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President's Report



Brian Marsland, President

In presenting my report for the year 2007-2008, I wish to focus on those areas which impact on the governance of our sport at a national level for which Bowls Australia's board has been able to provide guidance and leadership for the advancement of our sport.

The board has spent time throughout its regular board meetings reviewing the progress of each area of the current strategic plan and is now working closely with chief executive officer, Neil Dalrymple, and our consultant, Mark Tonner-Joyce, in the development of the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. The board is confident that this plan will continue to provide a framework on which Bowls Australia will continue its progressive leadership in the national governance of our sport. Allied to this planning has been the development of a financial model closely linked to the strategic plan and future budgeting will be responsibly developed under the auspices of this model.

The board has continued with its efforts to be more effective in its own performance and has again undertaken a review of the board as a whole, and of each individual director. This review was conducted by an external consultant, who assisted board members in a peer review, as well as seeking feedback from our stakeholders, the state and territory associations. The issue of succession planning has also been identified, as well as there being a need for further professional development amongst the current board directors.

The board has supported reviews of many of the policies and committees of Bowls Australia and to that end we have seen the adoption of a Member Protection Policy, a review of the National Merchandising Program, development of a Junior Sports Policy, a new format for the National Rules Committee, new structures set up for the National Coaching Committee and other policies developed or reviewed.

The board has supported and encouraged the conduct of national conferences of state and territory executive officers and development officers and has continued to seek dialogue and exchange of information with our member state and territory associations by meeting with key personnel of those associations when ever possible. As President I have appreciated the way that I have been received by our member states and territories as I carry out my official duties around Australia and I will treasure the opportunities that I have had

to meet people and learn of the fine work that is going on for the betterment of our sport throughout our nation.

The issue of the greens at the Darebin International Sports Centre has been of immense concern to the board and we have supported strongly the vigorous representation that has been made on our behalf by our CEO and his staff as they met with officers from the Darebin City Council and the Victorian Government to improve the state of the greens. To conduct our showcase event, the Australian Open, on such greens has been an embarrassment to our board and we are firm in our resolve to insist on international standard greens for the conduct of any future Australian Opens.

The board has provided strong support to the planning for the conduct of World Bowls 2012 and with board director, Geoff Nethercott, chairing the organizing committee and former World Bowls President, Betty Collins OAM, as vice chair of the committee, we look forward to excellent leadership in the build up to 2012.

Once again the board has been delighted with the continued professionalism of our high performance personnel, both in terms of on green performance and in player management by the support staff. Performances at the World Championships in Christchurch in January, at the Trans Tasman in December and the Tri Nations in October were exceptional and are testimony to the strength of our players on the international stage and to the fine work of the high performance team in selecting and preparing the athletes. The board will watch with interest as our athletes and HP staff prepare for the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010.

The board has been strongly supportive of the need to provide quality major events in our calendar and is appreciative of those states and clubs who have been able to host each of the events. The Australian Sides Championships, played for the first time with the men's and women's events running concurrently, were held in Perth and proved to be a great success. I look forward to further success as we continue this format into the future.

On a financial and commercial level we are indebted to the strong support that we get from the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, to the ABC for their coverage of many of our events and to the following commercial partners, the Victorian Government, ABN AMRO, Taylor Bowls Scotland, Sporting Pulse, Kombat, Telstra and LightFeet.

As I come to the end of my two-year term, I wish to express my thanks to my fellow board directors who have given me great support, to our CEO Neil Dalrymple and his exceptional staff, to the presidents, ceo's and office holders of the state and territory associations for their acceptance of me in my role and to the many people at club level who have been very welcoming in my visits to their clubs.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who provide assistance on committees and in the conduct of many of our events.

I wish to pay special tribute to one of our board directors, Geoff Provest, who was made a life member of Bowls Australia at the last BA AGM. Geoff has made an enormous contribution to our sport and well deserved the honour bestowed on him.

Finally I pay tribute to two of our bowls family who passed away while in office as each of them made exceptional contributions to our sport and gave great support to Bowls Australia. Doug Corben OAM died while holding the position of president of the RVBA and his leadership in bowls administration and in the development of the rules of our sport highlighted a remarkable man. Graham Sampson was the general manager of Bowls SA and provided exceptional leadership during his term of office.

Brian Marsland OAM
President



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



Mark Peters CEO, ASC.

Message from the Australian Sports Commission

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels. At the national level primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2007-08 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided Bowls Australia with funding of \$644,000 for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels. In addition, the Commission allocated \$90,000 to Bowls Australia's high performance athletes under the Australian Government Sport Training Grants scheme. This grants scheme in providing direct financial support to medal potential athletes assisted Australian athletes achieve impressive results at the 2008 World Bowls Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand including 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that Bowls Australia has continued to work to build its membership base and has provided significant financial support to its Member Associations. Bowls Australia has introduced a number of very worthwhile programs including developing a Member Conversion Resource. With clubs improving their capacity to attract participants to their social programs such as Get on the Green the Member Conversion Resource program will assist clubs in converting participants to full members.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Bowls Australia in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission

Bowl's Australia Board



Brian Marsland
President

- President of Bowls Australia since 2006
- Director of the Bowls Australia Board since 2001
- Vice President of Bowls Australia 2001-2002
- Chairman of State Selectors in South Australia
- President of the Woodville High School Old Scholars Association
- Retired Secondary School Deputy Principal (since 1993)
- Past President of the Royal South Australian Bowling Association (1999-2001)
- Previous Metropolitan Vice President & Senior Vice President RSABA
- President Alberton Bowling Club (1989-1991)
- Bowls Coordinator Australian Masters Games (1999)
- Board Member S.A. Community Recreation Association (1984-1997)
- Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) - 2002
- Australian Sports Medal - 2000
- Life Membership RSABA - 2001
- Life Membership Alberton Bowling Club - 1994



Margaret Radford
Bowling Director

- Victorian Ladies Bowling Association (VLBA) President 2003 - 2005
- Victorian Ladies Bowling Association (VLBA) Vice-President 1999 - 2003
- AWBC / Bowls Australia National Selector 2000 - 2003
- Australian Womens Bowling Council Delegate 1999 - 2001
- Darebin Sports Centre User Advisory Committee 2003 - 2005
- Level 1 Umpire
- Level 2 Coach



Robert Webb
Bowling Director

- Robina Bowls Club President 1990-93
- Gold Coast/Tweed Heads Bowling Association President 1995-97
- Royal QLD Bowls Association senior Vice President 2003-04
- Royal QLD Bowls Association executive member 1998-03
- Bowls QLD men's section President 2004-05
- Australian sports medal in recognition of services to Bowls 2005



Barbara Klose
Vice President

- Vice President of Bowls Australia since 2006
- Director of the Bowls Australia Inc Board since 2002
- Games Director, Secretary and President of the Ladies Club of Darwin Bowls Club - NT
- State Selector
- Former President, Treasurer and Secretary of the NT Ladies Bowling Association
- Previous Manager of many Australian Representative teams both nationally and internationally
- Coordinator of the Lawn Bowls segment for the Arafura Games (1996 & 1998)
- Level 1 Coach & Level 1 Umpire



Geoff Nethercott
Bowling Director

- Australian sports medal for services to lawn bowls 2000
- Past President and Chairman of Salisbury Bowling Club
- 10 Years Executive member RSABA and Bowls SA
- National Selector 2003-2006
- SA state selector and team manager 1996-2003



Des Skinner
Bowling Director

- Chairman and President of Beresfield Bowling Club
- Zone 2 (Newcastle) Match Committee
- Vice President and State Councillor
- Board Member of RNSWBA (1997-2003)
- Australian Sports Medal for services to Lawn Bowls, 2000



Geoff Provost
Independent Director

- Independent Director of Bowls Australia Inc. since 1996
- Former Merchandising Director of Bowls Australia for six years
- Federal Councillor for Tourism Australia (1995-1997)
- Regional Chairman of Clean Up Australia for the past eight years
- Chairman of the Acid Sulfate Soils of the Regional Committee for the past four years
- Chairman of the Regional Salvation Army - Red Shield Charity Appeal (1996-2002)
- Chairman of the Far North East NSW Sustainable Regions Advisory Committee (2001 - 2003)
- A Justice of the Peace (NSW)
- Tweed Shire Council - Citizen of the Year - 2000
- Australian Sports Medal - 2000
- Australian Centenary Medal - 2003
- Current member for Tweed (NSW)



Pru Goward
Independent Director

- Member of Parliament representing the seat of Goulburn in NSW since March 2007
- Current Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Environment
- Shadow Minister for Women
- Sydney 2000 Games Spokesperson for the Australian Government
- Federal Sex discrimination Commissioner
- Age discrimination Commissioner



Glenn Ashcroft
Independent Director

- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Certified Practicing Accountant
- Diploma in Insolvency (IEP)
- Member of the Australian Society of Certified Practicing Accountants
- Member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia
- Member of INSOL International - International Federation of Insolvency Professionals
- Member of the National Institute of Accountants
- Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Committee Member of the Sydney Professional Accountants Group
- Nine years in banking industry
- 17 years in multi-national (across functions of accounting, treasury, sales and marketing, mergers & acquisitions and ebusiness and sourcing)
- Five years as an Insolvency Practitioner
- Principal for deVriesTayeh Accountants
- Past Director and Chairman of the Board of North Manly Bowling & Recreation Club (2002-2005)
- Past Chairman and current member of the Club Advisory Committee for the RNSWBA since 2004
- Director of Bowls Australia since 2005
- Current member of Manly Bowling Club



Bowls Australia Council, Committees & Member Associations

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Brian Marsland - President
 Barbara Klose - Vice President
 Ken Dalgleish – President, Bowls ACT
 Margaret Pereira - Vice President, Bowls ACT
 John Archer – President, RNSWBA
 Tricia Part – President, NSWBA
 Brian Stewart – Chairman, Bowls Queensland
 Cynthia Neeve - Deputy Chair, Bowls Queensland
 Bob Cooper - President, Bowls SA
 Ivy Kluske - Vice President, Bowls SA
 John Nelson – President, Bowls NT
 Trevor Roach – President, Bowls Tasmania (until June)
 Pat Bennett - President, Bowls Tasmania
 (Vice president until June)
 Max Minns - Vice President, Bowls Tasmania
 since June
 Joan Adams – President, VLBA
 Graeme Hosken - President, RVBA
 Norma Samuel - President, Bowls WA
 Frank Lilley - Vice President, Bowls WA

NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE (NCC)

Doug Corben – Convenor (Until December)
 Cameron Curtis – National Head Coach
 Les Bee, Facilitator - Independent
 Jan Palazzi – Bowls NT
 Ken Dowrick - Bowls ACT
 Audrey Hele - VLBA
 Jack Hawkins - RNSWBA

NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE (NRC)

Doug Corben – Convenor (Until December)
 Leo Finn - RNSWBA
 Mervyn Spada - Bowls Queensland
 Marie Cleaver - Bowls Tasmania
 Gail Susac - Bowls WA
 Beth Young - Bowls South Australia

NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE (NSC)

Cameron Curtis
 Jenny Harragon
 Rex Johnston

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Bob Middleton – Convenor
 Maureen Warneke - Bowls QLD
 Trevor Barron - Bowls Western Australia

BOWLS AUSTRALIA BOARD COMMITTEES:

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Barbara Klose
 Glenn Ashcroft
 Robert Webb

CEO PERFORMANCE AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Geoff Nethercott
 Des Skinner
 Pru Goward

WORLD BOWLS 2012 REPRESENTATIVE

Geoff Nethercott
 Neil Dalrymple

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 Commercial Operations Coordinator
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 Richard Goodbody
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Neil Dalrymple, CEO

The 2007-08 financial year was once again a busy and successful period for the sport of bowls across Australia.

