



Annual Report

2021-2022

Members of Eastern Ranges Bowls Region

CLUB	2022- 23	2021 -22	CLUB	2022- 23	2021- 22
Ashburton	45	60	Heatherdale	60	86
Balmoral Gardens	1	8	Heathmont	136	148
Bayswater	75	99	Lilydale	142	151
Bennettswood	43	53	Mitcham	104	95
Berwick	195	221	Monbulk	73	73
Blackburn	90	86	Mooroolbark	148	157
Blackburn North	47	46	Mount Waverley	64	73
Boronia	73	73	Mulgrave CC	158	167
Box Hill RSL	50	65	Pakenham	87	97
Burwood District	47	64	Ringwood	77	90
Cardinia Waters	43	60	Upwey-Tecoma	92	78
Chirnside Park CC	74	65	Vermont South	188	201
Churchill Waverley	44	57	Warburton	53	47
Cockatoo & District	10	6	Waterford Valley Lakes	0	8
Croydon	109	116	Yarra Glen	66	81
Eastwood Golf	59	51	Yarra Junction	25	25
Ferntree Gully	158	175	TOTAL MEMBERS	2768	3040

EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION 2021-22

BOARD:

Chairman: Gordon Baker (Yarra Glen)
Vice- Chairperson: Maria Giarmondo (Eastwood Golf)
Secretary: Tony Buckingham (Heathmont)
Treasurer: Richard Sluggett (Mount Waverley)

Directors: Bruce Aumann (Chirnside Park CC)
Paul Dodd (Lilydale)
Jenny Holmes (Monbulk)
Carol Protopapas (Heathmont)
John Strybosch (Vermont South) ret.

Committees:

Umpires: Doug Whorlow (Blackburn), Gordon Baker (Yarra Glen), Lyn Baker (Yarra Glen), Rodney Bates (Yarra Glen), Peter Bowman (Pakenham), Adrian Goldsmith (Mulgrave CC)

Greens: John Strybosch (Vermont South) ret., John Ispanovic (Vermont South), et al

Championships: Paul Dodd (Lilydale), Jim Toal (Heathmont),

Region Sides: Gordon Baker (Chairperson)

Men's Selectors: Troy Stafford (Croydon), Barry Ward (Croydon), Stephen Misted (Mitcham)

Women's Selectors: Carol Protopapas (Heathmont), Pam Arnott (Croydon), Patty Whorlow (Blackburn)

Managers: Lyn Baker (Yarra Glen), Tony Buckingham (Heathmont)

Night Pennant: Gary Pickering (Mitcham)

ERBR Website manager: Jim Toal (Heathmont)

Under 18's: Liz Bower (Ringwood), Richard Sanzin (Blackburn)

Board meeting Attendance:

MEMBER	MEETINGS	ATTENDED	MEMBER	MEETINGS	ATTENDED
Gordon Baker			Paul Dodd		
Maria Giarmondo			Bruce Aumann		
Tony Buckingham			Carol Protopapas		
Richard Sluggett			Jenny Holmes		
John Strybosch					

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Season 2021-22 saw the region return to nearly pre-COVID days. The year was not without some limitations with some of the restrictions still in place. To successfully complete the season, the region board must be acknowledged for their unwavering support of the sport. Our secretary, Tony Buckingham was thrust in the deep end and had a very big learning curve in the role. Richard Sanzin was always going to be a hard act to follow, and Tony has given his time and effort to ensure that the region has continued successfully.

During the year the board welcomed new directors Carol Protopapas and Jenny Holmes. Both bring a wealth of experience and skills to our region. At the same time, we lost John Strybosch and Mark Lord, and we thank them for their contribution.

For the Region to operate we need the support of our members (clubs) and the numerous volunteers throughout this Region who contribute their time, skills, and knowledge to the sport both at club and region level. I need to thank all our Member Clubs for this support, allowing us to use your greens and facilities for Regional Championships, Training and Meetings. To the volunteers who officiated and provided hospitality at these events, thank you.

Success can be measured in many ways, and I wish to congratulate the following Eastern Ranges members who gained selection in state representative sides:

- Jess Wallace (Lilydale)- Open women
- Colin Veenendaal (Mitcham) and Nic Dawe (Heathmont)- Men's Over 60's
- Will Mays (Heathmont)- Boys under 18's
- Annette Ruffle (Ringwood), Janet Morrison (Mulgrave CC), and Lucas Protopapas (Heathmont)- Multi Disability.
- Alison Meakin (Mulgrave CC)- Bowls Australia Para squad

After the completion of region events, all winners competed at Bendigo in Champion of Champions week. They all participated well and were supported by other region players. Our women's fours won the state event and now represent Victoria at the National Championships. Well done, Karen Barton, Carol Protopapas, Louise Whitehead, and Olivia Slade from Heathmont. This achievement was repeated by Leon Verkuyl and Nick Dawe (Heathmont) in the over 60's men's pairs

The approach we as a region have taken to the Region Sides events have ensured our team is a cohesive group supporting each other throughout the event. As president of the region, it is very positive time. This year saw two under 18's being given the opportunity to participate- Will Mays and Olivia Slade. A pleasing decision as they are our future.

