
ACT	13	22	117	22	427	258	1,021	1,076	954	420	2,532	1,798	4,330





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