



BOWLS
AUSTRALIA



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT





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PRESIDENT AND CEO report

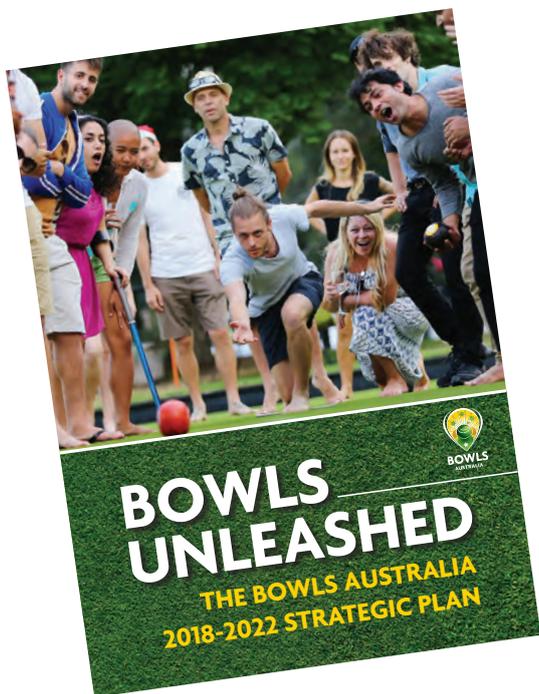
As President and CEO of Bowls Australia (BA), it is our distinct pleasure to present this Annual Report on behalf of the organisation's Board and Staff.



We must begin by expressing our immense appreciation to the numerous individuals and organisations that have contributed to the growth of Bowls in Australia, across all levels, over this 12-month period.

The continued development of the sport is contingent on the work of many, spread across all levels of the sport, from those employees within the BA office charged with administration, right down to those who tirelessly volunteer their time and energy at any of the 1,872 clubs nationwide; we are all collectively invested seeing the sport grow and prosper.

Undoubtedly, there were many highlights and milestones achieved during this period, but perhaps none more important than the delivery of a new Strategic Plan, titled *Bowls Unleashed: The Bowls Australia 2018-22 Strategic Plan* that will set the course for the organisation, and indeed the sport, over the next five years, from 2018 to 2022.



Bowls Unleashed was developed for the Bowls community with the overarching objectives:

- Provide vision and direction
- Guide the future growth and capacity
- Encourage coordination, cooperation and collaboration
- Maintain the relevance of Bowls in the Australian sporting sector
- Ensure the sustainability of Bowls in a changing Australian sporting landscape

The document outlines the common vision for all Australians to engage with bowls socially or competitively during their lifetime, and articulates the strategic priority areas to achieve this vision as:

- 1. OUR BUSINESS MODEL** - We will work collaboratively through aligned behaviours, to build an industry leading national sports business.
- 2. MORE PLAY** - We will make the sport more accessible to all Australians and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- 3. WINNING TEAMS** - We will deliver winning teams on the international stage that inspire and excite Australians.
- 4. INSPIRED FANS** - We will continue to improve the live spectator experience whilst driving innovation in how we bring bowls to the widest possible audience.
- 5. STAYING AHEAD OF THE GAME** - We are open to new ideas and different ways of thinking; we are prepared to be challenged; we are committed to sharing ideas and information to benefit the sport.

We thoroughly encourage all stakeholders of the sport to review the Bowls Unleashed: The Bowls Australia 2018-22 Strategic Plan in greater detail, at bowls.com.au/Strategic-Plan-2018-2022.



From a governance perspective, during this period Nigel Smith relinquished his position of President of BA and officially concluded his role at the helm during BA's Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2017.

Nigel's contribution to the sport was immense during his tenure as a BA Board Director for three years and subsequently as President for a further two years, and we acknowledge and applaud his significant contribution.

FURTHER NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVED OVER THE COURSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORTING PERIOD INCLUDE:

- **The Nationals**

This concept will establish a new Festival of Bowls that amalgamates a number of national events, inclusive of the Australian Sides Championships, Australian Senior Sides Championships, Australian Indoor Championships, Australian Under-18 Championships, Australian Championships and Australian Champion of Champions events under the one banner, to be contested at the same location within a short period. The Nationals are scheduled to commence in October 2020, with a number of potential locations currently being explored and considered.

- **Broadcast**

A new two-year broadcast partnership was formulated with CrocMedia, to produce exclusive television and radio content for the sport, including TV coverage of the Australian Open and Bowls Premier League events, The Bowls Show, and Without Bias radio show. This partnership saw the consolidation of all BA's broadcast products to one production supplier and generated significant cost savings.

- **World Bowls**

In February 2018, former Club Pine Rivers CEO Wayne

Moffatt was elected to the World Bowls Board as one of three Regional Directors, charged with the development of Asia and Oceania. This was an important appointment for Australia, as the largest Member Nation of World Bowls, following the resignation of Karen Murphy from the position, and ensures that the Oceania and Asia regions are represented by an experienced and astute administrator with strong business and financial acumen.

- **BowlsLink**

BA unveiled plans to roll-out a new and improved whole-of-sport information technology platform, titled "BowlsLink". The project involves a partnership between the sport's national governing body and seven State and Territory Associations to develop a tailor-made IT system for all levels of the sport, inclusive of a modern competition management system, a centralised connected membership database system, and new and improved websites. The BowlsLink system is being developed by Melbourne-based web development agency Savage Bull, following a comprehensive 18-month tender process, led by a working group featuring a cross-section of the sport's key stakeholders.

- **New Facilities and Government Relations Management role**

To address important national issues regarding facilities, bowls club viability, amalgamation of clubs and lifestyle villages, BA developed a new senior managerial position and subsequently appointed Chris Wallace to the role, who was formerly Participation Manager and a Regional Bowls Manager.

- **Para-Athletes Caps**

In a positive move for equality, Bowls Australia's Board ratified a decision to award test caps to para-sport athletes that don the green and gold uniform competing for Australia.



GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Following nine days of competition on the familiar surrounds of Broadbeach Bowls Club, the Australian Jackaroos emerged from the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games with its most successful performance ever. Eclipsing Melbourne 2006's performance of three gold, one silver and one bronze, 12 years later and again on home soil, the Jackaroos secured five gold and two silver in what was a monumental Games. Significantly, two of those five gold medals came via the two para-sport events, with our vision-impaired pairs and bowlers with a disability men's triples producing two remarkable campaigns, breaking records in the process. Some further figures/records that highlight the dominance of the Jackaroos performance across both the able-bodied and para-sport disciplines:

- It was the fourth-most prolific gold medal Australian team across all sports;
- If the Jackaroos were a nation, they'd place 14th on the overall medal tally;
- The Jackaroos were the fourth most prolific Australian winning team, behind swimming, athletics and cycling track;
- The Jackaroos now hold the record for the two oldest Australian Commonwealth Games medallists, in Ken Hanson (68) and Lynne Seymour (67);



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The Australian Open continued to grow, in partnership with Tourism and Events Queensland and the City of Gold Coast, with more than 2,100 players from across the globe descending on the Gold Coast region for 14 days of action across 13 host clubs. A major milestone was reached this year, with the event broadcast live on free-to-air television, for the first time, courtesy of BA's partnership with SBS resulting in 9 hours of coverage over the final two days. The event returns to the region in 2019.

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Senior Sides Championships was brought under the BA umbrella and staged by BA for the first time in 2017. The successful event was staged in South Australia's Copper Coast, at the Moonta Memorial and Wallaroo Bowls Clubs, courtesy of a partnership with the Copper Coast Council, District Council of Barunga West and Yorke Peninsula Council. The event will be hosted again in the region in 2019.

BPL CUP

BA staged the inaugural BPL Cup competition, in conjunction with the BPL event, in November 2017. BPL Cup is the amalgamation of the BPL and Jack Attack products to strengthen the correlation between the bowls that viewers see on television and the format of bowls offered at Clubs. State finalists were provided an all-expenses-paid trip to the BPL Cup National Finals at Queensland's Club Pine Rivers. Entrant numbers have grown considerably in the second year, and in 2018, we're pleased to provide a chance for any Club team to play on national television, with the quarter-finals onwards of the National Finals televised on Fox Sports.





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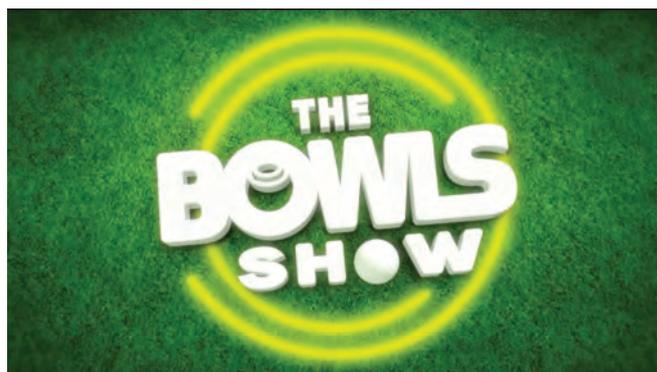
The BPL competition welcomed a new team, the Illawarra Gorillas, licensed to Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, who took over the licence relinquished by Bowls SA (the Adelaide Endurance team). The addition of the Gorillas proved a boon for the competition, with the team finishing in second place.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPO

In partnership with Bolton Clarke, BA staged a Community Health Expo in Rosebud, Victoria on October 13, 2017 with then Minister for Health and Sport, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP in attendance. The Expo provided the opportunity for awareness of important health and well-being benefits associated with the sport.

WORLD CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Adelaide Bowling Club was successful in its bid to host the 2019 and 2020 iterations of the coveted World Champions of Champions event. The event will be contested on Australian shores for at least a six-year period; staged at Club Helensvale in 2015 and 2016, and St Johns Park in 2017 and 2018.



THE BOWLS SHOW

The highly regarded The Bowls Show continued on free-to-air television through BA's partnership with SBS, and was also broadcast on Fox Sports, for a third season, featuring an expanded 22 episodes across as many weeks. Through BA's new production partnership with Croc Media, the quality of the product was elevated to a new level, including incorporating a state-of-the-art studio.



RINKSIDE LIVE

BA's live-streaming product Rinkside Live continued to grow and showcase many events that were otherwise unavailable to be watched by the masses. The production standards were increased considerably, and now feature eight camera angles, scoreboard graphics, professional commentary audio, television clip integration, and lower-third graphics. During the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, BA's videos were viewed on Facebook more than 2.4 million times for a total of 6.9 million minutes.

BCiB FUTURE OF BOWLS FORUMS

The Future of Bowls Forums, which are jointly organised by Bowls Australia and BCiB, continued to shine a light on the issues that matter most for grassroots clubs, and to demonstrate how BA plans to action our vision for the sport over the next five years and beyond. These Forums wouldn't be possible without the support of our valued partner, BCiB.

STA RELATIONS

As mentioned earlier in this report the results we have achieved as a 'bowls community' working towards the targets we collectively set in our Strategic Plan would not have been possible without the co-operation of our State and Territory Associations. To them we say thank you to their respective Presidents, Boards and staff for their efforts in promoting our sport. The importance of collaboration in areas of common interest cannot be underestimated, particularly in the area of governance. Good governance is one of the key result areas identified by each of our government funding authorities as critical in being successful across the entire spectrum of our operations and working towards and maintaining best practice in this area should always be on our respective agendas.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Once again, the BA Audit, Risk and Policy Committee has continued the important work of monitoring, reviewing and updating the numerous policies which allow us to function. Our thanks go to the Committee for a commitment which can often result in many hours of revision and discussion to ensure that each and every area of our operations are able to be carried out in the knowledge that our volunteers, officials and participants involvement in our sport has been covered.

SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN BA AND STAs

Whilst we currently share the cost and implementation of services with our STAs on Coaching, Umpiring, the employment of the RBMs, policy development and an IT system, we feel there are more services that could be shared such as HR; Legal and Marketing and awareness campaigns. These and other services will continued to be explored into the future.

CAPITATION REVIEW PANEL CONVENED

During this period, the BA Board agreed to undertake a review of the fixed fee capitation model in respect to how BA charges the STAs for those fees. A panel was assembled to investigate this subject with Bob Boorman from the BA Board chairing and representatives from STAs – Daniel Gatt (WBNSW), Ken Pride (BWA), Ken Warburton (BV) together with Tony Sherwill and Neil Dalrymple (BA). A report and recommendations are expected to be finalised later in 2018.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the loyal support and generous contribution from the Federal Government through the Australian Sports Commission (now Sport Australia) and Australian Institute of Sport. In particular, the Minister for Sport the Hon. Bridget McKenzie and the ASC Board under the leadership of Chair John Wylie and CEO Kate Palmer, who have provided invaluable advice and support to our organisation over this period.

Sincere thanks go to President Sam Coffa, CEO Craig Phillips and the Board of Management of Commonwealth Games Australia for their continued support of Bowls and our High Performance program.

A special acknowledgement must be made to BA's broadcast partners, SBS, Fox Sports Australia and Sky Sport NZ for their support and efforts in bringing bowls into the lounge rooms of fans across the country and abroad.

To our valued sponsors and corporate partners who are outlined in the Commercial Development section of this annual report, the BA Board and staff extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for these partnerships, and look forward to continuing to develop these relationships collaboratively into the future.

A special thank-you is made to BA's Board of Directors, staff, national committees and volunteers for their continual commitment and dedication to the growth and development of the sport and brand of Bowls in Australia.

We acknowledge World Bowls President John Bell, CEO Gary Smith and the organisation's directors for their efforts over this period.

Overall, it has been a very pleasing 12-month period and through the delivery of the new Strategic Plan, Bowls Unleashed, we have already set our sights on an even more successful 2018/19.





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Message from the Australian Sports Commission



The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) thanks all of our partner national sporting organisations (NSOs) for your continued hard work and commitment to excellence. All of you understand innately the importance of sport in Australian life. It's much more than a source of national identity and pride, it's the fabric that binds us together - a common language for all, with multiplier benefits in health, education, social cohesion and the economy.