In accordance with the BA strategic plan, during 2007-08 many programs were led and delivered by BA and STA staff and many volunteers across the areas of Leadership and Management, Development (Promote & Grow Bowls), Commercial Development and High Performance.

In this report I will focus on the Leadership and Management section of the BA strategic plan, which will be categorised in sub-headings, and further information on the other areas within the plan will be covered further in this report.

GOVERNANCE

During the past year, the BA board attended a governance seminar facilitated by the Australian Sports Commission and also undertook a comprehensive board effectiveness review. The results of the review have identified succession planning and further training as the main focus areas for the future.

In 2007-08, a number of STA's have continued their work on their governance structures and this included the following:

- The Victorian and NSW associations have continued working towards unifying their respective bodies;
- BA has provided advice and assistance to Bowls Tasmania which has commenced a comprehensive review of its constitution.

Generally, there has been progress across the sport over the past 12 months and this would not have been possible without the guidance of the council, the direction of the board and the commitment of the operational committee volunteers. I thank all concerned for their efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership statistics for 2007-08 followed recent trends and showed that there had been a 1.55% decline in total membership. A summary of the membership trends across recent years and categories to compare and contrast STA's has been included in this report.

STATE AND TERRITORY ASSOCIATIONS (STA'S)

During the year BA staff visited and convened a number of meetings and forums involving STA staff and volunteers, which provided opportunities to discuss and plan various topics of interest. Important meetings were held between the STA executive officers in September 2007 and April 2008 and the BA and STA development staff members in April 2008.

The BA council also met in October and April where a number of important strategic issues were discussed and the feedback received has been very valuable for future planning.

To improve communication between BA and STA's, the introduction of discussion papers and a 'Stakeholder Report' was established to assist in providing up to date and relevant items of information for STA's.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In November 2007 BA began a process to put in place a strategic plan from 2008 - 2012.

The process began with a review of the 2005 - 2008 plan, followed by extensive consultation with the BA board, BA staff, state and territory associations and other identified key stakeholders.

The new strategic plan plan is built upon the 2005 - 2008 plan and has an overarching objective of driving excellence and accountability throughout bowls in Australia.

Our new vision is that we will stimulate innovation of the business and sport of bowls so that peak bodies and clubs become known for their delivery of excellent services and resources, so facilities become contemporary community venues and the game attracts people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our mission is to provide leadership and facilitate a collaborative approach for the growth, development and success of the sport and business of bowls in Australia.

Our new plan sets the following participation targets for BA to achieve by 2012.

1. Australian teams are ranked number one in the world.
2. Bowls has 280,000 registered members as defined by the Australian bowls census.
3. BA's revenue has grown by 25%.
4. National Merchandising Program distributions to STA's to exceed \$600,000.
5. The number of STA development officers exceeds 20.
6. World Bowls 2012 is staged with a net return and leaves a legacy for the sport.
7. The Australian Open is established as the premier bowls event in the southern hemisphere and returns a net profit.
8. Elite coaching panel created consisting of 20 coaches - NCAS accredited and appointed to STA high performance positions.
9. Government investment in bowls has increased by 50%.
10. A whole-of-sport national insurance program will be researched, and if viable, introduced.

The plan highlights five priority areas for BA to focus on in order to achieve our goals in

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

A comprehensive four-year internal business plan and budget has been developed to deliver these strategic priorities.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

A review and update of a number of national policies occurred throughout the year and this included the policies for member protection, heat, bowls testing and national merchandise.



DAREBIN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE (DISC)

During the year a partnership agreement between the Victorian Government and Darebin City Council was signed to establish the BA offices and Australian Open at DISC. One key component of the package is the rectification of the greens following heavy criticism over the past few years.

Unfortunately the works planned for the greens are not occurring to the standard that we had proposed but we remain hopeful that the greens will improve and will be ready for play for the 2010 Australian Open. I acknowledge the Victorian Government and the Darebin City Council for their financial support in staging the Australian Open.

WORLD BOWLS

Bowls Australia representatives have met and communicated with World Bowls on a range of issues throughout the year.

Whilst we may not have agreed with every decision made by WB, we have maintained a close working relationship with them especially surrounding our approaches to alter the rules on the 21m/23m, the giving the mat away issue and the preparations for World Bowls 2012.



I acknowledge WB President John McArdle, WB board members and CEO Gary Smith for their support and advice.



WORLD BOWLS 2012

In preparation for the 2012 World Championship, a company - World Bowls 2012 Ltd was formed to operate this event which is set to be held in November/December 2012 in Adelaide.

BA Board Director Geoff Nethercott is chairing the company board, with former World Bowls chair Betty Collins OAM as his deputy. Other members of the board include two representatives from Bowls SA and the BA CEO. I acknowledge the excellent support of the South Australian government in helping us to stage this prestigious event in Adelaide.

BA STAFF & BOARD

I am pleased to recognise the efforts and support of the Bowls Australia staff. We are fortunate to continue to have hard working and dedicated staff and I am grateful to Des, Kim, Cameron, Damien, Ian, Penny, Linda, Narelle, Meghan, Shaun, Daryl, Rachael, Richard, Brianna, Tamara, Tony, John, Matthew and Sophie for their contributions.



I would like to acknowledge the excellent contribution made by the BA board and especially thank President Brian Marsland for his support and encouragement of me and the staff.

THANKS

I take this opportunity to thank the state and territory associations (staff, boards and councils) for their contribution to bowls in Australia in 2007-08. To our funding sources and partners, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, our host clubs and commercial partners for their significant support throughout the year.



THE FUTURE

Bowls in Australia is about to enter an exciting and challenging period.

BA has developed a new strategic plan to lead and guide the sport toward the achievement of some key targets over the next four years to 2012.

Bowls plays an important role in Australian society. After reading the new strategic plan it is hoped that the bowls community will have a strong understanding of how we are working to grow the game and how they may be able to assist and support this growth.

BA in partnership with the STA's is looking forward to tackling the challenges that face the sport over the next 12 months and into the future.

Neil Dalrymple

Chief Executive Officer

Strategic Report

PROMOTE AND GROW THE GAME

Bowls Australia would like to sincerely thank the Australian Sports Commission for its continued support throughout the past year, its assistance and knowledge has been invaluable in enabling us to achieve our goals.

Over the course of the year, Tony Sherwill joined Bowls Australia as its development manager, joining the organisation after two-and-a-half years with the RVBA and VLBA. Tony has been joined in the development team by Tamara Mason, who has a solid background in sport administration and education.

One of the major challengers facing BA is the adjustment to the current practice of coaching in its sport. Although the current system has served us well over many years, it no longer meets the minimum standards required for accreditation in sport today as determined by the ASC. As a result, Bowls Australia in conjunction with the ASC has determined that for our sport to continue to grow, our coaching education system requires some modification.

While we did not achieve the desired results with the training of coaching 'Assessors and Presenters' in April 2008, we are confident that the additional training commencing in late 2008 will fill the void. By January 2009, we will ensure that our coaching accreditation system is first-rate – delivering the outcomes we need to move forward as a sport.

Like many sports, volunteer committees ensure the sport is governed effectively. Without the assistance of these committees, the outlook would be bleak for sport in general, and particularly lawn bowls.

The past financial year saw the National Rules Committee disbanded, in favour of a National Officiating Committee comprising of six people, including a National Officiating Director. BA would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the former National Rules Committee for their assistance and knowledge over the years gone by. In particular, we would like to pass on our condolences to the Corben family after the death of the much-respected Doug in January 2008. His knowledge and contribution to the sport in the area of rules and



officiating has been immense and he will be sorely missed.

The national participation program, Get on the Green (GOTG), has been very successful in enabling clubs to improve their product offering with regard to social (corporate) bowls. Having been successful on some fronts and beginning to decline on others, the program is now at the proverbial 'fork in the road'. It is envisaged that the GOTG program will continue in coming years, albeit in a different form.

The Women In Sport initiative remains a priority for Bowls Australia. With the initial steps of relaxing dress regulations beginning to take effect, the direction of the project will now take a different path. BA's focus will shift towards the product offered to attract women to lawn bowls. For example, many states offer pennant level competition during daytime on a weekday – which is often restrictive to many potential female participants.

The Telstra Connected Seniors also commenced towards the later part of the financial year, with Bowls Australia currently in the process of piloting educational workshops aimed at older adults. Training is offered in use of the internet, email and mobile phones. Courses are short and to the point – and offered from introductory to advanced level.

Bowls Australia's Sports CONNECT case manager, Connie Raso, has assisted greatly in our efforts to

cater for persons with a disability. We have various strategies in place to ensure that our sport remains at the forefront of accessible sports available to all. As an example, in April of 2008 Tony Sherwill was fortunate enough to visit the Blind Bowls National Championships held at Mooroolbark in Melbourne. Bowls Australia and the Australian Blind Bowls Association are excited with preparations well under way for the 2009 World Blind Bowls Championships – to be held at Glenroy in Victoria.



In the area of sport development, it was unfortunate that we again experienced a high turnover of state and territory development staff. This is due to a range of factors – most of which can be minimised with the introduction of specific programs aimed at retention and satisfaction. We are hopeful of implementing such a program during 2008-09. The program will place particular emphasis on education and job satisfaction.

The focus of the bi-annual development conferences is leaning towards education and skill advancement. Survey data from the previous conferences has confirmed that the value of the conference would be increased via the addition of some up-skilling and educational sessions.

Currently, there are 17 development staff employed in either a full-time or part-time capacity around Australia. Their role is to enable growth in our sport: increase membership, attract funding, increase the capacity of our clubs, ensure the right products are available, ensure each demographic is adequately catered for and much more. If you would like the assistance of your development

officer, contact your state or territory association, or Bowls Australia.

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

The 2007-08 year saw Bowls Australia Commercial Operations department implement ground breaking initiatives in the sport of bowls. The introduction of the 'whole-of-sport' website and database initiative provides our state and territory associations, as well as clubs, with an information technology solution and a means to provide greater communication and service to its members.

After a comprehensive tender process involving in excess of 12 applications, the Bowls Australia website and database working party under the facilitation of Marketworthy's Mark Tonner-Joyce short-listed three preferred candidates that best met the objectives of the tender document. After an extensive round of presentations, SportingPulse was awarded the tender after offering a complete community sports' model capable of delivering online website and competition management services to the sport.

