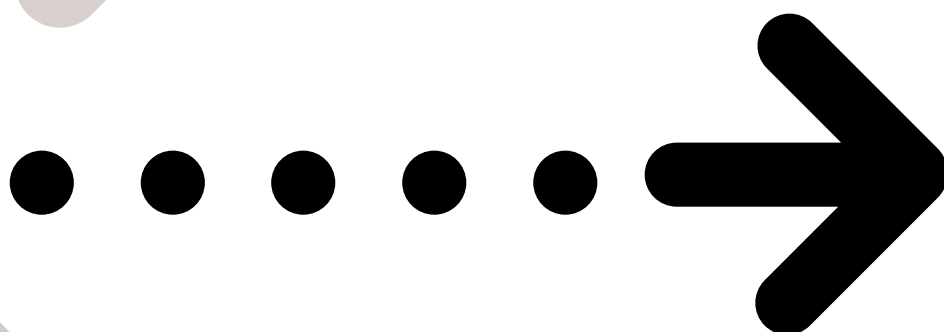




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Regional Council



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

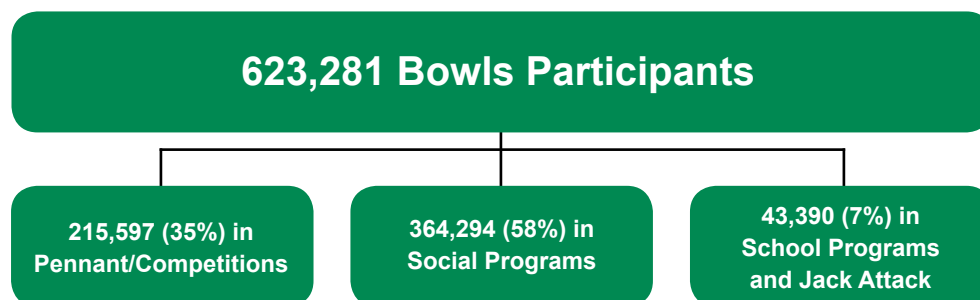
- Bowls is one of the largest sports within Australia's 'sport and recreation' industry. Formal bowls clubs and associations have a long history in Australia dating back to 1880.
- This is the sixth annual National Bowls Census, undertaken to monitor and plan development of the game of bowls around Australia. 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 more than 30 years, at the rate of 2.7% per annum on average. However, in the past five years the average annual decrease has escalated to 5.1%. Between 2014 and 2015 the decrease was 6.9%. This has occurred during a period when the total Australian resident population has increased by 56% (from 15.29 million to 23.78 million).
- Decreases in formal membership of bowls clubs have been offset by growth in social, corporate and other participation by non-members of bowls clubs, a function of Australia's time poor population, seeking 'compact' or 'packaged' forms of recreation. Growth in flexible formats for social bowls has also had a profound impact on the age structure of bowls participants.
- There were 623,281<sup>1</sup> participants in Australian bowls (Figure E1) in 2015:
  - o 215,597 pennant and competition participants
  - o 364,294 participants in social programs
  - o 34,223 participants in school programs
  - o 9,167 participants in Jack Attack programs.
- Bowls regular participation increased by 3.4% in the past year. Social bowls is not only



the major growth segment (with schools programs) but it has become the major area of participation in recent years. Social bowls is now established as, by far, the largest participation segment in bowls. Pennant and other competition participation declined by 9.2% in total in the past year.

- Over the period 2010 to 2015, regular bowls participation increased at an average annual rate of 3.92%.

**FIGURE E1** NATIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION, 2015



<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).

Regional 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 180,673 across 1,902 clubs. Male membership is approximately double that of female membership. Bowls is very strong in regional 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 regional 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 Bowls Census Report in 2010 and this report outlines the information captured in the sixth census.

Formal membership of bowls clubs has been reducing for many years while, the censuses to date have proven, participation in social and corporate bowls competitions and events has significantly increased. There is a clear need to build on the 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 2015 Census, results are presented for participants<sup>2</sup> and members in each form of bowls. Note that, throughout the tables presented in this document, any small differences between the sum of any column or row and the stated totals are due to rounding.

## 1.2 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR BOWLS IN AUSTRALIA

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

## VISION

"Bowls – the sport for life"

## MISSION

"To grow the sport of bowls"

Bowls Australia and the STA's are committed to achieving their 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.



<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.

<sup>3</sup> Bowls Australia Strategic Plan 2014

### 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 sixth National Bowls Census Report 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 Regional Bowls Managers (RBMs) assisting with the completion of social, school and other participation spreadsheets (except in Queensland); and
- 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 65 Bowls Regions reported in 2015:

- 21 Metropolitan Regions (including the Australian Capital

Territory as a single metropolitan region); and

- 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 sixth National Bowls Census Report, and the capacity of State/Territory Associations to establish monitoring procedures and complete these forms has improved considerably over the six years since the inception of the census. The involvement of Bowls Australia's RBMs 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<sup>4</sup>);
- Non-playing members; and
- Non-member participation.

The survey of clubs had a response rate of 23.13%, as shown in Table 1.1. The range of responses was 57.14% in the Northern Territory, through to 12.10% in New South Wales. The results, combined with the State/Territory Association and RBM collections have been used to calculate results for each state and territory and regions. Most State and Territory Associations provided detailed estimates of social and school participation at regional level, while field work of RBMs, and all State and Territory Associations provided some level of detail on playing members and member

**TABLE 1.1** SURVEY OF BOWLS CLUBS: RESPONSE RATES, 2015

	SURVEY RESPONSES	TOTAL CLUBS	% OF CLUBS
Australian Capital Territory	4	16	25.00%
New South Wales	65	537	12.10%
Northern Territory	4	7	57.14%
Queensland	75	323	23.22%
South Australia	66	220	30.00%
Tasmania	36	70	51.43%
Victoria	132	523	25.24%
Western Australia	58	206	28.16%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>23.13%</b>

Due to varying regional responses, results for a few regions around the nation have been amalgamated in some tables of results.

<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 has a strategic plan to lead and guide the sport during 2013 to 2017.

The Strategic's Plan vision and mission for bowls in Australia is:

- **Vision:** "Bowls - The sport for life"
- **Mission:** "To grow the sport of bowls"

Core values embodied in the new plan include:

- o Collaborative – national unity through collaborative governance,

leadership, management and administration.

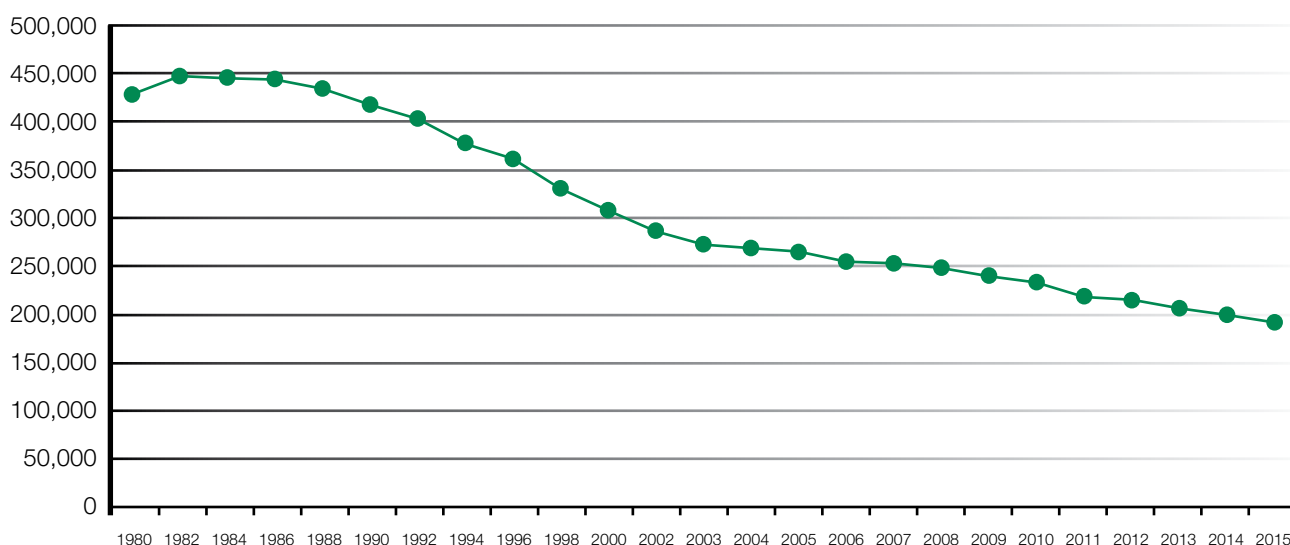
- o Professionalism – demonstrated through integrity and ethical behaviour.
- o Respect and diversity – demonstrated through the creation of a positive feeling to the sport of bowls and the increasingly diverse range of individuals associated with the sport as participants, volunteers and employees.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

Figure 2.1 shows that formal, or registered, playing membership has been decreasing for 33 years. The average rate of decrease has been 2.7% per annum throughout the period. However, in the past five years the average annual decrease has escalated to 5.1%. Between 2014 and 2015 the decrease was 6.9%. Playing members of bowls clubs in 2015 were only 40% of those registered in 1982. Over this same 33 year period (1982-2015) the Australian total resident population has increased by 56%, from 15.29 million to 23.78 million, at an average annual rate of 1.3%.

Table 2.1 demonstrates that the reduction in playing members was greatest in Victoria (9.7%) in the past year, while South Australia recorded the slowest rate of decrease (3.1%) between 2013-14 and 2014-15.

**FIGURE 2.1** TRENDS IN PLAYING MEMBERSHIP 1980-2015



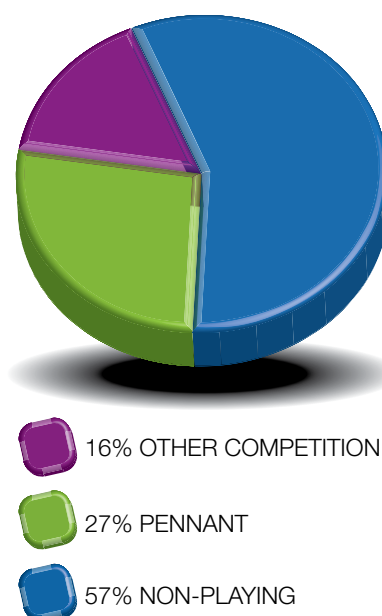
**TABLE 2.1** PLAYING MEMBER TRENDS, 2011 TO 2015

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	2,463	2,135	2,342	1,940	1,838
NEW SOUTH WALES	80,587	78,749	72,586	68,793	64,712
NORTHERN TERRITORY	447	594	309	329	255
QUEENSLAND	43,571	39,106	38,491	37,319	34,389
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	17,150	17,532	16,578	16,249	15,745
TASMANIA	5,980	6,773	5,635	5,419	5,157
VICTORIA	51,969	51,098	48,267	46,775	42,232
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	18,965	21,283	18,072	17,288	16,345
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>221,132</b>	<b>217,270</b>	<b>202,280</b>	<b>194,112</b>	<b>180,673</b>

Playing members of bowls clubs, in 2015, made up 42.9% of total membership, shown in Table 2.2. That is, 57.1% of members were non-playing members who joined the club for social activities, other (non-bowls) recreation (these include carpet bowls, darts, tennis, snooker/billiards, croquet, bocce, fishing, golf and swimming). Of the playing members, 61.3% were involved in Pennant Competitions and 38.7% in other regular intra or inter-club matches.

New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory are the four 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 bowls 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 Gold and Sunshine Coasts (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.

**FIGURE 2.2**  
BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS AUSTRALIA, 2015**TABLE 2.2** BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS AUSTRALIA, 2015

	PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	NON-PENNANT PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL PLAYING MEMBERS	NON PLAYING MEMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERS
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	669	1,169	1,838	7,625	9,463
NEW SOUTH WALES	29,556	35,156	64,712	112,046	176,758
NORTHERN TERRITORY	255	0	255	0	255
QUEENSLAND	18,620	15,769	34,389	62,597	96,986
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	12,370	3,375	15,745	3,841	19,586
TASMANIA	4,501	656	5,157	2,684	7,841
VICTORIA	32,174	10,058	42,232	27,106	69,338
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	12,550	3,795	16,345	24,600	40,945
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>110,695</b>	<b>69,978</b>	<b>180,673</b>	<b>240,499</b>	<b>421,172</b>

In summary, the National Bowls Census Report has revealed there were 421,172 bowls club members in 2015, shown in Figure 2.3, of which:

- o 180,673 were playing members (110,696 in pennant competitions and 69,978 in other competitions).
- o 240,499 were non-playing members (the majority in New South Wales and Queensland).

## 2.2 PARTICIPATION IN BOWLS

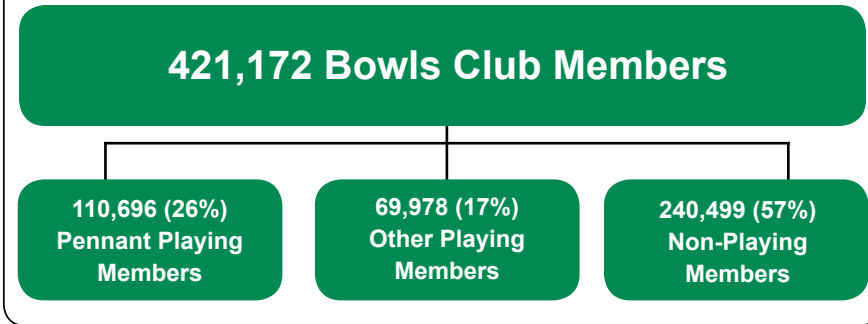
Table 2.3 presents details of all bowls participation (greater than 4 weeks/games duration) by State/Territory and bowls segment. There were 623,281 participants in bowls in 2015 (in competitions and programs of at least 4 weeks/ games duration), comprising:

- 215,597 pennant and other competition participants;
- 364,294 social programs participants;
- 34,223 school participants; and
- 9,167 Jack Attack and Junior Jack Attack participants.

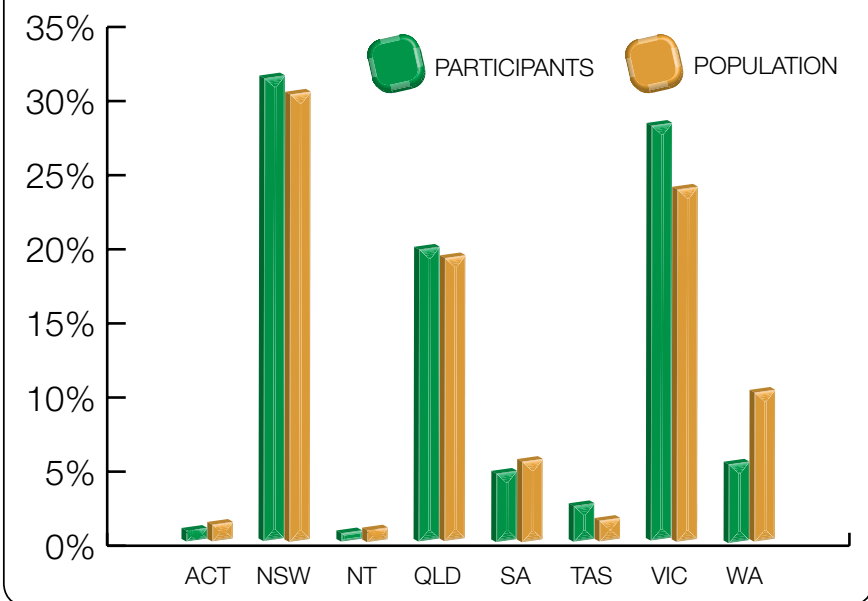
Country participation outweighs metropolitan participation (64.4% of participants were in country regions in 2015), even more significant when considering that these regions accommodate only 35% of the Australian population.

Figure 2.4 compares relative participation in bowls with the population in each state and territory. It indicates that the share of participation in bowls is relatively higher than the share of resident population in Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania are relatively lower in the other States and Territories.

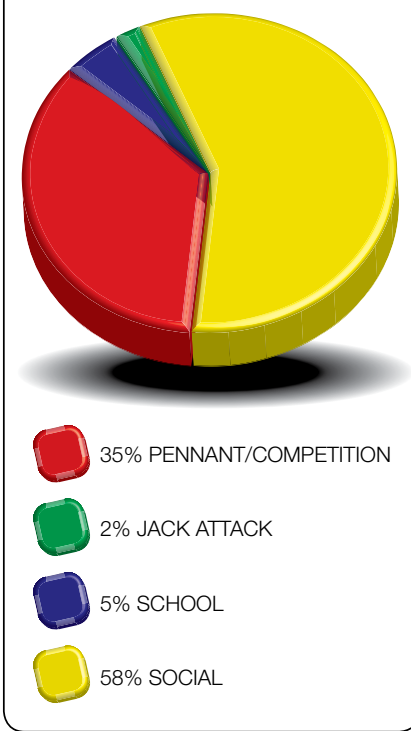
**FIGURE 2.3** NATIONAL BOWLS CLUB MEMBERSHIP



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



**FIGURE 2.5** BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY SEGMENT, AUSTRALIA, 2015



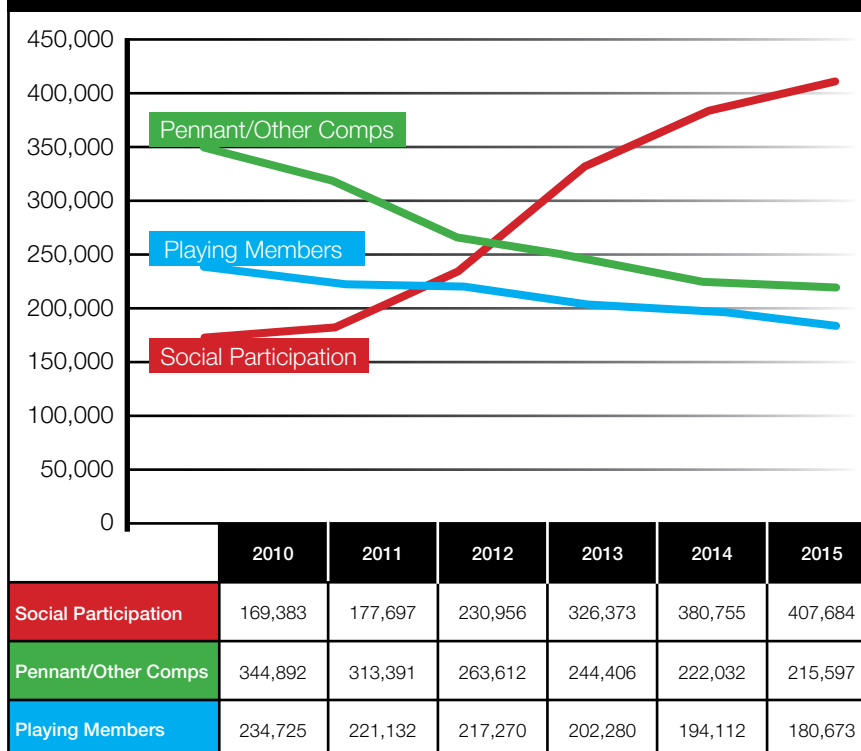
**TABLE 2.3** Bowls Participation (>4 weeks/games), Australia, 2015

PARTICIPANTS 4+ GAMES	PLAYING PARTICIPANTS (PENNANT AND OTHER)	SOCIAL BOWLS	JACK ATTACK AND JR. JACK ATTACK	SCHOOL PROGRAMS	TOTAL
ACT	1,812	4,341	190	1,700	8,043
NSW	70,358	121,808	2,076	9,644	203,886
NT	280	1,400	44	380	2,104
QLD	39,238	84,117	1,529	5,736	130,620
SA	24,080	9,745	258	2,480	36,563
TAS	5,779	6,730	3,490	2,890	18,889
VIC	46,320	126,073	1,580	7,195	181,168
WA	27,731	10,080	0	4,198	42,009
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215,597</b>	<b>364,294</b>	<b>9,167</b>	<b>34,223</b>	<b>623,281</b>

Table 2.4 and Table 2.4 summarise trends in both participants and playing members over the six years since the inception of the National Bowls Census Report.

Table 2.5 also reveals that growth in social participation has been predominantly concentrated in the three largest states: New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland (with recent strong growth also occurring in Tasmania). It also shows that:

- The average annual increase in regular (4+ games) bowls participation has been 3.92% over the period 2010 to 2015;
- The average annual increase in regular social (including schools and Jack Attack) participation has been 19.20% over the period 2010 to 2015;
- The average annual decrease in regular pennant and other member competition participation has been 8.97% over the period 2010 to 2015; and
- The average annual decrease in playing membership has been 5.10% over the period 2010 to 2015.

**TABLE 2.4** NATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND PLAYING MEMBER TRENDS

Bowls participation to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls. The participant to population rates for each state and territory and Australia are presented in Tables 2.6 to 2.8.

The overall participation rate in Australia was 2.97% (3.90% for males and 2.19% for females). Participation was highest in the 75+ years age group (10.36%) and lowest in the <40 years age group (1.08%).

**TABLE 2.5 TRENDS IN PARTICIPATION (4+ GAMES)  
AND PLAYING MEMBERSHIP: 2010-2015 BY STATE AND TERRITORY**

STATE/TERRITORY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% P.A.
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>514,275</b>	<b>491,088</b>	<b>494,568</b>	<b>570,779</b>	<b>602,787</b>	<b>623,281</b>	<b>3.86%</b>
<b>Social Participation</b>	<b>169,383</b>	<b>177,697</b>	<b>230,956</b>	<b>326,373</b>	<b>380,755</b>	<b>407,684</b>	<b>19.20%</b>
<b>Pennant/Other Competitions</b>	<b>344,892</b>	<b>313,391</b>	<b>263,612</b>	<b>244,406</b>	<b>222,032</b>	<b>215,597</b>	<b>-8.97%</b>
<b>Playing Members</b>	<b>234,725</b>	<b>221,132</b>	<b>217,270</b>	<b>202,280</b>	<b>194,112</b>	<b>180,673</b>	<b>-5.10%</b>
<b>ACT</b>							
Social Participation	10,770	4,244	2,100	3,200	5,209	6,231	-10.37%
Pennant/Other Competitions	3,492	5,331	2,230	2,472	2,092	1,812	-12.30%
Total Participants	14,262	9,575	4,330	5,672	7,301	8,043	-10.82%
Playing Members	2,502	2,463	2,135	2,342	1,940	1,838	-5.98%
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>							
Social Participation	40,325	43,371	73,673	104,535	140,118	133,528	27.06%
Pennant/Other Competitions	115,285	106,889	87,229	67,459	59,903	70,358	-9.40%
Total Participants	155,610	150,260	160,902	171,994	200,021	203,886	5.55%
Playing Members	85,140	80,587	78,749	72,586	68,793	64,712	-5.34%
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>							
Social Participation	1,825	2,483	2,620	2,540	2,765	1,824	-0.01%
Pennant/Other Competitions	424	443	929	412	432	280	-7.96%
Total Participants	2,249	2,926	3,549	2,952	3,197	2,104	-1.32%
Playing Members	416	447	594	309	329	255	-9.32%
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>							
Social Participation	34,375	40,704	68,388	93,357	115,601	91,382	21.60%
Pennant/Other Competitions	65,122	55,707	38,250	44,447	36,015	39,238	-9.64%
Total Participants	99,497	96,411	106,638	137,804	151,616	130,620	5.59%
Playing Members	45,638	43,571	39,106	38,491	37,319	34,389	-5.50%
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>							
Social Participation	19,094	7,261	12,687	12,048	12,072	12,483	-8.15%
Pennant/Other Competitions	27,759	28,296	25,249	20,542	20,928	24,080	-2.80%
Total Participants	46,853	35,557	37,936	32,590	33,000	36,563	-4.84%
Playing Members	17,472	17,150	17,532	16,578	16,249	15,745	-2.06%
<b>TASMANIA</b>							
Social Participation	5,081	6,724	4,763	4,913	7,742	13,110	20.87%
Pennant/Other Competitions	7,333	7,306	9,105	6,858	6,702	5,779	-4.65%
Total Participants	12,414	14,030	13,868	11,771	14,444	18,889	8.76%
Playing Members	6,018	5,980	6,773	5,635	5,419	5,157	-3.04%
<b>VICTORIA</b>							
Social Participation	43,169	54,772	47,741	92,910	85,284	134,848	25.58%
Pennant/Other Competitions	83,660	75,188	73,219	70,959	68,866	46,320	-11.15%
Total Participants	126,829	129,960	120,960	163,869	154,150	181,168	7.39%
Playing Members	58,169	51,969	51,098	48,267	46,775	42,232	-6.20%
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>							
Social Participation	14,744	18,138	18,984	12,870	11,965	14,278	-0.64%
Pennant/Other Competitions	41,817	34,231	27,401	31,257	27,094	27,731	-7.89%
Total Participants	56,561	52,369	46,385	44,127	39,059	42,009	-5.78%
Playing Members	19,370	18,965	21,283	18,072	17,288	16,345	-3.34%

NOTE: Social participation includes school programs and competitions. SOURCE: National Bowls Censususes 2010-2015

**TABLE 2.6 MALE PARTICIPANTS TO POPULATION RATES AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
Australian Capital Territory	891	92,047	0.97%	1,308	58,163	2.25%	1,481	24,005	6.17%	1,380	8,251	16.73%	5,061	182,466	2.77%
New South Wales	20,421	1,542,125	1.32%	24,166	977,116	2.47%	51,438	493,282	10.43%	40,292	213,992	18.83%	136,317	3,226,515	4.22%
Northern Territory	391	63,670	0.61%	597	33,127	1.80%	98	10,970	0.89%	163	1,921	8.48%	1,248	109,688	1.14%
Queensland	8,325	1,042,937	0.80%	11,851	627,080	1.89%	36,259	310,387	11.68%	20,219	117,385	17.22%	76,654	2,097,789	3.65%
South Australia	3,851	336,410	1.14%	5,337	228,500	2.34%	8,888	117,884	7.54%	5,455	54,319	10.04%	23,531	737,112	3.19%
Tasmania	2,723	95,401	2.85%	2,763	70,246	3.93%	4,556	39,719	11.47%	2,388	15,624	15.29%	12,430	220,991	5.62%
Victoria	29,026	1,249,452	2.32%	20,953	789,809	2.65%	43,116	399,639	10.79%	27,465	166,010	16.54%	120,559	2,604,910	4.63%
Western Australia	2,776	586,854	0.47%	6,072	349,781	1.74%	12,946	155,158	8.34%	5,021	58,830	8.54%	26,816	1,150,624	2.33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68,404</b>	<b>5,008,897</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>73,047</b>	<b>3,133,822</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<b>158,781</b>	<b>1,551,045</b>	<b>10.24%</b>	<b>102,384</b>	<b>636,333</b>	<b>16.09%</b>	<b>402,616</b>	<b>10,330,096</b>	<b>3.90%</b>

NOTE: Populations do not include persons aged less than 8 years.

**TABLE 2.7 FEMALE PARTICIPANTS TO POPULATION RATES AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
Australian Capital Territory	431	90,924	0.47%	628	60,696	1.04%	1,208	25,231	4.79%	715	11,641	6.14%	2,982	188,491	1.58%
New South Wales	14,807	1,533,455	0.97%	10,583	1,018,328	1.04%	24,469	509,247	4.80%	17,710	299,773	5.91%	67,569	3,360,803	2.01%
Northern Territory	272	60,660	0.45%	220	31,624	0.70%	233	8,985	2.60%	130	2,152	6.02%	856	103,421	0.83%
Queensland	4,745	1,037,476	0.46%	7,351	650,050	1.13%	27,856	312,045	8.93%	14,015	157,094	8.92%	53,966	2,156,664	2.50%
South Australia	1,205	328,864	0.37%	2,911	234,777	1.24%	6,137	125,311	4.90%	2,779	77,059	3.61%	13,032	766,010	1.70%
Tasmania	1,508	97,394	1.55%	1,219	74,346	1.64%	2,340	40,610	5.76%	1,393	21,685	6.42%	6,459	234,036	2.76%
Victoria	14,427	1,222,115	1.18%	8,211	821,852	1.00%	17,935	406,580	4.41%	10,442	227,607	4.59%	60,609	2,678,154	2.26%
Western Australia	1,459	561,180	0.26%	3,265	349,195	0.94%	7,539	155,515	4.85%	2,930	80,663	3.63%	15,193	1,146,554	1.33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,854</b>	<b>4,932,067</b>	<b>0.79%</b>	<b>34,388</b>	<b>3,240,868</b>	<b>1.06%</b>	<b>87,717</b>	<b>1,583,525</b>	<b>5.54%</b>	<b>50,113</b>	<b>877,673</b>	<b>5.71%</b>	<b>220,666</b>	<b>10,056,511</b>	<b>2.19%</b>

NOTE: Populations do not include persons aged less than 8 years.