There were many great sporting events to celebrate during the course of last year – the launch of both the AFL Women's competition and the National Netball League with prime-time TV coverage, the Richmond Tigers' win in the AFL, dominant performances by the Australian Ashes teams in the men's and the women's series, the Matildas winning the football Tournament of Nations and the Socceroos qualifying for this year's World Cup in Russia – just to pick a few.

Sport has traditionally been our national past-time. A competitive sporting spirit has been a natural part of our DNA. But like any industry, sport faces competition, from other entertainment options domestically or from other nations internationally. At the ASC, we are serious about taking on that competition.

We appreciate the willingness of NSOs to embrace this challenge. We commend athletes for their dedicated commitment to training for upcoming Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and, further ahead, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

One of the most important long-term challenges for our country is to help our children be physically active, to participate in sport and enjoy its lifelong benefits.

The ASC's Sporting Schools program has reached more than 6,000 primary schools around Australia and a now includes targeted program for secondary schools. It is vital to ensure physical education is re-emphasised in the national school curriculum. To this end, the ASC has been doing ground-breaking work on physical literacy for young people and we look forward to rolling this out nationally in the year ahead.

As the national leadership organisation for sport in Australia, the ASC is excited by the enthusiasm that the Minister for Sport, Senator the Hon. Bridget McKenzie is showing for promoting physical activity for all Australians, and we continue to work with her on a National Sport Plan. This will create, for the first time, a comprehensive blueprint for Australian sport. It is an outstanding initiative and we thank the Minister for her commitment and those that have contributed for to the Plan.

Finally, I say a big thank you to the army of volunteers – parents, coaches, officials and administrators - who contribute their time and services for the good of Australian sport. You bring community strength, passion and great value to the identity, productivity, cohesion and health of our nation.

The ASC wishes you every success in the year ahead. We look forward to working closely with you for the common good of Australian sport.

John Wylie AM

Chair

Australian Sports Commission



Winning partnership Proudly supporting Bowls Australia

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) invests in sport at all levels in Australia. We work with Bowls Australia to ensure Australian bowls players excel in the international sporting arena whilst increasing participation in bowls.

Bowls Australia is one of many national sporting organisations partnering with us to achieve *Australia's Winning Edge*.





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BOWLS AUSTRALIA BOARD



DARRYL CLOUT - PRESIDENT

QUALIFICATIONS

Australian Institute of Company Directors (Residential) Course

EXPERIENCE

Vice President – International Softball Federation;
Former General Manager Department of Sport & Recreation NSW
Former executive board member NSW Softball Association

Former President Softball Australia
Former Board member of NSW Institute of Sport

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member - CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee
Member - Good Governance working party



KATHRYN BAILEY

EXPERIENCE

Metropolitan Director - Bowls SA for (three years)
Board representative to the SA Match and Program Committee
Member – Bowls SA Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Previous employment at Indoor Cricket Arenas - introducing pilot sports to lift participation

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member - CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee
Member - Good Governance Project Working Party
Chair - Audit, Risk & Policy Committee



ROBERT (BOB) BOORMAN

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of South Australia

EXPERIENCE

Former Independent Director - Bowls SA
President - Adelaide Bowling Club
Former Director - Smith Family, Atomix Design, SA Housing Trust

Member - Board of Management, Renewal SA
Extensive experience in Management and Executive roles in business

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member - Audit, Risk & Policy Committee



RAY DIENELT

EXPERIENCE

Managing Director - Hareeba Enterprises Pty Ltd
General Manager - Shaedz of Alice, Alice Springs
Former President - Memorial Bowls Club, Alice Springs
State Representative - NT, 2009 - 2015

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Marketing and Brand Working Party



WAYNE TURLEY OAM

EXPERIENCE

Director Turley Enterprises Pty Ltd
2006 Commonwealth Games men's triples gold medal
Bowls Coordinator Taren Point Bowling Club
Joint owner – Wayne Turley & Claire Duke's Aero Bowls World

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member of the Bowls Premier League Advisory Committee
Member - Nominations Committee



LYDIA DOWSE

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Melbourne: Bachelor of Arts (Hons.);
Bachelor of Laws

EXPERIENCE

General Manager, Integrity and Safe Sport,
Swimming Australia Ltd
Former Executive Manager, Governance, West
Australian Football Commission (AFL)

Former Contract Management Director, Events
Division (Tourism WA)

Former Head of Football at Football Federation
Victoria (soccer) Former COE, Leading Teams
Australia Pty Ltd

Former Event Development Manager, Victorian
Major Events Company

Former Event Development Manager, Events
Corp WA



LOUISE WITTON

EXPERIENCE

Director - The Neutral Bay Club, NSW
(16 consecutive years)
Chair of the Board - The Neutral Bay Club
(six consecutive years)
Office Manager - Zenith Media, Australia's largest
media consultancy (10 years)

Represented NSW: 2004-2012

Represented Queensland: 2013-present

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member - Audit, Risk and Policy Committee



TRACEY WRIGHT

EXPERIENCE

Current Head of Energy Services at Energy
Australia
Widespread experience working for US multi-
national companies
Former Regional Managing Director, Australasia
for Hallmark Cards
Owner - Tracey Wright Consulting Pty Ltd

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Bowls Connect Tender Panel

BOWLS AUSTRALIA COMMITTEES AND STAFF

STATE CONSULTATIVE BODY

Nigel Smith
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (until October 2017)

Darryl Clout
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (from October 2017)

Kathryn Bailey
Bowls Australia Board Director

Tracey Wright
Bowls Australia Board Director (from October 2017)

Ray Dienelt
Bowls Australia Board Director

Robert (Bob) Boorman
Bowls Australia Board Director

Andrew Walton
Bowls Australia Board Director (from October 2017 – June 2018)

Louise Witton
Bowls Australia Board Director

Wayne Turley OAM
Bowls Australia Board Director

Lydia Dowse
Bowls Australia Board Director (from February 2018)

Barbara Gilbert
Bowls Victoria President

Graeme Bridge
Bowls Victoria Chief Executive Officer

Vincent Beard
RNSWBA President

Greg Helm
RNSWBA Chief Executive Officer

Maryann Parcell
Women's Bowls NSW President

Daniel Gatt
Women's Bowls NSW Executive Officer

Peter Williamson
Bowls Queensland President

Brett Wilkie
Bowls Queensland Chief Executive Officer

Kerry Andersen
Bowls WA President

Ken Pride
Bowls WA Chief Executive Officer

Wayne Prosser
Bowls SA President

Mark Easton
Bowls SA Chief Executive Officer

Beverley Dowrick
Bowls ACT President (until June 2018)

Wally Kuhn
Bowls ACT President (from June 2018)

Kate Lyttle
Bowls ACT Executive Officer

Garry Bevan
Bowls Tasmania President (until May 2018)

Sue Ross
Bowls Tasmania President (from May 2018)

Rebecca Van Asch
Bowls Tasmania Executive Officer

Stan Smolski
Bowls NT President (until November 2017)

Matt Mills
Bowls NT President (from November 2017)

Avon Collis
Bowls NT Operations Manager (until February 2017)

Jason Smith
Bowls NT Acting Operations Manager (from February 2017)

BOWLS AUSTRALIA COMMITTEES

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit, Risk and Policy

Kathryn Bailey
Bowls Australia Board Director (Chair)

Louise Witton
Bowls Australia Board Director

Robert (Bob) Boorman
Bowls Australia Board Director

Chris Brophy
Independent Member

CEO Performance and Remuneration

Nigel Smith
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (until October 2017)

Darryl Clout
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (from October 2017)

Ray Dienelt
Bowls Australia Board Director

Kathryn Bailey
Bowls Australia Board Director



BOWLS
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Nominations

Nigel Smith
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (until October 2017)

Darryl Clout
Bowls Australia President (Chair) (from October 2017)

Wayne Turley
Bowls Australia Board Director

Michael Catlow
Independent Member

Neil Dalrymple
Bowls Australia Chief Executive Officer

World Bowls 2020

Neil Dalrymple
Bowls Australia Chief Executive Officer (Chair)

Nigel Smith
Bowls Australia Immediate Past President

Brian Baldwin
Mulgrave Hill Bowls Club representative

Len Brunt
Club Helensvale Bowls Club representative

Colleen Gilbert
Broadbeach Bowls Club representative

Laurel Rigoni
Tourism and Events Queensland representative

Mark Casey
Events and Competition Manager representative

Brett Wilkie
Bowls Queensland Chief Executive Officer

BOARD APPOINTED COMMITTEES

National Officiating Advisory Group

John Roberts (Chair)

Bob Carlson

Sue Hogg

Pam Hockings

Ian Irvine

Andrew Lynn

Sandy Wallace

Steven Campbell
Bowls Australia Education and Training Coordinator (until December 2017)

Michael Beaumont
Bowls Australia Education and Training Coordinator (from January 2018)

Tony Sherwill
Bowls Australia Chief Operating Officer

National Coaching Advisory Group

Steve Glasson OAM
Bowls Australia National Coach (Chair)

Julia Walsh

Gary Willis

Jaewyn Norton

Greg Bostock

Steven Campbell
Bowls Australia Education and Training Coordinator (until December 2017)

Michael Beaumont
Bowls Australia Education and Training Coordinator (from January 2018)

National Selection Panel

Peter Brown
Bowls Australia High Performance and Pathways Manager (Chair - non-voting)

Steve Glasson OAM
Bowls Australia National Coach

Kelvin Kerkow OAM

Dave Stockham

Beth Quinlan (until April 2018)

Therese Hastings (from May 2018)

BPL Management Committee

Neil Dalrymple
Bowls Australia Chief Executive Officer (Chair)

Kelsey Cottrell
Player Representative

Wayne Turley
Bowls Australia Board Director

Mark Casey
Events and Competition Manager

Aidan Davis
Communications and Marketing Manager

Jennifer Pitson
Sponsorship and Partnership Manager

Jakub Syslo
Digital and Marketing Coordinator

Hall of Fame Committee

Nigel Smith
Bowls Australia President (Chair)

Sam Clough OAM

Louise Witton
Bowls Australia Board Director

Steve Srhoy
Hall of Fame member

Lynsey Clarke
Hall of Fame member

STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING PARTIES

National Development Advisory Panel

Andrew Larratt
Independent Member - Chair

Tony Sherwill
Bowls Australia Chief Operating Officer

Chris Wallace
Bowls Australia Participation Manager

Clive Adams
Bowls Australia Senior Regional Bowls Manager

John Emerson
Bowls Australia Senior Regional Bowls Manager

Andrew Howie
Bowls Australia Senior Regional Bowls Manager

Wayne Street
Independent member

BowlsLink Working Party:

Kelvin Rogers
Bowls Australia Training and Education Coordinator (Chair)

Luke Brown
Bowls Victoria IT Coordinator

Kate Lyttle
Bowls ACT Executive Officer

Greg Helm
RNSWBA Chief Executive Officer

Aaron Delaporte
Bowls WA Operations Manager

Kylie Hartley
Women's Bowls NSW Administration Officer

Roxanne Bell
Bowls Queensland Operations Manager

Bianca Chiera
Bowls SA Member Liaison

BowlsLink Steering Committee:

Tracey Wright
Bowls Australia Board Director (Chair)

Kelvin Rogers
Bowls Australia Training and Education Coordinator

Robert Savage

Greg Helm
RNSWBA Chief Executive Officer

Tony Sherwill
Bowls Australia Chief Operations Officer

Anthony Cottee
RNSWBA General Manager

Fixed Fee Model Review Panel

Robert (Bob) Boorman
Bowls Australia Board Director (Chair)

Ken Pride
Bowls WA Chief Executive Officer

Daniel Gatt
WBNSW Chief Executive Officer

Rebecca Van Ash
BTAS Chief Executive Officer

Ken Warburton
BVIC Finance Director

Tony Sherwill
Bowls Australia Chief Operating Officer (Ex Officio) or nominee

STAFF

Operations

Neil Dalrymple
Chief Executive Officer

Glenn Hudson
Finance Manager

Samantha Trimble
People & Culture Manager (Part-Time)

Linda Moli
Finance Coordinator

Bronwyn White
Executive Assistant (Part-Time)

Kim Keating
Operations Administrator (part-time) (from October 2017)

Commercial Operations

Aidan Davis
Communications & Marketing Manager

Jennifer Pitson
Sponsorship & Partnership Manager

Jakub Syslo
Marketing & Digital Coordinator (Until May 2018)

Kelsey Cottrell
Communications Coordinator (Part-Time)

Domenic Favata
Media And Digital Coordinator (From November 2017)

Jacob Morgan
Licensing, Products And Partnerships Coordinator
(from August 2017 until October 2017)

Bowls Operations

Tony Sherwill
Chief Operating Officer

Chris Wallace
National Participation Manager

Mark Casey
Events & Competition Manager (Until June 2018)



Garry Dillon
National Bowls Foundation Manager (Until October 2017)

Steve Glasson OAM
National Coach

Gary Willis
NTC Coach ACT/NSW & National Assistant Coach

Peter Brown
High Performance And Pathways Manager

Danielle Montague
Bowls Operations Coordinator

Michael Beaumont
Education And Training Coordinator (Part-Time) (From January 2018)

Steve Campbell
Education And Training Coordinator (Until December 2017)

Kelvin Rodgers
Training And Support Coordinator

Rebecca Ross
Schools And Social Programs Coordinator
(From September 2017 Until December 2017)

Olivia Beaman
Schools And Social Programs Coordinator (Part-Time)
(From February 2018 Until July 2018)

Clare Ward
Schools And Social Programs Coordinator (Part-Time) (From May 2018)

Leah Lazzaro
High-Performance Program Administrator (Part-Time) (From September 2017)

Faye Luke
National Training Centre Coach – South Australia/Northern Territory
(Part-Time) (Until October 2017)