SportingPulse is a leading designer and provider of technology solutions for the sport and events industry. The company delivers both online and offline services that have revolutionised the operational and information management of organisations as broad as volunteer based clubs through to multi-national corporations. This includes local, state, national and international sporting organisations, as well as major events.

Under the Bowls Australia and SportingPulse partnership, the sport is in a position to provide online solutions to key stakeholders free of charge, to state and territory associations, their groups, districts and associations along with their member clubs.

The whole-of-sport database provides STA's with a service to their member clubs never before experienced. With the introduction of the database, member clubs, groups and districts can manage their membership online through to the state association. In turn, STA's can provide the national office with up-to-date database information.

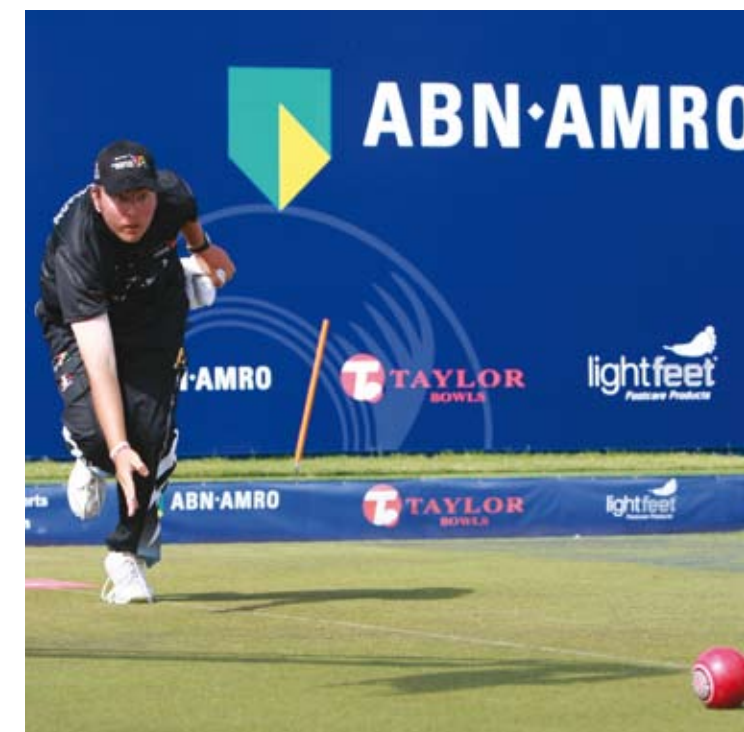
The whole-of-sport website and database initiative also provides the sport with new media and revenue opportunities otherwise unachievable at national and state level. In a world of sport that demands information and entertainment in real time, the solution enables bowls members to access multimedia experiences online such as Bowls TV, up to the minute result reporting and latest news as it occurs on Australian shores or abroad.

ABN AMRO was again the major partner of the Australian Open in 2008. Despite the well documented challenges the venue for the Australian Open has provided, the event since inception has continued to grow in stature as the most prestigious tournament on the Australian bowls calendar. The event which boasts 14 hours of TV screened nationally provides a comprehensive value proposition for investors and has benefited from the association of ABN AMRO, a world leading bank.

A significant changing of the guard in the Australian bowls scene was the acquisition of Taylor Bowls Scotland replacing long time partner Henselite as the preferred partner for lawn bowls. The investment from Taylor Bowls Scotland into the sport of bowls in Australia is testimony to the impact our game has on the international bowls economy for the international manufacturer. Taylor Bowls recognised the return Australian bowls is providing it as a company and wanted to reinvest in the market that had served them so well. With superior market share in all states and territories, the Taylor Bowls range has proven themselves to be superior on all surfaces in Australia. Under the Taylor Bowls Scotland partnership, Taylor Bowls is also the preferred provider of lawn bowls to the national participation program 'Get on the Green' ensuring new bowlers can purchase a set of bowls at a discounted rate when they are new to the sport.

We are pleased to acknowledge the contribution Henselite has made to Bowls Australia and the sport as a departing sponsor.

Leading team wear apparel manufacturer Kombat renewed its partnership with Bowls Australia for a further two years making it one of the sports longest serving sponsors. Kombat, in addition to its



unprecedented product development and service to Bowls Australia as the preferred provider of apparel to the national team, has also branched out to state based sponsorships with every state and territory association confirming its commitment to the sport.

TigerTurf, the preferred provider of synthetic surfaces has also extended its long term commitment to the sport by renewing its partnership with Bowls Australia for a further three years. TigerTurf is an industry leader in the construction of synthetic surfaces providing best practice recommendations to continually raise the bar. With the extended drought conditions across Australia, TigerTurf's commitment to developing synthetic surfaces with high performance and water saving qualities is an important player in the sport long term.

Great Southern Railway is another valued partner who has continued to support the sport on a long term basis with a two year extension to the current agreement. Great Southern Railway has worked with state and territories associations over the past 12 months to help develop revenue streams through the provision of services on the legendary Ghan Railway.

AER Foundation as the naming rights partner for the popular AER Foundation mixed pairs



has proven to be a most valued partner over the past three years. With a further commitment for 2009, the AER Foundation through its sponsorship facilitates the only mixed gender event on the national calendar. Starting at grass roots club level, the AER Foundation mixed pairs is played across the year culminating in eight state and territory representatives who play sectional play knock-out competition at the Australian Open. In 2008, the AER Foundation mixed pairs competition involved 1500 pairs' teams nationally across all states and territories making it the biggest team event in Australia.

The Bowls Australia Grand Prix event calendar was elevated to another level with great support from the host clubs and states in 2007-08. Staged for the first time, the Queensland Open and the New South Wales Open proved to be outstanding events attracting large participation through qualifying entries and great spectator support. The Bowls Australia strategy of building the Grand Prix brand through the incorporation of the state names into the event has proven to be successful both from a participation perspective and media communications. With the Grand Prix events taking a state name, the ability to leverage the profile of the events in print press was increased considerably.

Many thanks must go to Peter Turnbull and Bowls Queensland for the leadership position they have

taken with the Queensland Open. Bowls Australia and Bowls Queensland along with the support of the Cleveland Bowling Club were able to provide an exceptional event in 2007 with qualifying entries coming from all states and territories to participate.

Once again, the Australian Indoors proved a popular event with good crowds across all preliminary days played and during the TV finals. The working partnership with Tweed Heads Bowls Club is a valued and appreciated one, which we hope to foster further as we look to build on the popularity of this event. Many thanks to the board and management of THBC for their support.

Taren Point Bowling Club under the guidance of bowls coordinator Wayne Turley and general manager Liam Rogers proved that The Point was certainly the place to be when the NSW Open came to town. Endorsed and supported by Bowls NSW, the Travelex NSW Open was a great example of team work between club, state and Bowls Australia as the event proved to be a highlight on the Bowls Australia calendar. Again, thanks must be directed to board of Taren Point and Bowls NSW for their support of the event and assistance in competition management, technical officials and volunteers.

The Tri-Nations Bowls event in Perth revisited our events calendar after being held in South Africa in 2006. Once again the Events Corp WA-sponsored event proved to be a keenly contested and patronised event with crowds and interest in the competition high.

As the only international flavoured event played on Australian soil in 2007-08, the Tri-Nations Bowls event provided international level competition for the young Australian squad members before the important Trans Tasman and World Championships in 2008. The Tri-Nations event reiterated the importance of maintaining international events on the Australian calendar as ratings prove the ABC TV viewing audience crave international clashes on the green.

A legacy of deceased board member Steve Boylan, the Tri-Nations event was supported admirably by the host club Mosman Park Bowling Club and support sponsors Taylor Bowls and St Johns Park Bowling Club along with Bowls WA. Bowls Australia extends its great appreciation to the club, Events

Corp WA and associated support sponsors and the Boylan family for their valued contributions.

OFFICIAL PARTNER DESIGNATIONS

Australian Sports Commission

– Principle Partner Bowls Australia

ABN AMRO – Naming Rights Partner

– ABN AMRO Australian Open

Taylor Bowls – Preferred Provider of Lawn Bowls

Sporting Pulse – Whole of Sport Website Partner

Events Corp WA – Tri-Nations Bowls Perth

Golden Glow – Official Well Being Partner

Kombat – Official Apparel Provider

LightFeet – Official Footwear Provider

Tiger Turf – Preferred Provider Synthetic Surfaces

PREMIER PARTNERS

Victorian Government

Great Southern Railway

South Australian Government

SPONSORS

AER Foundation- AERF Mixed Pairs Challenge
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St Johns Park Bowling Club

HOST CLUBS

Taren Point Bowling Club

– NSW OPEN

Mosman Park Bowling Club

– TRI-NATIONS EVENT

Halekulani Bowling Club

– AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Osborne Park Bowling Club

– AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Manning Memorial Bowls Club

– AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cleveland Bowling Club

– QUEENSLAND OPEN

Tweed Heads Bowling Club

– AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Darebin International Sports Centre

– AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Musgrave Hill Bowls Club

– SUPER CLUB CHALLENGE



2007/08 BOWLS AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

| STATE | MEMBERS | | | CLUBS |
|---------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total | |
| ACT | 1761 | 894 | 2655 | 15 |
| QLD | 32591 | 17175 | 49766 | 353 |
| SA | 12226 | 5792 | 18018 | 226 |
| TAS | 4121 | 2107 | 6228 | 73 |
| WA | 13044 | 6920 | 19964 | 219 |
| NSW | 62891 | 29107 | 91998 | 598 |
| NT | 242 | 139 | 381 | 8 |
| VIC | 38548 | 21523 | 60071 | 532 |
| TOTALS | 165301 | 83644 | 248945 | 2024 |

NATIONAL MERCHANDISING PROGRAM

Bowls Australia's successful National Merchandising Program continues to enhance the image of bowls in Australia by creating consistency with the attire being worn at pennant level and above.

During 2007-08 the program experienced support from state and territory associations, with the adoption of relaxed dress regulations helping in the evolution of on the green apparel, as well as creating greater appeal for our current participants and potentially drawing the interest of a wider demographic.

This allowed for further development in apparel through the Women in Sport program, in which



casual apparel was produced in conjunction with current licensees to offer a flexible alternative for female participants.

Bowls Australia has continued its commitment to reinvest raised funds from the program back into the sport, with revenue raised through the NMP going back into the sport via state and territory associations to fund the employment of development officers as well as general development of the game.

It is envisaged this continued initiative will help in the perpetual growth of the game at grassroots level, as well as to assist in creating a sustainable framework for the future of the sport.

To help ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the NMP, Bowls Australia will embark on a review of the current operations within the program to help in the realisation of forthcoming strategic goals and objectives.

Key focus points will be:

- Further development with current licensees to identify new opportunities and examine how those opportunities can be used in conjunction with bowls retailers

- Incorporation of a men's line in licensed casual apparel
- The development of stronger relationships with bowls retailers to help ensure the longevity of the NMP
- Working in partnership with licensees and encouraging innovation, to help ensure that retailers, clubs and individuals across Australia will have access to a broader range of products to choose from, across a wider pricing spectrum

Bowls Australia will continue to work closely with all key stakeholders to develop and grow the NMP.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Bowls Australia's inaugural high performance program began in 2004 following a World Championship campaign, which netted just two medals in both the men's and women's disciplines. Almost four years later, the first cycle of the program has been completed following the conclusion of the 2008 World Championships in Christchurch.