**TABLE 2.8 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS TO POPULATION RATES AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
Australian Capital Territory	1,323	182,971	0.72%	1,937	118,859	1.63%	2,689	49,236	5.46%	2,095	19,892	10.53%	8,043	370,958	2.17%
New South Wales	35,228	3,075,581	1.15%	34,749	1,995,444	1.74%	75,907	1,002,529	7.57%	58,003	513,765	11.29%	203,886	6,587,319	3.80%
Northern Territory	663	124,330	0.53%	817	64,751	1.26%	331	19,955	1.66%	292	4,073	7.18%	2,104	213,109	0.99%
Queensland	13,070	2,080,412	0.63%	19,202	1,277,130	1.50%	64,114	622,433	10.30%	34,234	274,479	12.47%	130,620	4,254,454	3.07%
South Australia	5,056	665,273	0.76%	8,247	463,277	1.78%	15,026	243,196	6.18%	8,235	131,377	6.27%	36,563	1,503,123	2.43%
Tasmania	4,231	192,796	2.19%	3,982	144,592	2.75%	6,896	80,329	8.58%	3,781	37,309	10.13%	18,889	455,026	4.15%
Victoria	43,473	2,471,567	1.76%	28,897	1,611,661	1.79%	66,601	806,219	8.26%	42,197	393,617	10.72%	181,168	5,283,064	3.43%
Western Australia	4,235	1,148,033	0.37%	9,337	698,977	1.34%	20,485	310,674	6.59%	7,951	139,494	5.70%	42,009	2,297,177	1.83%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,279</b>	<b>9,940,964</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>107,168</b>	<b>6,374,690</b>	<b>1.68%</b>	<b>252,048</b>	<b>3,134,570</b>	<b>8.04%</b>	<b>156,787</b>	<b>1,514,006</b>	<b>10.36%</b>	<b>623,281</b>	<b>20,964,230</b>	<b>2.97%</b>

NOTE: Populations do not include persons aged less than 8 years.

### 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 2015 has been based around the locations of the clubs, districts and/or zones within each State/Territory. Table 2.9 indicates that there are 1,902 bowls clubs in Australia (predominantly based on club facilities, rather than organisational entities) and these have been allocated to 65 regions, 21 metropolitan and 44 country regions. This includes the counting of the Australian Capital Territory region as metropolitan, and the Northern Territory as country.

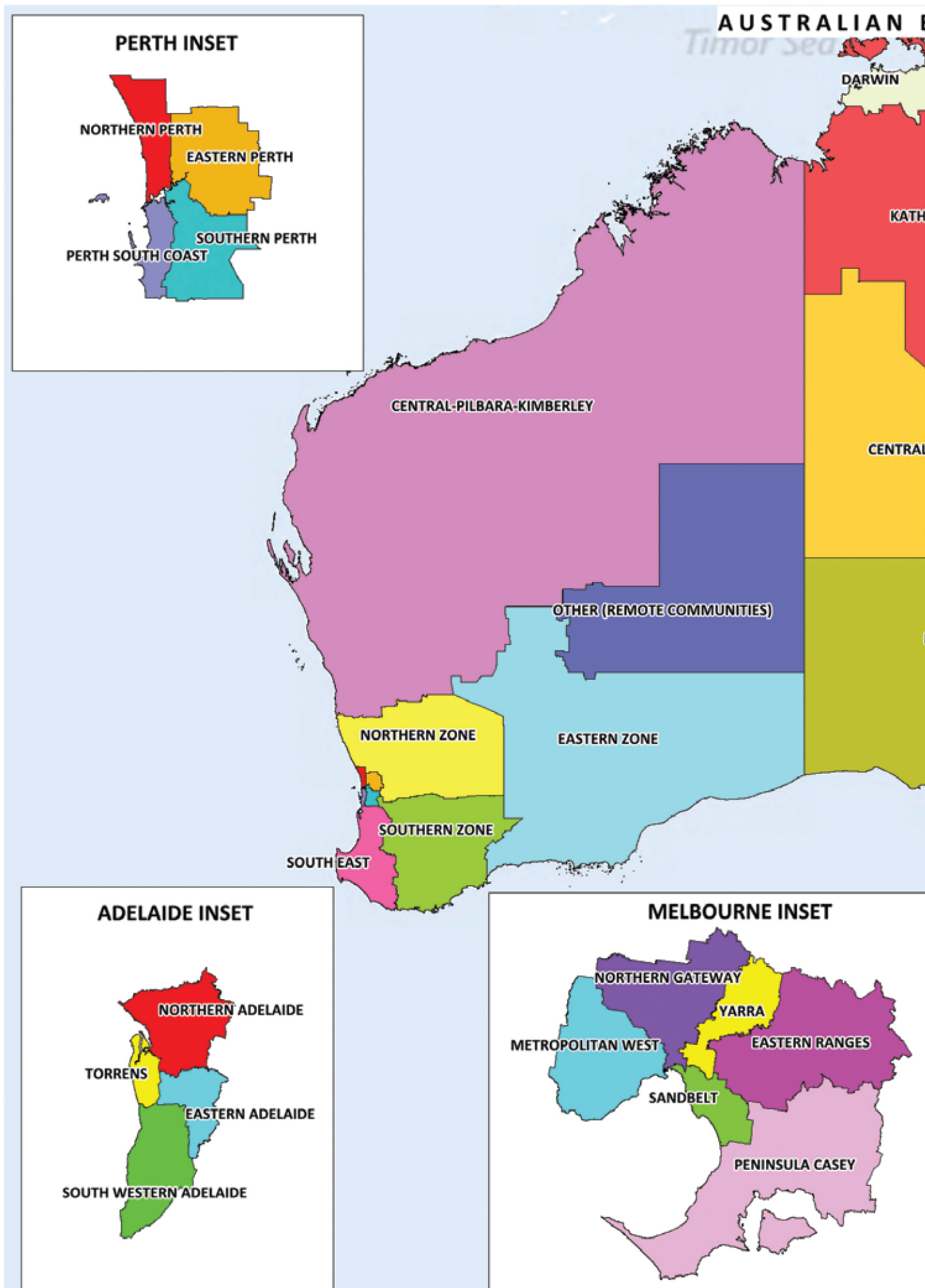
The regions are all consistent with groups of Statistical Divisions used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for a wide range of statistical collections. These can be valuable in comparing and planning bowls initiatives using regional data (population, economic and other relevant data). Regions are an appropriate unit 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 2.10 shows the Australian bowls regions in rank order of participants. It also shows membership numbers by region.

	METROPOLITAN		COUNTRY		TOTAL	
	CLUBS	REGIONS	CLUBS	REGIONS	CLUBS	REGIONS
ACT	16	1	0	0	16	1
NSW	141	4	396	9	537	13
NT	4	0	3	1	7	1
QLD	138	2	185	8	323	10
SA	53	4	167	8	220	12
TAS	28	1	42	3	70	4
VIC	152	5	371	11	523	16
WA	67	4	139	4	206	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>65</b>

SOURCE: Street Ryan, 2015 National Bowls Census





# BOWLS REGIONS

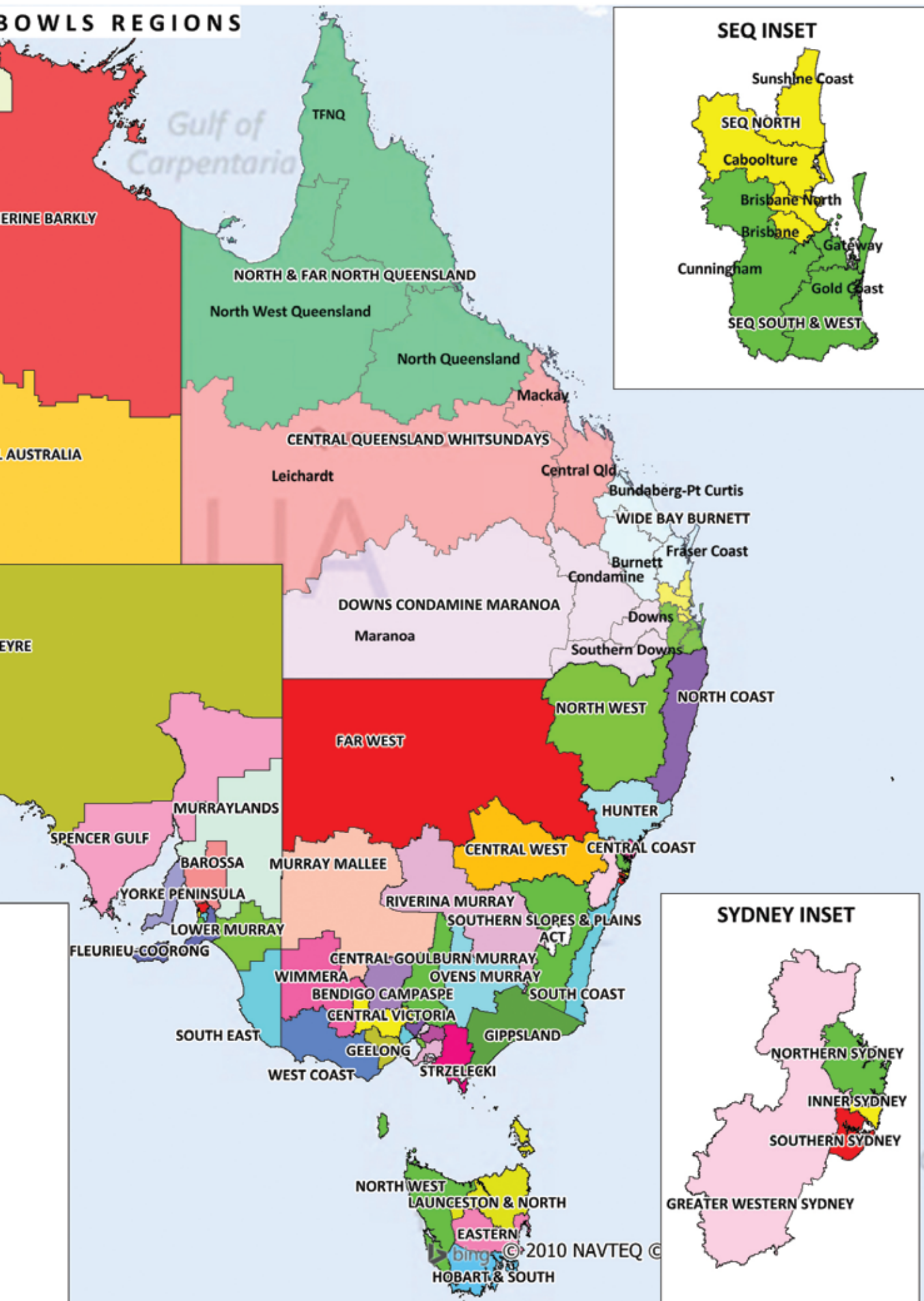


TABLE 2.10

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

	State	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPANTS		
		Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants (+4 games)
North Coast	NSW	80	16,246	38,288	18,514	21,279	39,793
Hunter	NSW	74	9,967	21,258	9,685	20,254	29,939
Northern Sydney	NSW	57	7,850	17,142	8,902	18,786	27,689
Sandbelt	VIC	42	3,534	4,593	4,115	18,204	22,319
North West	NSW	30	6,917	13,285	6,943	14,705	21,648
Inner Sydney	NSW	29	2,394	8,146	2,900	18,680	21,580
North and Far North	QLD	50	3,112	15,125	3,844	16,887	20,730
Bendigo Campaspe	VIC	34	2,883	3,452	3,246	16,382	19,628
Gippsland	VIC	20	892	912	870	18,615	19,485
Eastern Ranges	VIC	32	3,483	3,958	4,147	15,205	19,352
Fraser Coast	QLD	19	2,145	3,101	4,009	14,232	18,240
SEQ North, Brisbane	QLD	43	6,281	12,817	5,308	12,922	18,230
Gold Coast	QLD	23	5,171	24,145	4,931	11,181	16,112
Yarra	VIC	27	2,809	14,195	3,026	12,615	15,641
SEQ South & West Brisbane	QLD	50	5,531	14,518	6,646	8,312	14,957
Strzelecki	VIC	34	1,992	2,458	2,143	12,726	14,869
Sunshine Coast	QLD	19	3,858	12,104	3,430	10,619	14,049
Central Goulburn Murray	VIC	42	2,901	3,286	3,645	8,680	12,325
South Coast	NSW	58	4,444	6,604	5,181	7,069	12,251
Peninsula Casey	VIC	32	2,830	3,502	2,633	9,377	12,010
Central QLD & Whitsundays	QLD	41	2,998	5,802	5,021	6,882	11,903
Greater Western Sydney	NSW	38	3,238	22,701	2,575	8,224	10,798
South Western & Southern	WA	69	4,888	6,686	7,575	3,182	10,757
Bundaberg Port Curtis	QLD	20	1,858	5,470	4,138	6,234	10,372
Central Coast	NSW	24	2,885	6,829	2,736	6,885	9,621
Central West	NSW	43	2,716	6,098	3,866	4,694	8,561
Ovens and Murray	VIC	30	1,613	1,718	1,844	6,638	8,482
Australian Capital Territory	ACT	16	1,838	9,463	1,812	6,231	8,043
Central Victoria	VIC	42	3,567	4,725	4,523	3,030	7,553
Northern	WA	25	3,479	13,435	4,950	2,543	7,493
Riverina Murray	NSW	30	1,895	20,410	2,698	4,780	7,477

Geelong	VIC	25	4,735	12,575	3,978	3,207	7,185
Hobart and South	TAS	28	2,066	3,255	2,165	4,940	7,105
Southern Sydney	NSW	20	3,141	7,421	2,330	4,127	6,457
Launceston and North	TAS	21	1,532	2,454	1,824	4,280	6,104
Northern Gateway	VIC	29	2,348	3,115	2,801	2,910	5,711
Adelaide South West	SA	15	1,625	1,894	3,954	1,683	5,637
Southern	WA	13	1,705	5,807	3,478	2,053	5,531
North West	TAS	16	1,448	1,963	1,531	3,710	5,241
South Coastal	WA	13	1,965	3,528	3,526	1,599	5,125
Eastern	WA	14	1,123	6,699	2,772	2,255	5,027
Wimmera	VIC	40	2,021	2,757	2,847	2,128	4,975
Southern Slopes and Plains	NSW	28	1,376	4,363	1,689	3,039	4,728
Eastern Zone	WA	30	1,267	2,049	3,294	1,383	4,677
Northern Adelaide	SA	12	1,528	2,568	2,566	2,065	4,631
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	QLD	42	2,918	2,966	540	3,971	4,511
West Coast	VIC	36	3,343	4,437	3,122	1,180	4,302
Metropolitan West	VIC	22	1,552	1,794	1,402	2,815	4,217
Adelaide Torrens	SA	14	1,384	1,634	1,696	2,400	4,096
Coorong-Fleurieu	SA	17	1,167	1,303	2,244	1,290	3,534
Far West	NSW	26	1,642	4,111	2,338	1,006	3,344
Murray Mallee	VIC	36	1,729	1,861	1,977	1,135	3,112
Eastern Adelaide	SA	12	1,312	2,370	1,944	1,151	3,095
Lower Murray	SA	22	1,493	1,798	2,041	830	2,871
Yorke Peninsula	SA	19	1,288	1,440	2,470	318	2,788
Northern Zone	WA	31	1,575	2,214	1,655	980	2,635
Eyre	SA	17	987	1,123	2,210	328	2,538
South East	SA	19	999	1,212	874	1,430	2,304
Northern Territory	NT	7	255	255	280	1,824	2,104
Spencer Gulf	SA	24	1,288	1,465	1,572	476	2,048
Barossa	SA	25	1,154	1,244	1,375	512	1,887
Burnett	QLD	14	517	938	1,371	143	1,515
Murraylands	SA	24	1,517	1,534	1,135	0	1,135
Central/Pilbara/Kimberley	WA	9	343	528	481	284	765
East	TAS	5	111	169	258	180	438

## 2.4 BOWLS PROMOTIONAL PARTICIPATION (Less than 4 weeks)

To be counted as 'a participant' in the National Bowls Census Report 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 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 2.11 shows that there were 339,408 participants in bowls activities of less than four weeks duration in 2015. The States/Territories with the greatest level of promotional activity were New South Wales (112,488), Victoria (93,018), and Queensland (66,921). Table 2.12 presents the trends in

**TABLE 2.11 PROMOTIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION (<4 GAMES)**

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	6,264	3,755	10,019
NEW SOUTH WALES	68,573	43,916	112,488
NORTHERN TERRITORY	7,419	3,724	11,143
QUEENSLAND	37,780	29,141	66,921
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	4,461	2,614	7,074
TASMANIA	625	540	1,166
VICTORIA	16,700	76,318	93,018
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	22,267	15,311	37,578
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>164,090</b>	<b>175,318</b>	<b>339,408</b>

promotional participation over the period 2010 to 2015.

## 2.5 ADDING VALUE TO MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION DATABASES

### 2.5.1 Segmentation of Population Groups

Reviewing trends in membership and participation globally and by program and region provides valuable insights into how the sport is tracking and differing levels of participation amongst different regions and programs. They help in identifying growth regions and program areas and regions (and programs) that are experiencing stagnation or decline. However, they do not (of themselves) provide insight into the reasons for

differences or inform how BA and clubs can adjust their strategies and/or activities at the regional level to build membership and participants.

Clearly, the size and age structure of the population and the distribution of bowls facilities (as well as competing sports' facilities) are key drivers of participation. However, there can be sizeable differences between rates of membership and participation in regions with similar sized populations and similar population age structures. This is a reflection of differing interests, aspirations and needs within the community (differing demand side market segments) and a differing range and standard of facilities, products and approaches amongst bowls clubs (differing supply side infrastructure).

**TABLE 2.12 PROMOTIONAL BOWLS PARTICIPATION (LESS THAN 4 WEEKS/GAMES): 2010 TO 2015**

STATE/TERRITORY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% P.A.
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	13,605	14,248	3,335	9,324	12,565	10,019	-5.94%
NEW SOUTH WALES	108,401	127,609	121,644	99,325	106,053	112,488	0.74%
NORTHERN TERRITORY	882	2,480	1,354	120	1,163	11,143	66.08%
QUEENSLAND	110,004	110,521	81,526	87,961	75,814	66,921	-9.46%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	15,745	6,217	7,776	8,264	13,937	7,074	-14.79%
TASMANIA	3,236	4,250	4,703	2,114	2,742	1,166	-18.47%
VICTORIA	67,567	148,503	101,012	75,767	90,123	93,018	6.60%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	18,578	21,276	10,534	24,085	31,344	37,578	15.13%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>338,018</b>	<b>435,103</b>	<b>331,884</b>	<b>306,960</b>	<b>335,755</b>	<b>339,408</b>	<b>0.08%</b>



Increasingly, sports policy makers and sports administrators are using demographic analysis to supplement their membership and participation databases as a means of segmenting markets and using their understanding of the characteristics and needs of different market segments to tailor products, communications and promotions as well as pricing to meet their needs; i.e. a needs based approach.

In 2013, for example, the Australian Sports Commission commissioned a major project looking at market segmentation for sport participation<sup>5</sup>. It identifies different motivations, attitudes, needs and barriers with respect to sport, particularly club based sport, amongst the community and how an understanding of the needs of these different segments can be used to develop targeted communications and promotional strategies and tailored products to attract and maintain club membership and sport participants.

It identifies 10 market segments and, for each market segment grouping, provides:

- A pen portrait;
- A description of what people in each market segment look like (size within the Australian community, whether they live in metropolitan or regional areas, gender, age, cultural background, income and household/family characteristics);
- The typical attitude towards sport, and activities they currently engage in;
- Relationships with clubs and barriers to entry;
- How they can be encouraged to stay in sports clubs; and
- How clubs can market to them (products, message areas, tone of message and how to reach them).

A brief description of the segments, and challenges and opportunities they present is provided in Table 2.13.

Of course, the ASC work covered all forms of sport and may not accurately reflect the nuances of specific sports and/or specific geographic areas. It also did not include consideration of persons

aged 65+ which are an important component of the bowls market. Rather, it is intended to provide a framework which individual sports can use and adapt to their specific requirements.

Incorporating a needs based approach built around market segmentation is consistent with the core values of BA's Strategic Plan 2013 to 2017. Some of the demographic trends in bowls regions are presented in this section, and the range of analysis will be increased in future reports, to assist in highlighting factors contributing to above average and/or below average bowls performance outcomes.

## 2.5.2 Demographic Trends in Bowls Regions

Table 2.14 shows that the most rapidly growing bowls regions, in terms of resident population, are expanding metropolitan regions in Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane. The most rapidly growing non-metropolitan regions in the top 20 are:

- Victoria's Peninsula Casey region (a peri-urban area at the edge of Melbourne's south-east);
- Western Australia's South West (encompassing the growing centres of Bunbury, Margaret River, Albany and Esperance);
- Sunshine Coast ;
- Gold Coast;
- Central Victoria
- Bundaberg/Port Curtis; and
- Geelong.

There are 10 bowls regions where there is no population growth at present (and the populations are in decline). These regions are all the Tasmanian regions and some of the broadacre agricultural rural regions of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia.

<sup>5</sup>SOURCE: Market Segmentation for Sport Participation, GfK blumoon. Prepared for the Australian Sports Commission, March 2013

**TABLE 2.13**  
SUMMARY OF ASC'S SPORTS MARKET SEGMENTS, THEIR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

MARKET SEGMENT		BRIEF DESCRIPTION	THE CHALLENGE	OPPORTUNITIES
CLUB MEMBERS				
LOYALISTS		6% of the population aged 15-64. High proportion of males under 30 and a particularly high proportion of teenagers. Sport is their life and it is almost imperative for them to be a member of a club. Clubs provide loyalists with a platform for personal/competitive success, an overall sense of achievement and a valued social network.	Increasing/maintaining enthusiasm and involvement.	Products and services (e.g. coaching opportunities) to develop/advance themselves and others.
SOCIALLY ENGAGED		7% of population aged 15-64. More likely to be males with higher incomes and white collar jobs. They are physically active and enjoy all aspects of sport, but particularly the social aspect. Sport gives them a sense of self achievement in a fun environment.	Increasing/maintaining social involvement.	Products and services that promote the social aspects of sport and leverage their social nature (e.g. advocacy/referrals for clubs).
SPORT DRIVEN		4% of the population aged 15-64. Often younger, wealthier urbanites and with a high proportion from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds. They do a lot of physical activity but keep their social activity within the club to a minimum. Their motivation is more personal and focussed on self-improvement and the sheer enjoyment of the sport.	Retention by ensuring flexibility of sporting accessibility/requirements.	Products and services that are flexible enough to cater for personal circumstances while promoting sport participation as a focus.
APATHETIC CLUBBERS		4% of Australian aged 15-64. More likely to be male, with a high proportion of teenagers, but represented in all age groups. Whilst being highly active in both sport and recreation, they don't like competition and are more likely to view sports as a chore or something they do out of habit rather than passion. They tend to find value in clubs for their facilities and that they encourage physical exercise rather than competitiveness and socialising.	Retention by reducing the perceived over emphasis on competition.	Products and services for non competitive participation.
CLUB WARY		8% of Australians aged 15-64. More likely to live in metropolitan areas, are younger and more likely to come from a culturally and linguistically diverse background. They are very positive about sports, but want to enjoy it at a less serious and less competitive level. They do not always feel they will fit in at clubs and can be slightly self-conscious about playing sport with others. They see clubs as requiring significant commitment and lacking flexibility.	Encouraging trial and participation.	Trial offers and products and service that address flexibility of membership and personal/physical needs.

## POTENTIALS

## NON CLUB MEMBERS

SIDELINED  
SPORTSTERS

13% of the population aged 15-64. More likely to live in regional areas, are older and more likely to have a disability or long term injury. They are into sport and value the opportunity it provides to have some personal time, relax and break their routine. They retain a very positive perspective on clubs and the social and physical benefits of being involved but need greater flexibility.

Encouraging consideration and trial by overcoming perceptions of clubs as 'exclusive' or 'cliquey'.

Trial offers and promotion of products and services that are inclusive.

## PONDERERS

20% of the population aged 15-64. Often married with children at home, with higher representation of cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds and in younger middle age groups. They are active people but commitments to work and family take up much of their time. They have a positive view of clubs both socially and as a way to support health and fitness but will weigh this up against the time and cost involved in being a member.

Encouraging consideration and trial by overcoming perceptions of clubs as being difficult to fit into lifestyle.

Trial offers and products and services that address their busy lifestyle constraints (e.g. flexible membership, family membership and support services).

## SELF FOCUSED

13% of the population aged 15-64. Typically female with a higher representation of separated, divorced or widowed. They are turned off by the competitive nature of sport but enjoy its physical and mental benefits. They prefer to exercise alone and physical activity is often a personal rather than a social pursuit.

Encouraging consideration by communicating benefits of sport with others/shared experiences.

Trial offers and products and services that offer opportunities for self improvement/training.

SPORT  
INDIFFERENT

19% of the population aged 15-64. Have a higher proportion on lower incomes and in their 30s. They are generally less engaged not only in sport but also in other activities. They are indifferent rather than negative towards sport and sports clubs and don't see much benefit in it for them.

Raising awareness of the benefits of physical activity, exercise and sport.

Trial offers and products/services promoting entry/beginner level options in a non-intimidating environment.

## SPORT ATHEIST

6% of Australians aged 15-64. They are typically older, female, live in households without children, have lower incomes and a greater proportion with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. They are totally disengaged and often negative about sport and sports clubs. They don't understand what people get from sport and think the importance of sport is blown out of proportion. They feel there are more compelling and interesting things in life which typically involve more sedentary activities.

## NON POTENTIALS


**TABLE 2.14** POPULATION GROWTH IN BOWLS REGIONS

Region	State	Participants	Resident Population (8+ years)	Participation Rate %	8-39 Years Population	75+ Years Population	% Population Growth Rate	Absolute Population Growth
Metropolitan West	VIC	4,217	602,603	0.70%	292,579	39,892	3.43%	22,208
Northern Gateway	VIC	5,711	816,971	0.70%	402,421	49,665	3.02%	26,651
South Coastal	WA	5,125	369,210	1.39%	183,987	23,852	2.81%	11,348
Southern Perth	WA	5,531	400,867	1.38%	212,656	23,166	2.63%	11,477
Eastern Perth	WA	5,027	283,114	1.78%	139,501	16,371	2.53%	7,812
Peninsula Casey	VIC	12,010	592,579	2.03%	282,550	45,619	2.32%	14,975
South Western & Southern	WA	10,757	319,475	3.37%	138,728	24,866	2.20%	7,700
Northern Sydney	NSW	27,689	786,520	3.52%	427,598	49,510	2.11%	17,932
Northern Perth	WA	7,493	666,541	1.12%	338,992	41,710	2.09%	15,181
Inner Sydney	NSW	21,580	1,472,895	1.47%	768,991	76,928	2.08%	34,653
Sandbelt	VIC	22,319	781,646	2.86%	359,456	60,432	1.86%	15,790
Sunshine Coast	QLD	14,049	148,390	6.99%	116,968	25,774	1.80%	5,589
Greater Western Sydney	NSW	10,798	955,678	1.13%	436,739	74,157	1.75%	18,613
SEQ North, Brisbane	QLD	18,230	841,504	2.17%	429,870	53,500	1.75%	16,155
Gold Coast	QLD	16,112	285,469	4.92%	297,095	46,314	1.67%	11,478
SEQ South & West, Brisbane	QLD	14,957	1,095,456	1.37%	572,605	60,545	1.66%	20,227
Central Victoria	VIC	7,553	182,280	4.14%	87,100	13,339	1.66%	3,240
Bundaberg Port Curtis	QLD	10,372	39,570	3.83%	66,519	10,196	1.62%	2,653
Geelong	VIC	7,185	245,539	2.93%	107,872	23,710	1.53%	4,163
Yarra	VIC	15,641	433,922	3.60%	211,334	33,322	1.48%	7,207
Coorong-Fleurieu	SA	3,534	87,349	4.05%	32,663	8,291	1.45%	1,391
Northern Adelaide	SA	4,631	224,141	1.38%	173,061	25,071	1.36%	5,452
Central QLD & Whitsundays	QLD	11,903	277,922	1.62%	151,280	15,929	1.30%	4,389
Southern Sydney	NSW	6,457	730,838	0.88%	349,253	59,889	1.24%	10,157
ACT	ACT	8,043	370,958	2.17%	182,971	19,892	1.20%	5,209
Central Goulburn Murray	VIC	12,325	148,728	8.29%	65,451	12,157	1.16%	1,933
Hunter	NSW	29,939	592,073	5.06%	258,637	53,531	1.13%	7,457
Bendigo Campaspe	VIC	19,628	155,589	12.62%	69,273	12,522	1.12%	1,918
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	QLD	4,511	494,854	4.19%	127,824	21,146	1.10%	2,791
Adelaide Torrens	SA	4,096	1,111,903	1.57%	93,924	21,879	1.05%	2,414
NT	NT	2,104	213,109	0.99%	124,330	4,073	1.05%	2,538