Therese Hastings
National Training Centre Coach – Western Australia (Part-Time)

Clive Adams
Regional Bowls Manager – Senior RBM and Northern & Eastern WA

Avon Collis
NT Operations Manager (Part-Time) (until February 2018)

David Inglis
Regional Bowls Manager – Riverina NSW

Josh Thornton
Regional Bowls Manager – North East Victoria (until June 2018)

Andrew Howie
Regional Bowls Manager – Senior RBM and South East Queensland

Shane Moon
Regional Bowls Manager – North & Western SA

Ian James
Regional Bowls Manager – Southern & Eastern SA (until March 2018)

Paul Holtschke
Regional Bowls Manager – Western & Northern Metro/Geelong

Simon Morrison
Regional Bowls Manager – Tasmania

Mark Whiteman
Regional Bowls Manager – Newcastle & Central Coast

John Emerson
Regional Bowls Manager – Senior RBM and Western Victoria

Paul Jackson
Regional Bowls Manager – Northern Queensland (until January 2018)
Regional Bowls Manager – Western Victoria (from August 2018)

Scot Nicolson
Regional Bowls Manager – Eastern & Southern Melbourne/Gippsland

Craig Donaldson
Regional Bowls Manager – Northern NSW

Wade Mutzleburg
Regional Bowls Manager – Central Queensland (from September 2017)

Rachel Mulcahy
Regional Bowls Manager – Northern Queensland
(from March 2018 until August 2018)

Brett Hughes
Regional Bowls Manager – Sydney Metro (from October 2017)

Steve Unsworth
Regional Bowls Manager – Southern Western Australia (from October 2017)

HONOUR ROLL (Results)

ANNUAL NATIONAL EVENTS

2017 AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

TWEED HEADS (QLD)

Men: David Ferguson (Engadine, NSW)

Women: Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)



2017 AUSTRALIAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

TAREN POINT (NSW)

Singles: Jono Davis (NSW) and Kira Bourke (VIC)

Pairs: Jake Rynne and Indi Conlan (QLD) and Rebecca Rixon, Jessie Cottell (QLD)

Triples: Zac Corr-Johnson, Lachlan Freeman and Jayden Gebbie (NSW) and S Kurzman, E Simmonds, K Bourke (VIC)

Fours: Dylan Lewis, Michael Davies, Jack Trenorden, Jayden Zeller (SA) and Brittany Camp, Briana Smith, Hayley McDonnell and Kate Matthews (NSW)

Boys' title: South Australia

Girls' title: Victoria

Overall title: Queensland

2017 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

DARWIN (NT)

Men: Lee Schraner (Rosny Park, TAS)

Women: Colleen Orr (Darwin, NT)

2017 AUSTRALIAN SENIOR SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOONTA MEMORIAL AND WALAROO (SA)

Men: South Australia

Women: Queensland

2017 BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL06)

CLUB PINE RIVERS (QLD)

Winners: BCiB Sydney Lions (Aron Sherriff, Karen Murphy, Corey Wedlock and Coach Steve Glasson OAM)

2017 BPL CUP

CLUB PINE RIVERS (QLD)

Winners: Club Merrylands (NSW)

2017 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB SAPPHIRE (MERIMBULA, NSW)

Men's singles: Aron Sherriff (Ettalong Memorial, NSW)

Men's pairs: Anthony Kiepe and Des Cann Jnr (Club Helensvale, QLD)

Men's triples: Sean Ingham, Kevin Anderson and Ryan Bester (Broadbeach, QLD)

Men's fours: Des Cann Jr, Matthew Lucas, Brett Wilkie and Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale)

Women's singles: Kylie Whitehead (Wodonga, VIC)

Women's pairs: Natasha Jones and Lynsey Clarke (Club Helensvale, QLD)

Women's triples: Lynne Thompson, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace, NSW)

Women's fours: Natasha Jones (Club Helensvale, QLD), Julie Keegan (Broadbeach, QLD), Chloe Stewart (Broadbeach, QLD) and Lynsey Clarke (Club Helensvale, QLD)

2018 BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL07)

WELLINGTON (NZ)

Winners: Club Helensvale Gold Coast Hawks (Aron Sherriff, Lynsey Clarke, Nathan Rice and Coach Mark Casey)



2018 AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

DARWIN AND NIGHCLIFFE (NT)

Alley Shield (men): Victoria

Marj Morris Trophy (women): NSW

Overall State Champions Trophy: NSW



2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

13 GOLD COAST CLUBS (QLD)

Men's Singles: Ryan Bester (Broadbeach, QLD)

Women's Singles: Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)

Men's Pairs: Chris Herden (St Johns Park, NSW) & Carl Healey (Cabramatta, NSW)

Women's Pairs: Gayle Edwards & Brooke Edwards (Altona, VIC)

Men's Fours: Ryan Burnett (Broadbeach, QLD), Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale, QLD), Jeremy Henry (Warilla, NSW) & Alex Marshall (Warilla, NSW)

Women's Fours: Lyn Quigg (Mulgrave Country, VIC), Leanne Poulson (Mangere, NZ), Dianne Strawbridge (Kensington Whangarei, NZ) & Marilyn Emerton (Kawana, QLD)

Under-18 Boy's Singles: Jono Davis (Dubbo Railway, NSW)

Under-18 Girls' Singles: Jessie Cottell (Club Helensvale, QLD)

Over-60s Men's Pairs: Sam Laguzza (Charlestown, NSW) & Rowan Brassey (Maitland City, NSW)

Over-60s Women's Pairs: Clare Kelly (Forster, NSW) & Bronwyn McPherson (Taren Point, NSW)

Multi-Disability Open Singles: Nathan Appleton (North Toowoomba, QLD)

Multi-Disability Pairs: Nathan Appleton (North Toowoomba, QLD) & Josh Barry (Deer Park, VIC)

Vision-Impaired Singles: Jake Felberg (Burleigh Heads, QLD)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2017 WORLD CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

ST JOHNS PARK (AUS)

Men's singles: Aaron Teys (Warilla, NSW)

Women's singles: Laura Daniels (Wales)

2017 TRANS TASMAN

BROADBEACH (QLD)

Open men: Australia

Open women: New Zealand

Development men: Australia

Development women: Australia

Para-sport: Australia

2018 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTCHURCH (NZ)

Men's singles: Aaron Teys (Warilla, NSW) - gold

Women's singles: Kristina Krstic (Manning Memorial, WA) - gold

Mixed pairs: Ellen Ryan (Cabramatta, NSW) and Aaron Teys (Warilla, NSW) - gold

2018 WORLD CUP

WARILLA (NSW)

Australian representatives: Jeremy Henry (NSW), David Ferguson (Engadine, NSW), Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)

Men's singles: Jeremy Henry (AUS) gold, David Ferguson silver

Women's singles: Lucy Beere (GUE) gold, Rebecca Van Asch silver





GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
BROADBEACH (QLD)

Australian representatives: Carla Krizanic (Sunbury, VIC), Kelsey Cottrell (St Johns Park, NSW), Natasha Scott, (Raymond Terrace, NSW), Karen Murphy, (Cabramatta, NSW), Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS), Aaron Wilson (Clayton, VIC), Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale, QLD), Aron Sherriff, (Club Helensvale, QLD), Barrie Lester (Mulgrave Country Club, VIC), Brett Wilkie (Club Helensvale, QLD), Lynne Seymour (Director: Bob Seymour, Thuringowa, QLD), Jake Fehlberg (Director: Grant Fehlberg, Burleigh Heads, QLD), Josh Thornton (East Shepparton, VIC), Tony Bonnell (Brighton, QLD), Ken Hanson (City Colac, VIC)

Men's singles: Aaron Wilson - gold

Men's pairs: Brett Wilkie and Aaron Wilson – quarter-final (no medal)

Men's triples: Barrie Lester, Nathan Rice and Aaron Sherriff - silver

Men's fours: Barrie Lester, Brett Wilkie, Nathan Rice and Aaron Sherriff - silver

Women's singles: Karen Murphy – quarter-final (no medal)

Women's pairs: Kelsey Cottrell and Karen Murphy – quarter-final (no medal)

Women's triples: Carla Krizanic, Natasha Scott and Rebecca Van Asch - gold

Women's fours: Kelsey Cottrell, Carla Krizanic, Rebecca Van Asch and Natasha Scott – gold

Vision-Impaired mixed pairs: Lynne Seymour (Bob Seymour) and Jake Fehlberg (Grant Fehlberg) – gold

Athletes with a disability open triples: Josh Thornton, Tony Bonnell and Ken Hanson - gold





HIGH PERFORMANCE report

One particular highlight achieved over the past 12 months was Australia's best ever result in an overseas World Bowls Championship benchmark event.



GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES:

Unquestionably, the major highlight of the 2017/18 financial year was the staging of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, and ultimately, the resounding success achieved by the Australian Jackaroos on the sport's biggest stage.

The opportunity to take advantage of a "home ground advantage" at the Games loomed large in the vision of the organisation, stakeholders and of course, the Jackaroos.

Apart from the excitement of having the able-body team compete in the latest benchmark event, following on from the unprecedented overseas success at the 2016 World Bowls Championships, we were joined by our elite Para-Sport athletes, comprising the Vision-Impaired Mixed Pairs and Athletes with a Disability Triples.

The entire team compilation included:

VISION IMPAIRED MIXED PAIRS

Lead: Lynne Seymour (Thuringowa, Qld)

Director: Robert Seymour (Thuringowa, Qld)

Skip: Jake Fehlberg (Burleigh Heads, Qld)

Director: Grant Fehlberg (Burleigh Heads, Qld)

ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY TRIPLES

Lead: Joshua Thornton (East Shepparton, Vic)

Second: Anthony Bonnell (South Tweed, Qld)

Skip: Ken Hanson (Colac City, Vic)

WOMEN:

Singles: Karen Murphy (Cabramatta, NSW)

Pairs: Kelsey Cottrell (St Johns Park, NSW) & Karen Murphy

Triples: Carla Krizanac (Sunbury, VIC), Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace, NSW) & Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)

Fours: Kelsey Cottrell, Carla Krizanac, Rebecca Van Asch & Natasha Scott

MEN:

Singles: Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta, NSW)

Pairs: Brett Wilkie (Club Helensvale, QLD) & Aaron Wilson

Triples: Barrie Lester (Mulgrave Country Club, VIC), Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale, QLD) & Aron Sherriff (Club Helensvale)

Fours: Barrie Lester, Brett Wilkie, Nathan Rice & Aron Sherriff

After months of intense trials, events, critiquing and preparation, the Jackaroos recorded their best ever Commonwealth Games medal haul, comprising:

Gold:

Vision Impaired Mixed Pairs

Athletes with a Disability Triples

Women's Triples

Women's Fours

Men's Singles

Silver:

Men's Triples

Men's Fours





INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS:

The Jackaroos also achieved overall victories in the lead up events including Trans Tasman and Multi-Nations events, while, additionally, other World Titles were secured outside of these events, including:

WORLD CHAMPION OF CHAMPION (SINGLES)

Gold: Aaron Teys

Bronze: Carla Krizanic

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gold:

Women's Singles: Kristina Krstic

Men's Singles: Aaron Teys

Mixed Pairs: Ellen Ryan & Aaron Teys

HONG KONG CLASSIC

Gold:

Men's Singles: Jesse Noronha

Men's Jesse Noronha & Ben Twist

JACKAROOS UK TOUR 2018:

Following the success of the Jackaroos at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, attention has shifted towards the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It's fair to say that Australia has never really enjoyed huge, consistent success on the foreign UK outdoor greens, therefore the plan is to try to visit the region as often as we possible in advance of 2022 to gain greater knowledge and invaluable experience.

This year's tour, staged in June and July 2018, featured an outstanding mix of experience and youth.

Those athletes responsible for this initial "seek and discover" mission included:

WOMEN:

Kelsey Cottrell

Kristina Krstic

Ellen Ryan

Chloe Stewart

Rebecca Van Asch

MEN:

Jesse Noronha

Aaron Teys

Ben Twist

Corey Wedlock

Aaron Wilson

The original opportunity was afforded to the Jackaroos courtesy of a gracious invitation extended by The Welsh Bowls Association to participate in a pre-Atlantic Rim Multi-Nations Test Series.

This was a golden opportunity to send the team north and on the way to Wales, call into Birmingham and gain some insight into the facilities, greens and conditions which will challenge the Jackaroos.



Competitive matches against local clubs, England Emerging and the England's elite proved the perfect entrée for what's to come.

The Jackaroos responded in fine style, with wins in these pre-Welsh matches.

Our sincere thanks extended to Bowls England and Welsh Bowls for their hospitality and competition.

The success of the Jackaroos can only fuel excitement and whilst the tour was successful as far as matches won, series won and medal tallies, there is no doubt all of those results were a bonus to the fact how well the team went about their business, the commitment, professionalism and ambassadorship.