Thank you to our Regional Bowls Managers- Paul Holtscke (ret), Mark Coleman and Warren Griffin for helping clubs in our region. They are available to assist with many things including what grants are available and how to apply for them. A special big thank you to Paul Holtscke who has moved to work as the Bowls Australia Events and Competitions Co-Ordinator. Paul regularly attended region meetings, supported our clubs, and kept everyone informed about grants etc. Personally, Paul was a great support to me in my role.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the bowlers, volunteers, clubs, and directors who have participated and helped during the season. We hope everyone is staying safe and hope to see everyone back on the greens very soon.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

From 1st May 2021 to 30 June 2022

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Term Deposit	Invested to 22 April 2023 @0.7%	\$15,565.27	
Inventory ERBR Uniforms		\$6,212.23	
Cash at Bank		<u>\$14,961.46</u>	
	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$36,738.96</u>	TOTAL

Liabilities

Opening Members Equity		\$34,623.89	
Increase		<u>\$2,115.07</u>	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$36,738.96</u>	TOTAL

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Receipts

BV Region Sides Contribution		\$2,800.00	
Eastern Eagles		\$1,500.00	
Regional Accommodation & Gear		\$186.00	
Regional Levy @\$6		\$18,394.00	
State Championship Event Entries @\$15		\$11,022.93	
Term Deposit Interest		\$122.91	
Grant Subsidy		\$4,750.00	
	Total	\$38,775.84	\$38,775.84

Expenditure

Bank fees	\$11.20
Club Subsidy -Cham/ship events	\$5,020.00
Computer & Website	\$723.44
Consumer Affairs Victoria	\$248.00
Eastern Eagles	\$245.67
Green Travelling expenses	\$670.40
Hon. Sec & Championship	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$780.00
Opening Night/ Catering	\$538.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$0.00
Postage & Stationary	\$348.80
Region Accommodation	\$11,526.00
Region - Bowls Victoria	\$1,852.20
Region Sides expenses	\$3,962.86
Regional clothing	\$3,859.46
State Cham/ship Prize Money	\$5,470.00
State Championship Week	\$710.00
Training Programs	\$0.00

Trop., Gifts & Presentations

\$200.00

Misc

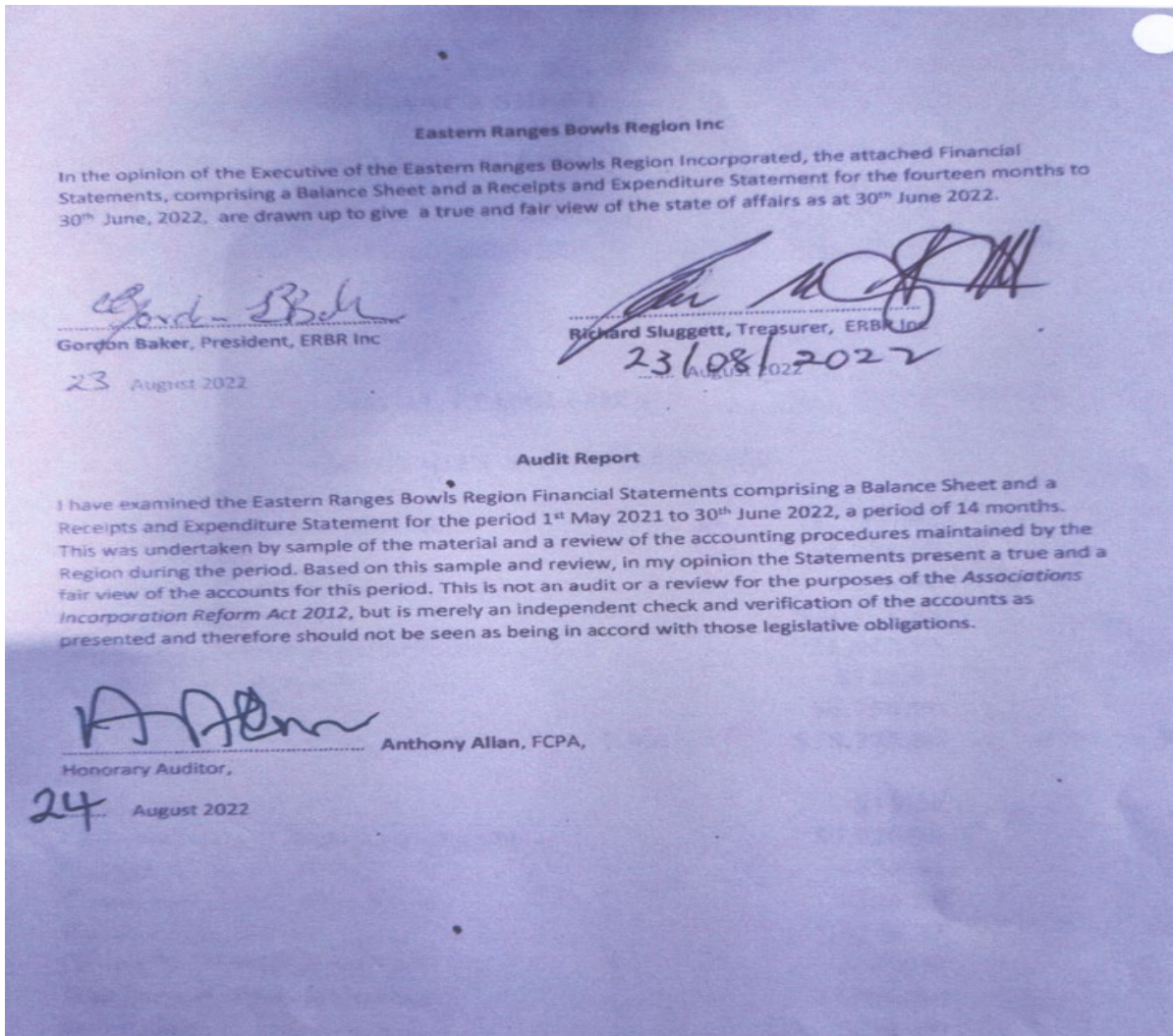
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Total Receipts over Expenditure