North and Far North	QLD	20,730	356,854	1.30%	248,806	25,194	1.03%	5,698
Riverina Murray	NSW	7,477	240,941	3.10%	104,875	21,565	1.02%	2,775
South Coast	NSW	12,251	415,801	2.95%	170,851	40,974	1.02%	4,710
Fraser Coast	QLD	18,240	301,738	3.94%	53,521	12,578	0.98%	1,513
Eastern Ranges	VIC	19,352	691,798	2.80%	302,773	52,995	0.93%	7,168
Central West	NSW	8,561	232,018	3.69%	98,211	19,526	0.92%	2,405
Central Coast	NSW	9,621	292,595	3.29%	121,492	31,259	0.90%	2,944
Barossa	SA	1,887	58,572	3.22%	24,002	4,499	0.87%	576
North West	NSW	21,648	494,269	4.38%	181,850	54,341	0.79%	4,344
Adelaide South West	SA	5,637	210,086	1.95%	140,743	28,728	0.78%	2,764
Yorke Peninsula	SA	2,788	24,923	11.19%	7,652	3,117	0.74%	202
Eastern Adelaide	SA	3,095	320,822	1.76%	100,159	21,739	0.74%	1,818
Eyre	SA	2,538	14,837	17.11%	7,862	522	0.74%	125
Strzelecki	VIC	14,869	162,463	9.15%	83,730	11,783	0.73%	1,302
Central - Pilbara – Kimberley	WA	765	153,827	0.50%	84,502	4,255	0.72%	1,253
Burnett	QLD	1,515	140,788	12.96%	15,925	3,303	0.68%	303
Far West	NSW	3,344	126,647	2.64%	53,694	10,908	0.66%	949
Southern Slopes and Plains	NSW	4,728	83,738	5.65%	33,833	7,083	0.65%	616
Ovens and Murray	VIC	8,482	126,956	6.68%	59,066	10,665	0.59%	840
North Coast	NSW	39,793	163,307	24.37%	69,558	14,096	0.58%	1,076
Lower Murray	SA	2,871	26,018	11.03%	10,730	2,329	0.53%	155
Gippsland	VIC	19,485	77,150	25.26%	34,479	6,906	0.38%	324
South East	SA	2,304	57,144	4.03%	24,253	4,732	0.37%	238
Northern Zone	WA	2,635	50,559	5.21%	20,198	3,523	0.26%	146
Spencer Gulf	SA	2,048	63,704	3.21%	27,523	4,933	0.23%	165
East	TAS	438	11,661	3.76%	4,004	819	-0.04%	-5
Murray Mallee	VIC	3,112	102,174	3.05%	45,190	7,432	-0.05%	-52
North West	TAS	5,241	100,686	5.21%	40,966	8,565	-0.05%	-59
Murraylands	SA	1,135	58,673	1.93%	22,701	5,536	-0.13%	-84
Launceston and North	TAS	6,104	127,586	4.78%	53,473	10,783	-0.13%	-194
West Coast	VIC	4,302	109,558	3.93%	43,791	9,669	-0.28%	-346
Hobart and South	TAS	7,105	215,093	3.30%	94,352	17,143	-0.58%	-1,404
Wimmera	VIC	4,975	53,107	9.37%	24,503	3,508	-0.61%	-359
Eastern Zone	WA	4,677	53,583	8.73%	29,469	1,751	-0.86%	-535

**TABLE 2.15 BOWLS PARTICIPANTS AND PARTICIPATION RATES IN REGIONS WITH THE YOUNGEST AGE STRUCTURES**

Region	State	Participants	Population	Participation Rate %	% Population Growth Rate	Absolute Population Growth	8-39 Years %	75+ Years %
Northern Territory	NT	2,104	213,109	0.99%	1.05%	2,538	58.34%	1.91%
Eastern Zone	WA	4,677	53,583	8.73%	-0.86%	-535	55.00%	3.27%
Central - Pilbara – Kimberley	WA	765	153,827	0.50%	0.72%	1,253	54.93%	2.77%
Northern Sydney	NSW	27,689	786,520	3.52%	2.11%	17,932	54.37%	6.29%
Southern Perth	WA	5,531	400,867	1.38%	2.63%	11,477	53.05%	5.78%
Eyre	SA	2,538	14,837	17.11%	0.74%	125	52.99%	3.52%
SEQ South & West, Brisbane	QLD	14,957	1,095,456	1.37%	1.66%	20,227	52.27%	5.53%
Inner Sydney	NSW	21,580	1,472,895	1.47%	2.08%	34,653	52.21%	5.22%
Strzelecki	VIC	14,869	162,463	9.15%	0.73%	1,302	51.54%	7.25%
SEQ North, Brisbane	QLD	18,230	841,504	2.17%	1.75%	16,155	51.08%	6.36%
Northern Perth	WA	7,493	666,541	1.12%	2.09%	15,181	50.86%	6.26%
North and Far North	QLD	20,730	494,854	1.30%	1.03%	5,698	50.28%	5.09%
Central QLD & Whitsundays	QLD	11,903	301,738	1.62%	1.30%	4,389	50.14%	5.28%
South Coastal	WA	5,125	369,210	1.39%	2.81%	11,348	49.83%	6.46%
Australian Capital Territory	ACT	8,043	370,958	2.17%	1.20%	5,209	49.32%	5.36%
Eastern	WA	5,027	283,114	1.78%	2.53%	7,812	49.27%	5.78%
Northern Gateway	VIC	5,711	816,971	0.70%	3.02%	26,651	49.26%	6.08%
Yarra	VIC	15,641	433,922	3.60%	1.48%	7,207	48.70%	7.68%
Metropolitan West	VIC	4,217	602,603	0.70%	3.43%	22,208	48.55%	6.62%
Northern Adelaide	SA	4,631	356,854	1.38%	1.36%	5,452	48.50%	7.03%
Yorke Peninsula	SA	2,788	24,923	11.19%	0.74%	202	30.70%	12.51%
North West	NSW	21,648	494,269	4.38%	0.79%	4,344	36.79%	10.99%
Central Coast	NSW	9,621	292,595	3.29%	0.90%	2,944	41.52%	10.68%
Adelaide Torrens	SA	4,096	210,086	1.57%	1.05%	2,414	44.71%	10.41%
South Coast	NSW	12,251	415,801	2.95%	1.02%	4,710	41.09%	9.85%
Eastern Adelaide	SA	3,095	224,141	1.76%	0.74%	1,818	44.69%	9.70%
Geelong	VIC	7,185	245,539	2.93%	1.53%	4,163	43.93%	9.66%
Coorong-Fleurieu	SA	3,534	87,349	4.05%	1.45%	1,391	37.39%	9.49%
Murraylands	SA	1,135	58,673	1.93%	-0.13%	-84	38.69%	9.44%
Hunter	NSW	29,939	592,073	5.06%	1.13%	7,457	43.68%	9.04%
Sunshine Coast	QLD	14,049	285,469	6.99%	1.80%	5,589	40.97%	9.03%
Adelaide South West	SA	5,637	320,822	1.95%	0.78%	2,764	43.87%	8.95%
Lower Murray	SA	2,871	26,018	11.03%	0.53%	155	41.24%	8.95%
Gippsland	VIC	19,485	77,150	25.26%	0.38%	324	44.69%	8.95%
Riverina Murray	NSW	7,477	240,941	3.10%	1.02%	2,775	43.53%	8.95%
Fraser Coast	QLD	18,240	140,788	3.94%	0.98%	1,513	38.02%	8.93%
West Coast	VIC	4,302	109,558	3.93%	-0.28%	-346	39.97%	8.83%
North Coast	NSW	39,793	163,307	24.37%	0.58%	1,076	42.59%	8.63%
Far West	NSW	3,344	126,647	2.64%	0.66%	949	42.40%	8.61%
North West	TAS	5,241	100,686	5.21%	-0.05%	-59	40.69%	8.51%

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a person bowling on a green lawn. The person is wearing a bright yellow short-sleeved shirt and dark green shorts with a yellow trim. They are captured in the middle of a bowling motion, with their right leg extended forward and their right foot planted on a white rectangular mat that has a grid of small holes. The mat is placed on the green grass. The person's right hand is holding a bowling ball, which is white with blue and green patterns. The background is a vast, open green lawn under bright sunlight, casting long shadows. The overall scene is dynamic and captures a moment of physical activity.

The “youngest” bowls regions are in rural and remote areas of Australia; the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and South Australia. However, Northern and Inner Sydney, and both Brisbane regions are also among the youngest bowls regions, together with Victoria’s Strzelecki region.

The 20 youngest bowls regions are shown in Table 2.15. The “oldest” bowls regions are in South Australia, country New South Wales, and Victoria’s Geelong region, as shown in Table 2.15.



# NEW SOUTH WALES

## 3.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

New South Wales is Australia's most populous state with 7,518,472<sup>6</sup> residents or 32.0% 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

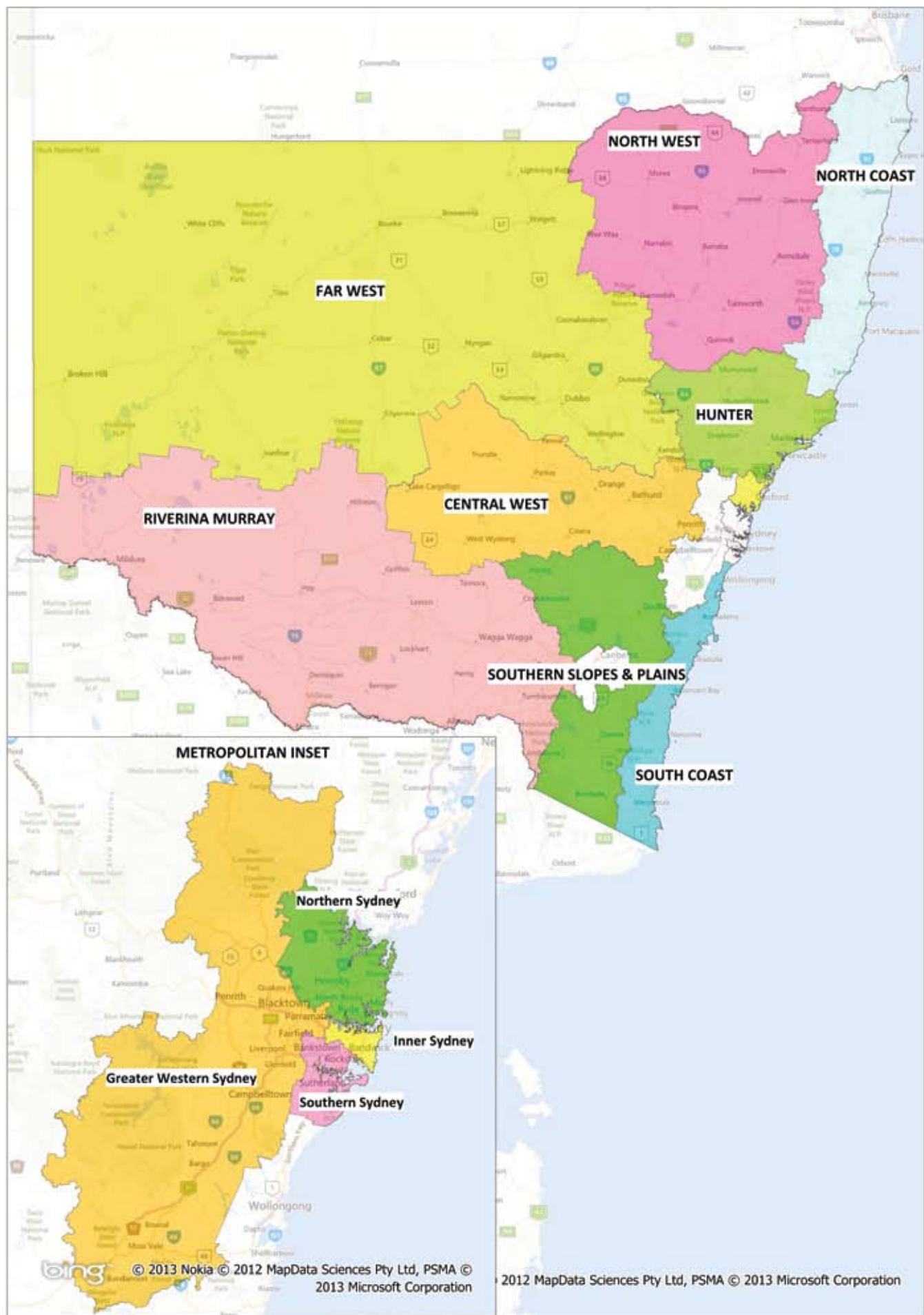
The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 3.1.

## 3.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2015, NEW SOUTH WALES HAD:

- 42 bowls associations
- 537 bowls clubs
- 176,758 playing and non-playing members
- 203,886 participants in all forms of bowls

<sup>6</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



**The bowling clubs in each region in New South Wales in 2015 (without separately identifying the 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

### **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

### 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  
 Arian 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  
 Dora Creek Workers Mens Bowling Club  
 Doyalson Wyee Mens Bowls Inc  
 Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club  
 Everglades Country Club Ltd  
 Gosford City Bowling Club  
 Gwandalan Bowling Club  
 Halekulani Bowling Club Limited  
 Mingara Bowling Club  
 Mooney Mooney Workers Bowling Club  
 Morisset Bowling Club  
 Morisset Hospital Bowling Club Incorporated  
 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  
 Warialda 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  
 Corimal 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  
 Gerringong Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Huskisson Bowling Club Limited  
 Kangaroo Valley Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Lake Conjola Mens Bowling Club  
 Milton-Ulladulla Bowling Club  
 Mollymook Bowling Club  
 Nowra Bowling & Rec Club  
 RSL Sussex Inlet Bowling Club  
 Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens Bowling Club  
 Shoalhaven Heads Mens Bowling Club  
 St Georges Basin Country Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Sussex Inlet Bowling Club Limited

## North Coast

Alstonville Mens Bowling Club  
 Ballina Mens Bowling Club  
 Ballina RSL Club Mens Bowling Club  
 Bonalbo Mens Bowling Club  
 Broadwater Bowling Club Limited  
 Casino Rsm Bowling Club  
 Coraki Memorial Bowling Club  
 East Lismore Bowling Club Limited  
 Evans Head Bowling Club  
 Kyogle Mens Bowling Club  
 Lennox Head Mens Bowls Club  
 Lismore City Bowling Club Limited  
 Lismore Workers Heights Bowling Club  
 Lismore Workers Sports Mens Bowling Club  
 Nimbin Bowling, Sporting & Recreation Club Ltd  
 South Lismore Bowling & Recreation Club Limited  
 Urbenville & District Bowling Club Limited  
 Woodburn Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd  
 Bellingen Bowling & Sporting Club Limited  
 Bowraville Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd  
 Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Mens Bowling Club  
 Dorrig 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  
 Wooli 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  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 Pictou Mens Bowling Club  
 Robertson Bowling Club  
 Taralga Bowling Club

Table 3.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 64,712 playing members and 112,046 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 176,758 bowls club members in New South Wales,:**

- 36.6% were playing members
- 63.4% were non-playing members
- 68.7% were located in country New South Wales.

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

- North Coast
- Greater Western Sydney
- Hunter
- Riverina Murray
- North West.

**TABLE 3.1 BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS NEW SOUTH WALES, 2015**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Northern Sydney	57	3,434	4,416	7,850	9,292	17,142
Greater Western Sydney	38	2,586	652	3,238	19,464	22,701
Inner Sydney	29	1,172	1,223	2,394	5,752	8,146
Southern Sydney	20	1,253	1,888	3,141	4,280	7,421
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>8,445</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>16,623</b>	<b>38,787</b>	<b>55,411</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Central West	43	1,596	1,120	2,716	3,382	6,098
Far West	26	929	713	1,642	2,469	4,111
North West	30	990	5,927	6,917	6,368	13,285
North Coast	80	4,606	11,640	16,246	22,042	38,288
South Coast	58	3,636	808	4,444	2,160	6,604
Hunter	74	4,667	5,300	9,967	11,291	21,258
Central Coast	24	1,939	945	2,885	3,944	6,829
Southern Slopes and Plains	28	1,212	164	1,376	3,087	4,363
Riverina Murray	30	1,535	360	1,895	18,515	20,410
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>21,111</b>	<b>26,977</b>	<b>48,089</b>	<b>73,258</b>	<b>121,347</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>29,556</b>	<b>35,156</b>	<b>64,712</b>	<b>112,046</b>	<b>176,758</b>

Table 3.2 and Figure 3.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 203,886 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in New South Wales during 2015.

Specifically:

- The greatest participation segment in New South Wales

was social bowls, with 59.7% of participants.

- Male participation makes up 66.9% of all bowls participation in New South Wales.
- Participation in country New South Wales (137,362) is 67% of the total, although country NSW makes up less than 25% of the population.

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.

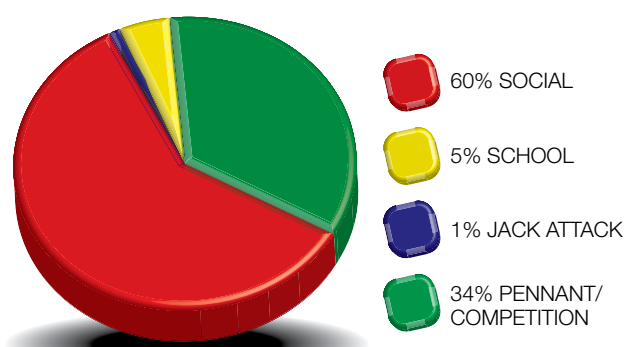
**TABLE 3.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN NEW SOUTH WALES, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack Participation			School Participation			Total Participants (4 +)		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Sydney	6,115	2,788	8,902	10,649	6,997	17,646	65	55	120	480	540	1,020	17,308	10,380	27,689
Greater Western Sydney	2,575	0	2,575	3,827	2,567	6,394	42	18	60	1,220	550	1,770	7,663	3,135	10,798
Inner Sydney	2,281	619	2,900	10,954	7,547	18,500	0	0	0	90	90	180	13,325	8,255	21,580
Southern Sydney	1,930	400	2,330	2,203	1,487	3,691	10	6	16	220	200	420	4,363	2,093	6,457
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>3,806</b>	<b>16,707</b>	<b>27,632</b>	<b>18,599</b>	<b>46,231</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>42,660</b>	<b>23,864</b>	<b>66,524</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	2,989	878	3,866	3,140	1,374	4,514	0	0	0	100	80	180	6,228	2,332	8,561
Far West	1,807	531	2,338	670	336	1,006	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,477	867	3,344
North West	4,513	2,430	6,943	9,977	3,384	13,361	264	128	392	842	110	952	15,596	6,052	21,648
North Coast	12,034	6,480	18,514	14,813	4,906	19,719	139	99	238	894	428	1,322	27,880	11,913	39,793
South Coast	5,181	0	5,181	3,472	2,597	6,069	180	120	300	400	300	700	9,233	3,017	12,251
Hunter	7,548	2,137	9,685	9,850	8,863	18,714	225	195	420	600	520	1,120	18,223	11,716	29,939
Central Coast	1,944	792	2,736	2,816	2,579	5,395	300	200	500	520	470	990	5,580	4,041	9,621
Southern Slopes and Plains	1,157	532	1,689	1,318	881	2,199	20	10	30	405	405	810	2,901	1,828	4,728
Riverina Murray	2,085	613	2,698	3,353	1,246	4,600	0	0	0	100	80	180	5,538	1,939	7,477
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39,258</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>53,651</b>	<b>49,410</b>	<b>26,167</b>	<b>75,577</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>6,254</b>	<b>93,657</b>	<b>43,705</b>	<b>137,362</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,159</b>	<b>18,199</b>	<b>70,358</b>	<b>77,042</b>	<b>44,766</b>	<b>121,808</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>5,871</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>9,644</b>	<b>136,317</b>	<b>67,569</b>	<b>203,886</b>

**TABLE 3.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**

	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
	Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social, Jack Attack & School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
North Coast	16,246	22,042	38,288	18,514	21,279	39,793	1
Hunter	9,967	11,291	21,258	9,685	20,254	29,939	2
Northern Sydney	7,850	9,292	17,142	8,902	18,786	27,689	3
North West	6,917	6,368	13,285	6,943	14,705	21,648	5
Inner Sydney	2,394	5,752	8,146	2,900	18,680	21,580	6
South Coast	4,444	2,160	6,604	5,181	7,069	12,251	19
Greater Western Sydney	3,238	19,464	22,701	2,575	8,224	10,798	22
Central Coast	2,885	3,944	6,829	2,736	6,885	9,621	25
Central West	2,716	3,382	6,098	3,866	4,694	8,561	26
Riverina Murray	1,895	18,515	20,410	2,698	4,780	7,477	31
Southern Sydney	3,141	4,280	7,421	2,330	4,127	6,457	34
Southern Slopes and Plains	1,376	3,087	4,363	1,689	3,039	4,728	43
Far West	1,642	2,469	4,111	2,338	1,006	3,344	51

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



**FIGURE 3.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP,  
NEW SOUTH WALES

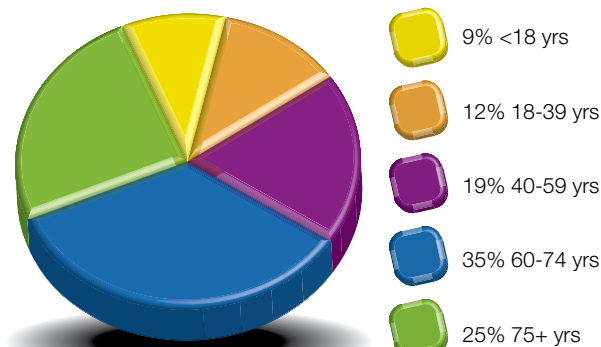


Figure 3.3 shows the age structure of bowls participation in New South Wales.

Regional rankings for New South Wales regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 3.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

Bowls participation 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 participant

to population rates are presented in Tables 3.4 to 3.6.

New South Wales regions with the highest participant to population rates in 2015 were:

- North Coast (inflated by the impact of tourism visitation)
- Southern Slopes and Plains
- Hunter
- North West NSW.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- Southern Sydney
- Greater Western Sydney
- Inner Sydney
- Far West.

The overall participation rate in New South Wales was 3.10%, the rate in country New South Wales was 5.20% and in metropolitan Sydney it was 1.69%.

**TABLE 3.4** TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONS, 2015

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Sydney	10,301	427,598	2.41%	4,822	216,906	2.22%	7,164	92,506	7.74%	5,401	49,510	10.91%	27,689	786,520	3.52%
Greater Western Sydney	2,487	436,739	0.57%	2,193	304,035	0.72%	1,921	140,748	1.37%	4,198	74,157	5.66%	10,798	955,678	1.13%
Inner Sydney	3,488	768,991	0.45%	3,906	442,226	0.88%	8,401	184,750	4.55%	5,785	76,928	7.52%	21,580	1,472,895	1.47%
Southern Sydney	252	349,253	0.07%	733	219,118	0.33%	3,778	102,579	3.68%	1,693	59,889	2.83%	6,457	730,838	0.88%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>16,529</b>	<b>1,982,581</b>	<b>0.83%</b>	<b>11,654</b>	<b>1,182,284</b>	<b>0.99%</b>	<b>21,265</b>	<b>520,583</b>	<b>4.08%</b>	<b>17,077</b>	<b>260,483</b>	<b>6.56%</b>	<b>66,524</b>	<b>3,945,931</b>	<b>1.69%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	1,369	98,211	1.39%	1,771	73,064	2.42%	3,311	41,217	8.03%	2,109	19,526	10.80%	8,561	232,018	3.69%
Far West	539	53,694	1.00%	695	39,254	1.77%	1,292	22,790	5.67%	817	10,908	7.49%	3,344	126,647	2.64%
North West	844	181,850	0.46%	2,858	158,157	1.81%	9,489	99,921	9.50%	8,457	54,341	15.56%	21,648	494,269	4.38%
North Coast	1,550	69,558	2.23%	5,253	49,844	10.54%	17,449	29,808	58.54%	15,541	14,096	110.26%	39,793	163,307	24.37%
South Coast	2,454	170,851	1.44%	3,626	126,257	2.87%	4,009	77,719	5.16%	2,162	40,974	5.28%	12,251	415,801	2.95%
Hunter	8,252	258,637	3.19%	5,246	178,384	2.94%	10,327	101,521	10.17%	6,114	53,531	11.42%	29,939	592,073	5.06%
Central Coast	0	121,492	0.00%	514	88,130	0.58%	5,435	51,714	10.51%	3,672	31,259	11.75%	9,621	292,595	3.29%
Southern Slopes and Plains	2,483	33,833	7.34%	1,578	27,118	5.82%	441	15,704	2.81%	226	7,083	3.19%	4,728	83,738	5.65%
Riverina Murray	1,206	104,875	1.15%	1,554	72,950	2.13%	2,889	41,551	6.95%	1,827	21,565	8.47%	7,477	240,941	3.10%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>18,699</b>	<b>1,093,000</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>23,095</b>	<b>813,160</b>	<b>2.84%</b>	<b>54,642</b>	<b>481,946</b>	<b>11.34%</b>	<b>40,925</b>	<b>253,282</b>	<b>16.16%</b>	<b>137,362</b>	<b>2,641,388</b>	<b>5.20%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,228</b>	<b>3,075,581</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>34,749</b>	<b>1,995,444</b>	<b>1.74%</b>	<b>75,907</b>	<b>1,002,529</b>	<b>7.57%</b>	<b>58,003</b>	<b>513,765</b>	<b>11.29%</b>	<b>203,886</b>	<b>6,587,319</b>	<b>3.10%</b>

**TABLE 3.5 MALE PARTICIPANTS TO POPULATION RATES NEW SOUTH WALES, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Sydney	5,614	214,532	2.62%	3,013	109,466	2.75%	4,591	45,512	10.09%	4,090	20,493	19.96%	17,308	390,004	4.44%
Greater Western Sydney	2,487	217,399	1.14%	2,193	145,971	1.50%	1,921	68,172	2.82%	1,062	29,874	3.56%	7,663	461,415	1.66%
Inner Sydney	957	386,192	0.25%	2,255	217,027	1.04%	4,988	91,537	5.45%	5,125	31,521	16.26%	13,325	726,276	1.83%
Southern Sydney	252	175,337	0.14%	505	106,922	0.47%	2,218	50,209	4.42%	1,388	24,823	5.59%	4,363	357,292	1.22%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>993,459</b>	<b>0.94%</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>579,387</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>13,718</b>	<b>255,430</b>	<b>5.37%</b>	<b>11,666</b>	<b>106,711</b>	<b>10.93%</b>	<b>42,660</b>	<b>1,934,987</b>	<b>2.20%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	1,172	49,581	2.36%	1,421	36,069	3.94%	2,358	20,379	11.57%	1,277	8,055	15.86%	6,228	114,085	5.46%
Far West	466	26,900	1.73%	565	19,656	2.87%	938	11,674	8.03%	508	4,655	10.91%	2,477	62,885	3.94%
North West	616	90,267	0.68%	2,068	75,799	2.73%	6,797	49,379	13.77%	6,115	23,551	25.97%	15,596	238,997	6.53%
North Coast	1,101	34,656	3.18%	3,696	24,675	14.98%	12,151	14,885	81.63%	10,932	5,929	184.38%	27,880	80,144	34.79%
South Coast	946	86,505	1.09%	2,117	61,443	3.45%	4,009	38,278	10.47%	2,162	17,827	12.13%	9,233	204,053	4.52%
Hunter	4,405	130,292	3.38%	3,615	87,842	4.12%	6,479	49,777	13.02%	3,724	22,195	16.78%	18,223	290,106	6.28%
Central Coast	0	60,442	0.00%	294	42,269	0.69%	2,643	24,511	10.78%	2,643	12,815	20.62%	5,580	140,037	3.98%
Southern Slopes and Plains	1,364	17,146	7.96%	1,160	13,677	8.48%	247	8,044	3.07%	129	3,021	4.27%	2,901	41,888	6.92%
Riverina Murray	1,042	52,876	1.97%	1,264	36,300	3.48%	2,097	20,925	10.02%	1,136	9,231	12.31%	5,538	119,333	4.64%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>548,666</b>	<b>2.03%</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>397,730</b>	<b>4.07%</b>	<b>37,719</b>	<b>237,852</b>	<b>15.86%</b>	<b>28,626</b>	<b>107,280</b>	<b>26.68%</b>	<b>93,657</b>	<b>1,291,529</b>	<b>7.25%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,421</b>	<b>1,542,125</b>	<b>1.32%</b>	<b>24,166</b>	<b>977,116</b>	<b>2.47%</b>	<b>51,438</b>	<b>493,282</b>	<b>10.43%</b>	<b>40,292</b>	<b>213,992</b>	<b>18.83%</b>	<b>136,317</b>	<b>3,226,515</b>	<b>4.22%</b>

**TABLE 3.6 FEMALE PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES NEW SOUTH WALES, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
New South Wales	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Sydney	4,688	213,066	2.20%	1,808	107,440	1.68%	2,574	46,994	5.48%	1,311	29,017	4.52%	10,380	396,516	2.62%
Greater Western Sydney	0	219,340	0.00%	0	158,064	0.00%	0	72,576	0.00%	3,135	44,283	7.08%	3,135	494,263	0.63%
Inner Sydney	2,532	382,799	0.66%	1,651	225,198	0.73%	3,412	93,213	3.66%	660	45,407	1.45%	8,255	746,619	1.11%
Southern Sydney	0	173,916	0.00%	228	112,195	0.20%	1,560	52,370	2.98%	304	35,065	0.87%	2,093	373,547	0.56%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>989,122</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>602,898</b>	<b>0.61%</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>265,153</b>	<b>2.85%</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>153,772</b>	<b>3.52%</b>	<b>23,864</b>	<b>2,010,944</b>	<b>1.19%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Central West	198	48,629	0.41%	350	36,995	0.95%	953	20,838	4.57%	832	11,470	7.25%	2,332	117,933	1.98%
Far West	74	26,794	0.27%	130	19,598	0.66%	354	11,117	3.19%	309	6,253	4.94%	867	63,761	1.36%
North West	228	91,582	0.25%	791	82,358	0.96%	2,691	50,542	5.33%	2,342	30,790	7.61%	6,052	255,272	2.37%
North Coast	449	34,903	1.29%	1,557	25,170	6.18%	5,298	14,924	35.50%	4,610	8,167	56.44%	11,913	83,163	14.33%
South Coast	1,509	84,346	1.79%	1,509	64,815	2.33%	0	39,441	0.00%	0	23,146	0.00%	3,017	211,748	1.42%
Hunter	3,847	128,344	3.00%	1,631	90,543	1.80%	3,847	51,744	7.43%	2,391	31,336	7.63%	11,716	301,967	3.88%
Central Coast	0	61,050	0.00%	220	45,861	0.48%	2,792	27,203	10.26%	1,029	18,443	5.58%	4,041	152,558	2.65%
Southern Slopes and Plains	1,119	16,687	6.71%	418	13,441	3.11%	194	7,660	2.53%	97	4,062	2.39%	1,828	41,850	4.37%
Riverina Murray	164	51,999	0.32%	291	36,650	0.79%	792	20,625	3.84%	691	12,334	5.60%	1,939	121,608	1.59%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,588</b>	<b>544,334</b>	<b>1.39%</b>	<b>6,895</b>	<b>415,430</b>	<b>1.66%</b>	<b>16,922</b>	<b>244,094</b>	<b>6.93%</b>	<b>12,299</b>	<b>146,001</b>	<b>8.42%</b>	<b>43,705</b>	<b>1,349,859</b>	<b>3.24%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,807</b>	<b>1,533,455</b>	<b>0.97%</b>	<b>10,583</b>	<b>1,018,328</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>24,469</b>	<b>509,247</b>	<b>4.80%</b>	<b>17,710</b>	<b>299,773</b>	<b>5.91%</b>	<b>67,569</b>	<b>3,360,803</b>	<b>2.01%</b>



# 4

# QUEENSLAND

## 4.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Queensland is Australia's third largest state in terms of resident population with 4,722,447<sup>7</sup> persons or 20.1% 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 (52% of Queensland residents live in a non-metropolitan region). Bowls Queensland has six 'hub' regions, with twenty regions: Two hub regions in metropolitan Brisbane (plus the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast regions), and four country hub regions.