The final medal tally was:

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Australia	4	2	2
Nth Ireland	2	1	3
Malaysia	2	1	3
South Africa		3	2
Cymru		1	
Wales			2
Canada			1
Jersey			1
Namibia			1
Spain			

DEBUTANTS:

Congratulations must be extended to those players who made their official debut this past twelve months, including:

Jesse Noronha - Cap No. 146

Benjamin Twist - Cap No. 147

NATIONAL SQUADS:

Following the highly successful Australian Open in June, the National Selectors endorsed the following players into the Elite Jackaroos and Emerging Jackaroos Squads respectively –

AUSTRALIAN JACKAROOS

WOMEN:

- Lynsey Clarke (Club Helensvale, QLD)
- Kelsey Cottrell (St Johns Park, NSW)
- Carla Krizanic (Sunbury, VIC)
- Kristina Krstic (Manning Memorial, WA)
- Bolivia Millerick (Broadbeach, QLD)
- Karen Murphy (Cabramatta, NSW)
- Ellen Ryan (Cabramatta, NSW)
- Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace, NSW)
- Chloe Stewart (Tweed Heads, QLD)
- Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)

MEN:

- Barrie Lester (Mulgrave Country Club, VIC)
- Jesse Noronha (Warilla, NSW)
- Ray Pearse (Cabramatta, NSW)
- Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale, QLD)
- Wayne Ruediger (Grange, SA)
- Aron Sherriff (Club Helensvale, QLD)
- Aaron Teys (Warilla, NSW)
- Benjamin Twist (St Johns Park, NSW)
- Corey Wedlock (Cabramatta, NSW)
- Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta, NSW)

AUSTRALIAN EMERGING JACKAROOS

WOMEN:

- Tiffany Brodie (St Kilda, VIC)
- Jessie Cottell (Club Helensvale, QLD)
- Dawn Hayman (St Johns Park, NSW)
- Samantha Shannahan (Melton, VIC)
- Jessica Srisamruaybai (Tweed Heads, QLD)

MEN:

- Jayden Christie (Club Helensvale, QLD)
- Jonathon Davis (Dubbo Railway, NSW)
- David Ferguson (Engadine, NSW)
- Curtis Hanley (Melbourne, VIC)
- Carl Healey (Cabramatta, NSW)
- Sean Ingham (Broadbeach, QLD)
- Dane McKinnon (Altona, VIC)
- Lee Schraner (Rosny Park, TAS)
- Scott Thulborn (Adelaide, SA)

It is to be noted the quantity of the Emerging Squad has been further reduced with a vision to be able to better support/prepare these elite players for potential further progress and success.



RETIREMENTS:

We must also pay tribute to some retirements over this 12 months period.

Brett Wilkie - Cap No. 130 - 254 Capped Tests Representing Australia. Success at the very highest level with World Championship and Commonwealth Games medals. A magnificent exponent of the game and one man you definitely want in your team. Brett represented Australia with pride and distinction at all times on and off the green and will go down as one of the greats. We wish Brett every success in his role as Bowls Qld CEO and his even bigger role as husband and father.

Jono Davis - Jono has decided to take a spell from bowls to concentrate on getting a trade under his belt. Jono is a prolific winner of Junior Titles at State, National and International Level, the highlight being 2 Gold Medals – Men's Singles and Mixed Pairs in the Commonwealth Youth Games. Jono is also a multiple National U18 Bowler of the year and has represented Australia in the U18 and Jackaroos Emerging Teams against NZ.

Beth Quinlan - A former Australian Representative (Cap No. 78) in her own right, Beth came onto the National Selection Panel and has made amazing contribution to the Australian Team, featuring in unprecedented success at the 2016 World Championships in NZ and then the 2018 Commonwealth Games. On behalf of Bowls Australia sincere thanks and

appreciation is extended to Beth and our very best wishes extended ongoing.

Faye Luke - The Jackaroos Team Manager for in excess of the last 7 years. Faye hangs her boots up to concentrate on her own family and her own well being. Faye has been EXCEPTIONAL in the role of Team Manager and has made this duty her very own. Faye is loved, admired and respected by all, and not just the Australian contingent. The Jackaroos, the Program and all concerned have benefited beyond all imagination from Faye's contribution and Faye will be missed. Once again, best wishes to Faye, the Luke Family and nearest and dearest.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM:

We welcome to the HP Team Leah Lazzaro who take on the role of HP Administrator. Leah has an extensive background in Administration and already has made significant contribution to the HP Program and is an outstanding team member.

With Beth Quinlan opting not to re-stand for the National Selection Panel, the challenge was to then find a suitably respected and knowledgeable replacement. Former international Therese Hastings came to the fore and joined incumbents Kelvin Kerkow OAM, Dave Stockham & National Coach Steve Glasson tasked with the responsibility of identifying current and future elite players. Therese, along with the rest of the panel continue to strive for excellence.



HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM:

Bowls Australia's High Performance Program continues to be industry leading, albeit continuing to look for any further edge or advantage, which ultimately paves the way for even more success for the National Team.

In a highly competitive environment, only the best people and practices can be accepted and this is a mantra the program lives by.

Research programs continues into what makes an elite bowlers; psychology, technical, tactical, physical, skill and culture all some of the headline acts as far as progress and development is concerned.

Bowls Australia would like to sincerely thank all supporters of the HP Program be that significant stakeholders or the general public.

Special mention is extended to:

- Australian Institute of Sport
- Australian Sports Commission
- Commonwealth Games Australia
- BCiB (Bowling Club Insurance Brokers)
- Women's Bowls NSW

Bowls NSW

Cabramatta Bowls Club (BA HP Centre of Excellence)

Bowls Victoria

Bowls Tasmania

Latrobe University

Deakin University

Broadbeach Bowls Club

Bowls Australia is delighted to acknowledge and be associated with our esteemed stakeholders and we are extremely grateful for the services, provisions and support they afford us.





EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

report

Bowls Australia continued to set the barometer for successful events on both the national and international stage in 2017 and 2018.



2017 AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

– TWEED HEADS (QLD)



In the 30th staging of the Australian Indoor Championships, two new names were etched into the history books at the world-famous Tweed Heads Bowls Club.

Engadine's David Ferguson achieved the seemingly impossible, dethroning two-time reigning titleholder, three-time event winner and the man labelled 'King of the Indoor' Jeremy Henry, whilst Invermay's Rebecca Van Asch got a firm grip on the 2017 trophy having come agonizingly close in 2016.

Ferguson, an up-and-coming star from New South Wales, secured victory in a thrilling tie-break win after what was a seemingly shaky 6-11 defeat in the opening set against hot favourite Henry.

Ferguson managed to pull out the big shots when it counted and after claiming the second set by 2 shots, momentum was with the underdog who held his nerve in the tie-break to win his maiden Australian title.

Van Asch, a runner-up in 2016, faced the difficult task of defeating a copious international singles medal winner in Canada's Kelly McKerihen.

Van Asch was forced to do things the hard way when McKerihen snatched the second set; a tie-break would decide the 2017 winner and it was Van Asch who reigned supreme.

Both champions were afforded the right to compete at the 2018 World Cup event at the Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club by virtue of their wins; neither player was able to lift the trophy, however both claimed silver, with Henry successfully defending his men's title to reverse the storyline that played out at the Indoors.

Women's final: Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay) def Kelly McKerihen (Clayton) 9-4, 5-7, 4-2

Men's final: David Ferguson (Engadine) def Jeremy Henry (Warilla) 6-11, 8-6, 4-2

2017 AUSTRALIAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

– TAREN POINT BOWLING CLUB (NSW)

New South Wales' Jono Davis departed the junior ranks with yet another superb victory in the boys' singles, going down in history as the most prolific winner of Australian Under-18 titles.

A star to keep an eye on is Victoria's Kira Bourke, who won the girls' triples and the coveted girls' singles titles in what was a



week to remember for a player competing in her first Australian Under-18 Championships.

The New South Wales girls continue to excel with their fours combination of Brittany Camp, Briana Smith, Hayley McDonnell and Australian Development player Kate Matthews claiming gold; whilst New South Wales claimed their third gold medal of the championships with Zac Corr-Johnson, Lachlan Freeman and Jayden Gebbie winning the boys' triples.

South Australia won the overall boys' trophy, Victoria won the girls'; however it was Queensland who were the most consistent across both genders claiming the overall state trophy.

Taren Point Bowling Club did a fantastic job hosting these championships and we thank all their wonderful staff and volunteers for their hospitality.

2017 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

– DARWIN BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB (NT)

A fantastic field was assembled for the Australian Champion of Champions with past and present Australian Jackaroos all qualifying by winning their club, zone or region and State Champion of Champion Singles.

In the women's draw, local knowledge played a big part in deciding this year's champion with Colleen Orr, a member of the Darwin Bowls and Social Club claiming the spoils.

Orr, a long standing Northern Territory representative, won the biggest title of her career with former Australian representative Beth Quinlan from New South Wales taking silver.

In the men's draw you could argue the strongest field in years was competing for the spoils; Kurt Brown (QLD), Barrie Lester (VIC), Lee Schraner (TAS), Jono Davis (NSW) and Wayne Ruediger (SA) to name a few.

No player went through the event unscathed; but after many blows were delivered, Tasmania's Lee Schraner was the last man standing and earned the right to join Colleen Orr representing Australia at the World Champion of Champions in November 2018.





2017 BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL06)

– CLUB PINE RIVERS (QLD)

The spectacle of bowls was as good as it gets in the 20-20 style Bowls Premier League and Club Pine Rivers again proved to be a superb host venue for the action packed event.

The made-for-television tournament, contested by eight powerhouse franchises, was also made for the Sydney-siders; the BCiB Insurance Brokers Sydney Lions showed their class in the fast-paced sets play format to claim back-to-back BPL titles.

Steered by National Coach Steve Glasson OAM, the Sydney Lions were in sensational form all through sectional play and continued along their merry way as they progressed to the nerve wracking finals stage.

Karen Murphy, Aron Sherriff and Lions' debutant Corey Wedlock defeated the Silkari Illawara Gorillas in a one-sided affair, 10-0, 8-1.

Illawara have a great BPL strike rate having reached the grand-final in their maiden BPL appearance; Jeremy Henry, Aaron Teys and Kay Moran, all international players in their own right, were a wonderful addition to the BPL competition with their skills entertaining the crowds at Club Pine Rivers and at home watching live on Fox Sports.

The world's greatest player, Alex Marshall was warmly welcomed back to the BPL stage, despite changing his alliance from the Moama Murray Steamers to the local franchise the Morten Bay Brisbane Pirates, viewers were in awe of the Scottish legend.

The Morten Bay Brisbane Pirates, which featured Australian Jackaroo Kelsey Cottrell and local star Robbie Wild, finished third whilst in fourth place were the Moama Murray Steamers.

BCiB Sydney Lions star Aron Sherriff won MVP as voted by the eight coaches after each round of sectional play.

2017 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

– MERIMBULA (NSW)

The 2017 Australian Championships marked the return of the event to the national calendar following a 12 year hiatus, and it was a full contingent of Gold Coast based players who etched their name into the sport's history books.

The composite team of Natasha Jones, Julie Keegan, Chloe Stewart and Lynsey Clarke, the lead and skip who represent Club Helensvale and the middle two who play for Broadbeach, were the first team to earn a gold medal.

The team toppled the star-studded NSW team of Sharon McReynolds, Lynne Thompson, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Scott by 2 slender shots, 12-10, in the decider.

Club Helensvale's Des Cann Jr, Matthew Lucas, Brett Wilkie and Nathan Rice secured the men's fours honours, with a 7 shot victory over Narooma's Peter Hattam, Keith Bowater, John Breust and Jay Breust.

Broadbeach's Sean Ingham, Kevin Anderson and Ryan Bester added a third title to the Queensland contingent's ledger; The Gold Coast-based trio, who represent Australia's development team, Scotland and Canada respectively, secured a 5 shot victory over the Northern Territory's Stan Smolski, Graeme Kitto and Ralph Fair, 19-14.

While relegated to a silver medal, it was an exceptional achievement from the Top Enders, who boast just seven clubs and a few hundred members across the whole Territory.

Raymond Terrace's Lynne Thompson, Genevieve Delves and Natasha Scott walked away with a golden medallion around their necks in the women's triples.

The NSW trio led from go to whoa in their encounter against Tasmania's Vicki Winley, Kim Saunders and Rebecca Van Asch, from Invermay, to take the women's triples title 19-6.

Queensland continued to dominate the Australian Championships, adding the men's and women's pairs titles to their collection of five of the possible six championship trophies.

In a repeat of day one affairs, Queensland met NSW in the finals of both the men's and women's events, again proving too strong for their opponents.

Hot off the back of their triples title, NSW's Genevieve Delves and Natasha Scott secured an early lead in the women's pairs event.

However, it was Natasha Jones and Lynsey Clarke who found their momentum following a seven shot end midway through the match and ultimately claimed the title for Queensland 23-17.

In the women's singles final Victoria's Kylie Whitehead produced a huge upset, upstaging Australia's number one ranked female bowler Natasha Scott; whilst in the men's singles final two Australian Jackaroos Aron Sherriff and Barrie Lester went head to head with Sherriff reigning supreme in his last match for the NSW Blue's before relocating north to Queensland.



2018 BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE (BPL07)

– NAENAE BOWLS CLUB (NZ)

We crowned new BPL Champions in 2018 with the Club Helensvale Gold Coast Hawks winning in an exciting final against their cross-town rivals the Morten Bay Brisbane Pirates.

Lynsey Clarke, Nathan Rice and Aron Sherriff were in sublime form throughout the duration of BPL07, finishing on top of the ladder heading into finals.

They knocked off the Morten Bay Brisbane Pirates in the qualifying final who were then forced to play a sudden death semi-final against the Silkari Illawara Gorillas; the Gorillas had just prevailed over the Moama Murray Steamers in the elimination final which went down to the wire.

The Pirates narrowly defeated the Gorillas and were back for their third game of finals night; however despite qualifying for the franchise's second grand final in BPL history, they couldn't overcome the Club Helensvale Gold Coast Hawks who collected \$25,000 courtesy of their straight sets win, topped off with their star recruit Aron Sherriff picking up another BPL MVP award.

The Naenae Bowls Club in Wellington NZ proved to be an excellent venue to host the \$100,000 event with a fabulous indoor green, great club house and superb coverage by Sky Sports NZ, not to mention the support shown by Bowls NZ which ensured BPL07 ran smoothly.



2018 AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

– DARWIN BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB & NIGHTCLIFF BOWLS CLUB (NT)

The conditions were challenging in the Top End; however that wasn't a concern for our champions with the NSW women continuing their dominance in the Marj Morris trophy, whilst the Victorian men lifted the coveted Alley Shield for the second time in three years.