Since the introduction of the high performance program, Australia has improved its women's world ranking from number two to number one, and its men's from number five to number two. During the same timeframe, it has captured all but one of the available World Bowls' trophies, namely the Leonard Trophy, and has established itself as a genuine superpower of the international game.

During a golden run, Australia has dominated the 2006 Commonwealth Games, the 2007 Asia Pacific Championships and the 2008 World Championships, where it won medals in all but one of the eight disciplines.

In the junior ranks, Australia currently possesses both the under-25 World Indoor singles titles, and its under-18 athletes also hold the Trans Tasman Trophy.

Since the program was first introduced in 2004, its mission was to make "Australia the world's leading bowling nation by 2008". The results from our national teams during this time indicate that we have achieved this objective. Significant inroads have also been made in bringing about a cultural change to a sport that previously had little to no culture of high performance.

At the commencement of the cycle, Australia possessed just a volunteer coaching structure, but concluded with a full-time national coach, who is supported by a full-time sports scientist and a team that includes sport psychologists, an assistant coach, mentors and a nutritionist.

High performance pathways have also been established in many of our states and territories, with programs that are linked to state institutes of sport and regional academies of sport. These programs are now developing the next generation of high performance athletes and coaches for the national program. The most successful of these programs has been the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) program, which has 23 athletes on full scholarships. These NSW based athletes are now able to access world class training facilities and sports scientists that work closely with many of Australia's leading Olympic athletes.

2008 AND BEYOND:

2008 marks the start of the second four year cycle for the high performance program that will see our athletes compete in:

- 2009 Asia Pacific Championships in Kuala Lumpur
- 2010 Commonwealth Games Delhi in India
- 2012 World Championships in Adelaide

Internationally, Australia is facing many challenges to maintain its standing among the world leaders in the sport of lawn bowls. Our athletes will face the heat and humidity in Malaysia and India, and for the first time, they will need to contend with a synthetic surface at the Commonwealth Games in India.

The high performance team has already begun the process of planning for these benchmark events. The establishment of a training base in Kuala Lumpur is one of the first steps being taken to ensure our athletes are able to acclimatise and cope with the expected sub-continent conditions, which are bound to be gruelling. Our sport science team has also begun an extensive research program to develop cooling and hydration strategies to ensure athletes can perform at their optimum levels.

To ensure we have the largest available talent pool from which to select the next generation of Australian teams, the high performance team has introduced "Draft Style" talent identification



programs in each of the states. The draft camps have been run in conjunction with our state and territory associations to ensure that athletes who have the potential to represent Australia are introduced to the high performance pathway at the earliest possible point in their development.

During the second cycle, major emphasis will be placed upon the development and career opportunities for coaches within our high performance system. The new NCAS high performance coach accreditation will become available in late 2009 and will provide opportunities to educate and train the next generation of state and national coaches.

Needless to say, the initiatives that have been put in place are designed to ensure Australia remains as a world leader in lawn bowls.

2008 ABN AMRO AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The Australian Open was once again hosted at the Darebin International Sports Centre in Victoria. This was the third consecutive year DISC has staged this prestigious event in conjunction with the Darebin City Council (DCC) and Darebin City Bowls Club.

Due to the growth of the event, Bowls Australia employed a Special Projects Manager - Shaun Doyle to help facilitate the tournament. One of the key roles of the Special Projects Manager was to oversee all aspects of the Australian Open and to look at future developments for the event to increase



its position within the community in Australia and internationally.

The 2008 event posed a few challenges for both BA and DCC, who manage DISC and the greens maintenance. Following concerns from previous years, a heavy maintenance program was employed to try and improve the standard of the greens for the Open. Unfortunately, this program was not able to deliver four greens to an acceptable playing standard. This required BA to move part of the event to the Rosanna Bowling Club at the last minute. BA would like to thank the Rosanna Bowling Club for its support and would like to acknowledge John Griffiths, who coordinated the venue and volunteers at the club. Even with the addition of the secondary club, the standard of the greens at DISC were well below expectation for the event.

Through the assistance of the Royal Victorian Bowls Association and the Victorian Ladies Bowls Association, qualifying for the 2008 Open was held at 31 clubs around metropolitan Melbourne. Significant increases in the number of entries to qualifying were seen across all the discipline with some 430 new entrants to the event. Overall, 991 competitors entered the Australian Open qualifying with 630 players qualifying for the main draw.

With such large numbers entering qualifying this year, it is a credit to all the Victorian Clubs that offered their facilities and support to host the Australian Open qualifying events, especially with the trying climatic conditions that are affecting many Victorian clubs. Graeme Hosken, Bob Middleton and Marj Thorn must also be thanked for their work in coordinating the qualifying clubs and competitions.

As is the case with most major events, part of the events success must be attributed to the volunteers that underpin the Australian Open. BA acknowledges the tireless work put in by all the volunteers and technical officials that gave the event a positive face to the players and spectators. Special thanks must be given to Harvie Hele, Val Savage and George Vayonitis for coordinating all the volunteers, to Bill Sheedy who managed all the technical officials and Bob Middleton for his efforts as the Open's Tournament Director.

The 2009 Australian Open will be moved from DISC while the DCC undertakes works in an attempt to rectify the long term problems that the DISC greens have faced. Although BA was consulted and put forward their recommendations to the DCC, the final specification for the recertification works on the greens was not endorsed by BA. At the completion of the works by the DCC, BA will be assessing the suitability of the greens to stage an international event before deciding whether to return the Australian Open to Darebin in 2010 and beyond.

Following three very impressive bids from clubs within Victoria, the 2009 Australian Open will be hosted by the Shepparton Park and Mooroopna Bowls Clubs in conjunction with the Greater Shepparton City Council. Between the two clubs, they host five good quality Tifdwarf greens and spacious club house facilities. BA looks forward to a very successful event for 2009 in regional Victoria.

In a change from previous years, qualifying for the 2009 Australian Open will now be held in each state and territory (except NT). The intention is to give more players across Australia the opportunity to qualify for the Open without the cost of travelling to Victoria. Qualifying positions have been distributed to each state and territory based on membership for the 2007.

As part of a funding agreement, Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) must be thanked for its ongoing financial support to the event along with ABN AMRO and all the other sponsors that support the event financially and/or 'in-kind'.

In summary, BA was very happy with all the operational aspect for this year's Open which has set a good basis for future events. BA looks forward to the 2009 Australian Open and working with the Shepparton community.

Rising from the Ashes

The redemption and re-emergence of two of the nation's most respected players was the quintessential story to come from the 2008 ABN AMRO Australian Open at Darebin.

With the memories of his ill-fated final against New Zealand's Russell Meyer still haunting him, New South Wales' Leif Selby slayed the demons of his recent past when he accounted for national teammate Mark Casey in the men's singles final, avenging his loss almost two years earlier.

In the women's event, Katrina Wright, an international discard at the age of 25, reaffirmed her standing as one of the forces in Australian bowls by collecting the singles and triples crowns, forcing the hand of national selectors to give her an immediate recall.

In one of the greatest finals ever seen on Australian soil, Wright ended Ahmad Siti Zalina's dream of back-to-back titles by claiming an 8-6, 5-11, 3-0 victory against the two-time Commonwealth Games singles gold medallist.

"It's a fairytale," Wright said following her emotional win.

"An absolute fairytale."

In the women's pairs, Gold Coast qualifiers Linda Gardiner and Gail Waitai caused a major boil over against two of the nation's most promising talents, Sam Shannahan and Kelsey Cottrell, when they defied the odds to claim the biggest win of their careers.

While international raiders Ryan Bester and Gary Lawson, two of the finest players from the modern era, lived up to their pre-tournament favouritism to claim a narrow victory against Victorian champions Mario Cipolla and Lee Schraner.

In the triples' events, Wright, with the assistance of Merrylands' Corinne Crouch and Scottish international Kay Moran, overcame the experienced Linda Morish, Brenda Thompson and Carmen Anderson in the championship decider, while Carl and Trentan Healey continued their fine form on the Grand Prix circuit by partnering Scott Bateup to a famous win.

With the greens at the Darebin international Sports Centre expected to undergo renovations following this year's tournament, the Australian Open will celebrate its fifth anniversary in regional Victoria for the first time next year, with the Shepparton Park and Mooroopna bowling clubs given the rights to host the 2009 event.





Australia's Golden Campaign

The 2008 World Championships in Christchurch continued Australia's recent dominance on the international stage with another stunning haul at a major event.

With the memories of Australia's record breaking feats at the 2006 Commonwealth Games still fresh in our minds, the 10-strong contingent, which featured nine World Championship debutants and the experienced Karen Murphy, topped the medal count as they left New Zealand with medals in all but one of the eight disciplines contested.

During a powerful showing, Australia also collected the prestigious Taylor Trophy, which is awarded to the best performed women's team at the event, and finished second in the Leonard Trophy, which is the men's equivalent, after being narrowly pipped by the host nation.

Without doubt, the crowning glory at the 2008 World Championships came in the final of the women's fours against Wales.

Since the first World Championships were held in 1966, Australia had won just four gold medals in the men's competition, and eight in the women's, prior to the euphoric fours' victory spearheaded by Lynsey Armitage, Claire Duke, Julie Keegan and Karen Murphy.

With the quartet prevailing in dominate style, Australia came perilously close to replicating the feat on three further occasions, with Aron Sherriff contesting the final of the men's singles, Bill

Cornehl, Nathan Rice, Wayne Turley and Mark Casey doing likewise in the men's fours and Kelsey Cottrell, Julie Keegan and Claire Duke claiming silver in the women's triples.

Further success came in the women's singles with Kelsey Cottrell creating history by becoming the youngest ever World Championship medallist by collecting bronze, while Armitage and Murphy and Sherriff and Rice did likewise in the women's and men's pairs respectively.

The only team to miss a medal was that of Cornehl, Turley and Casey, who claimed gold at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne two years earlier, but narrowly lost their quarter-final to eventual finalist, Fiji.

As a result, Australia is now the number one ranked women's team in the world, up from number two, and its men's team is now ranked two, up from number five.

"There's a lot to take out of these World Championships," Australian coach Cameron Curtis said in the aftermath of the event.

"Although we didn't win as many gold (medals) as we would have liked, we medaled in seven out of eight events and came through the preliminary rounds with flying colours.

"On a couple of occasions, we were just beaten by opponents who played better on the day.

"But we've won the women's event and we've missed out on the men's by a smidge."

The next World Championships will be staged on home soil in 2012, with the Lockleys Bowling Club in Adelaide given the nod to host the prestigious event.



RESULTS

SINGLES

GOLD: Safuan Said (Malaysia).

SILVER: Aron Sherriff (Australia).

BRONZE: Ali Forsyth (New Zealand), Ryan Bester (Canada).