The Queensland hub regions for planning bowls development are:

### ❖ METROPOLITAN BRISBANE HUBS

- South East Queensland North
- South East Queensland South and West

### ❖ COUNTRY QUEENSLAND HUBS

- Wide Bay Burnett
- Downs Condamine Maranoa
- Central Queensland Whitsundays
- North and Far North Queensland

The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 4.1.

Census returns from the State and Queensland clubs has enabled reporting for 10 regions in 2015, within these hubs.

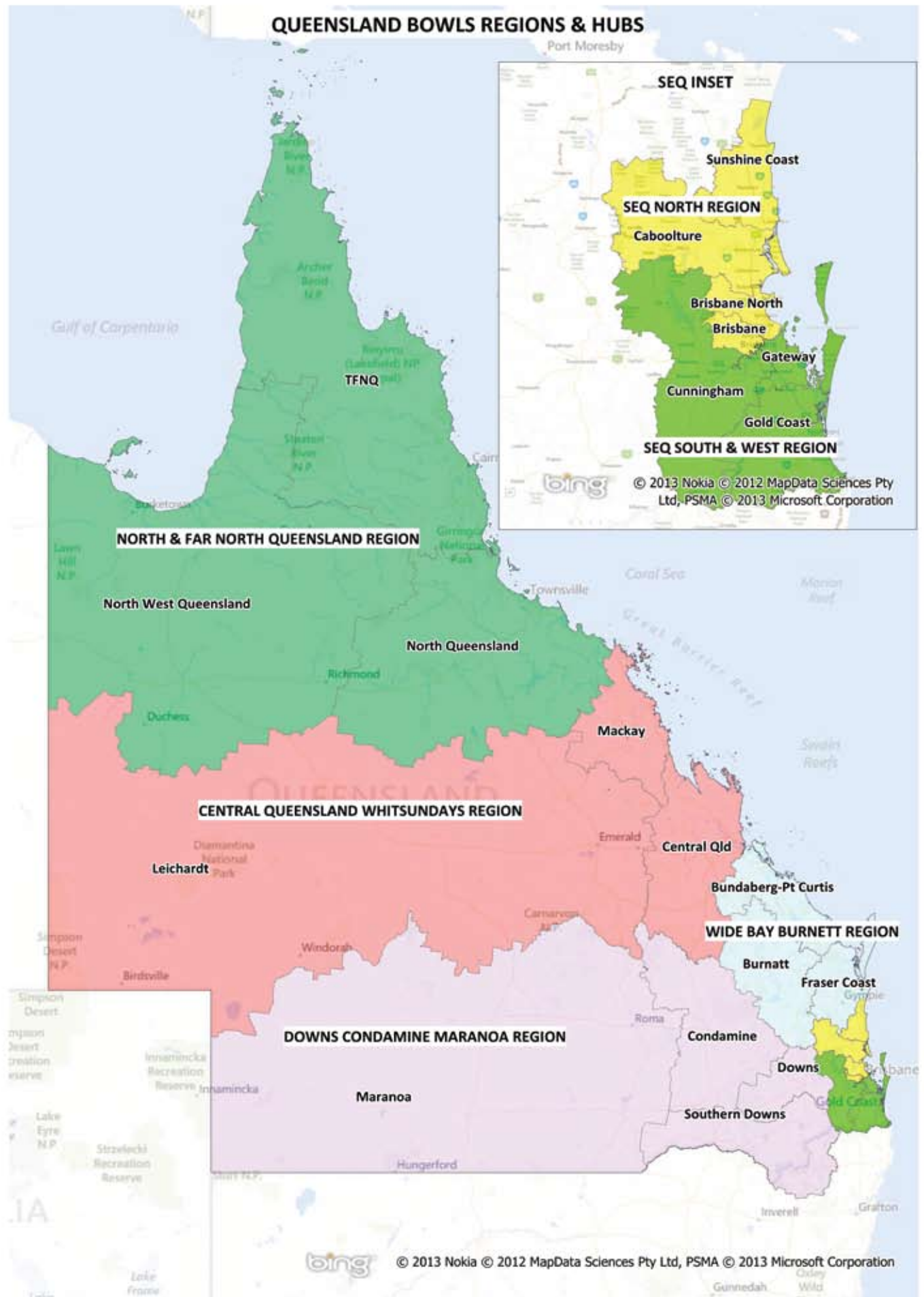
## 4.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2015, QUEENSLAND HAD:

- 37 bowls associations
- 321 bowls clubs
- 34,389 playing members
- 130,620 participants in all forms of bowls.

<sup>7</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015

## QUEENSLAND BOWLS REGIONS & HUBS



**The bowling clubs in each region in Queensland in 2015 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN BRISBANE SEQ North Hub**

Ashgrove Bowls Club  
Bardon Bowls Club  
Enoggera Bowls Club  
Everton Park Bowls Club  
Ferny Grove Bowls Club  
Gaythorne Bowls Club  
Grange Bowls Club  
Merthyr Bowls Club  
Newmarket Bowls Club  
Newfarm Bowls Club  
Red Hill/Ithica Bowls Club  
Samford Bowls Club  
Stafford Bowls Club  
St Luca Bowls Club  
Indooroopilly Bowls Club  
Toowong Bowls Club  
West Toowong Bowls Club  
Windsor Bowls Club  
Kilcoy Bowls Club  
Narangba Bowls Club  
Solander Lakes Bowls Club  
Woodford Bowls Club  
Beachmere Bowls Club  
Bongaree Bowls Club  
Bribie Island Bowls Club  
Caboolture Lakes Bowls Club  
Caboolture Memorial Bowls Club  
Donnybrook Bowls Club  
Glasshouse Country Bowls Club  
Aspley Bowls Club  
Banyo Bowls Club  
Bramble Bay Bowls Club  
Brighton Bowls Club  
Chermside Bowls Club  
Dayboro Bowls Club  
Deception Bay Bowls Club  
Geebung Bowls Club  
Hamilton Bowls Club  
Kallangur Bowls Club  
Pine Rivers Bowls Club  
Sandgate Bowls Club  
Scarborough Bowls Club  
Toombul Bowls Club  
Northern Suburbs Bowls Club  
Buderim Bowls Club  
Caloundra Bowls Club  
Coolum Beach Bowls Club  
Cooroy Bowls Club  
Headland Bowls Club  
Kawana Waters Bowls Club  
Maleny Bowls Club  
Mapleton Bowls Club  
Club Maroochydore Bowls Club  
Mooloolah Valley Bowls Club  
Mooloolaba Bowls Club  
Nambour Bowls Club

Nambour Heights Bowls Club  
Noosa Heads Bowls Club  
Pacific Paradise Bowls Club  
Palmwoods Bowls Club  
Pelican Waters Bowls Club  
Tewantin/Noosa Bowls Club  
Woombye Bowls Club  
Yandina Bowls Club

## **SEQ South and West Hub**

Bulimba Bowls Club  
Balmoral Bowls Club  
Belmont Services Bowls Club  
Camp Hill Bowls Club  
Cannon Hill Bowls Club  
Capalaba Bowls Club  
Carina Bowls Club  
Cleveland Bowls Club  
Coorparoo Bowls Club  
Greenslopes Bowls Club  
Holland Park Bowls Club  
Logan City Bowls Club  
Lynndon Bowls Club  
Macleay Island Bowls Club  
Manly Bowls Club  
Mt Gravatt Bowls Club  
Norman Park Bowls Club  
Point Lookout Bowls Club  
Redlands Bowls Club  
Russel Island Bowls Club  
Springwood Bowls Club  
Wellington Point Bowls Club  
Wynnum Bowls Club  
Wynnum Leagues Bowls Club  
Algester Bowls Club  
RAAF Amberley Bowls Club  
Boonah Bowls Club  
Cementco Bowls Club  
Corinda Bowls Club  
Durack-Inala Bowls Club  
Esk Bowls Club  
Goodna Bowls Club  
Graceville Bowls Club  
Harrisville Bowls Club  
North Ipswich Bowls Club  
I.U.S. Bowls Club  
Ipswich Bowls Club  
Jindalee Bowls Club  
Lowood Bowls Club  
Moorooka Bowls Club  
Mount Crosby Bowls Club  
Oley Bowls Club  
Rathdowney Bowls Club  
Rosewood Bowls Club  
Salisbury Bowls Club  
Souths Acacia Bowls Club  
Sunnybank Bowls Club  
Swifts Bowls Club  
Tarragindi Bowls Club  
Toogoolawah Bowls Club

Wellers Hill Bowls Club  
Yeronga Bowls Club  
Beaudesert Bowls Club  
Beenleigh Bowls Club  
Benowa Bowls Club  
Broadbeach Bowls Club  
Burleigh Heads Bowls Club  
Canungra Bowls Club  
Coolangatta Bowls Club  
Gold Coast Lawn Bowls Club  
Helensvale Bowls Club  
Sapphire Gardens Bowls Club  
McKenzie Park Bowls Club  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club  
Mudgeeraba Bowls Club  
Musgrave Hill Bowls Club  
Paradise Point Bowls Club  
Robina Bowls Club  
Southport Bowls Club  
Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club  
Tugun Bowls Club  
Tweed Heads Bowls Club  
South Tweed Bowls Club  
Twin Towns Bowls Club  
Woongoolba Bowls Club

## **North and Far North Hub**

Atherton Bowls Club  
Babinda Bowls Club  
Cairns Bowls Club  
West Cairns Bowls Club  
Cardwell Bowls Club  
Cooktown Bowls Club  
Dimbulah Bowls Club  
Edge Hill Bowls Club  
Brothers Edmonton Bowls Club  
Gordonvale Bowls Club  
Herberton Bowls Club  
Innisfail Bowls Club  
Malanda Bowls Club  
Marlin Coast Bowls Club  
Mareeba Bowls Club  
Mossman Bowls Club  
Ravenshoe Bowls Club  
Silkwood Bowls Club  
South Johnstone Bowls Club  
Stratford Bowls Club  
Thursday Island Bowls Club  
Tully Bowls Club  
Weipa Bowls Club  
Yungaburra Bowls Club  
Alligator Creek Bowls Club  
Ayr Bowls Club  
Bowen Bowls Club  
Brandon Bowls Club  
Services Memorial Bowls Club  
Charters Towers Bowls Club  
Clinsville Bowls Club  
Cutheringa Bowls Club  
Giru Bowls Club

Home Hill Bowls Club  
 Hughenden Bowls Club  
 Ingham Bowls Club  
 Jubilee Bowls Club  
 Macknade Bowls Club  
 Magnetic Island Bowls Club  
 Mystic Sands Bowls Club  
 Noorla Bowls Club  
 Thuringowa Bowls Club  
 Suburban Bowls Club  
 Townsville Bowls Club  
 South Townsville Bowls Club  
 Wangaratta Bowls Club  
 Cloncurry Bowls Club  
 Leichardt Services Bowls Club  
 Mount Isa Bowls Club  
 Normanton Bowls Club  
 Richmond Bowls Club

## Central Queensland Whitsundays Hub

Aramac Bowls Club  
 Barcaldine Bowls Club  
 Blackwater Bowls Club  
 Blackall Bowls Club  
 Capella Bowls Club  
 Clermont Bowls Club  
 Dysart Bowls Club  
 Emerald Bowls Club  
 Longreach Bowls Club  
 Middlemount Bowls Club  
 Springsure Bowls Club  
 Tieri Bowls Club  
 Winton Bowls Club  
 Baralaba Bowls Club  
 Dee Bowls Club  
 Diggers Memorial Bowls Club  
 Emu Park Bowls Club  
 Gracemere Bowls Club  
 Mount Morgan Bowls Club  
 Moura Bowls Club  
 Rockhampton Bowls Club  
 North Rockhampton Bowls Club  
 St Lawrence Bowls Club  
 Theodore Bowls Club  
 Victoria Park Bowls Club  
 Wowan Bowls Club  
 Yepoon Bowls Club  
 Airlie Beach Bowls Club  
 Glenden Bowls Club  
 Mackay Bowls Club  
 North Mackay Bowls Club  
 Mackay RSL Bowls Club  
 Mackay City Bowls Club  
 Marian Bowls Club  
 Mackay Suburban Bowls Club  
 Moranbah Bowls Club  
 Northern Beaches Bowls Club  
 Pioneer Valley Bowls Club  
 Proserpine Bowls Club  
 Sarina Bowls Club  
 Seaforth Bowls Club  
 St Helens Bowls Club

## Wide Bay Burnett Hub

Biggenden Bowls Club  
 Binjour Bowls Club  
 Durong Bowls Club  
 Eidsvold Bowls Club  
 Gayndah Bowls Club  
 Goomeri Bowls Club  
 Kingaroy Bowls Club  
 Monto Bowls Club  
 Mundubberra Bowls Club  
 Murgon Bowls Club  
 Nanango Bowls Club  
 Preston Bowls Club  
 Tansey Bowls Club  
 Wondai Bowls Club  
 Yarraman Bowls Club  
 Albert Bowls Club  
 B-Sandy Straits Bowls Club  
 Burgowan Bowls Club  
 Burrum Heads Bowls Club  
 Cooloola Coast Bowls Club  
 Doon Villa Bowls Club  
 Gympie Bowls Club  
 Hervey Bay Bowls Club  
 Imbil Bowls Club  
 Kandanga Bowls Club  
 Kenilworth Bowls Club  
 Kilkivan Bowls Club  
 Maryborough Bowls Club  
 Pialba Bowls Club  
 Pomona Bowls Club  
 Rainbow Beach Bowls Club  
 Services Memorial Bowls Club  
 Tin Can Bay Bowls Club  
 Urangan Bowls Club  
 Across the Waves Bowls Club  
 Alumina Bowls Club  
 Bargara Bowls Club  
 Biloela Bowls Club  
 Boyne Tannum Bowls Club  
 Brothers Bundaberg Bowls Club  
 Bundaberg Bowls Club  
 Burnett Bowls Club  
 Calliope Country Bowls Club  
 Calliope Central Bowls Club  
 East Bundaberg Bowls Club  
 Elliot Heads Bowls Club  
 Gin Gin Bowls Club  
 Gladstone Bowls Club  
 Isis Central Mill Bowls Club  
 Miriam Vale Bowls Club  
 Mount Larcom Bowls Club  
 Moore Park Bowls Club  
 1770 Bowls Club  
 Woodgate Bowls Club

## Downs Condamine Maranoa

Clifton Bowls Club  
 Goondiwindi Bowls Club  
 Inglewood Bowls Club  
 Killarney Bowls Club  
 Southern Cross Bowls Club  
 Stanthorpe Bowls Club  
 The Summitt Bowls Club  
 Tannymorel Bowls Club  
 Tenterfield Bowls Club  
 Texas Bowls Club  
 Warwick Bowls Club  
 Warwick East Bowls Club  
 Bell Bowls Club  
 Chinchilla Bowls Club  
 Dalby Bowls Club  
 North Dalby Bowls Club  
 Jandowae Bowls Club  
 Miles Bowls Club  
 Meandarra Bowls Club  
 Tara Bowls Club  
 Taroom Bowls Club  
 Wandoan Bowls Club  
 Augethella Bowls Club  
 Charleville Bowls Club  
 Cunnumulla Bowls Club  
 Injune Bowls Club  
 Mitchell Bowls Club  
 Quilpie Bowls Club  
 Roma Bowls Club  
 St George Bowls Club  
 Surat Bowls Club  
 Crows Nest Bowls Club  
 Drayton Bowls Club  
 Gatton Bowls Club  
 Cambooya Ladies Bowls Club  
 Laidley Bowls Club  
 Millmerran Bowls Club  
 Oakey Bowls Club  
 Peranga Bowls Club  
 Pittsworth Bowls Club  
 Toowoomba City Bowls Club  
 Toowoomba Bowls Club  
 North Toowoomba Bowls Club  
 South Toowoomba Bowls Club  
 West Toowoomba Bowls Club

Table 4.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 34,389 playing members and 62,597 non-playing members in Queensland.

**Of the 96,986 bowls club members in Queensland,**

- 19.2% were registered pennant playing members
- 16.3% were non-pennant playing members
- 64.5% were non-playing members
- 71.8% of members were located in country Queensland.

**TABLE 4.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS QUEENSLAND, 2015**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
SEQ, North Brisbane	43	4,259	2,022	6,281	6,536	12,817
SEQ, South and West Brisbane	50	3,083	2,448	5,531	8,987	14,518
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7,342</b>	<b>4,470</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>15,523</b>	<b>27,335</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Gold Coast	23	3,763	1,408	5,171	18,974	24,145
Sunshine Coast	19	1,612	2,246	3,858	8,246	12,104
Bundaberg Port Curtis	20	1,097	761	1,858	3,612	5,470
Burnett	14	205	312	517	420	938
Fraser Coast	19	1,161	984	2,145	956	3,101
Central Queensland and Whitsundays	41	1,328	1,670	2,998	2,805	5,802
Downs, Condamine, Maranoa	42	943	1,975	2,918	48	2,966
North and Far North	50	1,169	1,943	3,112	12,013	15,125
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>11,279</b>	<b>11,299</b>	<b>22,577</b>	<b>47,074</b>	<b>69,651</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>15,769</b>	<b>34,389</b>	<b>62,597</b>	<b>96,986</b>

Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 130,620 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Queensland during 2015.

Specifically:

- The greatest participation segment in Queensland was social bowls programs, with 64.4% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 58.7% of all bowls participation in Queensland.
- Participation in country Queensland (97,433) is considerably higher than metropolitan participation (33,187).

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

Regional rankings for Queensland regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 4.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

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.

Bowls participant to population rates show the extent to which people in each age group and in each region are involved in bowls.

For Queensland the participant to population rates are presented in Tables 4.4 to 4.6.

Queensland regions with the highest apparent participant to population rates in 2015 were:

- Fraser Coast
- Bundaberg Port Curtis
- Sunshine Coast

The regions with the lowest participant to population rates were:

- SEQ, South and West Brisbane
- Downs, Condamine, Maranoa
- SEQ, North Brisbane.

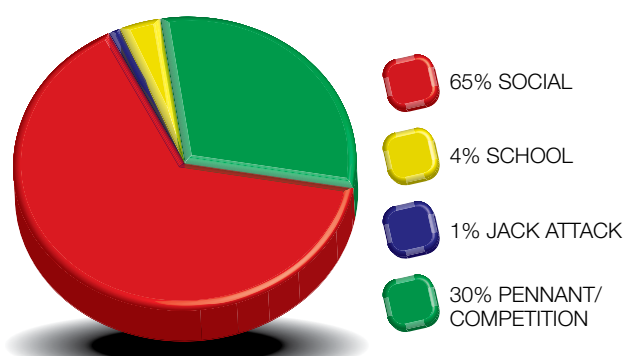
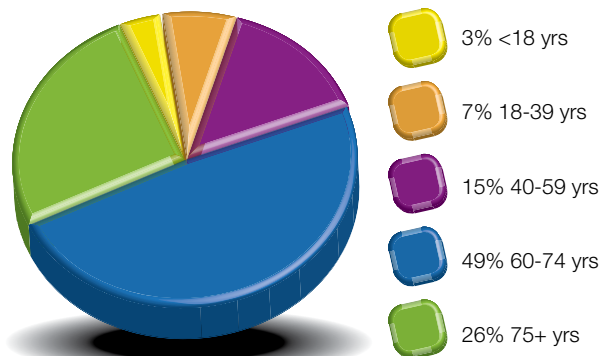
The overall participant to population rate in Queensland was 3.07%, the rate in country Queensland was 4.20% and in metropolitan Brisbane (including the Gold and Sunshine Coasts) it was 1.71%.

**TABLE 4.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN QUEENSLAND, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack 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>															
SEQ, North Brisbane	3,540	1,768	5,308	6,571	5,240	11,811	0	0	0	835	276	1,111	10,947	7,284	18,230
SEQ, South and West Brisbane	3,765	2,881	6,646	3,865	2,190	6,056	860	440	1,300	793	162	956	9,283	5,673	14,957
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>4,649</b>	<b>11,954</b>	<b>10,437</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>17,867</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>20,230</b>	<b>12,957</b>	<b>33,187</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast	2,814	2,117	4,931	6,013	4,596	10,608	0	0	0	287	287	573	9,114	6,999	16,112
Sunshine Coast	2,360	1,070	3,430	6,013	4,295	10,308	0	0	0	191	119	311	8,564	5,485	14,049
Bundaberg Port Curtis	2,556	1,581	4,138	3,780	859	4,639	115	115	229	721	645	1,366	7,172	3,200	10,372
Burnett	970	401	1,371	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	76	143	1,037	478	1,515
Fraser Coast	2,609	1,400	4,009	7,301	6,442	13,744	0	0	0	287	201	488	10,197	8,043	18,240
Central Qld & Whitsundays	3,211	1,811	5,021	3,393	3,049	6,442	0	0	0	253	186	440	6,857	5,047	11,903
Downs, Condamine, Maranoa	258	282	540	1,933	1,890	3,822	0	0	0	84	65	149	2,275	2,237	4,511
North and Far North	2,681	1,163	3,844	8,428	8,259	16,687	0	0	0	100	100	200	11,209	9,522	20,730
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17,459</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>27,284</b>	<b>36,860</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>66,250</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>56,424</b>	<b>41,009</b>	<b>97,433</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,764</b>	<b>14,473</b>	<b>39,238</b>	<b>47,297</b>	<b>36,820</b>	<b>84,117</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>76,654</b>	<b>53,966</b>	<b>130,620</b>

**TABLE 4.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF QUEENSLAND HUB REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**

	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
	Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
North and Far North	3,112	12,013	15,125	3,844	16,887	20,730	7
Fraser Coast	2,145	956	3,101	4,009	14,232	18,240	11
SEQ, North Brisbane	6,281	6,536	12,817	5,308	12,922	18,230	12
Gold Coast	5,171	18,974	24,145	4,931	11,181	16,112	13
SEQ, South and West Brisbane	5,531	8,987	14,518	6,646	8,312	14,957	15
Sunshine Coast	3,858	8,246	12,104	3,430	10,619	14,049	17
Central Qld & Whitsundays	2,998	2,805	5,802	5,021	6,882	11,903	21
Bundaberg Port Curtis	1,858	3,612	5,470	4,138	6,234	10,372	24
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	2,918	48	2,966	540	3,971	4,511	46
Burnett	517	420	938	1,371	143	1,515	62

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

**FIGURE 4.3 PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP, QUEENSLAND**


**TABLE 4.4 TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
SEQ, North Brisbane	1,261	429,870	0.29%	1,497	244,048	0.61%	8,762	114,086	7.68%	6,710	53,500	12.54%	18,230	841,504	2.17%
SEQ, Sth & West Brisbane	1,931	572,605	0.34%	1,363	323,099	0.42%	7,169	139,208	5.15%	4,494	60,545	7.42%	14,957	1,095,456	1.37%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>1,002,475</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>567,147</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>15,958</b>	<b>253,294</b>	<b>6.30%</b>	<b>10,996</b>	<b>114,045</b>	<b>9.64%</b>	<b>33,187</b>	<b>1,936,960</b>	<b>1.71%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast	596	297,095	0.20%	2,255	186,745	1.21%	9,354	98,608	9.49%	3,908	46,314	8.44%	16,112	628,761	2.56%
Sunshine Coast	291	116,968	0.25%	2,755	89,623	3.07%	7,147	53,104	13.46%	3,856	25,774	14.96%	14,049	285,469	4.92%
Bundaberg Port Curtis	1,015	66,519	1.53%	1,249	46,382	2.69%	5,737	25,293	22.68%	2,370	10,196	23.25%	10,372	148,390	6.99%
Burnett	152	15,925	0.95%	317	11,969	2.65%	656	8,372	7.83%	391	3,303	11.83%	1,515	39,570	3.83%
Fraser Coast	415	53,521	0.78%	1,126	43,074	2.61%	10,856	31,615	34.34%	5,843	12,578	46.45%	18,240	140,788	12.96%
Central Qld & Whitsundays	2,295	151,280	1.52%	1,952	95,540	2.04%	5,667	38,989	14.53%	1,990	15,929	12.49%	11,903	301,738	3.94%
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	1,266	127,824	0.99%	1,197	82,971	1.44%	1,358	45,982	2.95%	691	21,146	3.27%	4,511	277,922	1.62%
North and Far North	2,917	248,806	1.17%	5,511	153,679	3.59%	8,362	67,176	12.45%	3,940	25,194	15.64%	20,730	494,854	4.19%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,730</b>	<b>1,077,938</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>16,804</b>	<b>709,983</b>	<b>2.37%</b>	<b>48,230</b>	<b>369,139</b>	<b>13.07%</b>	<b>22,669</b>	<b>160,434</b>	<b>14.13%</b>	<b>97,433</b>	<b>2,317,493</b>	<b>4.20%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,070</b>	<b>2,080,412</b>	<b>0.63%</b>	<b>19,202</b>	<b>1,277,130</b>	<b>1.50%</b>	<b>64,114</b>	<b>622,433</b>	<b>10.30%</b>	<b>34,234</b>	<b>274,479</b>	<b>12.47%</b>	<b>130,620</b>	<b>4,254,454</b>	<b>3.07%</b>

**TABLE 4.5 MALE PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
SEQ, North Brisbane	734	214,892	0.34%	970	119,258	0.81%	5,293	55,553	9.53%	3,949	21,673	18.22%	10,947	411,376	2.66%
SEQ, Sth & West Brisbane	1,547	287,716	0.54%	914	157,973	0.58%	4,190	68,756	6.09%	2,632	24,656	10.68%	9,283	539,102	1.72%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>502,608</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>277,231</b>	<b>0.69%</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>124,308</b>	<b>7.59%</b>	<b>6,456</b>	<b>46,330</b>	<b>13.94%</b>	<b>20,230</b>	<b>950,477</b>	<b>2.13%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast	343	147,525	0.23%	1,336	89,723	1.49%	5,174	48,291	10.71%	2,261	20,138	11.23%	9,114	305,677	2.98%
Sunshine Coast	189	57,891	0.33%	1,621	42,105	3.85%	4,134	25,680	16.10%	2,621	11,405	22.98%	8,564	137,082	6.25%
Bundaberg Port Curtis	856	33,666	2.54%	904	23,268	3.88%	3,937	12,994	30.30%	1,475	4,693	31.43%	7,172	74,621	9.61%
Burnett	106	7,795	1.36%	197	5,899	3.34%	491	4,394	11.16%	243	1,574	15.42%	1,037	19,662	5.27%
Fraser Coast	280	26,449	1.06%	766	20,444	3.75%	5,584	16,041	34.81%	3,567	5,917	60.29%	10,197	68,852	14.81%
Central Qld & Whitsundays	1,354	78,039	1.74%	1,226	49,940	2.46%	3,167	20,471	15.47%	1,109	6,949	15.96%	6,857	155,400	4.41%
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	758	63,861	1.19%	643	40,850	1.57%	689	22,949	3.00%	184	9,067	2.03%	2,275	136,726	1.66%
North and Far North	1,376	125,102	1.10%	3,117	77,619	4.02%	4,261	35,258	12.09%	2,454	11,313	21.69%	11,209	249,292	4.50%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>540,329</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>349,849</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>26,860</b>	<b>186,079</b>	<b>14.43%</b>	<b>13,503</b>	<b>71,056</b>	<b>19.00%</b>	<b>56,424</b>	<b>1,147,312</b>	<b>4.92%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,325</b>	<b>1,042,937</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>11,851</b>	<b>627,080</b>	<b>1.89%</b>	<b>36,259</b>	<b>310,387</b>	<b>11.68%</b>	<b>20,219</b>	<b>117,385</b>	<b>17.22%</b>	<b>76,654</b>	<b>2,097,789</b>	<b>3.65%</b>

**TABLE 4.6 FEMALE PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN QUEENSLAND REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
SEQ, North Brisbane	527	214,978	0.25%	527	124,790	0.42%	3,469	58,533	5.93%	2,761	31,827	8.67%	7,284	430,128	1.69%
SEQ, Sth & West Brisbane	383	284,889	0.13%	449	165,126	0.27%	2,979	70,452	4.23%	1,862	35,888	5.19%	5,673	556,355	1.02%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>499,867</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>289,915</b>	<b>0.34%</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>128,985</b>	<b>5.06%</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>67,715</b>	<b>6.70%</b>	<b>12,957</b>	<b>986,483</b>	<b>1.31%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Gold Coast	253	149,569	0.17%	918	97,022	0.95%	4,180	50,316	8.31%	1,647	26,176	6.29%	6,999	323,084	2.17%
Sunshine Coast	102	59,077	0.17%	1,134	47,517	2.39%	3,013	27,425	10.99%	1,236	14,369	8.60%	5,485	148,388	3.70%
Bundaberg Port Curtis	159	32,854	0.48%	345	23,114	1.49%	1,801	12,299	14.64%	896	5,503	16.28%	3,200	73,769	4.34%
Burnett	46	8,130	0.56%	119	6,071	1.97%	165	3,978	4.15%	148	1,729	8.55%	478	19,908	2.40%
Fraser Coast	135	27,072	0.50%	360	22,629	1.59%	5,272	15,574	33.85%	2,275	6,662	34.16%	8,043	71,937	11.18%
Central Qld & Whitsundays	940	73,241	1.28%	726	45,599	1.59%	2,499	18,517	13.50%	881	8,980	9.81%	5,047	146,338	3.45%
Downs/Condamine/Maranoa	507	63,963	0.79%	553	42,121	1.31%	669	23,033	2.90%	507	12,079	4.20%	2,237	141,196	1.58%
North and Far North	1,541	123,703	1.25%	2,394	76,060	3.15%	4,100	31,918	12.85%	1,486	13,881	10.71%	9,522	245,562	3.88%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>537,609</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>360,134</b>	<b>1.82%</b>	<b>21,370</b>	<b>183,060</b>	<b>11.67%</b>	<b>9,166</b>	<b>89,378</b>	<b>10.25%</b>	<b>41,009</b>	<b>1,170,181</b>	<b>3.50%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>1,037,476</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>650,050</b>	<b>1.13%</b>	<b>27,856</b>	<b>312,045</b>	<b>8.93%</b>	<b>14,015</b>	<b>157,094</b>	<b>8.92%</b>	<b>53,966</b>	<b>2,156,664</b>	<b>2.50%</b>



# 5 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## 5.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

South Australia is Australia's fifth most populous state with 1,685,714<sup>8</sup> residents or 7.2% of the Australian population. Bowls South Australia has four identified regions in metropolitan Adelaide, and eight country regions.