The New South Wales women were led by Commonwealth Games representatives Karen Murphy, Natasha Scott and Kelsey Cottrell, who superficially blitz the field in Darwin, this was demonstrated in the final's skips ladder with NSW claiming the trifecta, topped by Murphy and her team of Jamie Lee Worsnop, Liz Baker and Ellen Ryan.

New South Wales had secured the Marj Morris trophy with a round to play; however their desire to keep their record unblemished was evident with another dominant performance by the second placed side Victoria.

Two years prior in the Nation's Capital, the Victorian men had broken a drought winning the Alley Shield and in 2018 they started their sides campaign superbly.

As all the others state began to fall, even a defeat at the hands of the New South Wales Blue's wasn't enough to keep the Big V from holding the Alley Shield once more.

However that defeat was enough to sneak the Blues into second place and help secure the overall state trophy.

Aaron Wilson won six out of seven games to claim the best rink of the Australian Sides 20 shots clear of Tasmania's Lee Schraner.

2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

– GOLD COAST (QLD)

We witnessed some of the best Australian Open finals to date, and perhaps none could match the quality and intense finish of the women’s singles final between Rebecca Van Asch and Kristina Krstic.

The Australian Jackaroos put on a clinical performance, which had the crowd and viewers at home on the edge of their seats; however, there could only be one winner and it was the experience of Rebecca Van Asch winning out in the end and the two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist added another trophy to her cabinet.

Ryan Bester showed why he is widely regarded as one of the best singles players in the world when he claimed the \$10,000 winner’s prize cheque with an emphatic victory over former Australian representative Sean Baker.

In the women’s pairs, the mother and daughter pairing of Brooke and Gayle Edwards won the title with the last bowl of Gayle’s, memorably sinking the jack in the ditch and snatching victory from Hong Kong’s Cheryl Chan and Esther Yu.

The men’s pairs final was everything we expected when four of NSW’s most in form players did battle; Chris Herden and Carl Healy were too good for Harley McDonald and Aaron Teys on this occasion.

The men’s fours final lived up to expectations with eight quality players, skipped by none other than Scotland’s Alex Marshall MBE and Australian Jackaroo Aron Sherriff.



Both teams battled to take any early advantage with no more than a handful of shots separating the finalists for three quarters of a game; but the master class of Ryan Burnett, Nathan Rice, Jeremy Henry and Alex Marshall was in full swing when the match was on a knives edge and in the end they were too good for Jayden Christie, Joshua Thornton, Barrie Lester and Aron Sherriff.

The women’s fours winning team of Ling Qu, Leanne Poulson, Diane Strawbridge and Marilyn Emerton was a success story before they had even played a bowl in the 2018 Australian Open having used the services of Bowls Australia’s ‘Find a Team’ on the BA Facebook Page to form their allegiance.

The Over-60s Pairs finals and Under-18 Boys’ and Girls’ Singles finals were also streamed LIVE on Rinkside Live



through the BA's Facebook page and later in the year on SBS's The Bowls Show.

The winners were Clare Kelly (Forster, NSW) & Bronwyn McPherson (Taren Point, NSW), Sam Laguzza (Charlestown, NSW) & Rowan Brassey (Maitland City, NSW), Jessie Cottell (Club Helensvale, QLD) and Jono Davis (Mount Lewis, NSW).

The Multi-Disability finals were played at the Broadbeach Bowls Club in front of hundreds of spectators in awe of their talents and the winners were Nathan Appleton (North Toowoomba, QLD) in the Multi-Disability Open Singles, Appleton and Josh Barry (Deer Park, VIC) in the Multi-Disability Pairs and Jake Felberg (Burleigh Heads, QLD) in the Vision-Impaired Singles.

The Australian Open is the pinnacle event on the Bowls Australia calendar and it continues to grow year after year; 2018 boasted the highest participation rates since its inception and the appeal continues to grow world-wide for more competitors to play in the event in 2019 and beyond.



2017 HALL OF FAME & AWARDS NIGHT

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Bowls Australia's annual Awards Night boasted added impetus this year, with the bi-annual inductions to the Bowls Australia Hall of Fame taking place at the beautiful Crowne Plaza in Surfers Paradise.



The stage was set for a fantastic night of celebration, with five bowlers inducted to the Hall of Fame, two international players elevated to legend status, and 11 awards presented to deserving players, club and volunteers.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

GREETA FAHEY, 87

Greeta Fahey debuted in 1986, Fahey became Australia's 29th capped female representative, and while her international career only spanned four events across as many years, her name will forever be etched into the sport's annals.

At 56 years of age, Fahey was handed the blue-ribbon singles role in her maiden international appearance, at the Edinburgh 1986 Commonwealth Games no less, but it wasn't until the following year when she really established herself on the sport's biggest stage.

The 1987 Bicentennial International at Tweed Heads saw Fahey rewarded with a gold medal in the triples and silver medal in the fours, but just as importantly, a spot in the coveted World Bowls Championships team, to be contested in New Zealand the following year.

Fahey took the opportunity with both hands, claiming dual gold medals at the sport's premier event, which is held every four years, as skip of the women's triples and fours.

Despite only four short years of green-and-gold representation, from 1986 to 1989, Fahey also enjoyed a decorated career for both Victoria and Queensland, including ten years for the Maroon from 1981 to 1991.

Her resume also boasts four Queensland state titles, and in excess of 40 club championships.

She was recognised with an Australian Sports Medal in 2000, and was also honoured with induction into Bowls Queensland's Hall of Fame in 2005.

WAYNE TURLEY OAM, 44

Wayne Turley, a former Australian Jackaroos Vice-Captain enjoyed a sublime international career, which spanned 132 tests from 2005 to 2011 and included a gold medal on home soil.

In just his second capped event, Turley secured his most coveted international achievement, claiming a coveted gold medal at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games in the men's triples discipline, alongside Bill Cornehlis and Mark Casey.

Other international highlights included dual gold medals from the 2007 Asia Pacific Championships, a silver medal at the 2008 World Bowls Championships, a silver medal at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, and a further Asia Pacific Championships gold medal in 2009.

On the state stage, Turley has notched up 279 test caps for the NSW Blues, having made his state debut in 1999, and is the fourth most prolific NSW men's representative in the sport's history.

He has twice been voted NSW bowler of the year, in 2006 and 2013, and has been part of six Alley Shield victories with the Blues at the Australian Sides Championships during his tenure.

Earlier this year, Turley was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division, for service to lawn bowls, as part of the Australian Day 2017 honours list.

LEIF SELBY, 45

Selby is without doubt one of the modern era's most prolific players, and lays claim to being the only player to ever win the sport's three world singles crowns, which include the World Bowls Championships singles, World Cup and World Champion of Champion titles.

Debuting in 2007, Selby was Australia's 125th capped male representative and enjoyed a distinguished career until 2012, when he finished at the peak of his powers.



Within three years of his maiden cap, Selby had notched up three world singles titles, including the World Champion of Champion trophy in 2008, and back-to-back World Cup crowns in 2009 and 2010, but decided to bow out of international duties following a silver medal in the blue-ribbon singles at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Despite retiring from international competition after the Commonwealth Games, Selby made a stunning come-back after encouragement from the High Performance team and the playing contingent.

He was handed the plum singles role, in which he had enjoyed so much success, at the 2012 World Bowls Championships in Adelaide.

Selby repaid the faith in full, securing one of five gold medals for the Australian contingent in what became the nation's most successful world championships campaign, and solidified himself as the only person to win all three world singles accolades.

On the national stage, Selby has also enjoyed considerable success, particularly in the singles discipline.

He became the first person to secure the nations' indoor-outdoor double in the same year, winning the Australian Open singles and Australian Indoor Championships both in 2008, and set another record three years later, when he became the Australian Open's first dual singles winner.

Selby has also been a prominent figure on the NSW state stage, and was Bowls NSW's Player of the Year in 2008 and 2009, and received inclusion in their Hall of Fame in 2015.

CHRISTOPHER "ARNOLD" O'BRIEN OAM, 82

O'Brien was this year's only non-athlete inductee, and just the 11th of all time, from a total of 48 past and present members whose achievements date back to the 1930s.

While boasting achievements both on and off the green,

O'Brien earned inclusion for his tireless work and contribution to the sport in a non-playing capacity.

His involvement in the sport spans more than 65 years, and includes accolades achieved playing, coaching, umpiring, marking and administering across club, group, region, state, national and international levels.

At an international level, O'Brien served on Bowls Australia's selection committee in 2002, before taking the reins as Chairman for a term of three years from 2003.

He was also a marker and umpire at the sport's premier event, in the 1980 World Bowls Championships.

From a state perspective, O'Brien had a distinguished tenure with the Royal Victorian Bowls Association (now Bowls Victoria), serving as a Councillor for 21 years in total, which included the roles of Vice President from 1994 to 1998, Deputy President from 1998 to 2000, and at the helm as President for a further three year period from 2000 to 2003.

A proud Victorian, having represented the Big V in over 200 occasions, O'Brien has also served on the state's selection committee for 26 years, 12 of which as Chairman, and the coaching committee for 21 years, 13 as Chairman.

He was recognised with an Australian Sports Medal in 2000, and was presented with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the sport in 2004.

He was also made a life member of Bowls Victoria in 2006.

MARK CASEY, 35

Casey enjoyed an illustrious career in the green and gold colours from his international debut in 2003 until his retirement in December 2016, following the conclusion of the World Bowls Championships.

During his 13 years representing Australia, Casey amassed 292 international caps, as well as a swag of titles, accomplishments and golden medallions which are rivalled by very few.

The classy southpaw can lay claim to being the only male player in Australia's history to have won both a Commonwealth Games and World Bowls Championships gold medal.

His first world title came as a 23 year-old, when he secured the inaugural World Cup singles title in Hong Kong in 2005, and one of his finest moments came the following year, when he secured a gold medal at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games in the men's triples, alongside Bill Cornehlis and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Wayne Turley.

He continued to ply his trade on the international stage at everything from Asia Pacific Championships to Trans-Tasman events over the ensuing years, until he etched his name in the history books with a gold and silver medal at the 2012 World Bowls Championships in Adelaide, as part of the nation's most successful campaign.

He wasn't able to replicate the golden feat at the next staging of the event, in Christchurch 2016, where he finished with two silver medals, but still bowed out of international representation at the peak of his powers.

On the national stage, an outdoor-indoor singles double in 2012 rates among Casey's many achievements, having claimed the Australian Open's men's singles crown followed a few short months later by the Australian Indoor Championships men's singles gong.

He also helped steer the Brisbane Gold to the inaugural Bowls Premier League (then called Australian Premier League) title in 2013.

Casey was also a prolific Queensland state representative, and helped the Maroons to seven Alley Shields at the sport's state-versus-state competition, the Australian Sides Championships, over the years.

KERKOW AND JOHNSTON ELEVATED TO LEGEND STATUS

Two of the sport's most synonymous names, Kelvin Kerkow OAM and Rex Johnston OAM, were elevated to Legend Status.

The pair are the first additions to the exclusive club since Glynn Bosisto was confirmed at the inaugural staging of the Hall of Fame in 2011, and as such, are just the nation's second and third bowls Legends.

Kerkow, 48, enjoyed a scintillating career for the Australian Jackaroos that spanned from 1995 to 2008, where he amassed more than 300 international caps and became one of the sport's most distinguished and recognisable figures.

He created arguably the most iconic moment in bowls history when he claimed the coveted Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games men's singles gold medal, after which, he ripped off his shirt and was chaired from the Darebin International Sports Centre arena by his teammates, draped in the Australian flag.

At a state level, Kerkow represented the Queensland Maroons on more than 350 occasions, and was inducted into the Bowls Queensland Hall of Fame in 2008.

He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the sport of bowls in 2010.

In a similar vein, Johnston, 66, is one of the nation's most decorated bowlers and enjoyed an illustrious international playing career from 1988 to 2004, where he pulled on the green and gold uniform on more than 300 occasions.

Johnston is the only Australian bowler to have represented his country at four consecutive Commonwealth Games, from 1990 to 2002, and secured a coveted gold medal as skip of the men's pairs at the 1994 Victoria, British Columbia Games.

On the state stage, Johnston accumulated 320 appearances for the NSW Blues, was awarded the male Bowler of the Year accolade on three occasions (1990, 1991 and 1997) and was bestowed Hall of Fame membership by Bowls NSW in 2009.

Johnston was presented with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to bowls and charitable work in 2006.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA AWARD WINNERS



The past 12 months have been remarkable for the Australian Jackaroos, and in particular the Victorian contingent, who claimed the Bowls Australia Awards Night trifecta, International Bowler of the Year, Male Bowler of the Year and Female Bowler of the Year.

Barrie Lester and Carla Krizanac had already secured their respective titles, having finished the National Rankings period of July 2017 to July 2018 on top, earning them the title of Australia's number one ranked bowlers and a \$3000 cheque each courtesy of Cruiseabout.



Aaron Wilson, a Victorian at heart who made the move to the Cabramatta Bowls Club in New South Wales, was bestowed the honour of Australian Sports Commission International Bowler of the Year as voted by his Australian Jackaroos peers.

Wilson made his international debut at the 2016 World Bowls Championships where he walked away a World Pairs Champion and World Fours silver medallist, a phenomenal feat on international soil wearing the green and gold for the first time.

Our rising stars of the sport were recognised for their performances at the Australian Under-18 Championships and Australian Open.

Jessica Srisamruaybai was announced as the Tourism and Events Queensland Under-18 Female Bowler of the Year, whilst Jono Davis was named BCiB Insurance Brokers Under-18 Male Bowler of the Year; a fitting end to both their junior careers.

Other happy winners on the night of nights on the Gold Coast were City of Gold Coast Coach of the Year Les Carter from South Australia, Disability Bowler of the Year Lynne Seymour and Regional Bowls Manager of the Year Andrew Howie (QLD).

The Stockland Retirement Living Club of the Year went to the Torquay Bowls Club in Victoria who after years of innovation in response to social changes have completely reshaped the Torquay Bowls Club.