GOLD: Val Smith (New Zealand).

SILVER: Ellen Faulkner (England).

BRONZE: Kelsey Cottrell (Australia), Ahmad Siti Zalina (Malaysia).

PAIRS

GOLD: Russell Meyer and Gary Lawson (New Zealand).

SILVER: Billy Mellors and Darren Burnett (Scotland).

BRONZE: Aron Sherriff and Nathan Rice (Australia), Fairul Izwan Abd Muin and Safuan Said (Malaysia).

GOLD: Jo Edwards and Val Smith (New Zealand)

SILVER: Wendy King and Ellen Falkner (England)

BRONZE: Lynsey Armitage and Karen Murphy (Australia), Bernie O'Neill and Margaret Johnstone (Ireland)

TRIPLES

GOLD: Wayne Hogg, William Wood and David Peacock (Scotland).

SILVER: Samuela Tuikiligana, Curtis Mar and Keshwa Goundar (Fiji).

BRONZE: Azim Azami Mohd Ariffin, Muhd Azwan Shuhaimi and Mohd Amir Mohd Yusof (Malaysia), Keith Roney, Chris Stadnyk and Hiren Bhattu (Canada).

GOLD: Sylvia Burns, Loraine Victor and Lorna Trigwell (South Africa)

SILVER: Kelsey Cottrell, Julie Keegan and Claire Duke (Australia)

BRONZE: Hannah Smith, Anwen Batten and Kathy Pearce (Wales), Marina Kahn, Jan Kahn and Sharon Sims (New Zealand).

FOURS

GOLD: Andrew Todd, Richard Girvan, Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (New Zealand).

SILVER: Bill Cornehl, Nathan Rice, Wayne Turley and Mark Casey (Australia)

BRONZE: Wayne Perry, Clinton Roets, Billy Radloff and Brian Dixon (South Africa), Mark Bantock, Graham Shadwell, Stephen Farish and Robert Newman (England)

GOLD: Lynsey Armitage, Julie Keegan, Claire Duke and Karen Murphy (Australia)

SILVER: Hannah Smith, Wendy Price, Isabel Jones and Anwen Batten (Wales)

BRONZE: Alison Bell, Donna McNally, Bernie O'Neill and Jennifer Dowds (Ireland), Nor Shafeeqah Yahya, Nur Fidrah Noh, Azlina Arshad and Nor Hashimah Ismail (Malaysia).

MEDAL TABLE

| | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|
| New Zealand | 4 | - | 2 |
| Australia | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Malaysia | 1 | - | 4 |
| Scotland | 1 | 1 | - |
| South Africa | 1 | - | 1 |
| England | - | 2 | 1 |
| Wales | - | 1 | 1 |
| Fiji | - | 1 | - |
| Ireland | - | - | 2 |
| Canada | - | - | 2 |

OVERALL STANDINGS

Leonard Team Trophy (men):
New Zealand 82 points, Australia 82 points, Malaysia 82 points, Scotland 80 points, Canada 75 points.

Taylor Team Trophy (women):
Australia 91 points, New Zealand 89 points, Malaysia 81 points, England 80 points, Scotland 75 points

Bowls Squad Photos and Profiles

LYNSEY ARMITAGE

Club: Club Helensvale, Queensland
Date of birth: Dec 6, 1983

First represented Australia: 2003
Representative number: 62

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Gold and Bronze medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



KELSEY COTTRELL

Club: Coolum Beach BC, Queensland
Date of birth: May 31, 1990

First represented Australia: 2005
Representative number: 68

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Silver and Bronze medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



MARK CASEY

Club: Club Helensvale, Queensland
Date of birth: Jan 30, 1982

First represented Australia: 2003
Representative number: 117

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



CERI ANN DAVIES

Club: Mt Gravatt BC, Queensland
Date of birth: Dec 15, 1978

First represented Australia: 2006
Representative number: 69



SCOTT CAUNDLE

Club: Birrong BSC, New South Wales
Date of birth: Sep 6, 1972

First represented Australia: 2006
Representative number: 123



CLAIRE DUKE

Club: St Johns Park BC, NSW
Date of birth: Jul 25, 1983

First represented Australia: 2005
Representative number: 66

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2007 Tri-Nations
2008 World Championships
(Gold and Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



BILL CORNEHLS

Club: Banyo BC, Queensland
Date of birth: Dec 29, 1960

First represented Australia: 2003
Representative number: 111

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



SHANE GLOBITS

Club: Club Helensvale, Queensland
Date of birth: Nov 28, 1976

First represented Australia: 2005
Representative number: 120



KAREN MURPHY

Club: St Johns Park Bowling Club, NSW
Date of birth: Dec 18, 1974

First represented Australia: 1997
Representative number: 56

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Gold and Bronze medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



BARRIE LESTER

Club: Sunbury BC, Victoria
Date of birth: Jan 24, 1982

First represented Australia: 2006
Representative number: 122



NATHAN RICE

Club: Club Helensvale, Queensland
Date of birth: Jun 7, 1979

First represented Australia: 2004
Representative number: 118

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2007 Tri-Nations
2008 World Championships
(Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



MARIA RIGBY

Club: Cabramatta BC, NSW
Date of birth: Apr 21, 1962

First represented Australia: 1997
Representative number: 64



WAYNE TURLEY

Club: Taren Point BC, NSW
Date of birth: Nov 2, 1972

First represented Australia: 2005
Representative number: 121

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2007 Tri-Nations
2008 World Championships
(Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



LEIF SELBY

Club: St Johns Park BC, NSW
Date of birth: Jul 26, 1972

First represented Australia: 2007
Representative number: 125



ARON SHERRIFF

Club: Halekulani BC, NSW
Date of birth: Oct 29, 1985

First represented Australia: 2007
Representative number: 127

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2007 Tri-Nations
2008 World Championships
(Silver and Bronze medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



ANTHONY KIEPE

Club: Club Helensvale, Queensland
Date of birth: October 10, 1977

First represented Australia: 2007
Representative number: 126



JULIE KEEGAN

Club: Coolum Beach BC, Queensland
Date of birth: Jul 11, 1964

First represented Australia: 2007
Representative number: 71

Represented Australia 2007-2008
2008 World Championships
(Gold and Silver medallist)
2008 Trans Tasman



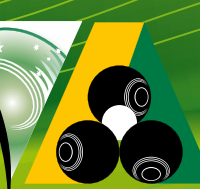
SHARYN RENSHAW

Club: St Johns Park BC, NSW
Date of birth: July 22, 1961

First represented Australia: 2007
Representative number: 72



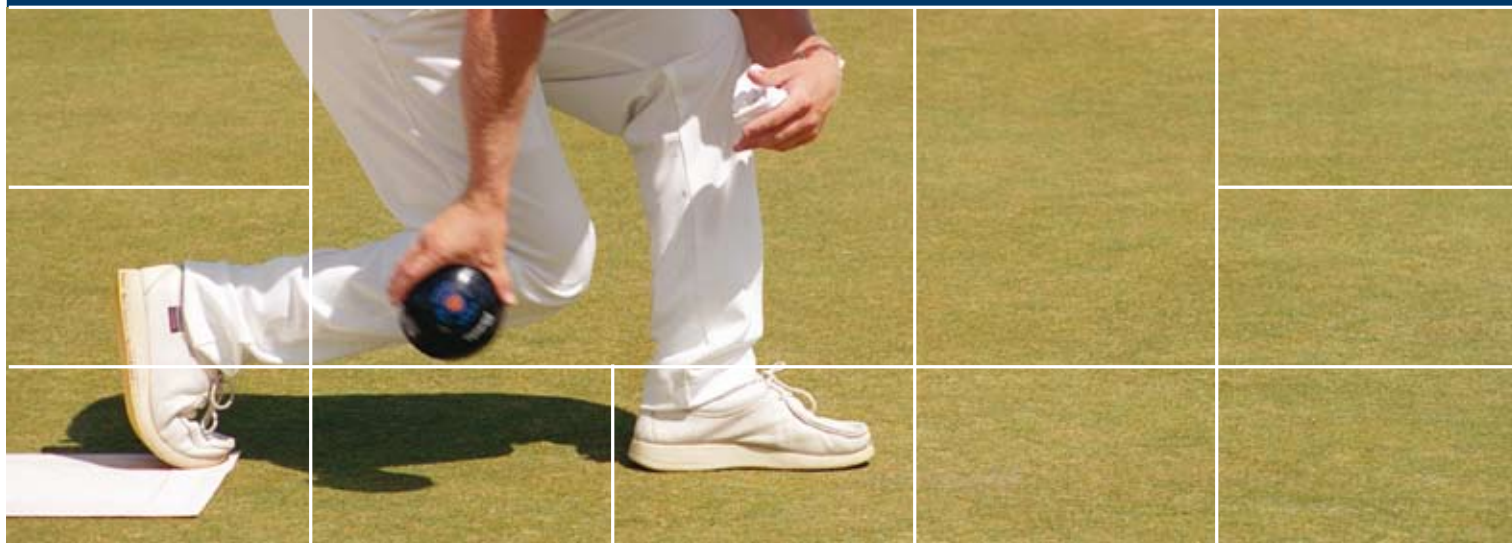
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WINNING PARTNERSHIP



The Australian Sports Commission proudly supports Bowls Australia

The Australian Sports Commission is the Australian Government agency that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia. Bowls Australia has worked closely with the Australian Sports Commission to develop bowls from community participation to high-level performance.

Bowls Australia is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission to develop its sport in Australia.

Results

2007 TYRRELL'S QUEENSLAND OPEN – CLEVELAND BC (QLD)

Kelsey Cottrell (QLD) women's singles winner
Robbie Thompson (QLD) men's singles winner
Sharyn Renshaw (NSW), Julie Keegan (QLD), and Claire Duke (VIC) women's triples winners.
Billy Cornehl's (NSW), Robbie Thompson (QLD) and Shane Globits (QLD) men's triples winners.
Melanie Macaulay (NSW), Claire Duke (VIC), Julie Keegan (QLD) and Karen Murphy (NSW)
Jesse McKenzie (NSW), Chris Green (NSW), Zel Trbara (NSW) and David Ferguson (NSW) men's fours winners.

2007 AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP – TWEED HEADS BC (NSW)

Winner – Kelvin Kerkow (QLD)
Runner Up – Anthony Kiepe (QLD)
Winner – Karen Murphy (NSW)
Runner Up – Kelsey Cottrell (QLD)

SUPER CLUB CHALLENGE – MUSGRAVE HILL BC (QLD)

MEN'S GOLD – Musgrave Hill BC (QLD)
def Warilla BC (NSW) 3-0
MEN'S SILVER – East Cessnock BC (NSW)
def Kallangur BC (QLD) 2-1
WOMEN'S GOLD – Cabramatta BC (NSW)
def Tweed Heads BC (QLD) 2-1
WOMEN'S SILVER – Algester BC (QLD)
def Warilla BC (NSW) 2-1

2007 TRAVELEX NSW OPEN – TAREN POINT BC (NSW)

Kelsey Cottrell (QLD) women's singles winner
Bill Cornehl's (QLD) men's singles winner
Sharyn Renshaw (NSW), Claire Duke (VIC) women's pairs winners.
Trentan Healey (ACT), Carl Healey (ACT) men's pairs winners.
Corrine Crouche (NSW), Kelli Wray (WA), Katrina Wright (NSW) women's triples winners
Andrew Gardner (NSW), Ben Morethorpe (NSW), David Govan (NSW) men's triples winners.