The South Australian regions for the 2015 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

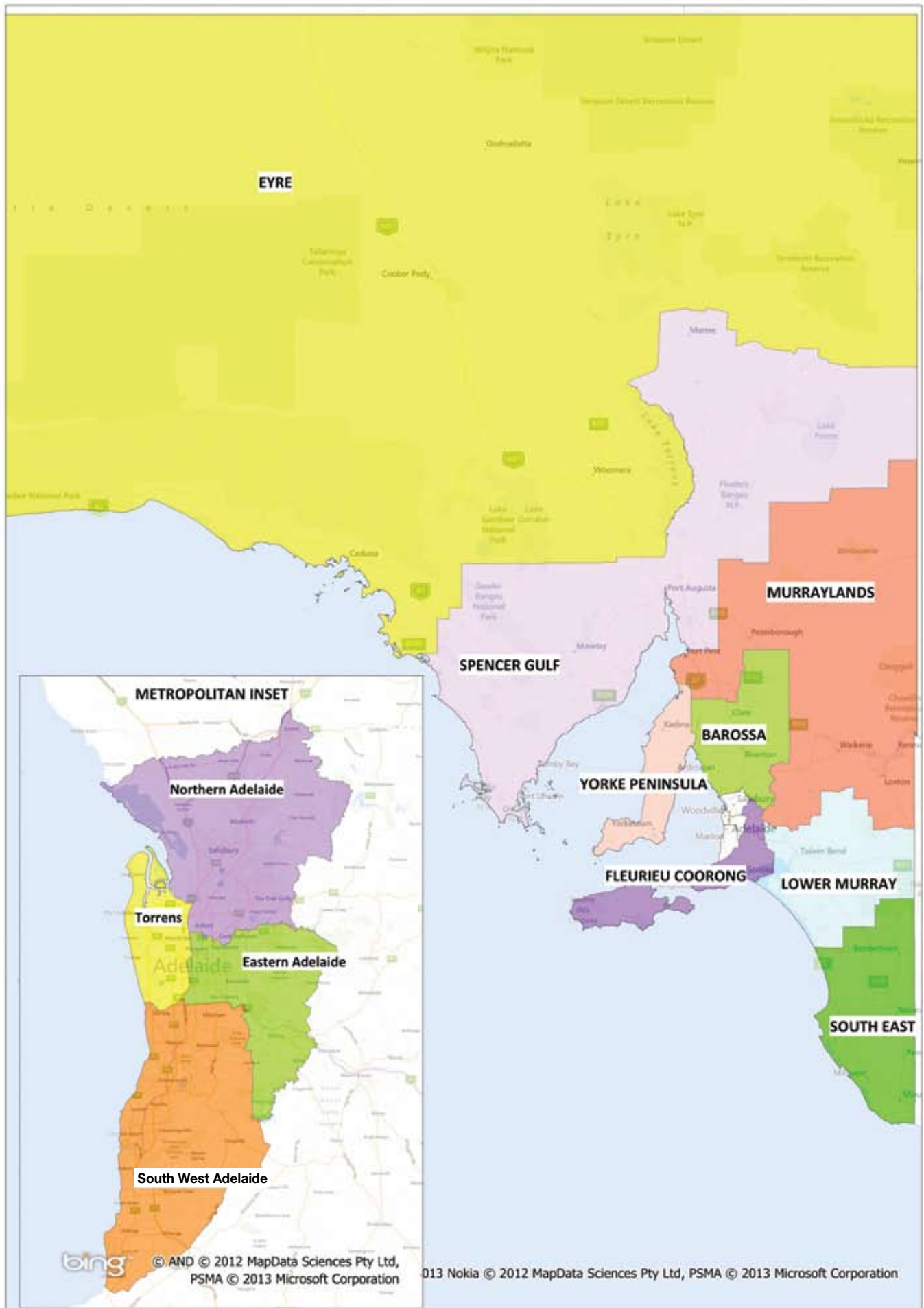
The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 5.1.

## 5.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2015 SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAD

- 220 bowls clubs
- 22,961 playing and non-playing members
- 36,563 participants in all forms of bowls

<sup>8</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



## The bowling clubs in each region in South Australia in 2015 are as follows:

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide Bowling Club  
Adelaide High OS Bowling Club  
Adelaide Oval Bowling Club  
Aldinga Bay Bowling Club Inc  
Ascot Park Bowling Club  
Beaumont Bowling Club  
Blackwood Bowling Club  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Christies Beach Bowling Club  
Clarence Gardens Bowling Club  
Clarendon Bowling Club  
Clearview Bowling Club  
Croydon Bowling Club Inc  
Edwardstown Bowling Club  
Elizabeth Bowling Club  
Gawler Bowling Club Inc  
Glenelg Bowling Club  
Grange Bowling Club  
Happy Valley Bowling Club Inc  
Hawthorn Bowling Club  
Henley Bowling Club  
Hindmarsh Bowling Club  
Holdfast Bay Bowling Club  
Hope Valley Bowling Club Inc  
Kensington/Marryatville Bowling Club  
Lockleys Bowling Club Inc  
Marion Bowling Club Inc  
Marion RSL Bowling Club  
McLaren Flat Bowling Club  
McLaren Vale Bowling Club  
Millswood Bowling Club  
Modbury Bowling Club  
Morphett Vale Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
Munno Para Bowling Club  
Novar Gardens Bowling Club  
Para Hills Bowling Club Inc  
Payneham Bowling Club Inc  
Penfield Bowling Club Inc  
Port Adelaide Bowling Club  
Port Noarlunga Soldiers Memorial Bowling Green Inc  
Prospect-Broadview Bowling Club  
Reade Park Bowling Club Inc  
Reynella Community Centre Bowling Club  
Rosewater Bowling Club Inc

Salisbury Bowling Club  
Semaphore Bowling Club Inc  
Somerton Bowling Club Inc  
Sturt Bowling Club Inc  
Toorak Burnside Bowling Club  
Tranmere Bowling Club  
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club  
Underdale Airport Bowling Club  
Uraidla Bowling Club  
Walkerville Bowling Club  
West Croydon & Kilkenny RSL Bowls Club  
West Lakes Bowling Club  
Willunga Bowling Club Inc  
Woodville Bowling Club Inc  
Alford Bowling Club  
Angaston Bowling Club  
Ardrossan Bowling Club  
Arno Bay Bowling Club Inc  
Arthurton Bowling Club Inc  
Auburn Bowling Club  
Balaklava Bowling Club  
Barmera Bowling Club  
Beachport Bowling Club  
Berri Bowling Club Inc  
BHAS Bowling Club  
Birchmore Bowling Club Inc  
Blanchetown Bowling Club  
Blyth Bowling Club  
Booborowie Bowling Club  
Booleroo Centre Bowling Club  
Bordertown Bowling Club  
Brinkworth Bowling Club  
Broken Hill Bowling Club Ltd  
Burra Bowling Club  
Bute Bowling Club  
Cadell Bowling Club Inc  
Caltowie Bowling Club Inc  
Ceduna & Districts Bowling Club Inc  
Clare Bowling Club Inc  
Cleve & District Bowling Club  
Coffin Bay Bowling Club Inc  
Coonalpyn Bowling Club  
Cowell & District Bowling Club Inc  
Crystal Brook Bowling Club  
Cummins Bowling Club  
Curramulka Bowling Club Inc  
Edithburgh RSL and Bowling Club

Encounter Bay Bowling Club  
ETSA Bowling & Croquet Club Inc  
Eudunda Bowling Club  
Frances Bowling Club  
Freeling Bowling Club  
Georgetown Memorial Bowling Club  
Geranium & District Bowling Club  
Gladstone Bowling Club Inc  
Goolwa Bowling Club Inc  
Gulnare Bowling Club  
Gumeracha District Bowling Club  
Hahndorf Bowling Club  
Hallett Bowling Club Inc  
Hamley Bridge Bowling Club  
Hawker Bowling Club  
Iron Knob Bowling Club Inc  
Jamestown Bowling Club Inc  
Jervois Bowling Club Inc  
Kadina Bowling Club  
Kalangadoo Bowling Club  
Kapunda Bowling Club Inc  
Karoonda & District Bowling Club Inc  
Keith Bowling Club Inc  
Kimba Bowling Club  
Kingscote Bowling Club Inc  
Kingston SE Bowling Club Inc  
Kirtan Bowling Club  
Koolunga Bowling Club Inc  
Lameroo Bowling Club Inc  
Langhorne Creek Bowling Club  
Laura Bowling Club  
Lenswood Bowling Club Inc  
Lobethal Bowling Club Inc  
Lock Bowling Club Inc  
Loxton District Bowling Club Inc  
Loxton RSL District Bowling Club Inc  
Lucindale War Memorial Bowling Club  
Lyndoch & Districts Bowling Club Inc  
Lyrup Club Bowling Club  
Maitland Bowling Club Inc  
Mallala Bowling Club Inc  
Mannum Bowling Club  
Meadows Bowling Club  
Melrose Bowling Club Inc  
Meningie Bowling Club  
Milang Bowling Club  
Millicent Bowling Club  
Minlaton Bowling Club Inc

Minnipa Bowling Club Inc  
 Mintaro Bowling Club Inc  
 Monash Bowling Club  
 Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club Inc  
 Moorook Bowling Club  
 Morgan Bowling Club Inc  
 Mount Barker Bowling Club Inc  
 Mount Gambier Bowls Club Inc  
 Mount Gambier RSL Bowling Club  
 Mount Pleasant Bowling Club  
 Mundoorra Bowling Club  
 Mundulla Bowling Club Inc  
 Murray Bridge Bowling Club Inc  
 Murray Bridge RSL Bowling Club  
 Murrayville & RSL Bowling Club Inc  
 Myponga Bowling Club Inc  
 Naracoorte Bowls Club Inc  
 Naracoorte RSL & District Bowling Club  
 North Broken Hill Bowling Club Inc  
 Nuriootpa Bowling Club Inc  
 Oakbank Bowling Club Inc  
 Orroroo Bowling Club Inc  
 Owen Bowling Club Inc  
 Padthaway Bowling Club  
 Parilla Bowling Club Inc  
 Parndana Bowling Club  
 Paskeville Bowling Club  
 Penola Bowling Club Inc  
 Peterborough Bowling Club  
 Pinnaroo Bowling Club Inc  
 Poochera & District Bowling Club  
 Port Augusta Bowling Club Inc  
 Port Broughton Bowling Club  
 Port Elliot Bowling Club  
 Port Germein Bowling Club  
 Port Lincoln Bowling Club Inc  
 Port MacDonnell & District Bowling Club Inc  
 Port Neill Bowling Club Inc  
 Port Pirie Bowling Club  
 Port Victoria Bowling Club Inc  
 Port Vincent Memorial Bowling Club Inc  
 Port Wakefield Bowling Club  
 Quorn Bowling Club Inc  
 Redhill Bowling Club  
 Renmark Bowling Club  
 Renmark RSL & District Bowling Club Inc  
 Riverton Bowling Club

Robe Bowling Club Inc  
 Robertstown Bowling Club  
 Roxby Downs Bowling Club  
 Saddleworth Bowling Club  
 Snowtown Bowling Club  
 Spalding Memorial Bowling Club  
 Stansbury Bowling Club  
 Strathalbyn Bowling Club Inc  
 Streaky Bay Bowling Club Inc  
 Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club  
 Taillem Bend Bowling Club  
 Tanunda Bowling Club Inc  
 Tarlee Bowling Club  
 Tintinara Bowling Club Inc  
 Tumby Bay Bowling Club  
 Two Wells Bowling Club Inc  
 Victor Harbor Bowling Club

Waikerie Bowling Club Inc  
 Wallaroo Bowling Club Inc  
 Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club  
 Warooka Bowling Club  
 Wasleys Bowling Club  
 Watervale Bowling Club Inc  
 Whyalla Bowling Club Inc  
 Whyalla Golf Bowling Club  
 Wilmington Bowling Club  
 Wirrabara Bowling Club  
 Wirrulla Bowling Club  
 Woodside Bowling Club  
 Wudinna & District Bowling Club Inc  
 Yacka Bowling Club  
 Yankalilla Bowling Club  
 Yorketown Bowling Club  
 Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Inc



Table 5.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 19,120 playing members and 3,841 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 19,586 bowls club members in South Australia,**

- 63.2% were registered pennant playing members
- 17.2% were non-pennant playing members
- 19.6% were non-playing members
- 56.8% of members were located in country South Australia.

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

- Northern Adelaide
- Eastern Adelaide
- Adelaide South West
- Lower Murray.

**TABLE 5.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	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	1,169	360	1,528	1,039	2,568
Eastern Adelaide	12	1,005	308	1,312	1,058	2,370
Adelaide South West	15	927	699	1,625	268	1,894
Adelaide Torrens	14	1,180	205	1,384	250	1,634
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>8,466</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
South East	19	940	59	999	213	1,212
Yorke Peninsula	19	954	335	1,288	152	1,440
Spencer Gulf	24	1,086	203	1,288	177	1,465
Murraylands	24	1,409	108	1,517	17	1,534
Eyre	17	687	299	987	136	1,123
Lower Murray	22	1,214	279	1,493	305	1,798
Coorong-Fleurieu	17	806	362	1,167	136	1,303
Barossa	25	994	160	1,154	90	1,244
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>8,090</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>9,895</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>11,120</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>15,745</b>	<b>3,841</b>	<b>19,586</b>

Table 5.2 and Figure 5.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 36,563 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in South Australia during 2015.

Specifically:

- The greatest participation segment in South Australia was pennant and competition bowls,

with 65.9% of participants.

- Male participation makes up 64.4% of all bowls participation in South Australia.
- Participation in country South Australia (19,104) is higher than metropolitan participation (17,459) and the largest regions for bowls participation are the Adelaide South West, North Adelaide and Adelaide Torrens metropolitan

regions and Coorong-Fleurieu in the country.

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

Regional rankings for South Australian regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 5.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

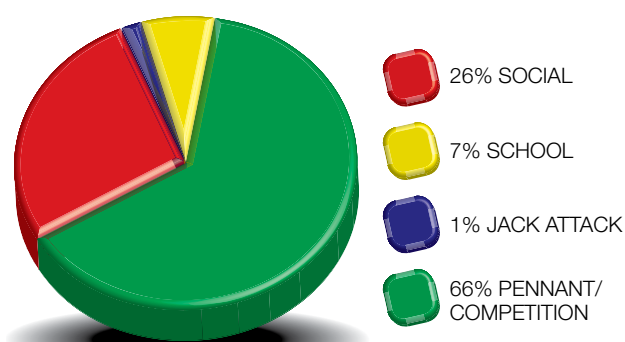
**TABLE 5.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack 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 Adelaide	1,747	818	2,566	865	550	1,415	0	0	0	390	260	650	3,002	1,628	4,631
Eastern Adelaide	1,452	492	1,944	691	460	1,151	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,143	952	3,095
Adelaide South West	2,824	1,131	3,954	660	445	1,105	100	68	168	255	155	410	3,839	1,799	5,637
Adelaide Torrens	1,200	496	1,696	995	900	1,895	55	35	90	270	145	415	2,520	1,576	4,096
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>2,937</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>11,504</b>	<b>5,955</b>	<b>17,459</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	576	298	874	600	445	1,045	0	0	0	200	185	385	1,376	928	2,304
Yorke Peninsula	1,539	931	2,470	191	127	318	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,730	1,058	2,788
Spencer Gulf	975	597	1,572	286	190	476	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,261	787	2,048
Murraylands	734	401	1,135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	734	401	1,135
Eyre	1,377	833	2,210	197	131	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,574	964	2,538
Lower Murray	1,408	633	2,041	345	200	545	0	0	0	160	125	285	1,913	958	2,871
Coorong-Fleurieu	1,475	769	2,244	555	400	955	0	0	0	170	165	335	2,200	1,334	3,534
Barossa	933	442	1,375	307	205	512	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,241	646	1,887
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,017</b>	<b>4,903</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>12,028</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>19,104</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>24,080</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>4,054</b>	<b>9,745</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>23,531</b>	<b>13,032</b>	<b>36,563</b>

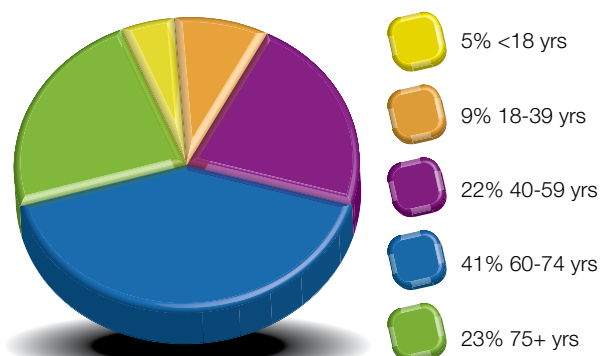
**TABLE 5.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**

	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
	Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
Adelaide South West	1,625	268	1,894	3,954	1,683	5,637	37
Northern Adelaide	1,528	1,039	2,568	2,566	2,065	4,631	45
Adelaide Torrens	1,384	250	1,634	1,696	2,400	4,096	49
Coorong-Fleurieu	1,167	136	1,303	2,244	1,290	3,534	50
Eastern Adelaide	1,312	1,058	2,370	1,944	1,151	3,095	53
Lower Murray	1,493	305	1,798	2,041	830	2,871	54
Yorke Peninsula	1,288	152	1,440	2,470	318	2,788	55
Eyre	987	136	1,123	2,210	328	2,538	57
South East	999	213	1,212	874	1,430	2,304	58
Spencer Gulf	1,288	177	1,465	1,572	476	2,048	60
Barossa	1,154	90	1,244	1,375	512	1,887	61
Murraylands	1,517	17	1,534	1,135	0	1,135	63

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



**FIGURE 5.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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

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

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 2015 were all country regions:

- Eyre
- Yorke Peninsula
- Lower Murray.

The majority of regions with the lowest player to population rates were in Adelaide, as well as

Murraylands:

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

The overall participation rate in South Australia was 2.43%. The rate in country South Australia was 4.88% and in metropolitan Adelaide it was 1.57%. Notably, all country South Australian regions had higher player to population rates than most Adelaide metropolitan regions.

**TABLE 5.4** TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIONS, 2015

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Adelaide	197	173,061	0.11%	803	107,178	0.75%	2,563	51,544	4.97%	1,068	25,071	4.26%	4,631	356,854	1.30%
Eastern Adelaide	682	100,159	0.68%	914	66,947	1.37%	890	35,295	2.52%	609	21,739	2.80%	3,095	224,141	1.38%
Adelaide South West	1,110	140,743	0.79%	1,193	99,760	1.20%	2,240	51,591	4.34%	1,094	28,728	3.81%	5,637	320,822	1.76%
Adelaide Torrens	517	93,924	0.55%	1,565	62,833	2.49%	1,269	31,450	4.04%	744	21,879	3.40%	4,096	210,086	1.95%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>507,887</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>336,719</b>	<b>1.35%</b>	<b>6,803</b>	<b>169,880</b>	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>97,418</b>	<b>3.56%</b>	<b>17,459</b>	<b>1,111,903</b>	<b>1.57%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	594	24,253	2.45%	371	18,530	2.00%	800	9,629	8.31%	539	4,732	11.39%	2,304	57,144	4.03%
Yorke Peninsula	492	7,652	6.43%	550	7,684	7.16%	990	6,471	15.30%	755	3,117	24.23%	2,788	24,923	11.19%
Spencer Gulf	288	27,523	1.05%	483	20,462	2.36%	843	10,786	7.81%	434	4,933	8.80%	2,048	63,704	3.21%
Murraylands	119	22,701	0.52%	349	18,933	1.84%	424	11,502	3.69%	243	5,536	4.39%	1,135	58,673	1.93%
Eyre	448	7,862	5.70%	501	4,724	10.60%	902	1,728	52.18%	688	522	131.62%	2,538	14,837	17.11%
Lower Murray	257	10,730	2.39%	544	8,117	6.71%	1,306	4,842	26.97%	763	2,329	32.77%	2,871	26,018	11.03%
Coorong-Fleurieu	23	32,663	0.07%	575	27,910	2.06%	2,077	18,485	11.24%	859	8,291	10.36%	3,534	87,349	4.05%
Barossa	373	24,002	1.56%	424	20,197	2.10%	690	9,874	6.98%	400	4,499	8.89%	1,887	58,572	3.22%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>157,386</b>	<b>1.65%</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>126,558</b>	<b>3.02%</b>	<b>8,020</b>	<b>73,316</b>	<b>10.94%</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>33,959</b>	<b>13.74%</b>	<b>19,104</b>	<b>391,219</b>	<b>4.88%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>665,273</b>	<b>0.76%</b>	<b>8,247</b>	<b>463,277</b>	<b>1.78%</b>	<b>15,026</b>	<b>243,196</b>	<b>6.18%</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>131,377</b>	<b>6.27%</b>	<b>36,563</b>	<b>1,503,123</b>	<b>2.43%</b>

**TABLE 5.5 MALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total < 40 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>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Adelaide	166	87,890	0.19%	510	52,672	0.97%	1,495	24,622	6.07%	832	10,608	7.85%	3,002	175,792	1.71%
Eastern Adelaide	413	50,466	0.82%	597	32,400	1.84%	658	16,726	3.93%	474	8,452	5.61%	2,143	108,044	1.98%
Adelaide South West	815	70,426	1.16%	784	48,235	1.63%	1,543	24,722	6.24%	697	11,555	6.03%	3,839	154,938	2.48%
Adelaide Torrens	308	47,734	0.65%	1,078	31,147	3.46%	727	14,793	4.92%	406	8,911	4.56%	2,520	102,586	2.46%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>256,517</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>164,454</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>4,423</b>	<b>80,864</b>	<b>5.47%</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>39,525</b>	<b>6.10%</b>	<b>11,504</b>	<b>541,360</b>	<b>2.12%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	566	12,225	4.63%	183	9,438	1.94%	250	4,829	5.17%	378	1,999	18.89%	1,376	28,490	4.83%
Yorke Peninsula	388	3,887	9.99%	318	3,832	8.29%	571	3,301	17.30%	453	1,406	32.17%	1,730	12,427	13.92%
Spencer Gulf	224	14,115	1.59%	286	10,563	2.71%	481	5,520	8.71%	270	2,088	12.91%	1,261	32,286	3.90%
Murraylands	94	11,618	0.81%	228	9,712	2.35%	261	5,822	4.48%	151	2,383	6.33%	734	29,535	2.48%
Eyre	353	4,176	8.46%	289	2,699	10.71%	520	1,019	51.01%	412	261	157.94%	1,574	8,155	19.30%
Lower Murray	195	5,538	3.52%	400	4,127	9.70%	781	2,452	31.84%	537	1,021	52.57%	1,913	13,139	14.56%
Coorong-Fleurieu	18	16,210	0.11%	358	13,503	2.65%	1,219	9,025	13.51%	605	3,702	16.35%	2,200	42,440	5.18%
Barossa	311	12,123	2.56%	306	10,172	3.01%	383	5,052	7.57%	241	1,934	12.46%	1,241	29,280	4.24%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>79,893</b>	<b>2.69%</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>64,046</b>	<b>3.70%</b>	<b>4,465</b>	<b>37,020</b>	<b>12.06%</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>14,793</b>	<b>20.58%</b>	<b>12,028</b>	<b>195,752</b>	<b>6.14%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>336,410</b>	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>5,337</b>	<b>228,500</b>	<b>2.34%</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>117,884</b>	<b>7.54%</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>54,319</b>	<b>10.04%</b>	<b>23,531</b>	<b>737,112</b>	<b>3.19%</b>

**TABLE 5.6 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total < 40 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>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Northern Adelaide	31	85,171	0.04%	293	54,506	0.54%	1,068	26,922	3.97%	236	14,464	1.63%	1,628	181,062	0.90%
Eastern Adelaide	269	49,693	0.54%	317	34,548	0.92%	232	18,569	1.25%	134	13,287	1.01%	952	116,096	0.82%
Adelaide South West	296	70,317	0.42%	410	51,525	0.79%	697	26,869	2.59%	397	17,174	2.31%	1,799	165,884	1.08%
Adelaide Torrens	209	46,189	0.45%	487	31,686	1.54%	542	16,657	3.25%	338	12,968	2.61%	1,576	107,500	1.47%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>251,370</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>172,265</b>	<b>0.91%</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>89,016</b>	<b>2.67%</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>57,893</b>	<b>1.82%</b>	<b>5,955</b>	<b>570,543</b>	<b>1.04%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
South East	28	12,028	0.23%	189	9,093	2.08%	550	4,801	11.46%	161	2,733	5.90%	928	28,654	3.24%
Yorke Peninsula	104	3,765	2.76%	232	3,852	6.03%	419	3,169	13.22%	303	1,710	17.71%	1,058	12,496	8.47%
Spencer Gulf	64	13,408	0.48%	197	9,899	1.99%	361	5,265	6.87%	165	2,845	5.79%	787	31,418	2.51%
Murraylands	25	11,083	0.22%	121	9,221	1.31%	163	5,680	2.88%	92	3,154	2.93%	401	29,137	1.38%
Eyre	95	3,686	2.57%	212	2,025	10.46%	382	709	53.86%	276	262	105.40%	964	6,681	14.43%
Lower Murray	62	5,192	1.19%	144	3,990	3.61%	525	2,389	21.98%	227	1,308	17.32%	958	12,879	7.43%
Coorong-Fleurieu	5	16,453	0.03%	217	14,407	1.51%	858	9,460	9.07%	254	4,589	5.54%	1,334	44,910	2.97%
Barossa	63	11,879	0.53%	118	10,025	1.17%	307	4,822	6.37%	159	2,566	6.19%	646	29,291	2.21%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>77,494</b>	<b>0.58%</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>62,512</b>	<b>2.32%</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>36,295</b>	<b>9.79%</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>19,166</b>	<b>8.46%</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>195,467</b>	<b>3.62%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>328,864</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>2,911</b>	<b>234,777</b>	<b>1.24%</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>125,311</b>	<b>4.90%</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>77,059</b>	<b>3.61%</b>	<b>13,032</b>	<b>766,010</b>	<b>1.70%</b>

# 6 VICTORIA

## 6.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Victoria is Australia's second most populous state with 5,841,667<sup>9</sup> residents or 24.9% of the Australian population. Bowls Victoria currently has five identified regions in metropolitan Melbourne, and eleven country regions.