From a club in decline, separated from its local community by tradition and its status as an enclave for the aged, the club has now reinvented itself by looking hard at its decaying situation and acting in contrast to the increasing number of clubs subsiding into oblivion.

Torquay purchased two Jr. Jack Attack kits in 2015 to use with the two local schools in the region, but in June 2017 the club decided to undertake a new, progressive approach, by taking the program to the schools in which over 100 children participated over eight weeks with a framework designed to empower and equip both the students and teachers.

From a declining membership of 170, Torquay Bowls club now has a combined membership of 843 people comprising 401 affiliated bowlers.

A highlight of the night was honouring the tireless work of our volunteers and officials of whom the sport could not operate without; on this occasion Laureen Smith from Yarrowonga Mulwala, VIC was named Official of the Year for her role as International Technical Official and Presenter and Assessor.

John Luchetti (Yamba, NSW) was named the Volunteer of the Year for his role coaching new bowlers and volunteering his time in club activities and initiatives including; school coaching programs, community, family and business competitions and club open and social day visits.

FULL AWARD FINALISTS:

Australian Sports Commission

INTERNATIONAL BOWLER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Brett Wilkie (Club Helensvale, QLD) and Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta, NSW)

Cruiseabout

MALE BOWLER OF THE YEAR WINNER:

Barrie Lester (Mulgrave Country Club, VIC)

Cruiseabout

FEMALE BOWLER OF THE YEAR WINNER:

Carla Krizanic (Sunbury, VIC)

BCiB Insurance Brokers

UNDER-18 MALE BOWLER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Jono Davis (Club Mount Lewis, NSW) and Lachlan Sims (Trevallyn, TAS)

Tourism and Events Queensland

UNDER-18 FEMALE BOWLER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace, NSW) and Jessica Srisamruaybai (Tweed Heads, QLD)

BOWLER WITH A DISABILITY OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Lynne Seymour (Thuringowa, QLD) and Josh Thornton (East Shepparton, VIC)

Stockland Retirement Living

CLUB OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Rockhampton Bowls Club (QLD) and Torquay Bowls Club (VIC)

City of Gold Coast

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Chris Green (Taren Point, NSW) and Les Carter (Bowls SA)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

John Luchetti (Yamba, NSW) and Barry O'Brien (Club Pine Rivers, QLD)

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Diane Milner (Walaroo, SA) and Laureen Smith (Mulwala, VIC)

Bolton Clarke

REGIONAL BOWLS MANAGER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Andrew Howie (South East Queensland), John Emerson (Western Victoria) and David Inglis (Riverina and Western NSW)

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REGIONAL BOWLS MANAGERS

2017/18 saw the community based Regional Bowls Manager (RBM) program move into its seventh year.

It has continued to evolve to provide greater support to clubs and encourage venue sustainability.

During the year, the 18 RBMs conducted over 5600 visits to clubs, associations, schools, partners and local governments.

The RBMs have developed good relationships with clubs and other stakeholders by sharing ideas about increasing participation and business planning.

A major topic for discussions with clubs was the sharing of success stories and the notion that stronger clubs make themselves community hubs.

In the course of providing support to Clubs, the RBMs collected a much better picture of bowls participation throughout the year, along with a detailed facilities analysis of Clubs.

Regular participation has increased to 671,316 participants with a growing amount of engagement in shorter formats of our sport.

Jack Attack, a great fun format, is now being played in 203 clubs across the nation.

Three new Regional Bowls Managers joined the program in 2017/18, Steve Unsworth (Southern WA), Kym Ireland (Eastern SA) and Rachel Mulcahy/Todd (Northern QLD).

We wished Ian James (Eastern SA) a fond retirement after almost four years in the role and celebrated Josh Thornton's (North East VIC) Commonwealth Games success before Josh moved onto a role within a large club after more than six years with the program.

The 2016/17 Regional Bowls Manager of the Year was Andrew Howie.

Andrew had been particularly strong in assisting clubs with implementing national programs, including Jack Attack and BPL Cup competitions. He also assisted clubs with procuring \$990,000 in grants.

As a whole, the RBM team provided assistance, along with the STAs, in helping 426 Clubs obtain over \$17.7M in grants during 2017/18 - a record amount.

The RBMs would also like to recognise the many volunteers who dedicate countless hours each year to help ensure that clubs and associations provide great places to play and socialise.

The willingness of clubs to call on Regional Bowls Managers for their services is testament to the RBM program making a difference.

If your club would like assistance in any way, your Regional Bowls Manager is happy to help and their service is completely free.

SPORTING SCHOOLS AND JR. JACK ATTACK

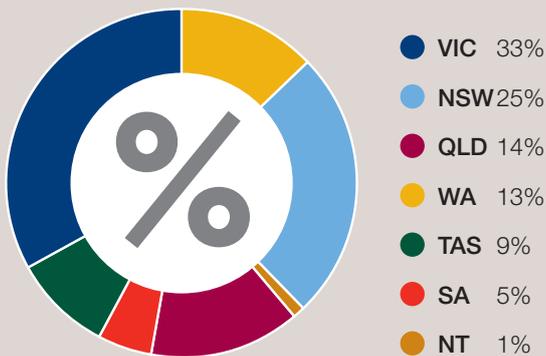
Jr. Jack Attack, Bowls Australia's (BA) national junior participation program delivered primarily through the Australian Sports Commission's Sporting Schools initiative in primary schools nationwide, has continued to go from strength to strength.

The program, now in its third year, has gained significant momentum each year, achieving 86% growth since its inception in Term 3 2015, and continues to promote inclusive physical activity opportunities for school children of all ages and abilities.

Jr. Jack Attack is a compilation of short activities involving soft foam rubber bowls and other modified equipment to provide a fun, creative and modern twist on the traditional notion of bowls. Within schools, the format has gained widespread popularity as a result of its unique and embracing nature.



2017/18 JUNIOR JACK ATTACK BREAKDOWN BY STATE



In the 2017/18 financial year, 181 schools successfully booked and ran a program through Sporting Schools, reaching nearly 5,000 students who have now gained exposure to the sport of bowls and developed key skills to aid further participation.

Further underlying the success and appeal of the program, BA have already surpassed the 2022 target to sell 1500 Jr. Jack Attack kits, set as target within Bowls Australia's Participation Plan 2016-2022, with 1560 sold to date.

In 2017/18, the most popular school term was Term 4, which saw 98 kits sold and 59 school programs delivered.

One of 2017/18's biggest success stories was Rangebank Primary School (VIC) who ran the program for 26 weeks across all four Terms.

Rangebank Teacher Mark Renouf attributed some of the popularity of the program to the inclusive characteristic, noting that it is "good for kids who don't like contact sports", given that it lends itself to students of all physical and sporting abilities and appeals to children who aren't typically sporting fans.

Through Sporting Schools bowls is now recognised as a sport that can be enjoyed by all children, with teacher Trish Lynn from Omeo Primary School (VIC) stating "our senior boys rated it 10/10".

Jr. Jack Attack is also a key participation pathway for developing links between schools, bowls clubs and communities.

East Butler Primary School (WA) had their final program session and afternoon tea at a local bowls club, creating valuable linkages and further relationship opportunities between the two entities.

The students had a memorable experience playing on a real bowls green and appreciated the effort from club volunteers Nancy and Geoff.

The school are now looking forward to further developing an ongoing relationship with the club.

The program at St Joseph's Primary School in Gloucester (NSW) was delivered by local coach George Wisemantel; George's first experience using the Jr. Jack Attack kit.

Despite this, it proved to be no barrier to the success of the program, and ultimately demonstrated the ease of use of the equipment and activity cards.

The program ran for 10 weeks and was such a success that the school entered the inaugural "Let's Play Bowls" competition held during October 2018, which was a short format event for Year 5 and 6 children across four districts; Hunter, Manning, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

George will continue coaching these children who have unquestionably developed a passion for bowls and have communicated their desire to become regular players.

These are just some of the many success stories.

The participation team are continually developing new relationships with schools, through the Sporting Schools initiative, and innovating the product and equipment to expand the program in the years ahead.

BA is excited to see how many more participants can be engaged through Jr. Jack Attack following the recent announcement that Sporting Schools funding will continue until the end of 2019.



JACK ATTACK

Bowls Australia's (BA) broader short-format participation product, Jack Attack, has continued to resonate with clubs and players looking for a structured social competition, with pronounced growth since its introduction in 2015.

The program is a non-traditional format that clubs can run seasonally, aimed at bridging the gap between often excessively long pennant competitions and unstructured social bowls matches.

A core product offering of BA's Participation Plan (2016-2022), 57 new Clubs registered for Jack Attack in 2017/2018, an increase of 39% from the previous year.

Manning Memoria Bowls Club (WA) were one of the program's early adopters and have now been running their Jack Attack program for three successive years.

The Club enjoyed their most successful season ever in 2017/18, with 22 teams entering the competition.

Courtesy of Jack Attack, the Club's social membership has increased by over 70 new members, with interest by non-converted audiences even generated from people walking by the club and seeing the fun, social environment on display.

This emphasises the benefits that arise through Jack Attack by creating a social environment, with pilot clubs experiencing

an average increase in bar takings by 46% and meal sales by 33%.

With the program also attributed to driving youth participation and player development in the sport through attracting new players, Jack Attack is leading the way to growing the sustainability of bowls communities both on and off the green.





COACHING AND OFFICIATING report



The formulation and final design of two new formal bowls-related qualifications, a Diploma of Sports Administration (Lawn Bowls) and a Certificate III, is the direct result of more than 250 industry responses to a survey conducted early in 2017, which identified the need for further structured online education pathways.

These courses were developed with club and industry involvement, and on behalf of Bowls Australia (BA), we acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed to the survey process for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the content of the courses were both correct and valuable.

The two new courses should not only provide an employment opportunity for bowlers of all ages and at all stages, but also underpin the level of service and expertise provided by this important part of our industry.

It is imperative that BA continue to identify and implement measures to improve the level of professionalism across all areas of the sport, as the challenges currently faced show no signs of abating.

Remaining nimble with our training and education services has obvious benefits.

Providing a high level of education service to all players, regardless of whether they live in metropolitan, regional or remote areas, means that more and more of BA's future training will be conducted and delivered online.

With more than ten years' experience training athletes and coaches across the country, AFLSportsready have provided BA with a platform to help facilitate the delivery of more training online.

Coaches, officials and administrators all stand to benefit from this improved delivery method, which in turn is positive for clubs, and everyone playing the game as well.

Bowls is wonderfully placed to take advantage of online training, as one of the few sports with bricks and mortar clubhouses nationwide providing opportunities to become physical learning hubs.

The first intake of entrants into these courses will occur in October, 2018.





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2003 QUEENSLAND	2006 QUEENSLAND	2009 NEW SOUTH WALES	2012 WA

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

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This period was underlined by a bumper year of marquee events, broadcast growth and a greatly improved live-streaming offering, which were made possible by the support of valued partners.



AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The 2018 Australian Open, staged on the Gold Coast in June, again raised the bar for participation numbers, with more than 2,100 competitors playing in excess of 4,500 matches across 13 bowls clubs.

The \$250,000 prized event was the fourth year of a five-year partnership with Tourism Events Queensland and the City of Gold Coast.

For the first time, the event was broadcast live on free-to-air television, through broadcast partner SBS, and was also

simulcast live on Fox Sports, generating a record-level of viewership and media exposure throughout the nine hours of broadcasts.

Additional live streaming of the event occurred via “Rinkside Live, Bowls Australia’s in-house live-streaming product showcased through Facebook Live, achieving additional significant reach and exposure.

Ground-breaking innovations to Rinkside Live were rolled out during the 2018 Australian Open, including multi-angled vision, lower-third and scoreboard graphics, full-image graphics, promotional clip integration and improved audio capabilities, vastly improving the quality of the live-stream product for converted and new audiences.





BOWLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Two Bowls Premier League (BPL) events were staged during the 2017/18 financial year, with BPL06 returning to Queensland's Club Pine Rivers in November, while the New Zealand leg was showcased at Wellington's Naenae Bowls Club in February.

Sky Sports were instrumental in providing broadcast production of the event into the New Zealand market, alongside Fox Sports Australia.



BROADCAST

SBS continued to support the sport of Bowls with a third season of The Bowls Show scheduled across 22 consecutive weeks in 2018.

Events showcased included BPL07, Australian Open, Australian Indoor Championships, along with sponsor integrations and key messaging.

Fox Sports expanded their partnership with bowls in 2018 by contributing additional revenue to develop a new program aligned to the BPL Cup, a series of club-based events held across Australia, culminating in a state versus state National BPL Cup Finals, played alongside BPL08 at Club Pine Rivers in November 2018.



PRODUCTION PARTNER

A new two-year media and production partnership was formed with CrocMedia, for the annual production of the Australian Open, Bowls Premier League, The Road to the BPL Cup, 22 episodes of The Bowls Show on SBS and Without Bias, a weekly radio program on 1116SEN.

The partnership is expected to develop new broadcast assets and create additional revenue streams for the sport.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

During this financial year, Bowls Australia have again received a significant investment from the Australian Sports Commission, who announced a rebrand in the 2017/18 financial year, and are now known as Sport Australia.

Sport Australia's contribution funded the national High Performance program, inclusive of the Australian Jackaroos and Australian Development Jackaroos success on the national and international stage.

VALUED PARTNERS

Cruiseabout continued to contribute to the sport during the last year and provided prizes for all of the Over-60s finalists at the Australian Open.

Two bowls cruises were created, one with Karen Murphy along the Queensland coast and the other with Barrie Lester to New Zealand.

Bowls Australia were advised that the Cruiseabout brand was being dissolved so the travel partnership transferred to Flight Centre.

Flight Centre indicated they wouldn't be extending the partnership post August 2018; as a result, Bowls Australia will begin looking for a new travel partner during the 2018/19 financial year.