2007 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – HALEKULANI BC (NSW)

BOYS

SINGLES

GOLD – Matthew Miles (NSW)
SILVER – Brendon Peck (TAS)
BRONZE – Alexander Roberts (ACT)

PAIRS

GOLD – Jay Cross, Paul Petersen (QLD)
SILVER – Austin Cunningham, Bradley Klose (SA)
BRONZE – Michael Lodge, Anthony Holland (VIC)

TRIPLES

GOLD – Dylan Fisher, Jarrad Sergi, Michael Vesikko (VIC)
SILVER – Nathan Pedersen, Scott Pittaway, Joshua Chopin (SA)
BRONZE – Matthew Miles, Blake Hopper, Chris Herden (NSW)

FOURS

GOLD – Paul Petersen, Jay Cross, Scott McLachlan, Robert Wild (QLD)
SILVER – Jack Worthley, Robert Craven, Shane Murton, Joshua McLennan (ACT)
BRONZE – Rhys Holbrook Blake Hopper, Sam Twining, Chris Herden (NSW)

BOY'S OVERALL STATE CHAMPION LADDER

| Rank | Team | PTS |
|------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | Queensland | 30 |
| 2 | New South Wales | 27 |
| 3 | Victoria | 24 |
| 4 | South Australia | 24 |
| 5 | Tasmania | 23 |
| 6 | ACT | 22 |
| 7 | Western Australia | 12 |
| 8 | Northern Territory | 6 |



GIRLS

SINGLES

GOLD - Louren Katague (NSW)

SILVER - Laini Murray (SA)

BRONZE – Jamie-Lee Gale (WA)

PAIRS

GOLD - Carly Griffiths, Zoe Jones (QLD)

SILVER - Breeanna Dickson, Laini Murray (SA)

BRONZE – Cassandra Ford, Morgan Solmon (NSW)

TRIPLES

GOLD - Louren Katague, Naomi Elliott, Natasha Van Eldik (NSW)

SILVER - Renee McPharlin, Nicole Bartlett, Kate Smith (SA)

BRONZE – Kirsty DeWaard, Shahn Griffiths, Elizabeth McKillop (QLD)

FOURS

GOLD - Cassandra Ford, Naomi Elliott, Morgan Solmon, Natasha Van Eldik (NSW)

SILVER - Renee McPharlin, Breeanna Dickson, Nicole Bartlett, Kate Smith (SA)

BRONZE – Carly Griffiths, Kirsty DeWaard, Shahn Griffiths, Zoe Jones (QLD)

GIRLS’S OVERALL STATE CHAMPION LADDER

| Rank | Team | PTS |
|------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | New South Wales | 40 |
| 2 | South Australia | 36 |
| 3 | Queensland | 27 |
| 4 | Western Australia | 15 |
| 5 | ACT | 14 |
| 6 | Tasmania | 14 |
| 7 | Victoria | 14 |
| 8 | Northern Territory | 8 |

TRI NATIONS – MOSMAN PARK BC (WA)

South Africa

Gerry Baker, Wayne Perry, Bill Radloff, Lorna Trigwell

British Lions

Robert Weale, David Gourlay, Jeremy Henry, Ellen Faulkner

Australia

Wayne Turley, Nathan Rice, Aron Sherriff, Claire Duke

SINGLES

British Lions def by South Africa 4-8, 6-10

British Lions def by Australia 8-12, 3-10

Australia def South Africa11-5, 8-4

PAIRS

British Lions def by South Africa 7-10, 10-4, 0-2

British Lions def by Australia 8-9, 6-8

Australia def South Africa 13-5, 9-3

TRIPLES

British Lions def South Africa 8-4, 10-6

British Lions def Australia 11-4, 9-7

Australia def South Africa 9-8, 9-7

Final - Australia defeated South Africa 3 – 0

FUJI XEROX NEW ZEALAND OPEN 2007 – HENDERSON BC (NZ)

Sharyn Renshaw (NSW) women’s singles winner

Andrew Todd (NZ) men’s singles winner

Mary Campbell, Sharyn Sims (NZ) women’s pairs winners.

Wayne Turley (NSW), Mark Casey (QLD) men’s pairs winners.

Norma McKeown (NZ), Marlene Castl (NZ), Sharyn Renshaw (NSW), Lorna Trigwell (South Africa) women’s fours winners

Isaac Denny (NZ), Tony Grantham, Shannon McIlroy, Ali Forsyth (NZ) men’s fours winners

2007 TRANS TASMAN – CHRISTCHURCH (NZ) OPEN TRANS TASMAN

TEST ONE RESULTS:

MEN (OPEN): Australia 4 defeated New Zealand 0.

Singles: Aron Sherriff (Aus) def Ali Forsyth (NZ) 22-11,

Pairs: Aron Sherriff and Nathan Rice (Aus) def Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 21-9,

Triples: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley and Mark Casey (Aus) def Andrew Todd, Ali Forsyth and Richard Girvan (NZ) 21-10,

Fours: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley, Nathan Rice and Mark Casey (Aus) def Andrew Todd, Richard Girvan, Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 20-15

WOMEN (OPEN): Australia 4 defeated New Zealand 0.

Singles: Kelsey Cottrell (Aus) def Val Smith (NZ) 21-12,

Pairs: Lynsey Armitage and Karen Murphy (Aus) def Val Smith and Jo Edwards (NZ) 16-15,

Triples: Kelsey Cottrell, Julie Keegan and Claire Duke (Aus) def Marina Khan, Jan Khan and Sharon Sims (NZ) 15-11,

Fours: Lynsey Armitage, Claire Duke, Julie Keegan and Karen Murphy (Aus) def Marina Kahn, Jan Kahn, Sharon Sims and Jo Edwards (NZ) 25-14

TEST TWO RESULTS:

MEN (OPEN): Australia 2 (+12) defeated New Zealand 2.

Singles: Aron Sherriff (Aus) def Ali Forsyth (NZ) 21-15,

Pairs: Aron Sherriff and Nathan Rice (Aus) def Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 24-9,

Triples: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley and Mark Casey (Aus) defeated by Andrew Todd, Ali Forsyth and Richard Girvan (NZ) 21-22,

Fours: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley, Nathan Rice and Mark Casey (Aus) def by Andrew Todd, Richard Girvan, Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 12-20

WOMEN (OPEN):

Australia 2 defeated by New Zealand 2 (+2).

Singles: Kelsey Cottrell (Aus) def Val Smith (NZ) 21-18,

Pairs: Lynsey Armitage and Karen Murphy (Aus) defeated by Val Smith and Jo Edwards (NZ) 12-16,

Triples: Kelsey Cottrell, Julie Keegan and Claire Duke (Aus) defeated by Marina Khan, Jan Khan and Sharon Sims (NZ) 12-16,

Fours: Lynsey Armitage, Claire Duke, Julie Keegan, Karen Murphy (Aus) defeated Marina Kahn, Jan Kahn, Sharon Sims and Jo Edwards (NZ) 16-13

TEST THREE RESULTS:

MEN (OPEN): Australia 0 defeated by New Zealand 4.

Singles: Aron Sherriff (Aus) defeated by Ali Forsyth (NZ) 11-21,

Pairs: Aron Sherriff and Nathan Rice (Aus) defeated by Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 15-21,

Triples: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley and Mark Casey (Aus) defeated by Andrew Todd, Ali Forsyth and Richard Girvan (NZ) 8-21,

Fours: Bill Cornehl’s, Wayne Turley, Nathan Rice and Mark Casey (Aus) defeated by Andrew Todd, Richard Girvan, Russel Meyer and Gary Lawson (NZ) 10-30

WOMEN (OPEN): Australia 2 (+5) d New Zealand 2.

Singles: Kelsey Cottrell (Aus) defeated by Val Smith (NZ) 14-21,

Pairs: Lynsey Armitage and Karen Murphy (Aus) defeated Val Smith and Jo Edwards (NZ) 16-14,

Triples: Kelsey Cottrell, Julie Keegan and Claire Duke (Aus) defeated Marina Khan, Jan Khan and Sharon Sims (NZ) 27-8,

Fours: Lynsey Armitage, Claire Duke, Julie Keegan, Karen Murphy (Aus) defeated Marina Kahn, Jan Kahn, Sharon Sims and Jo Edwards (NZ) 10-19

UNDER 25 TRANS TASMAN

TEST ONE RESULTS:

MEN (UNDER-25’s):

Australia 3 defeated New Zealand 1.

Singles:

Lee Schraner (Aus) defeated Robbie Marshall (NZ) 21-10,

Pairs: Mark Berghofer and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated by Raymond Martin and Robbie Marshall (NZ) 17-18,

Triples: Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and Lee Schraner (Aus) defeated Blake Signal, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 20-14,

Fours: Mark Berghofer, Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated Blake Signal, Raymond Martin, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 17-16





WOMEN (UNDER-25's):

Australia 2 (+5) defeated New Zealand 2.

Singles: Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated by Genevieve Baildon (NZ) 19-21,

Pairs: Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray (Aus) defeated Genevieve Baildon and Marny Jones (NZ) 19-17,

Triples: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White and Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul and Keitha Heta (NZ) 20-12,

Fours: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White, Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray defeated by Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul, Keitha Heta and Marny Jones (NZ) 14-17

TEST TWO RESULTS:

MEN (UNDER-25's): Australia 2.5 defeated New Zealand 1.5.

Singles: Lee Schraner (Aus) defeated Robbie Marshall (NZ) 21-14,

Pairs: Mark Berghofer and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated Raymond Martin and Robbie Marshall (NZ) 16-13 ,

Triples: Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and Lee Schraner (Aus) drew Blake Signal, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 17-17,

Fours: Mark Berghofer, Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated by Blake Signal, Raymond Martin, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 11-17

WOMEN (UNDER-25's): Australia 4 defeated New Zealand 0.

Singles: Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated Genevieve Baildon (NZ) 21-9,

Pairs: Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray (Aus) defeated Genevieve Baildon and Marny Jones (NZ) 19-11,

Triples: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White and Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul and Keitha Heta (NZ) 26-12,

Fours: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White, Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray defeated Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul, Keitha Heta and Marny Jones (NZ) 23-10

TEST THREE RESULTS:

MEN (UNDER-25's): Australia 4 defeated New Zealand 0.

Singles: Lee Schraner (Aus) defeated

Robbie Marshall (NZ) 21-10,
Pairs: Mark Berghofer and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated Raymond Martin and Robbie Marshall (NZ) 17-12 ,

Triples: Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and Lee Schraner (Aus) defeated Blake Signal, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 21-6,

Fours: Mark Berghofer, Ricky Lindbeck, Sean Baker and David Ferguson (Aus) defeated Blake Signal, Raymond Martin, Isaac Denny and Matt Gallop (NZ) 30-10

WOMEN (UNDER-25's):

Australia 3 defeated New Zealand 2.