Victorian regions in the 2015 Census and bowls planning and development are:

### ❖ METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

- Melbourne West
- Northern Gateway
- Yarra
- Eastern Ranges
- Sandbelt

### ❖ COUNTRY VICTORIA

- Geelong
- West Coast
- Wimmera
- Murray Mallee
- Central Victoria
- Bendigo Campaspe
- Central Goulburn Murray
- Ovens and Murray
- Gippsland
- Strzelecki
- Eastern Ranges

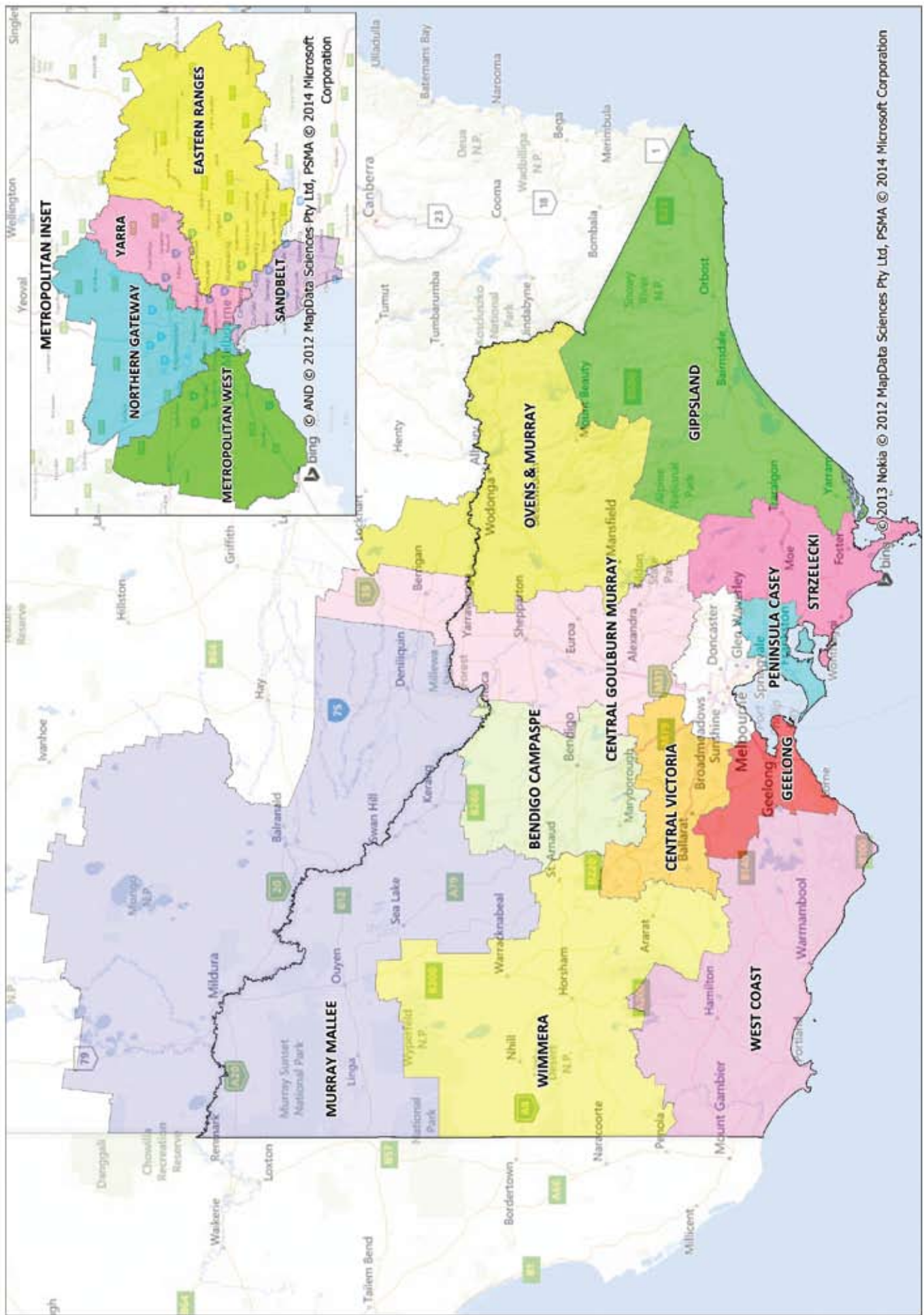
The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 6.1.

## 6.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2015 VICTORIA HAD

- 79 associations
- 523 bowls clubs
- 69,339 playing and non-playing members
- 181,168 participants in all forms of bowls.

<sup>9</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



**The bowling clubs in each region in Victoria in 2015 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE Eastern Ranges**

Waterford Valley Lakes Bowling Club  
Waverley Golf Bowls Club Inc  
Vermont South Bowling Club  
Yarra Junction Bowling Club  
Blackburn Bowls Club  
Blackburn North Bowling Club  
Box Hill RSL Bowls Club  
Chirnside Park Bowls Club  
Croydon Bowling Club  
Doncaster Bowling Club  
Greythorn Bowling Club  
Donvale Bowls Club  
Heathmont Bowls Club  
Eastwood Golf Bowls Club  
Lilydale Bowling Club  
Heatherdale Recreation Bowls Club  
Mitcham Bowling Club  
Mooroolbark Bowls Club  
Ringwood Bowls Club  
Bayswater Bowls Club  
Boronia Bowls Club Inc  
Bennettswood Bowling Club  
Cameron Close Bowling Club  
Ferntree Gully Bowling Club  
Glen Waverley Bowls Club  
Monbulk Bowling Club Inc  
Mt Waverley Bowling Club  
Upwey-Tecoma Bowls Club  
Balmoral Gardens Bowls Club  
Mulgrave CC Bowling Club  
Templestowe Bowling Club  
Warburton Bowls Club  
Healesville Bowling Club  
Yarra Glen Bowling Club  
Yarra Valley CC Bowls Club

## **Metropolitan West Region**

Melton Bowling Club  
Mt Cottrell Bowls Club  
Werribee RSL Bowls Club  
Williamstown Bowling Club  
St Albans Bowls Club  
Sunshine VRI Bowling Club  
Yarraville/Footscray Bowling Club  
Sunshine City Bowling Club  
Altona Bowling Club Inc  
Altona Sports Bowls Club  
Laverton Bowling Club  
Altona North Bowls Club  
Deer Park Bowls Club  
Footscray Park Bowling Club  
Hoppers Bowls Club  
Rosamond Bowling Club  
Newport Bowls Club  
Spotswood/Kingsville RSL Bowling Club  
Sunshine RSL Memorial Bowling Club  
Taylors Hill Bowls Club

## **Northern Gateway**

Diggers Rest Bowling Club  
Clifton Park Bowling Club  
Coburg Moreland Bowls Club  
Craigieburn Bowling Club  
Brunswick Bowling Club  
Epping RSL Bowls Club  
Aberfeldie Bowls Club  
Buckley Park Bowls Club Inc  
Essendon Bowls Club  
Doutta Galla Bowls Club  
Fawkner Bowling Club  
Gladstone Park Bowls Club  
Glenroy Bowls Club  
Broadmeadows Bowls Club  
Keilor Bowls Club  
Lalor Bowling Club  
Moonee Ponds Bowling Club  
Moonee Valley Bowling Club  
Preston Bowls Club  
Strathmore Bowls Club  
Darebin City Bowls Club Inc  
Whittlesea Bowls Club  
West Coburg Bowling Club  
Thornbury Bowls Club  
Flemington/Kensington Bowling Club  
Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club  
Sunbury Bowling Club  
City of Melbourne Bowls Club

## **Sandbelt Region**

Clayton Bowls Club  
Dandenong City Bowling Club  
Dandenong Club Bowls Club  
Dandenong RSL Recreation Bowls Club  
Keysborough Bowls Club  
Noble Park Bowls Club Inc  
Oakleigh Bowling Club  
South Oakleigh Bowling Club  
Burden Park Bowling Club  
Beaumaris Bowls Club  
Coatesville Bowling Club  
SOC Bowls Club  
Black Rock Bowling Club  
Sandringham Bowls Club  
Brighton Beach Bowls Club Inc  
Chelsea Bowling Club  
Cheltenham Bowls Club  
Edithvale Bowling Club  
Hampton Bowls Club  
Hampton RSL Bowling Club  
Highett Bowls Club  
Mentone Bowling Club  
Moorabbin Bowling Club  
Mordialloc Bowls Club  
Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club  
Parkdale Bowling Club  
Albert Park VRI Bowls Club  
Elsternwick Park Bowls Club  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Murrumbeena Bowls Club  
Alma Bowling Club

Caulfield Park Bowling Club  
Armadale Bowls Club Inc  
Chadstone Bowls Club  
Elsternwick Club Bowls Club  
Malvern Bowling Club  
Middle Park Bowling Club  
Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club  
Melbourne Bowling Club Inc  
Willow Lodge Bowls Club  
St Kilda Bowling Club  
Toorak Bowling Club  
Port Melbourne Bowling Club

## **Yarra Region**

Fitzroy Victoria Bowling Club  
Kingsbury Bowls Club  
Princes Park Bowling Club  
Alphington Bowls Club  
Bundoora Bowling Club  
Diamond Creek Bowling Club  
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
Eltham Recreation Bowling Club  
Fairfield Bowling Club  
Greensborough Bowling Club  
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club  
Hurstbridge Bowling Club  
Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
Kew Heights Sports Bowls Club  
Heidelberg Golf Bowling Club  
Montmorency Bowling Club  
Rosanna Bowling Club  
North Balwyn Bowls Club  
Ashburton Bowls Club  
Burwood District Bowls Club  
Camberwell Central Bowls Club  
Auburn Bowls Club  
MCC Bowls Club  
Richmond Union Bowling Club  
MCC Bowls Club  
Hawthorn Bowls Club

## **COUNTRY VICTORIA Bendigo Campaspe Region**

Woodbury Bowling Club  
Carisbrook Bowling Club  
Dunolly Bowling Club  
Maldon Bowling Club  
Maryborough Highland Society Bowls Club  
Newstead Bowling Club  
White Hills Bowls Club  
Boort Bowls Club  
Korong Vale Bowling Club  
Gunbower Bowls Club  
Pyramid Hill Bowling Club  
Wedderburn Bowls Club  
Bendigo Bowls Club  
Bendigo East Bowling Club  
Bendigo VRU Bowling Club  
North Bendigo Bowls Club  
South Bendigo Bowls Club

Bridgewater Bowling Club  
 Calivil Bowling Club  
 Campbell's Creek Bowling Club  
 Castlemaine Bowling Club  
 Dingee Bowling Club  
 Eaglehawk Bowling Club  
 City of Echuca Bowls Club  
 Elmore Bowls Club  
 Bendigo Golf Bowling Club  
 Golden Square Bowling Club  
 Harcourt Bowling Club  
 Heathcote Bowling Club  
 Inglewood Bowls Club  
 Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club  
 Lockington Bowls Club  
 Lockwood South Bowls Club  
 Maryborough Golf Bowls Club  
 Moama Bowling Club  
 Rich River Bowls Club  
 Rochester Bowls Club  
 Serpentine Bowling Club  
 Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club  
 Talbot Bowling Club  
 Marong Bowls Club

## Central Goulburn Murray Region

Broadford Bowling Club  
 Eildon Bowling Club  
 Kilmore Bowls Club  
 Marysville Bowls Club Inc  
 Seymour Bowling Club Inc  
 Seymour VRI Bowling Club  
 Strathmerton Bowling Club  
 Stanhope Bowls Club  
 Tongala Bowls Club  
 Violet Town Bowls Club  
 Avenel Bowling Club  
 Barooga Sports Bowls Club  
 Berrigan Bowls Club  
 Cobram Bowling Club  
 Colbinabbin Bowls Club  
 Dookie Bowls Club  
 Euroa Bowls Club  
 Finley Bowling Club  
 Finley RSC Bowls Club  
 Jerilderie Bowling Club  
 Katandra West Bowling Club  
 Shepparton Park Bowls Club  
 Kyabram Bowls Club  
 Kyabram Valley View Bowls Club  
 Merrigum Bowls Club  
 Mooroopna Bowls Club  
 Mooroopna Golf Bowls Club  
 Murchison Bowls Club  
 Nagambie Bowls Club  
 Nathalia Bowling Club  
 Numurkah Bowls Club  
 Numurkah Golf Bowls Club  
 Picola Bowling Club  
 Rushworth Bowls Club  
 East Shepparton Bowls Club  
 Shepparton Golf Bowls Club  
 Shepparton RSL Bowls Club  
 Hilltop (Tatura) Bowls Club

Tocumwal Bowls Club  
 Tatura Bowls Club  
 Wallan Bowling Club  
 Tallygaroopna Bowling Club  
 Wunghnu Bowls Club  
 Yea Bowls Club  
 Alexandra Bowling Club

## Central Victoria Region

Ballarat Memorial Sports Bowling Club  
 Avoca Country Golf Bowling Club  
 Avenue Bowling Club  
 Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club  
 Ballan Bowling Club  
 Ballarat Bowling Club  
 Ballarat East Bowling Club  
 Ballarat North Bowling Club  
 City Oval Bowling Club Inc  
 Midlands Golf Bowls Club  
 Mt Xavier Bowling Club  
 Beaufort Golf Bowls Club  
 Buninyong Bowling Club  
 Clunes Bowling Club  
 Creswick Bowling Club  
 Daylesford Bowling Club  
 Gisborne and District Bowling Club  
 Invermay Bowling Club  
 Kyneton Bowling Club  
 Kyneton Golf Bowling Club  
 Central Wendouree Bowling Club  
 Lancefield Bowling Club  
 Learmonth Bowling Club  
 Macedon Ranges Bowling Club  
 Romsey Bowling Club  
 Sebastopol Bowling Club  
 Smeaton Bowling Club  
 Waubra Bowling Club  
 Landsborough and District Bowling Club  
 Webbcona Bowls Club  
 Woodend Bowling Club  
 Trentham Bowling Club  
 Victoria Bowling Club

## Geelong Region

Linton & District Bowling Club  
 Anglesea Bowling Club  
 Bannockburn & District Bowls Club  
 Barwon Heads Bowling Club  
 Bell Post Hill Bowls Club  
 Belmont Bowls Club  
 Geelong Bowls Club  
 Geelong RSL Bowls Club  
 Clifton Springs Bowling Club  
 Norlane Bowling Club  
 Drumcondra Bowling Club  
 Drysdale Bowling Club  
 Geelong Eastern Park Bowling Club Inc  
 Geelong West Bowls Club  
 Geelong Cement Bowls Club  
 Highton Bowls Club  
 Inverleigh Bowls Club  
 Lara Bowling Club  
 Leopold Sportsman's Bowls Club  
 Lorne Bowls Club  
 Bareena Bowling Club

Ocean Grove Bowling Club  
 Point Lonsdale Bowls Club  
 Portarlington Bowls Club  
 Queenscliff Bowling Club  
 St Leonards Bowling Club  
 Winchelsea Bowls Club  
 Torquay Bowls Club

## West Coast Region

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

## Wimmera

Aradale Bowls Club  
 Ararat Bowling Club  
 Ararat VRI Bowls Club  
 Chalambar Bowls Club  
 Beulah Bowling Club  
 Brim Memorial Bowling Club  
 Dimboola Bowling Club  
 Edenhope Bowling Club  
 Goroke Bowling Club  
 Hopetoun Bowls Club Inc  
 Coughlin Park Bowls Club  
 Horsham City Bowling Club  
 Horsham Golf Bowling Club  
 Horsham Sunnyside Bowling Club  
 Jeparit & District Bowling Club  
 Kaniva Bowls Club  
 Lake Bolac & District Bowling Club  
 Minyip Bowls Club  
 Murtoa Bowling Club

Natimuk Bowling Club  
 Nhill Bowling Club  
 Rainbow Bowls Club  
 Rupanyup Bowls Club  
 Serviceton Memorial Bowling Club  
 St Arnaud Bowling Club  
 Stawell Bowling Club  
 Warracknabeal Bowling Club  
 Woomelang Bowling Club  
 St Arnaud CC Bowling Club  
 Stawell Golf Bowling Club  
 Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Club  
 Willaura Bowls Club  
 Horsham West Bowling Club

## Gippsland Region

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

## Murray Mallee Region

Wakool Bowling Club  
 Underbool Bowls Club  
 Watchem Bowling Club  
 Charlton Bowling Club Inc  
 Donald Bowling Club  
 Donald Golf Bowls Club  
 Balranald District Ex-Servicemen's Bowling Club  
 Barham District Services Bowling Club  
 Barham Sports Bowling Club  
 Berriwillock Bowling Club  
 Birchip Bowls Club  
 Cohuna Bowls Club  
 Cohuna Golf Bowling Club  
 Culgoa Bowling Club  
 Coomealla Bowling Club  
 Euston Bowls Club  
 Irymple Bowls Club  
 Kerang Bowls Club  
 Kerang Golf Bowling Club  
 Lake Boga Bowling Club  
 Leitchville Bowls Club  
 Manangatang & District Bowling Club  
 Merbein Bowling Club  
 Mildura Bowls Club  
 Mildura Workingman's Bowling Club

Moulamein Bowling Club  
 Nangiloc & District Bowls Club  
 Nyah District Bowling Club  
 Ouyen Bowls Club  
 Quambatook Bowling Club  
 Red Cliffs Bowling Club  
 Sea Lake Golf Bowls Club  
 Swan Hill Bowls Club  
 Murray Downs Golf & Country Club  
 Bowling Club  
 Deniliquin Bowling Club  
 Deniliquin RSL Bowling Club  
 Swan Hill Golf Bowls Club  
 Wycheproof Bowls Club  
 Mathoura District & Servicemen's Bowling Club  
 Tooleybuc Bowling Club  
 Wentworth Services Bowling Club

## Ovens and Murray Region

Club Mulwala Bowls Club  
 Swanpool Bowling Club  
 Yarrawonga Bowls Club  
 Tawonga Bowling Club  
 St James Bowls Club  
 Tungamah Bowls Club  
 Tallangatta Bowling Club  
 Beechworth Bowls Club  
 Benalla Bowls Club  
 Moira Benalla Bowls Club  
 Bright Bowls Club  
 Chiltern Bowling Club  
 Corowa Services Bowling Club  
 Corryong Bowls Club  
 Dederang Bowls Club  
 Mitta Valley Bowling Club  
 Mansfield Bowls Club  
 Milawa Bowls Club  
 Moyhu Bowling Club  
 Mt Beauty Bowling Club  
 Yarrawonga & Border Golf Bowls Club  
 Myrtleford Bowls Club  
 Rutherglen Bowling Club  
 Kiewa Valley Bowling Club  
 Ovens Bowls Club  
 Wodonga Bowling Club  
 Wangaratta Bowls Club  
 Yackandandah Bowling Club  
 Wangaratta City Inc.

## Strzelecki Region

Traralgon RSL Bowling Club  
 Toora Bowls Club  
 Thorpdale & District Bowling Club  
 Warragul Bowling Club  
 Tarwin Lower & District Bowls Club  
 Wonthaggi Bowls Club  
 Yallourn North Bowling Club  
 Boolarra Bowls & Recreation Bowls Club  
 Corinella Bowling Club  
 Phillip Island Bowling Club  
 Drouin Bowling Club  
 Fish Creek Bowling Club  
 Foster Bowls Club  
 Inverloch Bowling Club

Korumburra Bowling Club  
 Leongatha Bowls Club  
 Loch & District Bowling Club  
 Longwarry Bowls Club  
 Meeniyan Bowling Club  
 Moe Bowling Club  
 Morwell Bowling Club  
 Morwell Club Bowling Club  
 Neerim District Bowling Club  
 Yallourn Bowling Club  
 Port Welshpool & District Bowling Club  
 San Remo Bowls Club  
 Trafalgar Bowls Club  
 Trafalgar Park Bowls Club  
 Traralgon Bowls Club  
 Mirboo North Bowling Club  
 Yarragon Bowling Club  
 Yinnar Bowls Club

## Peninsula Casey Region

Yamala Park Frankston Bowling Club  
 Berwick Bowls Club  
 Cranbourne Bowling Club  
 Cranbourne RSL Bowls Club  
 Narre Warren Bowls Club  
 Hampton Park Bowls Club  
 Pakenham Bowls Club  
 Carrum Bowling Club  
 Village Glen Bowls Club  
 West Rosebud Bowling Club  
 Balnarring Social Bowls Club  
 Cockatoo & District Bowls Club  
 Blue Hills Bowling Club  
 Dromana Bowls Club  
 Flinders Golf Bowls Club  
 City of Frankston Bowling Club  
 Frankston RSL Bowling Club  
 Karingal Bowling Club  
 Long Island CC Bowling Club  
 Baxter Village Bowls Club  
 Hastings Bowling Club  
 Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club  
 Main Ridge Bowls Club  
 Mornington Bowling Club  
 Mornington Civic Bowls Club  
 Mt Eliza Bowling Club  
 Mt Martha Bowls Club  
 Carrington Park Bowling Club  
 Rosebud Bowls Club  
 Rosebud CC Bowls Club  
 Rye Bowls Club  
 Seaford Bowls Club  
 Somerville Bowling Club  
 Sorrento Bowls Club Inc  
 Garfield Bowling Club  
 Lang Lang Bowling Club

Table 6.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 42,232 playing members (including 32,174 pennant playing members and 10,058 non-pennant playing members) and 27,107 non-playing members in Victoria.

**Of the 69,339 bowls club members in Victoria,**

- 46.40% were registered pennant playing members
- 14.51% were non-pennant playing members
- 39.1% were non-playing members
- 60.2% of members were located in country Victoria.

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

- Yarra
- Geelong
- Central Victoria
- Sandbelt
- West Coast
- Peninsula Casey.

**TABLE 6.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS VICTORIA, 2015**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Metropolitan West	22	1,552	0	1,552	242	1,794
Northern Gateway	29	2,348	0	2,348	766	3,115
Eastern Ranges	32	3,280	203	3,483	475	3,958
Yarra	27	2,552	257	2,809	11,386	14,195
Sandbelt	42	3,288	246	3,534	1,059	4,593
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>13,020</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>13,726</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>27,655</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Geelong	25	2,356	2,379	4,735	7,841	12,575
West Coast	36	2,216	1,127	3,343	1,094	4,437
Bendigo Campaspe	34	2,124	759	2,883	568	3,452
Central Goulburn Murray	42	2,730	171	2,901	385	3,286
Ovens and Murray	30	1,540	73	1,613	105	1,718
Central Victoria	42	896	2,671	3,567	1,158	4,725
Wimmera	40	420	1,601	2,021	736	2,757
Murray Mallee	36	1,580	149	1,729	132	1,861
Strzelecki	34	1,828	164	1,992	467	2,458
Gippsland	20	892	0	892	20	912
Peninsula Casey	32	2,572	258	2,830	672	3,502
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>19,154</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>28,506</b>	<b>13,178</b>	<b>41,684</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>32,174</b>	<b>10,058</b>	<b>42,232</b>	<b>27,107</b>	<b>69,339</b>

Table 6.2 and Figure 6.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 181,168 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Victoria during 2015. Specifically:

- The greatest participation

segment in Victoria was social bowls, with 70% of participants.

- Male participation makes up 66.6% of all bowls participation in Victoria.
- Participation in country Victoria (113,928) is higher than metropolitan participation

(67,240).

- The largest regions for bowls participation are Sandbelt, Eastern Ranges, Gippsland and Bendigo Campaspe.

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

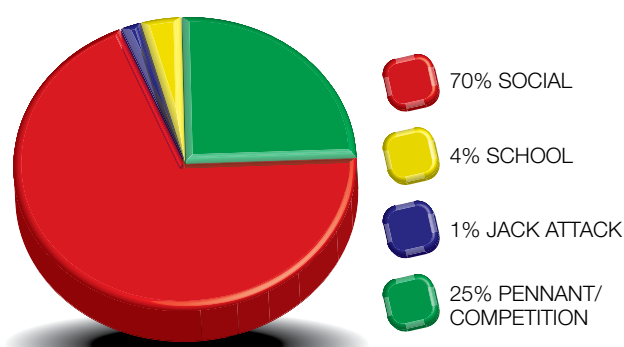
**TABLE 6.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN VICTORIA, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack 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 West	1,030	371	1,402	875	765	1,640	0	0	0	670	505	1,175	2,575	1,641	4,217
Northern Gateway	2,095	706	2,801	910	420	1,330	78	47	125	840	615	1,455	3,923	1,788	5,711
Eastern Ranges	2,843	1,304	4,147	8,567	4,858	13,425	200	130	330	805	645	1,450	12,415	6,937	19,352
Yarra	2,191	835	3,026	7,236	4,104	11,340	10	5	15	740	520	1,260	10,176	5,465	15,641
Sandbelt	2,781	1,334	4,115	12,760	4,579	17,339	15	10	25	510	330	840	16,066	6,253	22,319
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,940</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>15,491</b>	<b>30,348</b>	<b>14,726</b>	<b>45,074</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>6,180</b>	<b>45,156</b>	<b>22,084</b>	<b>67,240</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Geelong	2,505	1,473	3,978	1,330	695	2,025	175	157	332	490	360	850	4,500	2,685	7,185
West Coast	1,962	1,161	3,122	634	382	1,015	8	7	15	75	75	150	2,678	1,624	4,302
Bendigo Campaspe	2,065	1,181	3,246	10,806	5,316	16,122	160	100	260	0	0	0	13,031	6,598	19,628
Central Goulburn Murray	2,711	934	3,645	4,843	3,837	8,680	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,554	4,771	12,325
Ovens and Murray	1,195	649	1,844	4,274	2,331	6,605	12	6	18	10	5	15	5,490	2,991	8,482
Central Victoria	3,094	1,429	4,523	2,173	857	3,030	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,267	2,287	7,553
Wimmera	1,917	930	2,847	1,488	640	2,128	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,405	1,570	4,975
Murray Mallee	1,419	558	1,977	655	480	1,135	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,074	1,038	3,112
Strzelecki	1,389	754	2,143	9,244	3,482	12,726	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,633	4,236	14,869
Gippsland	571	300	870	12,370	5,785	18,155	280	180	460	0	0	0	13,221	6,265	19,485
Peninsula Casey	1,698	936	2,633	5,853	3,524	9,377	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,551	4,460	12,010
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>20,525</b>	<b>10,304</b>	<b>30,829</b>	<b>53,669</b>	<b>27,330</b>	<b>80,999</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>75,403</b>	<b>38,524</b>	<b>113,928</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,465</b>	<b>14,855</b>	<b>46,320</b>	<b>84,016</b>	<b>42,056</b>	<b>126,073</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>4,140</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>7,195</b>	<b>120,559</b>	<b>60,609</b>	<b>181,168</b>

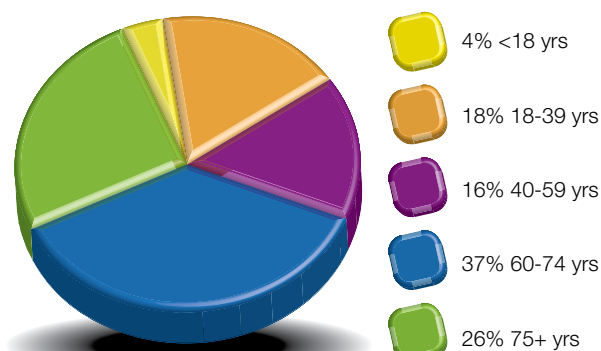
**TABLE 6.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF VICTORIA REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**

	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
	Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
Sandbelt	3,534	1,059	4,593	4,115	18,204	22,319	4
Bendigo Campaspe	2,883	568	3,452	3,246	16,382	19,628	8
Gippsland	892	20	912	870	18,615	19,485	9
Eastern Ranges	3,483	475	3,958	4,147	15,205	19,352	10
Yarra	2,809	11,386	14,195	3,026	12,615	15,641	14
Strzelecki	1,992	467	2,458	2,143	12,726	14,869	16
Central Goulburn Murray	2,901	385	3,286	3,645	8,680	12,325	18
Peninsula Casey	2,830	672	3,502	2,633	9,377	12,010	20
Ovens and Murray	1,613	105	1,718	1,844	6,638	8,482	27
Central Victoria	3,567	1,158	4,725	4,523	3,030	7,553	29
Geelong	4,735	7,841	12,575	3,978	3,207	7,185	32
Northern Gateway	2,348	766	3,115	2,801	2,910	5,711	36
Wimmera	2,021	736	2,757	2,847	2,128	4,975	42
West Coast	3,343	1,094	4,437	3,122	1,180	4,302	47
Metropolitan West	1,552	242	1,794	1,402	2,815	4,217	48
Murray Mallee	1,729	132	1,861	1,977	1,135	3,112	52

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



**FIGURE 6.3**  
PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP,  
VICTORIA



Regional rankings for Victorian regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 6.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

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.

Bowls participation 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 participation rates in 2015 were all country regions:

- Sandbelt
- Bendigo Campaspe
- Strzelecki
- Eastern Ranges

- Central Goulburn Murray.

The regions with the lowest player to population rates were:

- Metropolitan West
- Northern Gateway
- Yarra.