In the second year of a three-year partnership, Stockland continue to offer their residents coaching clinics held by a number of Australian Jackaroos.

New initiatives are being created for future years, to include shopping centre bowls activations as well as an increased number of coaching clinics across their national Stockland Retirement Living villages.

RDNS announced a rebrand by combining RDNS and RSL Care to become Bolton Clarke.

A two-year Memorandum of Understanding was agreed to provide the Regional Bowls Managers (RBMs) with new Hyundai i40 vehicles to utilise to facilitate club and stakeholder visits.

RBMs will continue to promote the free Health and Wellbeing sessions to clubs in nominated areas.

BCIB scheduled Bowls in Australia Forums around Australia and in particular regional towns like Tamworth and Dubbo.

BCIB were integral in managing these forums and integrating BA Board, staff and Australian Jackaroo players.

BLK signed an additional two year partnership, as BA's designated apparel partner.

The agreement provides recognition as exclusive BA corporate and Australian Jackaroos apparel partner and NMP License holder.

During this period, BA supported the Great Aussie Barbie campaign to raise awareness for Prostate Cancer, while The Good Sports Australia partnership ceased in December 2017.

The Department of Health developed a Palliative Care campaign which was communicated to audiences via the BPL and Australian Open events, along with BA digital and eDM communication pieces.

The campaign included Carla Krizanic, Australian Jackaroo and registered aged-care nurse into television commercial, printed collateral and digital integration providing exposure on ABC Radio and ABC Breakfast TV.

NATIONAL MERCHANDISE PROGRAM

The National Merchandise Program (NMP) generated \$608,760 revenue throughout the 17/18 financial year.

Aero Bowls and Lida Sports have relinquished their NPM license and will no longer manufacturer approved NMP Licensed apparel.

Pleasingly, the e-store generated \$120,718 revenue in the last financial year.

New Australian Jackaroos supporter apparel items were created, aligned to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, which helped increase sales for the term.

The National Umpire polo was received very well, with a new line of apparel being created for the International Technical Officials under the BLK brand.





FINANCE

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The operating result for the 2018 year was a surplus of \$25,584 compared with a surplus of \$62,296 in 2017.

This modest surplus demonstrates our continued commitment to reinvesting back into the sport.

Revenues fell slightly for the year, mostly due to a reduction in “Sporting Schools” funding from the Sport Australia.

REVENUE

Overall revenue decreased by \$185k during the year to be \$7.03m (2017: \$7.22m).

Ongoing grant support from Sport Australia provided a total of \$1.35m. This included amounts of \$667k relating to High Performance and \$685k for Sport Participation.

Commonwealth Games Australia provided a total of \$232k, which assisted the Australian Jackaroos’ to perform so well at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Major sponsors and partners for the year included Tourism and Events Queensland, Flight Centre (Cruiseabout), BLK and the City of Gold Coast.

The National Merchandising Program continues to be a major revenue source to support the employment of Regional Bowls Managers throughout Australia.

EXPENDITURE

Overall expenditure decreased 2% for the year by \$149k to be \$7.008m, (2017: \$7.157m), demonstrated a control of costs in light of lower revenues.

Spending on development/participation activities remained relatively static in spite of lower revenues, \$1.924m for the year (2017 \$1.935m).

Development/Promotion expenditure during the year was directed towards:

- The ongoing management and funding of the activities of seventeen (17) Regional Bowls Managers throughout Australia giving both support to bowling clubs and the development of the sport;

- The continued roll out of “Jack Attack”;
- Promoting and expanding the BPL Cup.
- Coaching and officiating training and accreditation programs and courses.
- There was also a third successful season of the Bowls Show broadcast on SBS.

The year saw the implementation of the next phase of the Bowls Link project in partnership with Savage Bull.

The BPL enjoyed its second stint in New Zealand, while BA again made a significant contribution to the cost of travel for teams attending the Australian Senior Sides Championships in Regional South Australia.

BALANCE SHEET and CASH RESOURCES

BA's strong financial position remains with \$2.7m held in Cash and Cash equivalents.

A focus continues on investing into the areas of sport development/participation activities, our high performance program and the marketing and promotion of the sport.

Credit management remains effective with no bad debts experienced for the year.

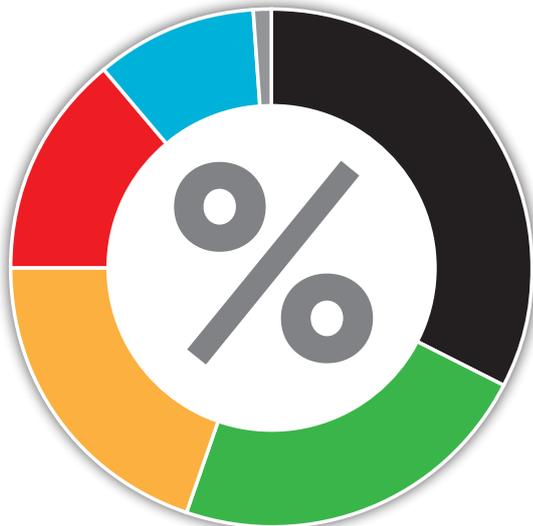
Net equity remains slightly over \$2m. Bowls Australia continues to maintain a conservative financial position from which to advance the sport of bowls.

Glenn Hudson
Finance Manager
August 2018



INCOME

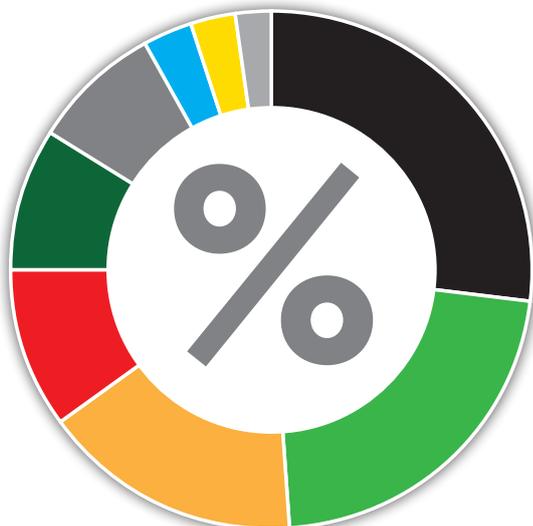
Year ended 30th June, 2018



- 32%** Capitation Fees
- 14%** Licensing and Merchandise Sales
- 23%** Operating Grants
- 10%** Sundry Items
- 20%** Sponsorships and Commercial
- 1%** Interest

EXPENDITURE

Year ended 30th June, 2018



- 27%** Game Development
- 22%** National Bowls Events
- 16%** High Performance
- 10%** Communication & Marketing
- 9%** Administration & Governance
- 8%** Television Production
- 3%** Merchandising - materials consumed
- 3%** Governance
- 2%** World Bowls Affiliation



**BOWLS AUSTRALIA LTD
ABN 65 427 736 644**

FINANCIAL REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018**

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED

ABN 65 427 736 644

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board of Directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Directors

The names of each person who has been a Director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Darryl Clout - Chair/President
Wayne Turley
Florence (Louise) Witton
Kathryn Bailey
Ray Dienelt
Tracey Lee Wright
Robert Laurence Boorman
Lydia Jane Dowse (appointed 13/02/2018)
Nigel Smith (resigned 26/10/2017)
Andrew Walton (resigned 08/06/2018)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was to provide leadership and facilitate the growth, development and the success of the sport of bowls in Australia.

Short-term and Long-term Objectives

The company's short-term objectives are to:

- grow and develop membership and participation in the sport of bowls;
- develop and improve stakeholder relationships;
- develop high performance pathways and events;
- promote the commercial development of the sport of bowls.

The company's long-term objectives are to:

- stimulate innovation in the sport of bowls so that peak bodies and clubs become known for their delivery of excellent services and resources, facilities become contemporary community venues and the game attracts people of all ages.
- demonstrate core values through:

Collaboration Innovation Customer Focus Inclusiveness

Strategies

To achieve its stated objectives, the company has adopted the following strategies:

- Participation:
 - To research, develop and package a suite of programs and game formats.
 - To develop systems and incentives that facilitates broadening participation numbers.
 - To ensure the bowls workforce has access to education and resources.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Strategies continued

- High Performance:
 - Implement the high performance plan for players for international events.
 - Maintain Australia's position on "pure" performance in conjunction with ASADA.
 - Establish a plan to link programs to institutes of sport, education academies and centres of sporting excellence.
 - Maintain and develop elite coaching and officiating structures and pathways.
- Events:
 - Implement an events calendar which supports the strategic objective of the company.
 - Develop sustainable business models to maximise revenues, branding and sport promotional opportunities.
- Commercial Development:
 - Develop and implement a participation-focused whole-of-sport sponsorship plan.
 - Develop and implement a plan that maximises funds from all government sources.
 - To grow the national merchandise programs.
- Leadership & Governance:
 - Develop a government liaison, advocacy and communications strategy.
 - Implement whole-of-sport good governance practices.
 - To develop nationwide membership categories consistent with the club bowls market place and bowls community.
- Communications:
 - To create a national brand for bowls in Australia.
 - Develop and implement a unified internal and external communications plan.
 - Develop and implement marketing strategies using social media.

Key Performance Measures

The company measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks.

	2018	2017
Membership		
Number of capitation fee members	169,927	169,349
Staff (as at 30 June)		
Regional Bowls Managers	17	17
High Performance staff	5	7
Other Commercial & administrative staff	17	16
Events		
Number held	7	7

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DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Key Performance Measures continued

	2018	2017
Operational and Financial		
Value of funding provided by:		
Capitation fee	\$2,260,289	\$2,215,570
Government Grants	\$1,583,845	\$1,838,096
Sponsorships	\$1,438,716	\$1,147,725
Value of funding spent on		
Game development	\$1,923,798	\$1,935,481
High performance activities	\$1,090,955	\$1,135,714
Events	\$1,482,131	\$1,572,688

Information on Directors (who have held office during the year)

Darryl Clout	Chair/President
Experience	Former Vice President - International Softball Federation; Former General Manager - Dept. of Sport and Recreation NSW; Past Executive Board member NSW Softball Association; Past President Softball Australia; Former Board Member of NSW Institute of Sport.
Special Responsibilities	Chair of the CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee. Chair of the Nominations committee.

Wayne Turley OAM

Experience	Director Turley Enterprises Pty Ltd; Gold Medallist – Lawn Bowls Men's Triples, Commonwealth Games 2006; Bowls Coordinator Taren Point Bowling Club.
Special Responsibilities	Member of the Bowls Premier League Advisory Committee; Member of the Nominations Committee.

Florence (Louise) Witton

Experience	Former Chairperson and Director of The Neutral Bay Club; Former Practice Manager of a Medical Centre; Former Office Manager of the media consultancy firm Zenith Media; Former Area Manager – Canberra Building Society.
Special Responsibilities	Member of the Audit, Risk and Policy Committee; Member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Information on Directors (who have held office during the year) continued

Kathryn Bailey

Qualifications	Associated Diploma Business Office Administration.
Experience	Former Metropolitan Director of Bowls SA for five years; Former Board representative to SA Match & Program Committee; Member of the Bowls SA Hall of Fame Selection Committee; Former Manager Indoor Cricket Arenas (SA) Pty Ltd.
Special Responsibilities	Member of the CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee; Chair of the Audit, Risk and Policy Committee.

Ray Dienelt

Experience	Self Employed; Director, Hareeba Enterprises Pty Ltd.
Special Responsibilities	Member of the CEO Performance and Remuneration Committee

Tracey Lee Wright

Qualifications	Bachelor of Business (Marketing and Human Resources).
Experience	Strategic Business Consultant Tracey Wright Consulting; Former Head of Energy Services Energy Australia; Former Regional Managing Director Hallmark Cards Australasia.
Special Responsibilities	Chair; Bowlslink Steering Committee

Robert Laurence Boorman

Qualifications	Graduate Diploma Project Management; Master's Degree Business Administration.
Experience	Principal, Bob Boorman and Associates; Director, Renewal SA; Former Director Bowls SA; Former President, Adelaide Bowls Club; Former Director, SA Housing Trust; Former Director, The Smith Family.
Special Responsibilities	Member of the Audit, Risk and Policy Committee. Chair, Capitation Review Panel

Lydia Dowse

Qualifications	University of Melbourne: Bachelor of Arts (Hons.); Bachelor of Laws
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University of Technology Sydney
Master of Arts (Sports Management)

DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Information on Directors (who have held office during the year) continued

Lydia Dowse

Experience

General Manager, Integrity and Safe Sport, Swimming Australia Ltd
Former Executive Manager, Governance, West Australian Football Commission (AFL)
Former Contract Management Director, Events Division (Tourism WA)
Former Head of Football at Football Federation Victoria (soccer)
Former CEO, Leading Teams Australia Pty Ltd
Former Event Development Manager, Victorian Major Events Company
Former Event Development Manager, EventsCorp WA

Nigel Smith

(resigned 26/10/2017)

Qualifications

Australian Institute of Company Directors - Fellow;
Diploma – Agricultural Science;

Experience

Former Managing Director QAF Meat Industries;

Andrew Walton

(resigned 08/06/2018)

Experience

Self Employed;
Founder and CEO. Interact Sport Pty Ltd;
Director, Australian Sports Technology Network;
Director Vicsport.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 6 meetings of Directors were held. Attendances by each Director were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Eligible to Attend	Attended
Nigel Smith	2	1
Darryl Clout	6	6
Wayne Turley	6	5
Florence (Louise) Witton	6	5
Kathryn Bailey	6	6
Ray Dienelt	6	6
Andrew Walton	5	4
Tracey Lee Wright	6	4
Robert Laurance Boorman	6	5
Lydia Dowse	3	3

Members Guarantee

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2018, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$180 (2017: \$180).