Singles: Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated Genevieve Baildon (NZ) 21-20

Pairs: Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray (Aus) defeated Genevieve Baildon and Marny Jones (NZ) 20-13,

Triples: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White and Melanie Macaulay (Aus) defeated by Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul and Keitha Heta (NZ) 13-15,

Fours: Samantha Shanahan, Georgia White, Rebecca Quail and Kellie Wray defeated Misty Arnold, Claire McCaul, Keitha Heta and Marny Jones (NZ) 21-14

UNDER 18 TRANS TASMAN

TEST ONE RESULTS:

(UNDER-18): Australia 5 defeated New Zealand 1.

Singles: Natasha Van Eldik (Aus) defeated Kirsten Griffin (NZ) 4-7, 12-5, 2-0,

Singles: Morgan Solman (Aus) defeated Amy Brenton (NZ) 12-3, 4-10, 2-0,

Pairs: Van Eldrik and Solman (Aus) defeated Griffen and Brenton (NZ) 11-7, 10-5,

Singles: Matt Miles (Aus) defeated by Ryan Khan (NZ) 7- 8, 9-4, 0-2,

Singles: Robert Wild (Aus) defeated by Alan Stewart 7-4, 11-6

Pairs: Wild and Miles (Aus) defeated Khan and Stewart (NZ) 10-3, 7-7

TEST TWO RESULTS:

(UNDER-18): Australia 2 defeated by New Zealand 4.

Singles: Natasha Van Eldik (Aus) defeated by Amy Brenton (NZ) 5-7, 9-9,

Singles: Morgan Solman (Aus) defeated Kirsten Griffen (NZ) 8-6, 5-8, 2-0,

Pairs: Van Eldrik and Solman (Aus) defeated Griffen and Brenton (NZ) 10-2, 14-1,

Singles: Matt Miles (Aus) defeated by Alan Stewart (NZ) 10-12, 5-15,

Singles: Robert Wild (Aus) defeated by Ryan Khan 4- 7, 15-2, 0-2,

Pairs: Wild and Miles (Aus) defeated by Khan and Stewart (NZ) 5-10, 3-9

TEST THREE RESULTS:

(UNDER-18): Australia 3 (+2) defeated New Zealand 3.

Singles: Natasha Van Eldik (Aus) defeated Kirsten Griffin (NZ) 18-1, 9-8,

Singles: Morgan Solman (Aus) defeated by Amy Brenton (NZ) 8-7, 2-11, 1-2,

Pairs: Van Eldrik and Solman (Aus) defeated by Griffen and Brenton (NZ) 5-7, 3-13,

Singles: Matt Miles (Aus) defeated Ryan Khan (NZ) 8-6, 4-10, 2-1,

Singles: Robert Wild (Aus) defeated by Alan Stewart 5-13, 12-0, 0-2,

Pairs: Wild and Miles (Aus) defeated Khan and Stewart (NZ) 7-6, 12-1

TEST FOUR RESULTS:

(UNDER-18): Australia 4 defeated New Zealand 2.

Singles: Natasha Van Eldik (Aus) defeated Amy Brenton (NZ) 9-7, 14-3,

Singles: Morgan Solman (Aus) defeated Kirsten Griffen (NZ) 11-6, 6-5,

Pairs: Van Eldrik and Solman (Aus) defeated Griffen and Brenton (NZ) 10-4, 4-4,

Singles: Matt Miles (Aus) defeated by Alan Stewart (NZ) 11-7, 5-7, 1-2,

Singles: Robert Wild (Aus) defeated by Ryan Khan 6- 9, 7-9,

Pairs: Wild and Miles (Aus) defeated Khan and Stewart (NZ) 10-3, 7-4

2008 ABN AMRO AUSTRALIAN OPEN – DAREBIN ISC (VIC)

Leif Selby (NSW) men’s singles winner
Katrina Wright (NSW) women’s singles winner

Linda Gardiner (QLD), Gail Waitai (QLD) women’s pairs winners

Ryan Bester (CAN), Gary Lawson (NZ) men’s pairs winners

Trentan Healey (ACT), Carl Healey (ACT), Scott Bateup (NSW) men’s triples winners

Corrine Crouch (NSW), Kay Moran (Scotland), Katrina Wright (NSW) women’s triples winners

AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS – OSBORNE PARK BOWLS CLUB; MANNING BOWLS CLUB (WA)

Overall winner: Queensland
Alley Shield: Queensland
M. Morris trophy: Queensland

AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN

| Rank | Team | P | W | D | L | Shot For | Shot Ag | Shot Diff | Rink win | Rink loss | Points |
|------|------|---|---|---|---|----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | QLD | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 621 | 476 | 145 | 18 | 10 | 12 |
| 2 | VIC | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 551 | 479 | 72 | 17.5 | 10.5 | 10 |
| 3 | NSW | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 610 | 486 | 124 | 17 | 11 | 10 |
| 4 | TAS | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 553 | 501 | 52 | 20 | 8 | 8 |
| 5 | WA | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 556 | 520 | 36 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 8 |
| 6 | SA | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 510 | 599 | -89 | 11 | 17 | 4 |
| 7 | ACT | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 505 | 632 | -127 | 8 | 20 | 2 |
| 8 | NT | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 465 | 678 | -213 | 6 | 22 | 2 |

AUSTRALIAN SIDES CHAMPIONSHIPS - WOMEN

| Rank | Team | P | W | D | L | Shot For | Shot Ag | Shot Diff | Rink win | Rink loss | Points |
|------|------|---|---|---|---|----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | QLD | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 471 | 332 | 139 | 16 | 5 | 11 |
| 2 | VIC | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 427 | 384 | 43 | 15.5 | 5.5 | 11 |
| 3 | NSW | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 466 | 327 | 139 | 14.5 | 6.5 | 9 |
| 4 | SA | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 431 | 396 | 35 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 9 |
| 5 | WA | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 379 | 400 | -21 | 10 | 11 | 6 |
| 6 | ACT | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 352 | 436 | -84 | 6.5 | 14.5 | 6 |
| 7 | TAS | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 396 | 422 | -26 | 8 | 13 | 4 |
| 8 | NT | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 303 | 528 | -225 | 1 | 20 | 0 |



The operating result for the 2007-08 year was a \$35,656 deficit. This result was adversely impacted by the need to make provision for \$68,849 of abnormal items. These items relate to:

- \$42,632 impairment write off of prior year TV income included in the 2006-07 financial statements but which did not eventuate during the 2007/8 year;
- \$26,217 provision for a doubtful debt relating to a prior year TV sponsorship transaction.

Accordingly, the operating result for the activities of Bowls Australia Inc before these abnormal items was a \$33,193 surplus compared with the previous year surplus of \$17,557.

INCOME / REVENUE

Overall revenue at \$3.81 million was \$242,000 less than that shown for 2006-07. A reduction in sponsorship monies and revenue from the National Merchandising Program, were not sufficiently offset by the increase in revenue from capitation fees and additional grant funding.

The major source of funding for the organisation continues to come from membership capitation fees. The decision to increase the capitation fee by \$1 per annum per head for 2007-08 has to a large degree, offset the continuing trend with the decline (albeit at a marginal rate of 1.55% for 2007-08 in traditional membership.

Funding from grant monies increased during the year with significant support from the Australian Sport Commission, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and the Victorian Government. We continue to appreciate the ongoing support of these bodies for the game of lawn bowls in Australia. Grant monies were used in a variety of designated projects and programs which are designed to maintain the high performance of our national players and to develop and attract more players to the game of bowls throughout Australia.

The 2007-08 year was a tough one with sponsorship monies well down on the previous year. Income from the distribution of television rights was also lower this year with the loss of a major overseas television network – B Sky B.

Funds derived from the National Merchandising Program were down from the high level of last year which was stimulated by the new range of clothing. However the underlying support for the new clothing style has continued to enable significant funding being made available to state associations for the development of the game in their state. More management resources and a new IT management system have been applied recently to further develop and grow this source of funding.

EXPENDITURE

Overall expenditure at \$3.84 million for 2007/8 was less than the 2006-07 level as a consequence of the decline in sponsorship and income from Television rights.

However expenditure was maintained in the key areas of supporting the performance of national teams and carrying out targeted specific game development projects, e.g. Women In Sport, Get on the Green, Project Connect, Junior Development, as an outcome of receiving additional grant monies for these programs.

The need to maintain a high public profile for sponsors, TV rights and grant associations has meant that Bowls Australia Inc. continued to stage as many tournament events as possible throughout Australia. Our event management staff sought every opportunity to minimise and where possible, reduce the cost of running events without affecting adversely the quality and promotability of the event. Such national and international events do enable both the high performance bowlers and aspirants to display their skills and talents to our members and the general public. We have been reluctant to cut back significantly in this area of expenditure.

It was unfortunate that the recent Australian Open competition in Melbourne was adversely effected by poor weather and ground standard issues which resulted in this event being run at a significant loss.

Governance costs did increase during the year with the holding of a strategic forum with state council representatives. Subsequently, a four-year strategic plan has been developed and will shortly be available to members and stakeholders.

Attention to administration costs has seen a reduction in this expense for the year. Staff continue to look for efficiencies and cheaper resources when managing the desired growth in Bowls Australia’s activities through events and development projects.

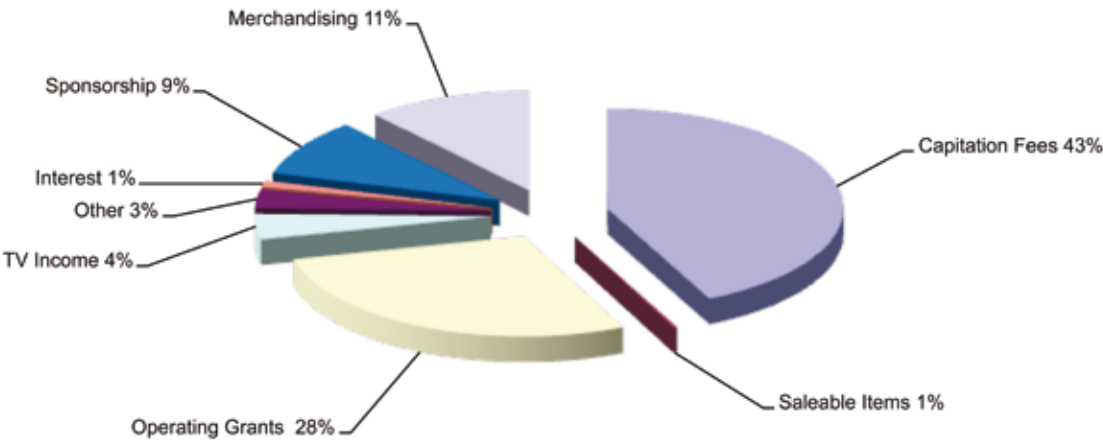
BALANCE SHEET AND CASH RESOURCES

Bowls Australia Inc. continues to have a strong financial position with Current Assets 2.3 times Current Liabilities and Accumulated Funds of \$1.1 million.