The overall participation rate in Victoria was 3.43%. The rate in country Victoria was 5.82% and in metropolitan Melbourne it was 2.02%. Notably, all country Victorian regions (except Peninsula Casey) had higher player to population rates than Melbourne metropolitan

**TABLE 6.4** TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN VICTORIA REGIONS, 2015

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Metropolitan West	1,210	292,579	0.41%	622	184,581	0.34%	1,596	85,550	1.87%	790	39,892	1.98%	4,217	602,603	0.70%
Northern Gateway	948	402,421	0.24%	1,689	248,199	0.68%	1,889	116,686	1.62%	1,185	49,665	2.39%	5,711	816,971	0.70%
Yarra	1,993	302,773	0.66%	2,401	221,514	1.08%	7,947	114,516	6.94%	7,011	52,995	13.23%	19,352	691,798	2.80%
Eastern Ranges	8,237	211,334	3.90%	2,286	122,863	1.86%	3,114	66,404	4.69%	2,004	33,322	6.01%	15,641	433,922	3.60%
Sandbelt	4,930	359,456	1.37%	3,493	241,909	1.44%	8,169	119,849	6.82%	5,728	60,432	9.48%	22,319	781,646	2.86%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17,317</b>	<b>1,568,562</b>	<b>1.10%</b>	<b>10,491</b>	<b>1,019,066</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>22,715</b>	<b>503,005</b>	<b>4.52%</b>	<b>16,717</b>	<b>236,307</b>	<b>7.07%</b>	<b>67,240</b>	<b>3,326,940</b>	<b>2.02%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Geelong	777	107,872	0.72%	1,241	77,327	1.61%	3,150	36,630	8.60%	2,018	23,710	8.51%	7,185	245,539	2.93%
West Coast	815	43,791	1.86%	662	35,774	1.85%	1,739	20,323	8.56%	1,087	9,669	11.24%	4,302	109,558	3.93%
Bendigo Campaspe	10,107	69,273	14.59%	2,376	48,820	4.87%	4,422	24,974	17.71%	2,723	12,522	21.74%	19,628	155,589	12.62%
Central Goulburn Murray	1,973	65,451	3.01%	3,276	47,006	6.97%	4,506	24,115	18.69%	2,570	12,157	21.14%	12,325	148,728	8.29%
Ovens and Murray	1,433	59,066	2.43%	2,099	36,313	5.78%	3,149	20,911	15.06%	1,801	10,665	16.89%	8,482	126,956	6.68%
Central Victoria	1,830	87,100	2.10%	1,503	55,477	2.71%	2,658	26,364	10.08%	1,563	13,339	11.72%	7,553	182,280	4.14%
Wimmera	1,121	24,503	4.58%	1,168	16,475	7.09%	1,706	8,621	19.78%	980	3,508	27.94%	4,975	53,107	9.37%
Murray Mallee	968	45,190	2.14%	656	32,885	2.00%	741	16,667	4.44%	748	7,432	10.06%	3,112	102,174	3.05%
Strzelecki	4,031	83,730	4.81%	2,301	43,627	5.28%	5,635	23,323	24.16%	2,901	11,783	24.62%	14,869	162,463	9.15%
Gippsland	2,262	34,479	6.56%	1,751	23,435	7.47%	11,020	12,330	89.37%	4,452	6,906	64.46%	19,485	77,150	25.26%
Peninsula Casey	840	282,550	0.30%	1,371	175,456	0.78%	5,161	88,954	5.80%	4,638	45,619	10.17%	12,010	592,579	2.03%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>26,157</b>	<b>903,005</b>	<b>2.90%</b>	<b>18,406</b>	<b>592,594</b>	<b>3.11%</b>	<b>43,886</b>	<b>303,214</b>	<b>14.47%</b>	<b>25,479</b>	<b>157,311</b>	<b>16.20%</b>	<b>113,928</b>	<b>1,956,124</b>	<b>5.82%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,473</b>	<b>2,471,567</b>	<b>1.76%</b>	<b>28,897</b>	<b>1,611,661</b>	<b>1.79%</b>	<b>66,601</b>	<b>806,219</b>	<b>8.26%</b>	<b>42,197</b>	<b>393,617</b>	<b>10.72%</b>	<b>181,168</b>	<b>5,283,064</b>	<b>3.43%</b>

**TABLE 6.5 MALE PARTICIPATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Metropolitan West	927	149,137	0.62%	377	92,424	0.41%	927	43,448	2.13%	345	17,148	2.01%	2,575	302,156	0.85%
Northern Gateway	605	203,170	0.30%	1,188	122,179	0.97%	1,360	57,865	2.35%	770	21,219	3.63%	3,923	404,433	0.97%
Yarra	1,374	153,280	0.90%	1,787	108,357	1.65%	5,062	57,313	8.83%	4,192	22,720	18.45%	12,415	341,669	3.63%
Eastern Ranges	5,019	104,869	4.79%	1,655	59,998	2.76%	2,220	32,463	6.84%	1,282	14,018	9.15%	10,176	211,347	4.81%
Sandbelt	3,491	183,891	1.90%	2,880	115,405	2.50%	5,469	58,869	9.29%	4,226	25,126	16.82%	16,066	383,291	4.19%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>794,346</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>498,362</b>	<b>1.58%</b>	<b>15,039</b>	<b>249,958</b>	<b>6.02%</b>	<b>10,816</b>	<b>100,230</b>	<b>10.79%</b>	<b>45,156</b>	<b>1,642,896</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Geelong	517	53,938	0.96%	822	37,997	2.16%	1,937	17,898	10.82%	1,224	8,918	13.72%	4,500	118,752	3.79%
West Coast	638	21,988	2.90%	471	17,680	2.66%	987	10,345	9.54%	582	4,217	13.81%	2,678	54,230	4.94%
Bendigo Campaspe	6,477	34,965	18.52%	1,777	23,762	7.48%	2,952	12,307	23.99%	1,825	5,151	35.43%	13,031	76,185	17.10%
Central Goulburn Murray	1,056	34,844	3.03%	2,014	21,972	9.17%	2,729	12,242	22.29%	1,754	5,288	33.18%	7,554	74,345	10.16%
Ovens and Murray	886	29,895	2.96%	1,461	17,763	8.23%	2,052	10,071	20.37%	1,092	4,588	23.80%	5,490	62,317	8.81%
Central Victoria	1,328	43,091	3.08%	1,134	29,144	3.89%	1,758	12,959	13.56%	1,047	5,750	18.20%	5,267	90,943	5.79%
Wimmera	709	12,336	5.74%	876	8,164	10.73%	1,240	4,250	29.18%	581	1,500	38.70%	3,405	26,250	12.97%
Murray Mallee	700	22,777	3.07%	471	16,153	2.92%	476	8,435	5.64%	427	3,211	13.30%	2,074	50,576	4.10%
Strzelecki	3,068	42,389	7.24%	1,936	21,207	9.13%	3,643	11,311	32.20%	1,985	5,122	38.77%	10,633	80,029	13.29%
Gippsland	1,593	17,538	9.08%	1,195	11,680	10.23%	7,407	6,080	121.82%	3,026	2,825	107.12%	13,221	38,123	34.68%
Peninsula Casey	639	141,347	0.45%	910	85,925	1.06%	2,897	43,783	6.62%	3,105	19,210	16.16%	7,551	290,264	2.60%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17,611</b>	<b>455,107</b>	<b>3.87%</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>291,447</b>	<b>4.48%</b>	<b>28,077</b>	<b>149,681</b>	<b>18.76%</b>	<b>16,648</b>	<b>65,780</b>	<b>25.31%</b>	<b>75,403</b>	<b>962,014</b>	<b>7.84%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,026</b>	<b>1,249,452</b>	<b>2.32%</b>	<b>20,953</b>	<b>789,809</b>	<b>2.65%</b>	<b>43,116</b>	<b>399,639</b>	<b>10.79%</b>	<b>27,465</b>	<b>166,010</b>	<b>16.54%</b>	<b>120,559</b>	<b>2,604,910</b>	<b>4.63%</b>

**TABLE 6.6 FEMALE PARTICIPATION RATES IN VICTORIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Metropolitan West	245	143,443	0.17%	245	92,158	0.27%	679	42,102	1.61%	472	22,744	2.07%	1,641	300,446	0.55%
Northern Gateway	348	199,251	0.17%	498	126,021	0.40%	522	58,821	0.89%	419	28,446	1.47%	1,788	412,538	0.43%
Yarra	604	149,493	0.40%	578	113,157	0.51%	2,890	57,203	5.05%	2,864	30,276	9.46%	6,937	350,129	1.98%
Eastern Ranges	3,195	106,465	3.00%	643	62,865	1.02%	907	33,941	2.67%	720	19,305	3.73%	5,465	222,576	2.46%
Sandbelt	1,423	175,565	0.81%	712	126,504	0.56%	2,589	60,980	4.25%	1,529	35,306	4.33%	6,253	398,355	1.57%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,816</b>	<b>774,216</b>	<b>0.75%</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>520,704</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>253,047</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>136,076</b>	<b>1.27%</b>	<b>22,084</b>	<b>1,684,044</b>	<b>1.31%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Geelong	254	53,934	0.47%	411	39,329	1.05%	1,219	18,732	6.51%	800	14,792	5.41%	2,685	126,788	2.12%
West Coast	185	21,804	0.85%	195	18,094	1.08%	746	9,978	7.47%	499	5,452	9.15%	1,624	55,328	2.94%
Bendigo Campaspe	3,556	34,308	10.36%	663	25,057	2.65%	1,476	12,667	11.65%	904	7,371	12.26%	6,598	79,404	8.31%
Central Goulburn Murray	972	30,607	3.18%	1,259	25,034	5.03%	1,789	11,873	15.07%	751	6,869	10.93%	4,771	74,383	6.41%
Ovens and Murray	543	29,172	1.86%	649	18,549	3.50%	1,099	10,841	10.13%	701	6,077	11.54%	2,991	64,639	4.63%
Central Victoria	502	44,009	1.14%	370	26,333	1.41%	899	13,406	6.70%	515	7,590	6.79%	2,287	91,337	2.50%
Wimmera	405	12,167	3.33%	302	8,311	3.63%	474	4,371	10.86%	388	2,007	19.34%	1,570	26,856	5.85%
Murray Mallee	274	22,413	1.22%	189	16,732	1.13%	263	8,232	3.19%	313	4,221	7.41%	1,038	51,598	2.01%
Strzelecki	1,034	41,341	2.50%	476	22,420	2.12%	1,844	12,012	15.35%	882	6,661	13.24%	4,236	82,435	5.14%
Gippsland	682	16,941	4.03%	558	11,755	4.75%	3,597	6,250	57.56%	1,427	4,081	34.96%	6,265	39,027	16.05%
Peninsula Casey	204	141,203	0.14%	462	89,531	0.52%	2,257	45,172	5.00%	1,536	26,409	5.82%	4,460	302,315	1.48%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>393,964</b>	<b>2.19%</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>261,818</b>	<b>2.11%</b>	<b>15,663</b>	<b>134,801</b>	<b>11.62%</b>	<b>8,716</b>	<b>76,739</b>	<b>11.36%</b>	<b>38,524</b>	<b>867,322</b>	<b>4.44%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,427</b>	<b>1,222,115</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>8,211</b>	<b>821,852</b>	<b>1.00%</b>	<b>17,935</b>	<b>406,580</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>10,442</b>	<b>227,607</b>	<b>4.59%</b>	<b>60,609</b>	<b>2,678,154</b>	<b>2.26%</b>



# 7 WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 7.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Western Australia is Australia's fourth most populous state with 2,573,389<sup>10</sup> residents or 11.0% of the Australian population. Bowls Western Australia has four regions in metropolitan Perth and four country regions.

The Western Australian regions for the 2015 Census and for bowls planning and development are:

### ❖ METROPOLITAN PERTH

- Eastern
- Northern
- Southern
- South Coastal

### ❖ COUNTRY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Eastern Zone
- Northern Zone
- Southern and South Western Zone
- Central - Pilbara - Kimberley

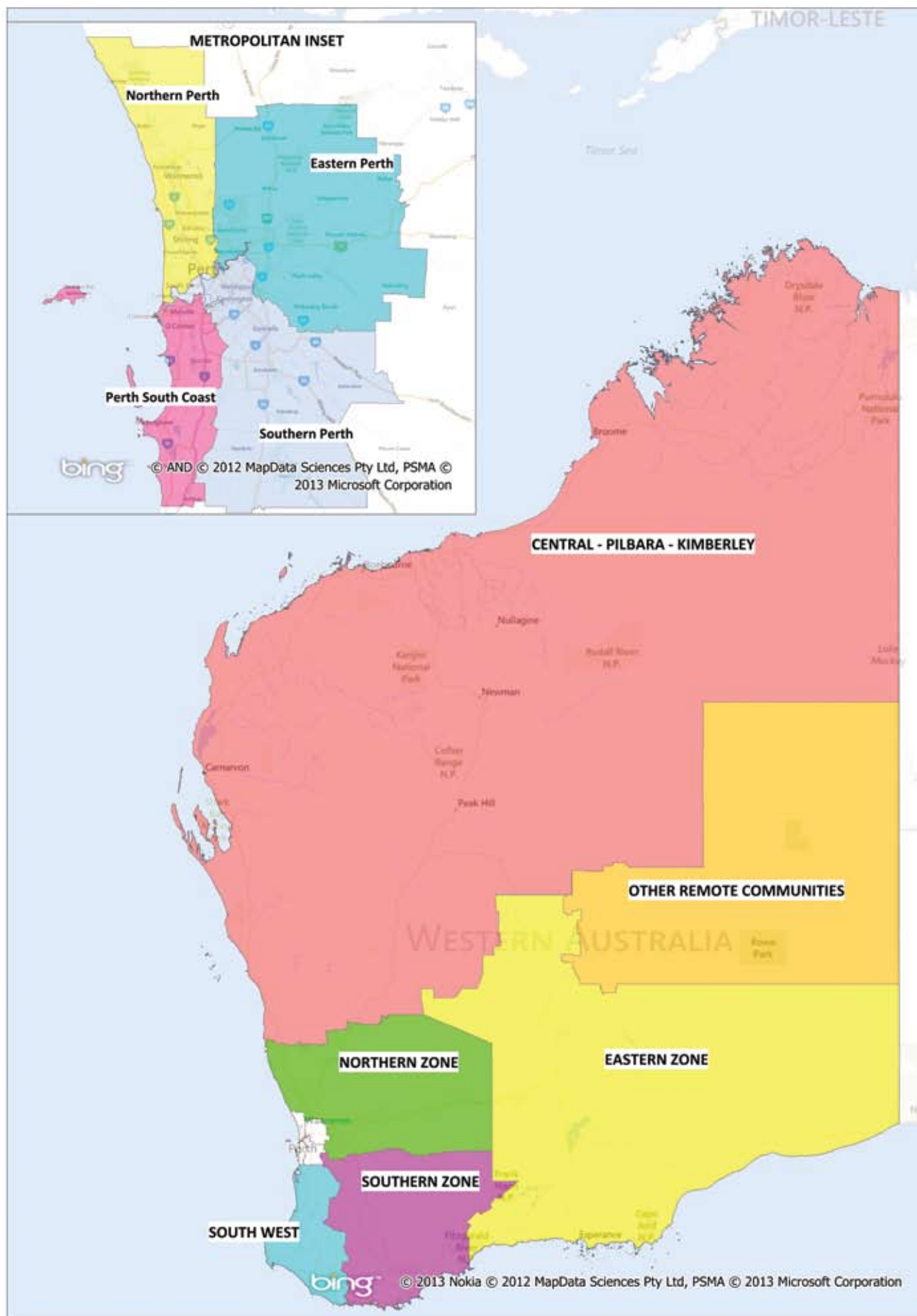
The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 7.1.

## 7.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### IN 2015 WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAD

- 204 bowls clubs
- 40,945 playing and non-playing members
- 42,009 participants in all forms of bowls

<sup>10</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



**The bowling clubs in each metropolitan and country region in Western Australia in 2015 are as follows:**

## **METROPOLITAN PERTH**

Armadale Bowls Club  
Bassendean Bowls Club  
Bayswater Bowls Club  
Bedford Bowls Club  
Bellevue Bowls Club  
Belmont City Bowls Club  
Bullcreek Bowls Club  
Bullsbrook Bowls Club  
Byford Bowls Club  
Cambridge Bowls Club  
Cannington Bowls Club  
Claremont Bowls Club  
Cockburn Bowls Club  
Como Bowls Club  
Dalkeith Nedlands Bowls Club  
Doubleview Bowls Club  
East Fremantle Bowls Club  
Forrestfield Bowls Club  
Fremantle Bowls Club  
Glen Forrest Bowls Club  
Gosnells Bowls Club  
Hilton Park Bowls Club  
Hollywood Subi Bowls Club  
Innaloo Bowls Club  
Joondalup Bowls Club  
Kalamunda Bowls Club  
Kardinya Bowls Club  
Kwinana Bowls Club  
Lake Monger Bowls Club  
Leeming Bowls Club  
Manning Memorial Bowls Club  
Maylands Bowls Club  
Melville Bowls Club  
Merriwa Bowls Club  
Midland Morrison Bowls Club  
Mills Park Bowls Club  
Morley Bowls Club  
Mosman Park Bowls Club  
Mt Lawley Bowls Club  
Mt Pleasant Bowls Club  
Mundaring Bowls Club  
Nollamara Bowls Club

## **COUNTRY WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Albany Bowls Club  
Augusta Bowls Club  
Badgingarra Bowls Club  
Balingup Bowls Club  
Ballidu Bowls Club  
Beacon Bowls Club  
Bencubbin Bowls Club  
Beverley Bowls Club  
Bindoon Bowls Club  
Binningup Bowls Club  
Boddington Bowls Club  
Bolgart Bowls Club  
Borden Bowls Club

Boulder Bowls Club  
Boyanup Bowls Club  
Boyup Brook Bowls Club  
Bridgetown Bowls Club  
Brookton Bowls Club  
Broomehill Bowls Club  
Bruce Rock Bowls Club  
Brunswick Bowls Club  
Bunbury Bowls Club  
Busseton Bowls Club  
Calingiri Bowls Club  
Capel Bowls Club  
Bowls Club Carnamah  
Carnarvon Bowls Club  
Cervantes Bowls Club  
Civic Merredin Bowls Club  
Collie Bowls Club  
Comet Bay Bowls Club  
Condingup Bowls Club  
Coorow Bowls Club  
Corrigin Bowls Club  
Cowaramup Bowls Club  
Cranbrook Bowls Club  
Cunderdin Bowls Club  
Dalwallinu Bowls Club  
Dampier Bowls Club  
Dandaragan Bowls Club  
Darkan Bowls Club  
Denison Bowls Club  
Denmark Riverside Bowls Club  
Donnybrook Bowls Club  
Doodlakine Bowls Club  
Dowerin Bowls Club  
Dudley Park Bowls Club  
Dumbleyung Bowls Club  
Dunsborough Bowls Club  
Emu Point Bowls Club  
Esperance Bowls Club  
Exmouth Bowls Club  
Frankland Bowls Club  
Geraldton Bowls Club  
Gingin Bowls Club  
Gnowangerup Bowls Club  
Goomalling Bowls Club  
Green Range Bowls Club  
Guilderton Bowls Club  
Halls Head Bowls Club  
Harvey Bowls Club  
Hopetoun Bowls Club  
Jerramungup Bowls Club  
Jurien Bowls Club  
Kalannie Bowls Club  
Kalbarri Bowls Club  
Kalgoorlie Bowls Club  
Kambalda Bowls Club  
Karlgin Bowls Club  
Karratha Bowls Club  
Katanning Bowls Club  
Kellerberrin Bowls Club  
Kojonup Bowls Club  
Kondinin Bowls Club  
Koorda Bowls Club  
Kukerin Bowls Club

Kulin Bowls Club  
Lake Grace Bowls Club  
Lake Yealering Bowls Club  
Lancelin Bowls Club  
Latham Bowls Club  
Ledge Point Bowls Club  
Leeman Bowls Club  
Mandurah Bowls Club  
Manjimup Bowls Club  
Margaret River Bowls Club  
Meadow Springs Bowls Club  
Meckering Bowls Club  
Merredin Club Bowls Club  
Middleton Beach Bowls Club  
Mingenew Bowls Club  
Moodiarrup Bowls Club  
Moora Bowls Club  
Morawa Bowls Club  
Mt. Barker Bowls Club  
Mt. Barker Golf Bowls Club  
Mukinbudin Bowls Club  
Mullewa Bowls Club  
Nannup Bowls Club  
Narembreen Bowls Club  
Narrogin Bowls Club  
Newdegate Bowls Club  
Northam Bowls Club  
Northampton Bowls Club  
Nungarin Bowls Club  
Nyabing Bowls Club  
Ongerup Bowls Club  
Paraburdoo Bowls Club  
Pemberton Bowls Club  
Perenjori Bowls Club  
Pingelly Bowls Club  
Pinjarra Bowls Club  
Port Bouverd Bowls Club  
Port Hedland Bowls Club  
Quairading Bowls Club  
Ravensthorpe Bowls Club  
Scaddan Bowls Club  
Shackleton Bowls Club  
Shark Bay Bowls Club  
South Hedland Bowls Club  
Tambellup Bowls Club  
Tammin Bowls Club  
Three Springs Bowls Club  
Toodyay Bowls Club  
Trayning Bowls Club  
Varley Bowls Club  
Wagin Bowls Club  
Walpole Bowls Club  
Warroona Bowls Club  
Westonia Bowls Club  
Wickepin Bowls Club  
Williams Bowls Club  
Wongan Hills Bowls Club  
Wonthella Bowls Club  
Wyalkatchem Bowls Club  
Yarloop Bowls Club  
Yilgarn Bowls Club  
York Bowls Club  
Yunderup Bowls Club



Table 7.1 presents details of bowls membership and reveals there were 16,345 playing members (including 12,550 pennant playing members and 3,795 non-pennant playing members) and 24,600 non-playing members in Western Australia.

**Of the 40,945 bowls club members in Western Australia,**

- 30.7% were registered pennant playing members
- 9.3% were non-pennant playing members
- 60.1% were non-playing members
- 28.0% of members were located in country Western Australia

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

- Northern Perth
- Southern and South West Zone
- Eastern Perth

**TABLE 7.1 BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	Number of Bowls Clubs	Pennant Playing Members	Non-Pennant Playing Members	Total Playing Members	Non Playing Members	Total Members
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>						
Eastern	14	931	192	1,123	5,576	6,699
Northern	25	3,044	435	3,479	9,956	13,435
Southern	13	1,482	223	1,705	4,102	5,807
South Coastal	13	1,611	354	1,965	1,563	3,528
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7,067</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>8,272</b>	<b>21,197</b>	<b>29,469</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Eastern Zone	30	1,156	111	1,267	782	2,049
Northern Zone	31	981	594	1,575	639	2,214
South Western and Southern Zone	69	3,119	1,769	4,888	1,798	6,686
Central - Pilbara – Kimberley	9	227	116	343	185	528
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>5,483</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>11,476</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>12,550</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>16,345</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>40,945</b>

Table 7.2 and Figure 7.2 summarise bowls participation by major segment and by gender. In total there were 42,009 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games duration) in Western Australia during 2015.

Specifically:

- The greatest participation segment in Western Australia was pennant and competition bowls, with 66.0% of participants.
- Male participation makes up 63.8% of all bowls participation in Western Australia.
- Participation in country Western

Australia (18,834) is lower than metropolitan participation (23,175) and the two largest regions for bowls participation were South/South Western Zone and Northern Perth.

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

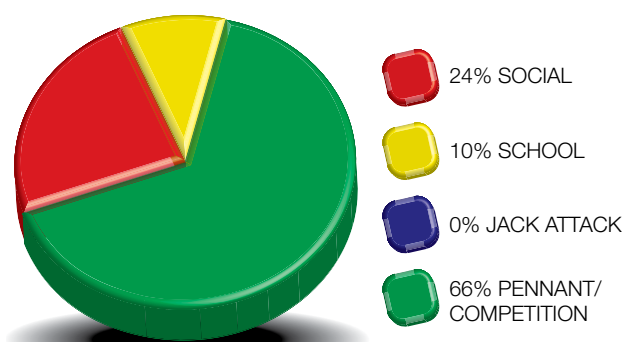
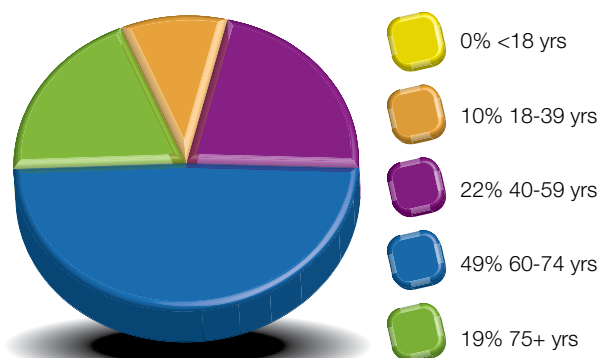


**TABLE 7.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack 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 Perth	1,712	1,061	2,772	595	420	1,015	0	0	0	700	540	1,240	3,007	2,021	5,027
Northern Perth	3,056	1,894	4,950	1,063	750	1,813	0	0	0	480	250	730	4,599	2,894	7,493
Southern Perth	2,282	1,196	3,478	371	293	663	0	0	0	903	487	1,390	3,555	1,976	5,531
South Coastal Perth	2,496	1,030	3,526	627	452	1,079	0	0	0	260	260	520	3,383	1,742	5,125
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>5,181</b>	<b>14,726</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>14,544</b>	<b>8,632</b>	<b>23,175</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern WA	2,267	1,026	3,294	729	557	1,287	0	0	0	51	46	96	3,047	1,629	4,677
Northern WA	825	831	1,655	893	87	980	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,717	918	2,635
Southern and SWZ	5,215	2,361	7,575	1,678	1,282	2,960	0	0	0	116	105	222	7,009	3,748	10,757
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	239	241	481	259	25	284	0	0	0	0	0	0	499	266	765
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>13,005</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>12,272</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>18,834</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,092</b>	<b>9,639</b>	<b>27,731</b>	<b>6,215</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>10,080</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>4,198</b>	<b>26,816</b>	<b>15,193</b>	<b>42,009</b>

**TABLE 7.3 NATIONAL RANKINGS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**

	MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
	Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
Southern/South West Zone	4,888	1,798	6,686	7,575	3,182	10,757	23
Northern	3,479	9,956	13,435	4,950	2,543	7,493	30
Southern	1,705	4,102	5,807	3,478	2,053	5,531	38
South Coastal	1,965	1,563	3,528	3,526	1,599	5,125	40
Eastern	1,123	5,576	6,699	2,772	2,255	5,027	41
Eastern Zone	1,267	782	2,049	3,294	1,383	4,677	44
Northern Zone	1,575	639	2,214	1,655	980	2,635	56
Central - Pilbara - Kimberley	343	185	528	481	284	765	64

**FIGURE 7.2**BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR SEGMENT,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**FIGURE 7.3**PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Regional rankings for West Australian regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 7.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

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.

Bowls participation 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 2015, 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
- Southern Perth.

The overall participation rate in Western Australia was 1.83%. The rate in country Western Australia was 3.26% and in metropolitan Perth it was 1.35%.

**TABLE 7.4 TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Eastern	655	139,501	0.47%	1,010	87,953	1.15%	2,283	39,289	5.81%	1,079	16,371	6.59%	5,027	283,114	1.78%
Northern	979	338,992	0.29%	1,516	199,624	0.76%	3,395	86,215	3.94%	1,603	41,710	3.84%	7,493	666,541	1.12%
Southern	921	212,656	0.43%	1,224	114,322	1.07%	1,917	50,724	3.78%	1,469	23,166	6.34%	5,531	400,867	1.38%
South Coastal	731	183,987	0.40%	1,746	112,763	1.55%	2,062	48,608	4.24%	586	23,852	2.46%	5,125	369,210	1.39%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>875,136</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>5,562</b>	<b>514,662</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>9,767</b>	<b>224,836</b>	<b>4.34%</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>105,099</b>	<b>4.38%</b>	<b>23,175</b>	<b>1,719,733</b>	<b>1.35%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern	313	29,469	1.06%	940	16,769	5.61%	2,803	5,594	50.11%	620	1,751	35.38%	4,677	53,583	8.73%
Northern	112	20,198	0.55%	542	17,010	3.19%	1,151	9,829	11.72%	829	3,523	23.55%	2,635	50,559	5.21%
Southern/South Western	721	138,728	0.52%	2,163	100,315	2.16%	6,448	55,566	11.60%	1,425	24,866	5.73%	10,757	319,475	3.37%
Central/Pilbara/Kimberley	32	84,502	0.04%	157	50,221	0.31%	334	14,849	2.25%	241	4,255	5.66%	765	153,827	0.50%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>272,897</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>184,315</b>	<b>2.08%</b>	<b>10,486</b>	<b>85,838</b>	<b>12.22%</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>34,395</b>	<b>9.85%</b>	<b>18,834</b>	<b>577,445</b>	<b>3.26%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,235</b>	<b>1,148,033</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>698,977</b>	<b>1.34%</b>	<b>20,485</b>	<b>310,674</b>	<b>6.59%</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>139,494</b>	<b>5.70%</b>	<b>42,009</b>	<b>2,297,177</b>	<b>1.83%</b>

**TABLE 7.5 MALE PARTICIPATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Eastern	422	71,127	0.59%	708	43,468	1.63%	1,287	19,366	6.65%	589	7,052	8.36%	3,007	141,013	2.13%
Northern	645	171,185	0.38%	1,084	98,034	1.11%	1,969	42,062	4.68%	902	16,851	5.35%	4,599	328,132	1.40%
Southern	555	109,306	0.51%	857	56,636	1.51%	1,198	25,133	4.77%	945	9,243	10.23%	3,555	200,318	1.77%
South Coastal	525	92,559	0.57%	1,085	55,072	1.97%	1,388	23,844	5.82%	384	9,958	3.86%	3,383	181,432	1.86%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>444,176</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>253,210</b>	<b>1.49%</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>110,404</b>	<b>5.35%</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>43,104</b>	<b>6.33%</b>	<b>14,544</b>	<b>850,895</b>	<b>1.71%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern	191	15,569	1.22%	609	9,125	6.67%	1,860	3,123	59.56%	388	758	51.12%	3,047	28,575	10.66%
Northern	85	10,318	0.82%	299	8,681	3.45%	706	5,237	13.49%	627	1,742	35.99%	1,717	25,978	6.61%
Southern/South Western	438	70,044	0.63%	1,401	49,539	2.83%	4,278	27,919	15.32%	892	11,127	8.02%	7,009	158,628	4.42%
Central/Pilbara/Kimberley	25	46,746	0.05%	87	29,227	0.30%	205	8,476	2.42%	182	2,099	8.67%	499	86,547	0.58%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>142,677</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>96,571</b>	<b>2.46%</b>	<b>6,876</b>	<b>44,754</b>	<b>15.36%</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>15,726</b>	<b>14.59%</b>	<b>12,272</b>	<b>299,728</b>	<b>4.09%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>586,854</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>6,072</b>	<b>349,781</b>	<b>1.74%</b>	<b>12,946</b>	<b>155,158</b>	<b>8.34%</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>58,830</b>	<b>8.54%</b>	<b>26,816</b>	<b>1,150,624</b>	<b>2.33%</b>

**TABLE 7.6 FEMALE PLAYER TO POPULATION RATES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS, 2015**

	Total <40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %	Participants	Population	Rate %
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>															
Eastern	233	68,374	0.34%	302	44,485	0.68%	996	19,923	5.00%	489	9,319	5.25%	2,021	142,101	1.42%
Northern	334	167,807	0.20%	432	101,590	0.43%	1,426	44,153	3.23%	701	24,859	2.82%	2,894	338,409	0.86%
Southern	366	103,350	0.35%	366	57,686	0.64%	720	25,591	2.81%	523	13,922	3.76%	1,976	200,549	0.99%
South Coastal	206	91,429	0.23%	661	57,691	1.15%	674	24,764	2.72%	202	13,894	1.45%	1,742	187,778	0.93%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>430,960</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>261,452</b>	<b>0.69%</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>114,431</b>	<b>3.37%</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>61,994</b>	<b>3.02%</b>	<b>8,632</b>	<b>868,838</b>	<b>0.99%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Eastern	123	13,899	0.88%	331	7,645	4.34%	943	2,472	38.17%	232	993	23.35%	1,629	25,008	6.52%
Northern	27	9,880	0.27%	243	8,328	2.92%	445	4,592	9.70%	202	1,780	11.37%	918	24,581	3.73%
Southern/South Western	283	68,684	0.41%	762	50,776	1.50%	2,170	27,647	7.85%	533	13,740	3.88%	3,748	160,847	2.33%
Central/Pilbara/Kimberley	8	37,756	0.02%	71	20,994	0.34%	129	6,373	2.03%	59	2,156	2.73%	266	67,279	0.40%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>130,220</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>87,743</b>	<b>1.66%</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>41,084</b>	<b>8.78%</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>5.85%</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>277,716</b>	<b>2.36%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>561,180</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>349,195</b>	<b>0.94%</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>155,515</b>	<b>4.85%</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>80,663</b>	<b>3.63%</b>	<b>15,193</b>	<b>1,146,554</b>	<b>1.33%</b>





# TASMANIA

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# NORTHERN TERRITORY

## 8.1 REGIONAL STRUCTURE

**TASMANIA** is Australia's smallest state (and ranks sixth among states and territories) with 513,159<sup>11</sup> residents or 2.2% of the Australian population. Bowls Tasmania has four regions; Hobart and South and three country regions.