Auditors Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been received and can be found on Page 7 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Darryl Clout
Chair/President

Dated: 30/8/18

Melbourne

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

MSI RAGG WEIR
Chartered Accountants

L.S. WONG
Partner

Dated: 30th August, 2018

Melbourne

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 65 427 736 644****STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Membership Capitation Fees		2,260,289	2,215,970
Government Grants		1,583,845	1,838,096
Sponsorships and Commercial		1,438,716	1,481,423
Licencing and Merchandise Sales		975,458	922,780
Interest Received		48,484	50,713
Sundry Items	2a	727,338	710,587
Total Revenue		7,034,130	7,219,569
Expenditures			
Game Development		1,923,798	2,072,257
High Performance and Training Programs		1,090,955	1,135,714
National Event Expenditures		1,482,131	1,572,688
Television Production Costs		590,516	725,842
Communications and Marketing		677,265	616,558
Licencing and Merchandise Sales		225,291	212,092
Administration Expenses	2b	621,679	434,384
Governance Expenses – Board, Council & Committees		214,107	222,993
World Bowls Affiliation Fees		119,310	117,933
Depreciation		48,499	32,281
Provision of Bad & Doubtful Debts		0	1,386
Audit Fees		14,995	13,145
Total Expenditures		7,008,546	7,157,273
Net current year surplus		25,584	62,296
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(deficit) attributable to members		25,584	62,296

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 65 427 736 644****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand and cash equivalents	3	2,673,989	2,832,050
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	392,643	457,953
Inventories on hand	5	239,543	326,925
Other current assets	6	133,743	149,944
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,439,918	3,766,872
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	7	103,139	133,950
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		103,139	133,950
TOTAL ASSETS		3,543,057	3,900,822
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	751,843	1,050,199
Employee Benefits	9	256,633	249,593
Deferred Income received in advance	10	459,403	525,068
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,467,879	1,824,860
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee Benefits	9	35,616	61,894
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		35,616	61,984
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,503,495	1,886,843
NET ASSETS		2,039,562	2,013,978
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		2,039,562	2,013,978
TOTAL EQUITY		2,039,562	2,013,978

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Retained Surplus
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2017	1,951,282
Comprehensive income	
Surplus for the year attributable to members of the entity	62,696
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>62,696</u>
Balance at 30 June 2018	2,013,978
Comprehensive income	
Surplus for the year attributable to members of the entity	25,584
Other comprehensive income for the year	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	<u>25,584</u>
Balance at 30 June 2018	<u>2,039,562</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 65 427 736 644****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts		7,722,662	7,199,773
Payments to suppliers and employees		(7,911,518)	(7,954,113)
Interest received		48,484	129,255
Net cash generated from operating activities	11	(140,372)	(625,085)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for plant and equipment		(17,689)	(126,350)
Net cash used in investing activities		(17,689)	(126,350)
Net increase in cash held		(158,061)	(751,435)
Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year		2,832,050	3,583,485
Cash on hand at the end of the financial year	3	2,673,989	2,832,050

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The financial statements cover Bowls Australia Limited as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Bowls Australia Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Corporations Act 2001 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of the goods and services tax.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

b. Inventories on Hand

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are valued at the cost applicable as at the date of acquisition.

c. Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and any impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Office furniture and equipment	15% – 33.3%

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

d. Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) that are transferred to entities in the economic entity, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

e. Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

e. Financial Instruments continued

Classification and subsequent measurement continued

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in profit or loss.

Fair value is the price the company would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset (or a group of financial assets) is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (including loans and receivables), a separate allowance account is used to reduce the carrying amount of financial assets impaired by credit losses. After having taken all possible measures of recovery, if the management establishes that the carrying amount cannot be recovered by any means, at that point the written-off amounts are charged to the allowance account or the carrying amount of impaired financial assets is reduced directly if no impairment amount was previously recognised in the allowance accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

e. Financial Instruments continued

Impairment continued

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the company recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability, which is extinguished or transferred to another party, and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

f. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair amount less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon on the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of a class of asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

g. Employee Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Short-term employee benefits are measured at amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

g. Employee Provisions continued

The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and annual leave are recognised as a part of employee benefits in the statement of financial position.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses on an accrual basis.

h. Cash on Hand

Cash on hand equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits held at-call with banks.

i. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from retailers and any outstanding grant receipts. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

j. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

k. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

l. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

m. Comparative Figures

Comparatives are consistent with prior years unless otherwise stated.

n. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid.

o. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

Key estimates

(i) Impairment

The company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions and events specific to the company that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

(ii) Inventories

Donated inventories of clothing are carried at \$Nil at the end of the reporting period and is not recognised at replacement cost determined by any reference to the current market price as the clothing is unique to Bowls Australia Ltd and is generally not marketable.

(iii) Deferred income

The entity reviews grant and sponsorship monies received during the year and determines the amount utilised from this at the end of each reporting period. As at 30 June 2018 \$459,403 of the grant and sponsorship monies had not been utilised and was deferred. (2017: \$525,068).

p. Economic Dependence

Bowls Australia Limited is dependent on the Australian Sports Commission for a major proportion of revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the Australian Sports Commission will not continue to provide this support.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

q. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

AASB 9: Financial Instruments (December 2014) and associated Amending Standards (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019).

These Standards will be applicable retrospectively (subject to the provisions on hedge accounting) and include revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, revised recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments, and simplified requirements for hedge accounting.

The key changes that may affect the company on initial application of AASB 9 and associated Amending Standards include certain simplifications to the classification of financial assets.

Although, the directors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 9 may have an impact on the company's financial instruments, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers

AASB 2014-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15 (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019)

AASB 15 introduces a five step process for revenue recognition with the core principle of the new Standard being for entities to recognise revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration (that is, payment) to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Accounting policy changes will arise in timing of revenue recognition, treatment of contracts costs and contracts which contain a financing element.

The changes in revenue recognition requirements in AASB 15 may cause changes to the timing and amount of revenue recorded in the financial statements as well as additional disclosures. The impact of AASB 15 has not yet been quantified.

AASB16 Leases

(applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019)

AASB 16 will cause the majority of leases of an entity to be brought onto the statement of financial position. There are limited exceptions relating to short-term leases and low value assets which may remain off-balance sheet. The calculation of the lease liability will take into account appropriate discount rates, assumptions about lease term and increases in lease payments. A corresponding right to use asset will be recognised which will be amortised over the term of the lease. Rent expense will no longer be shown; the profit and loss impact of the leases will be through amortisation and interest charges.

Whilst the impact of AASB 16 has not yet been quantified, the entity currently has an office rental lease which we anticipate will be brought onto the statement of financial position. Interest and amortisation expense will increase and rental expense will decrease.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 65 427 736 644****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018****NOTE 2: NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
a. Sundry Revenue		
Recovery of Administration costs:		
Australian Premier League Ltd & World Bowls 2020 Ltd	0	0
Event Entry, Ticket and Program Sales	537,362	491,902
Reimbursement GOLDOC	104,576	111,827
Other	85,400	106,858
	<u>727,338</u>	<u>710,587</u>
b. Administration Expenses		
Occupancy and Function Costs	213,882	256,889
Staff Expenses	407,797	177,495
	<u>621,679</u>	<u>434,384</u>

NOTE 3: CASH ON HAND AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	987,342	1,181,982
Short-term bank deposits	1,686,647	1,650,138
	<u>2,673,989</u>	<u>2,832,050</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

NOTE 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accounts Receivable	320,504	446,623
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	-	-
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	320,504	446,623
Other debtors	72,139	11,330
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Total current accounts receivable and other debtors	392,643	457,953

**Past due but not impaired
(days overdue)**

	Gross amount	Past due and impaired	< 30	31-60	61-90	>90	Within initial trade terms
2018							
Trade receivables	320,504	-	-	6,400	15,911	29,254	268,939
Other receivables	72,876	-	-	-	-	-	72,876
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Total	393,380	-	0	6,400	15,911	29,254	341,815
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2017							
Trade receivables	446,623	-	0	66,781	29,348	11,302	339,192
Other receivables	11,330	-	-	-	-	-	11,330
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Total	457,953	-	0	66,781	29,348	11,302	350,522

NOTE 5: INVENTORIES ON HAND

CURRENT

Merchandise	<hr/>	<hr/>
	239,543	326,925

NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	<hr/>	<hr/>
	133,743	149,944

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018****NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Office furniture and equipment		
Opening office furniture, property, plant and equipment – At cost	425,729	301,214
Plus additions furniture, property, plant	17,687	28,204
Plus additions portable rink	0	98,147
Less disposals	(3,574)	(1,836)
Closing office furniture, property, plant and equipment – At cost	<u>439,842</u>	<u>425,729</u>
Opening accumulated depreciation	291,779	261,334
Plus depreciation for financial year	23,968	30,237
Plus depreciation for portable rink	24,530	2,044
Less disposals	(3,574)	(1,836)
Closing accumulated depreciation	<u>336,703</u>	<u>291,779</u>
Total office furniture, property, plant and equipment	<u>31,567</u>	<u>37,867</u>
Total portable rink	<u>71,572</u>	<u>96,083</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>103,139</u>	<u>133,950</u>

NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES**CURRENT**

Accounts payable	358,519	602,052
Other Payables	393,324	448,145
	<u>751,843</u>	<u>1,050,197</u>

NOTE 9: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**CURRENT**

Employee leave entitlements	<u>256,633</u>	<u>249,593</u>
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NON-CURRENT

Employee leave entitlements	<u>35,616</u>	<u>61,984</u>
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Provision for employee entitlements represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the Company does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Company does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

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The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NOTE 10: DEFERRED INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Government Grants	0	35,000
Sponsorship Monies	459,403	490,068
	<u>459,403</u>	<u>525,068</u>

NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with net current year surplus

Net current year surplus	25,584	62,296
Non-cash flows in profit:		
– depreciation and amortisation	48,499	32,281
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
– (increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	65,310	(152,943)
– (decrease)/increase in grants received in advance	(65,664)	(418,318)
– decrease/(increase) in prepayments	16,201	(65,976)
– (increase)/decrease in inventories on hand	87,382	(198,353)
– increase in accounts payable and other payables	(298,356)	65,462
– increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(19,328)	50,464
Cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>(140,372)</u>	<u>(625,085)</u>

NOTE 12: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION

Key Management Personnel (KMP) remuneration expense for the reporting period:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Short-term Employee Benefits – Salary & Annual Leave	497,564	489,359
Post-Employment Benefits – Superannuation	44,843	45,760
Other Long-term Benefits – Long Service Leave	9,360	17,043
Total Senior Executive Remuneration Expense	<u>551,767</u>	<u>552,162</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018****NOTE 12: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION CONTINUED**

KMP remuneration expense – Average annual remuneration for the reporting period:

2018

	KMP No	Average Reportable Salary \$	Average Superannuation \$	Average Long- term Benefits \$	Total \$
\$ 50,000 to \$149,999	1	125,418	11,889	2,615	139,922
\$150,000 to \$174,999	1	156,430	14,204	2,328	172,962
\$175,000 to \$199,999	-	-	-	-	-
\$225,000 to \$249,999	1	215,715	18,750	4,418	238,883

2017

	KMP No	Average Reportable Salary \$	Average Superannuation \$	Average Long- term Benefits \$	Total \$
\$ 50,000 to \$149,999	-	-	-	-	-
\$150,000 to \$179,999	1	131,061	12,038	7,211	150,310
\$175,000 to \$199,999	1	155,553	14,633	5,135	175,289
\$200,000 to \$249,999	1	202,476	19,090	4,709	226,563

For the purposes of this note only those employees considered to have the capacity and responsibility for decision making that can have a significant and direct impact on the strategic direction and financial performance of the company, are included. Note 2017 included 1 more pay period than 2018.

Total Employment Costs – All Employees

	2018	2017
Total Remuneration Expense	2,838,428	2,929,829
Head Count at 30 th June	39	40

NOTE 13: MEMBERS GUARANTEE

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2017, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$180 (2016: \$180)

NOTE 14: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Bowls Australia Limited
Darebin International Sports Centre
281 Darebin Road
Thornbury Victoria 3071

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Bowls Australia Limited, the Directors declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 24, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - a. comply with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the company; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Darryl Clout
Chair/President

Dated:

30 /8/2018

Melbourne

BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BOWLS AUSTRALIA LTD

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Bowls Australia Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report relates to the Directors' Report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BOWLS AUSTRALIA LTD

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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L.S. Wong
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Date: 29th August 2018

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Bowls Australia Limited

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the abovenamed entity for the year ended 30 June 2018 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001.

We confirm that:

1 Financial Report

- 1.1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 in particular the financial report is fairly presented in accordance therewith.
- 1.2 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 1.3 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.
- 1.4 All events subsequent to the date of the financial report and for which Australian Accounting Standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 1.5 We confirm that there are no uncorrected financial report misstatements.
- 1.6 We have considered the type of financial statements to be prepared and as there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements we have determined that special purpose financial statements are adequate to meet the needs of the directors.

2. Information Provided

- 2.1 We have provided you with:
 - (a) Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - (b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - (c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

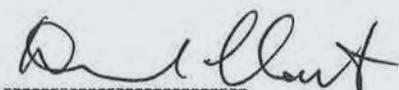


- 2.2 All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report.
- 2.3 We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 2.4 We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
- (a) Management;
 - (b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - (c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial report.
- 2.5 We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial report communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 2.6 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report.
- 2.7 We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 2.8 We have provided you with all requested information, explanations and assistance for the purposes of the audit.
- 2.9 We have provided you with all information required by the Corporations Act 2001.

3. Other matter

- 3.1 We confirm that the change in operating policy, with regard to the utilisation of ASC funds in priority of other sources of funds, is reasonable and to the best of our knowledge does not contravene any agreement between the ASC and Bowls Australia Limited.

Yours faithfully,



Director – Darryl Clout

Signed on behalf of the board.



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