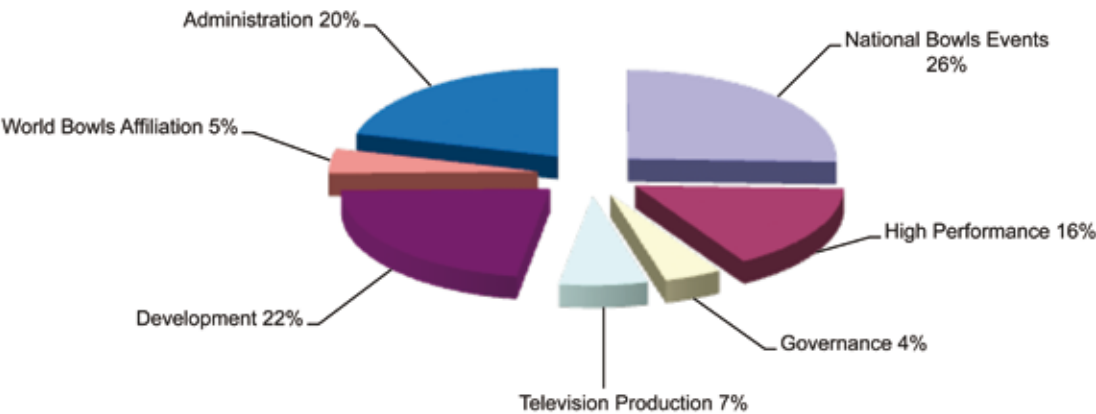
The organisation continues to have its significant cash reserves invested with a major Australian Banking Group as a reflection of its conservative investment strategy in these uncertain financial times.

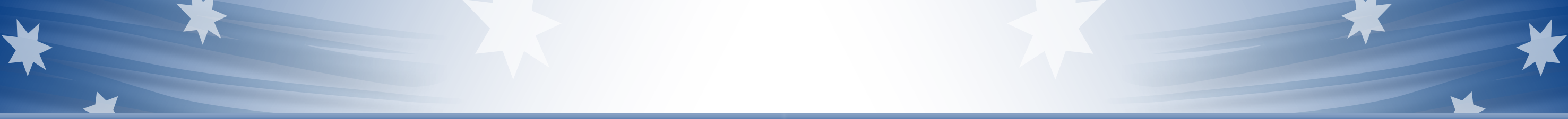
Daryl Rogers
Finance Manager

Income - Year Ended 30thJune, 2008



Expenditure - Year Ended 30thJune, 2008





BOWLS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

DIRECTORS’ REPORT

The members of the committee of management (hereinafter referred to as the directors and board of directors) submit the financial report of the Bowls Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Board of Directors

The names of directors who served throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Brian Marsland (President) | Barbara Klose (Vice President) |
| Glenn Ashcroft | Pru Goward |
| Geoff Nethercott | Geoff Provost |
| Margaret Radford | Des Skinner |
| Robert Webb | |

Directors Remuneration

No Director received any remuneration for their services as a director of Bowls Australia Inc.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide leadership and facilitate the growth, development and success of the sport and business of bowls in Australia in accordance with the objectives of the association.

Significant Changes



There were no significant changes in the nature of the association’s activities during the year.

Operating Result

There was an operating deficit from activities for the 12 months ending 30 June 2008 of \$35,656 (2007: Surplus \$17,557). This deficit includes abnormal costs of \$68,849 relating to:

- \$42,632 impairment write off of prior year TV income included in the 2006/7 financial statements but which did not eventuate in the 2007/8 year;
- \$26,217 Provision for a Doubtful Debt relating to a prior year TV Sponsorship Transaction.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

.......... Brian Marsland (President)..... Barbara Klose (Vice President)

Dated this19th..... day ofAUGUST..... 2008

BOWLS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

| | Note | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------|------------------|------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| REVENUE | | | |
| Membership Capitation Fees | | 1,538,064 | 1,323,274 |
| Operating Grants and Sponsorships | | 1,344,011 | 1,463,145 |
| Television Rights | | 148,409 | 187,637 |
| National Merchandising Program & Sundry Items | | 635,073 | 861,437 |
| Interest Received | | 37,323 | 43,678 |
| Other Income | | 104,180 | 169,885 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | 3,807,060 | 4,049,056 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Game Development Expenditures | | 781,394 | 879,072 |
| High Performance / Event Training Programs | | 558,454 | 520,870 |
| National Event Expenditures | | 902,221 | 986,324 |
| Television Production Costs | | 283,940 | 306,500 |
| Materials Consumed – Merchandising / Saleable Items | | 237,981 | 300,433 |
| Administration Expenses | 2 | 685,527 | 714,509 |
| Governance – Council, Board & Committees | | 156,920 | 117,733 |
| International Affiliation Expenditure – World Bowls | | 159,308 | 163,943 |
| Depreciation | | 41,254 | 32,514 |
| Bad & Doubtful Debts | | 26,217 | 1,601 |
| Audit Fees | | 9,500 | 8,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 3,842,716 | 4,031,499 |
| OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR YEAR | | (35,656) | 17,557 |
| RETAINED PROFITS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 1,116,988 | 1,099,431 |
| RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 1,081,332 | 1,116,988 |

BOWLS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

| | Note | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 674,661 | 814,730 |
| Inventories – at cost | | 49,564 | 56,428 |
| Trade and other receivables | 3 | 949,482 | 923,045 |
| Prepayments | | 75,414 | 211,257 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 1,749,121 | 2,005,460 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Office Furniture and Equipment | 4 | 81,481 | 97,101 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | 81,481 | 97,101 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 1,830,602 | 2,102,561 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 431,439 | 733,543 |
| Deferred Income | | 282,317 | 216,697 |
| Provision for Employee Entitlements | | 35,514 | 35,333 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 749,270 | 985,573 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 749,270 | 985,573 |
| NET ASSETS | | 1,081,332 | 1,116,988 |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | | |
| Retained profits | | 1,081,332 | 1,116,988 |
| TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | 1,081,332 | 1,116,988 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

| | Note | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Payments | | (3,900,859) | (3,403,713) |
| Receipts | | 3,780,623 | 3,425,973 |
| Net Cash provided from operating activities | 7 (b) | (120,236) | 22,260 |
| Cash flow from investing activities: | | | |
| Payments for purchase of equipment | | (25,634) | (82,821) |
| Proceeds from disposal of assets | | 5,801 | - |
| Net Cash provided from investing activities | | (19,833) | (82,821) |
| Cash Flow from financing activities: | | | |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash held | | (140,069) | (60,561) |
| Cash at beginning of financial year | | 814,730 | 875,291 |
| Cash at the end of the financial year | | 674,661 | 814,730 |

BOWLS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic). The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| AASB 1031 | Materiality |
| AASB 110 | Events after the Balance Sheet Date |
| AASB 117 | Leases |

No other applicable Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from Income Tax under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

b. Fixed Assets

Office furniture & equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

c. Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risk and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

d. Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

e. Employee Entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid in respect of employees' pro-rata entitlement to annual leave and long service leave are accrued annually at current remuneration rates.

f. Income Recognition

Where applicable, Income from sponsorships, grants and television rights have been recognised in the financial statements in the period of time the event which the event is conducted. Costs incurred for events to be conducted in future financial periods have also been deferred for recognition in the related financial period.

g. Capitation Fees

Capitation fee income included in these financial statements include both men's and women's fees received or applicable to the reported period.

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NOTE 2: ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Administration Occupancy Costs | 210,290 | 176,545 |
| Administration Employee Expenses | 475,237 | 537,964 |
| Total Administration Expenses | 685,527 | 714,509 |

NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Sundry Debtors | 783,446 | 443,993 |
| Less Provision for Doubtful Debts | (26,217) | 0 |
| | 757,229 | 443,993 |
| Other Receivables | 192,253 | 479,052 |
| | 949,482 | 923,045 |

NOTE 4: OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Office Furniture & Equipment – at cost (Opening) | 243,927 | 161,106 |
| Plus Additions | 25,634 | 82,821 |
| Less Disposals | (12,114) | 0 |
| Office Equipment & Furniture – at cost (Closing) | 257,447 | 243,927 |
| Accumulated Depreciation – (Opening) | (146,826) | (114,312) |
| Plus Depreciation for financial period | (41,254) | (32,514) |
| Less Disposals | 12,114 | 0 |
| Accumulated Depreciation – (Closing) | (175,966) | (146,826) |
| Net Carrying Amount | 81,481 | 97,101 |

Note 5: Related Company Transaction

Bowls Australia Inc is the sole member of a related company registered as World Bowls 2012 Ltd on 14 March 2008. World Bowls 2012 Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and was established with the prime objective to conduct, encourage, promote control and administer the World Bowls Championship 2012 event to be held in Australia. Bowls Australia Inc. has no equity investment in World Bowls 2012 Ltd. The assets and liabilities of World Bowls 2012 Ltd have therefore not been included in the financial statements of Bowls Australia Inc.

On 30 June 2008, World Bowls 2012 Ltd received \$300,000 from the South Australian Tourism Commission as initial funding for the World Bowls Championships 2012 event. At 30 June 2008, the financial statements of World Bowls 2012 Ltd comprised the bank account of \$300,000 reflecting the income in advance liability of \$249,205 and an outstanding liability of \$50,795 payable to Bowls Australia Inc. in respect of deferred expenditure relating to management and administration costs.

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Note 6: Leasing Commitments

Bowls Australia Inc has no leasing commitments.

Note 7: Statement of Cash Flows

- 'Cash' includes Cash at Bank, Cash Management Account and Short Term Debentures.
- Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided from Operating Activities to Operating Surplus for Year:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for year | (35,656) | 17,557 |
| Depreciation | 41,254 | 32,514 |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets | (5,801) | - |
| (Increase) in inventories | 6,864 | 12,136 |
| (Increase) decrease in sundry debtors & prepayments | 83,289 | (295,623) |
| Increase in creditors & accruals | (302,204) | 359,606 |
| Increase in employee provisions | 181 | (46,910) |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for doubtful debts | 26,217 | (19,250) |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred income | 65,620 | (37,770) |
| Net Cash provided in operating activities | (120,236) | 22,260 |

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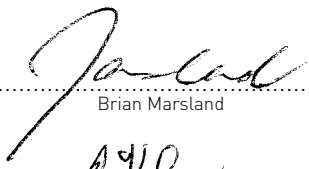
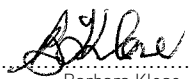
STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 7:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Bowls Association Inc. as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bowls Association Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

President 
 Vice President 
 Brian Marsland
 Barbara Klose

Dated this 19th day of AUGUST 2008

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BOWLS AUSTRALIA INC.**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Bowls Australia Inc. (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Vic 1981 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act Vic. 1981. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Bowls Australia Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Bowls Australia Inc. as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



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Chartered Accountants

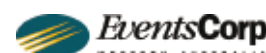


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Partner

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