The Tasmanian regions in the 2015 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 245,079<sup>12</sup> residents or 1.04% of the Australian population. Northern Territory bowls has three longer-term identified regions; one metropolitan region and two country regions.

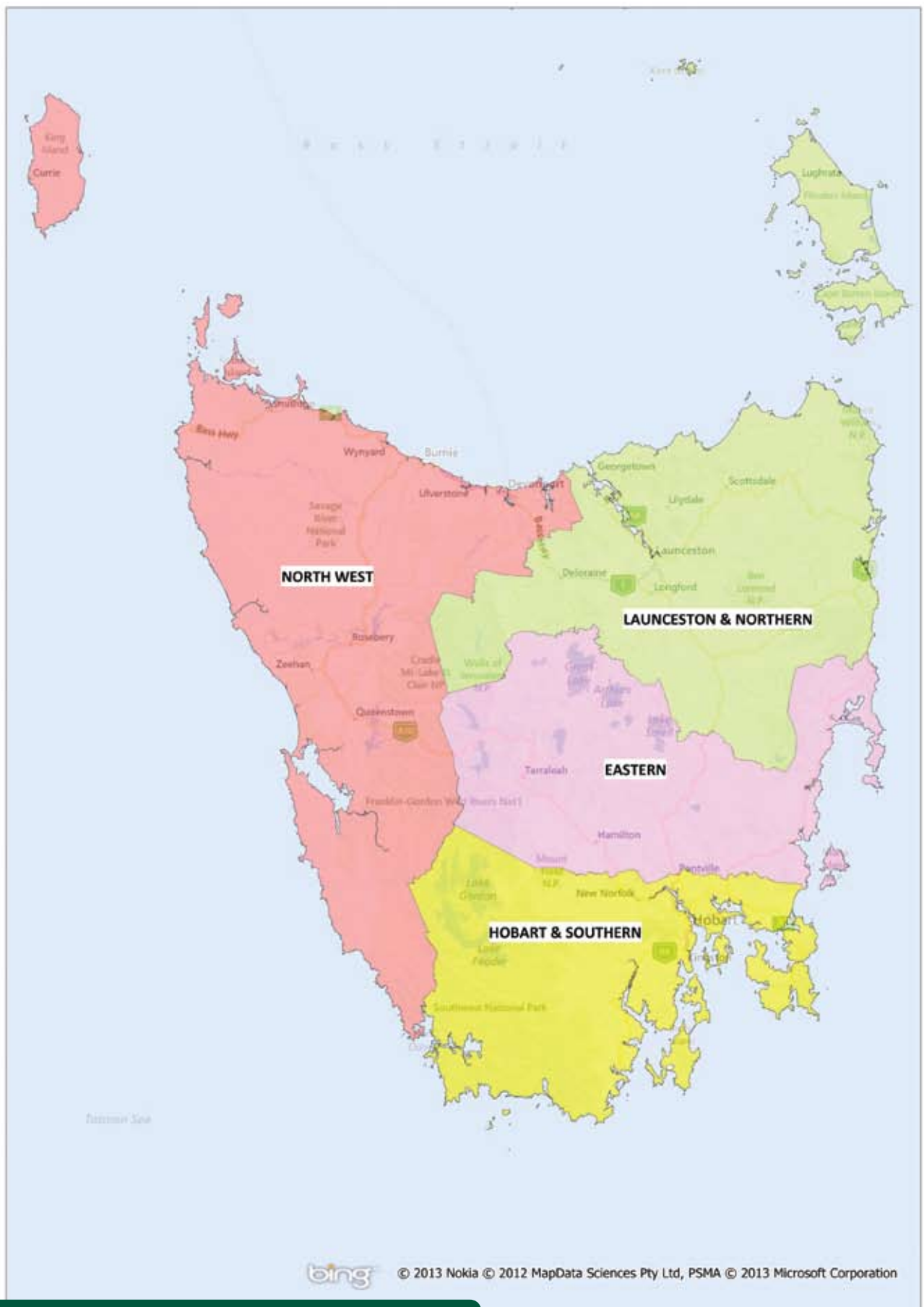
The Northern Territory regions for longer-term National Bowls Census Report integration and for planning bowls development are:

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

However, in the 2015 Census, the Northern Territory has been analysed as a single region.

**THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY** has 385,996<sup>13</sup> residents, or 1.6% of the Australian resident population. The ACT is classified as one administration region, although Bowls ACT encompasses bowls competitions and programs extending beyond the Territory's border, and includes the City of Queanbeyan (with an additional population of 40,568 residents).

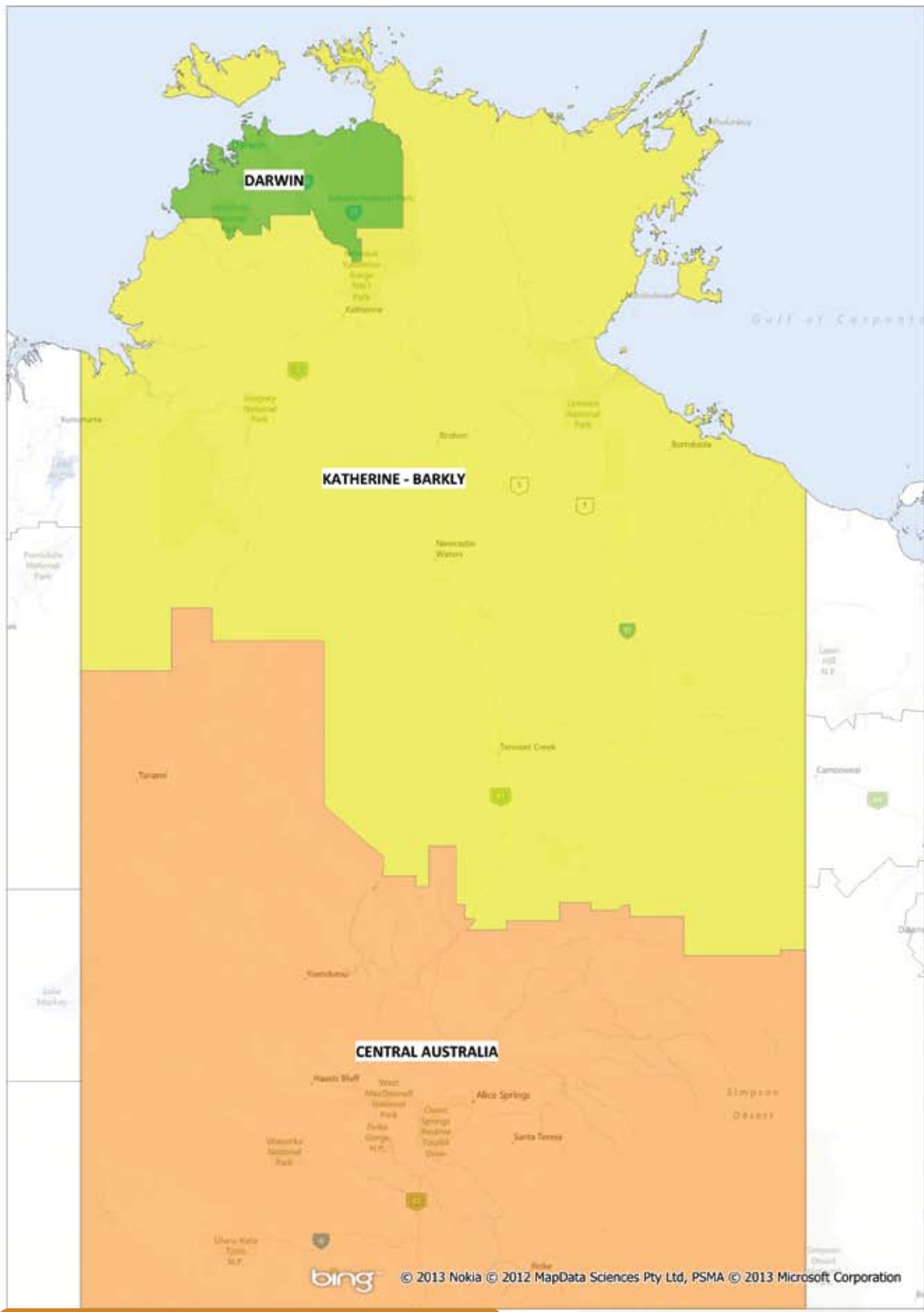
The locations of these regions are shown in Figure 8.1.



## IN 2015, TASMANIA HAD:

- 4 bowls associations
- 70 bowls clubs
- 7,841 playing and non-playing members
- 18,889 participants in all forms of bowls

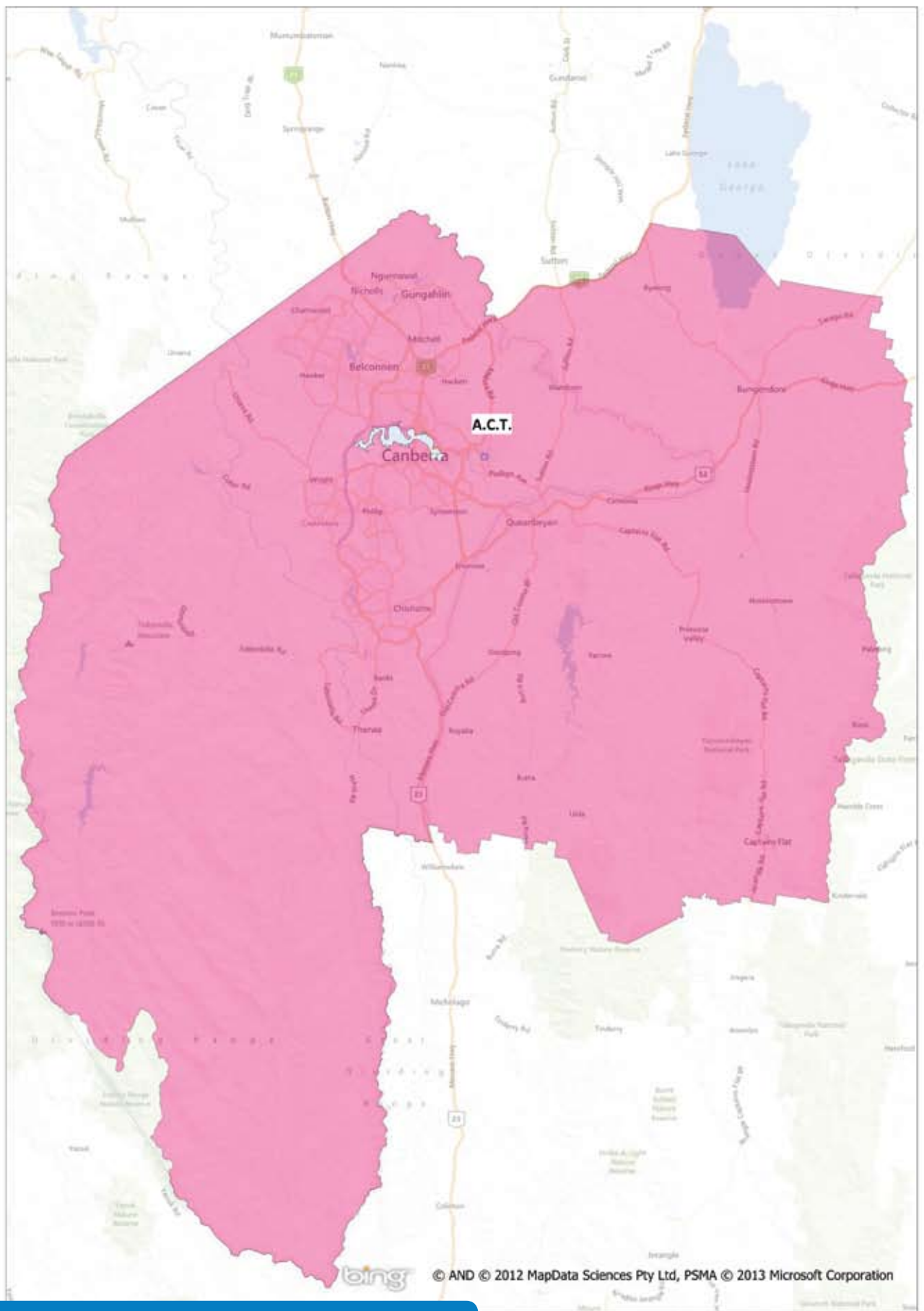
<sup>11</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



### IN 2015, NORTHER TERRITORY HAD:

- 7 bowls clubs
- 255 playing and non-playing members
- 2,104 participants in all forms of bowls

<sup>12</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015



## IN 2015, ACT HAD

- 1 bowls association
- 16 bowls clubs
- 9,463 playing and non-playing members
- 8,043 participants in all forms of bowls

<sup>13</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth 2014, May 2015

**The clubs in the Tasmanian, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory regions in 2015 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  
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  
Sorrell Bowling Club  
St John's Park Bowling Club  
Taroona Bowling Club  
Tasman Bowling Club

### **Launceston and Northern Region**

Bass & Flinders Bowls & Community Club  
Beauty Point Bowling Club  
Bridport Bowling Club  
Cosgrove Park Bowling Club  
Cressy Bowls & Community Club  
Deloraine Bowling Club  
East Launceston Bowling Club  
Exeter RSL 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 Western 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  
Ulverston Bowling Club  
Viewmont Bowling Club  
Wynyard Bowling Club

### **East 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  
Nightcliff Bowls Club Inc  
Palmerston Golf and Country Club  
Katherine Country Club Inc  
Humpty Doo Bowls Club Inc  
Tennant Creek Bowling Club  
Rum Jungle Bowling Club  
Alice Springs Memorial Bowls Club

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Belconnen Bowling Club  
Bungendore Bowling Club  
Canberra Bowling Club  
Canberra City Bowling Club  
Canberra North Bowling Club  
Tuggeranong Valley Bowling Club  
West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club  
Weston Creek Bowling Club  
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club  
Queanbeyan Bowling Club  
Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club  
Yass Bowling Club  
Captains Flat Bowling Club

## 8.2 MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

### Of the 7,841 club members in Tasmania,

- 57.4% were registered pennant playing members;
- 8.4% were non-pennant playing members;
- 34.2% were non-playing members; and
- 58.5% of members were located in country Tasmania (ie northern, north-western and eastern regions).

### Of the 255 club members in the Northern Territory,

- All were registered pennant playing members.

### Of the 9,463 club members in the Australian Capital Territory,

- 7.1% were registered pennant playing members;
- 12.4% were non-pennant playing members; and
- 80.6% were non-playing members.

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

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

**TABLE 8.1** BOWLS CLUBS AND MEMBERS TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2015

	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	1,506	560	2,066	1,189	3,255
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>3,255</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>						
Launceston and North	21	1,532	0	1,532	922	2,454
North West	16	1,352	96	1,448	515	1,963
East	5	111	0	111	58	169
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>4,586</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>7,841</b>
<b>TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>TOTAL ACT</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>9,463</b>

Table 8.2 and Figures 8.2 (A, B & C) 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 36%, 67% and 54% respectively.

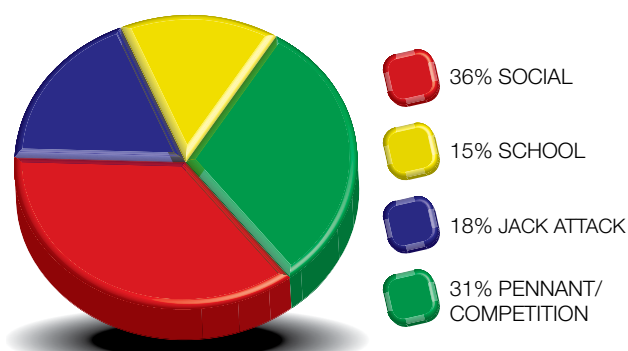
- Male participation makes up 65.8%, 59.3% and 62.9% of all bowls participation in Tasmania,

Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory, respectively.

Figures 8.3 (A, B & C) show the age structure of bowls participation in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

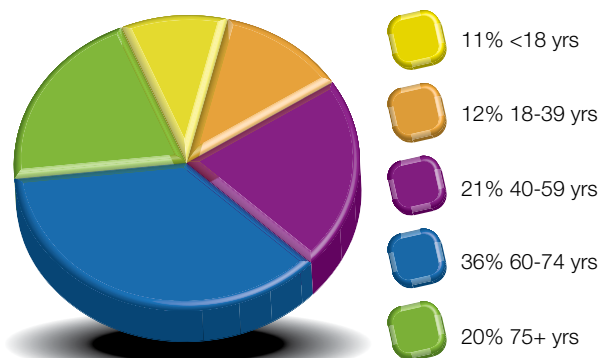
**FIGURE 8.2 A**

BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR SEGMENT, TASMANIA



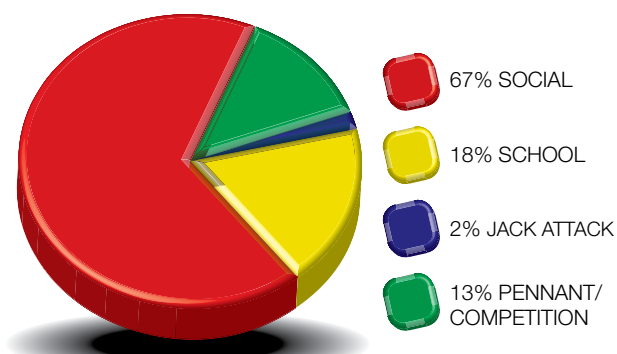
**FIGURE 8.3 A**

PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP, TASMANIA



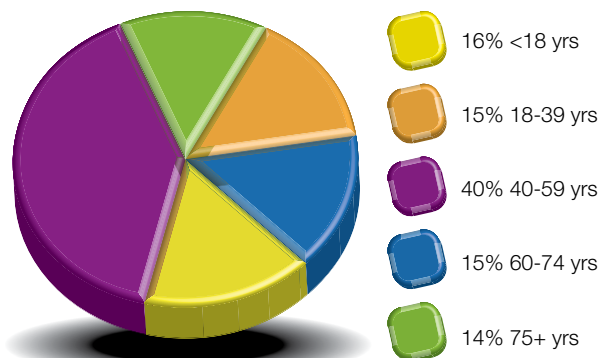
**FIGURE 8.2 B**

BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR SEGMENT, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



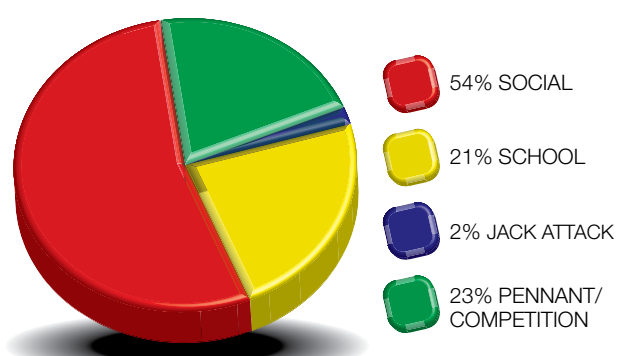
**FIGURE 8.3 B**

PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



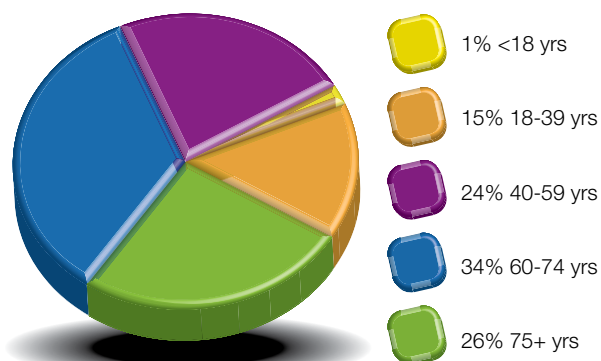
**FIGURE 8.2 C**

BOWLS PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR SEGMENT, NORTHERN TERRITORY



**FIGURE 8.3 C**

PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP, NORTHERN TERRITORY



**TABLE 8.2 BOWLS PARTICIPATION (>4 GAMES) IN TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 2015**

Participants	Pennant and Other Competition			Social and Other Participation			Jack Attack 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	1,432	733	2,165	1,850	1,040	2,890	700	440	1,140	650	260	910	4,632	2,473	7,105
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>4,632</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>7,105</b>
<b>TAS COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	1,225	600	1,824	1,130	570	1,700	1,000	400	1,400	730	450	1,180	4,085	2,020	6,104
North West	991	540	1,531	1,345	615	1,960	500	450	950	550	250	800	3,386	1,855	5,241
East	207	51	258	120	60	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	111	438
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>11,784</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>12,430</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>18,889</b>
<b>TOTAL NT</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2,104</b>
<b>TOTAL ACT</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>8,043</b>

Regional rankings for Tasmanian, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory regions in terms of participants are summarised in Table 8.3 (also showing the relative number of members).

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.

Bowls participation 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 participation rate in the Australian Capital Territory was 2.17%, Tasmania was 4.15%, while the Northern Territory's rate was 0.99%.

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

		MEMBERSHIP			PARTICIPATION			
		Playing	Non Playing	Total Members	Pennant and Other Competition	Social and School	Total Participants	Participation Ranking
Australian Capital Territory	ACT	1,838	7,625	9,463	1,812	6,231	8,043	28
Northern Territory	NT	255	0	255	280	1,824	2,104	59
Hobart and South	TAS	2,066	1,189	3,255	2,165	4,940	7,105	33
Launceston and North	TAS	1,532	922	2,454	1,824	4,280	6,104	35
North West	TAS	1,448	515	1,963	1,531	3,710	5,241	39
East	TAS	111	58	169	258	180	438	65

**TABLE 8.4 TOTAL PARTICIPANT TO POPULATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2015**

	Total < 40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>TASMANIA</b>															
Hobart and South	1,609	94,352	1.71%	1,645	67,921	2.42%	2,637	35,677	7.39%	1,215	17,143	7.09%	7,105	215,093	3.30%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>94,352</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>67,921</b>	<b>2.42%</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>35,677</b>	<b>7.39%</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>17,143</b>	<b>7.09%</b>	<b>7,105</b>	<b>215,093</b>	<b>3.30%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	1,084	53,473	2.03%	1,457	40,292	3.62%	2,336	23,038	10.14%	1,227	10,783	11.38%	6,104	127,586	4.78%
North West	939	40,966	2.29%	941	32,375	2.91%	1,832	18,780	9.76%	1,529	8,565	17.85%	5,241	100,686	5.21%
East	208	4,004	5.20%	60	4,005	1.50%	151	2,833	5.33%	19	819	2.33%	438	11,661	3.76%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>98,443</b>	<b>2.67%</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>76,671</b>	<b>3.09%</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>44,652</b>	<b>9.56%</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>20,167</b>	<b>12.52%</b>	<b>11,784</b>	<b>239,933</b>	<b>4.91%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>192,796</b>	<b>2.19%</b>	<b>3,982</b>	<b>144,592</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>6,896</b>	<b>80,329</b>	<b>8.58%</b>	<b>3,781</b>	<b>37,309</b>	<b>10.13%</b>	<b>18,889</b>	<b>455,026</b>	<b>4.15%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>124,330</b>	<b>0.53%</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>64,751</b>	<b>1.26%</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>19,955</b>	<b>1.66%</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>7.18%</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>213,109</b>	<b>0.99%</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>182,971</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>118,859</b>	<b>1.63%</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>49,236</b>	<b>5.46%</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>19,892</b>	<b>10.53%</b>	<b>8,043</b>	<b>370,958</b>	<b>2.17%</b>

**TABLE 8.5 MALE PARTICIPATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2015**

	Total < 40 years			Total 40-59 years			Total 60-74 years			Total 75+ years			Total Population		
	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %	Players	Population	Rate %
<b>TASMANIA</b>															
Hobart and South	1,031	46,862	2.20%	1,119	32,806	3.41%	1,702	17,477	9.74%	781	7,052	11.07%	4,632	104,197	4.45%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>46,862</b>	<b>2.20%</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>32,806</b>	<b>3.41%</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>17,477</b>	<b>9.74%</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>7,052</b>	<b>11.07%</b>	<b>4,632</b>	<b>104,197</b>	<b>4.45%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	712	26,295	2.71%	1,026	19,625	5.23%	1,555	11,386	13.66%	792	4,550	17.40%	4,085	61,856	6.60%
North West	638	20,240	3.15%	665	15,768	4.22%	1,155	9,343	12.37%	927	3,619	25.61%	3,386	48,969	6.91%
East	140	2,004	7.01%	45	2,048	2.21%	127	1,514	8.40%	14	403	3.57%	327	5,968	5.49%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>48,539</b>	<b>3.49%</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>37,441</b>	<b>4.43%</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>22,242</b>	<b>12.83%</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>8,572</b>	<b>18.54%</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>116,793</b>	<b>6.68%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>95,401</b>	<b>2.85%</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>70,246</b>	<b>3.93%</b>	<b>4,556</b>	<b>39,719</b>	<b>11.47%</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>15,624</b>	<b>15.29%</b>	<b>12,430</b>	<b>220,991</b>	<b>5.62%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>63,670</b>	<b>0.61%</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>33,127</b>	<b>1.80%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10,970</b>	<b>0.89%</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>8.48%</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>109,688</b>	<b>1.14%</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>92,047</b>	<b>0.97%</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>58,163</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>24,005</b>	<b>6.17%</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>8,251</b>	<b>16.73%</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>182,466</b>	<b>2.77%</b>

**TABLE 8.6 FEMALE PARTICIPATION RATES IN TAS, NT AND ACT, 2015**

	Total < 40 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	578	47,490	1.22%	525	35,115	1.50%	935	18,201	5.14%	434	10,090	4.30%	2,473	110,896	2.23%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>47,490</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>35,115</b>	<b>1.50%</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>18,201</b>	<b>5.14%</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>10,090</b>	<b>4.30%</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>110,896</b>	<b>2.23%</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>															
Launceston and North	372	27,178	1.37%	431	20,667	2.09%	781	11,653	6.70%	435	6,233	6.98%	2,020	65,730	3.07%
North West	301	20,727	1.45%	276	16,607	1.66%	677	9,437	7.17%	602	4,945	12.17%	1,855	51,716	3.59%
East	68	1,999	3.39%	15	1,957	0.76%	24	1,320	1.80%	5	417	1.14%	111	5,693	1.95%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>49,904</b>	<b>1.86%</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>39,231</b>	<b>1.80%</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>22,410</b>	<b>6.31%</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>8.07%</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>123,140</b>	<b>3.24%</b>
<b>TOTAL TASMANIA</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>97,394</b>	<b>1.55%</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>74,346</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>40,610</b>	<b>5.76%</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>21,685</b>	<b>6.42%</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>234,036</b>	<b>2.76%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>60,660</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>31,624</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>8,985</b>	<b>2.60%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>6.02%</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>103,421</b>	<b>0.83%</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>90,924</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>60,696</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>25,231</b>	<b>4.79%</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>6.14%</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>188,491</b>	<b>1.58%</b>

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