\$1,609.81



REGION SIDES

Men's Team Report

Well, what a team we had!

Only just finalised two days before we headed for Moama/Echuca for the yearly region sides championships.

Then because of COVID and injuries our team was refinalised when Ethan Mills from Berwick and Les Such from Croydon were brought into the team. And at the last minute Will Mays was asked to be the emergency player!!

After being Champions last year, hopes were high for back-to-back championships for our men. Practice was organised for the Friday morning and Thursday afternoon, but because some of the men had work commitments not all could attend.

Our first game was a loss to Ovens and Murray. Not a good start to the campaign, but a win in the second round lifted our spirits. At the end of seven rounds over the two days we had won four, but the two early losses put us out of the running to go back-to-back. The guys finished fourth overall.

On the Friday, the team with men and ladies together, enjoyed dinner at the local hotel. This was followed up with a team BBQ on the Saturday night with a game of chess outside to everyone's enjoyment. Lunches were provided by the local bowls clubs, but these turned out to be expensive and the lunch from Moama was not what we expected to be up to standard.

The role of team manager was more intense this year, as we had to input the results ourselves onto Bowlslink. As we were the home side at all matches, it was up to the Eastern Ranges managers to do this task. A bit of fun, when you lose your Wi-Fi, every time you moved away from the clubhouse to watch the games.

THINGS TO LOOK AT FOR NEXT YEARS TEAM

Selection: To be more competitive, I believe we need to select players who play in the position they have been selected for, 10 of our team play as skips.

We need to look at how players perform in region championships. Not just players who play premier or division 1.

Maybe players need to have played in region championship games to qualify, so we get a wider view of who is playing well.

I believe, our Champion of Champions should be an automatic selection, as is the Eastern Ranges singles champion. Men and Ladies.

I would like to congratulate the three late inclusions into the team this year, and the team on how they accepted these players into the team.

Overall, it was a good three days of bowling, disappointing on making final again, but we need to look at the attitude of members for future times. This is not a junket to go away and play up. The region spends a lot of money to have this team perform, and this needs to be outlined to the players. Not to treat our players as children but to let them know what is expected of them. To turn up on time and to be fit to play.

Tony Buckingham

Women's Team Report

Team

LEAD	Olivia Slade (Heathmont)	Rayna Zunneberg (Warburton)	Pam Arnot (Croydon)
SECOND	Louise Whitehead (Heathmont)	Jan O'Regan (Lilydale)	Kirsten Day (Yarra Glen)
THIRD	Vicki Smith (Lilydale)	Carol Protopapas (Heathmont)	Trish Cullinane (Heathmont)
SKIP	Jess Wallace (Lilydale)	Karen Barton (Heathmont)	Patty Whorlow (Blackburn)

Emergency: Ruth Phillips (Heathmont)

The team represented six of the regions' clubs. Most of those selected played premier, division 1 or 2 in Metropolitan pennant. One other player was selected but was unavailable and that would have meant 7 clubs.

THE EVENT: The event was held from 8-10th April at the Echuca and Moama Bowling Clubs. Both provided sufficient rinks for the men's and women's teams to play side by side. Friday and Sunday at Echuca and Saturday at Moama. The facilities at both clubs were excellent and the greens were running well. Lunches were provided on all days and unfortunately it must be stated that the ones provided at Moama were substandard for such an event. Echuca provided excellent meals and catered for our one dietary request appropriately.

ACCOMODATION & MEALS: The Region provided accommodation at the Murray River Holiday Park in Moama. The team twin shared two-bedroom cabins at the facility. These were very clean; the water was hot and the space adequate for the weekend. Again, this year the Region provided dinner on both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday, we ate at the Border Inn in Moama which was convenient in respect to location; the food was fresh and well presented. The service was efficient and would certainly recommend the use of this venue again. Saturday a barbeque was provided at the park. We had use of the camp kitchen until 10pm. The food for this was all purchased in Moama, thereby supporting local businesses.

UNIFORM: All players wore the Region uniform and conformed to the rules as issued by BV at the managers meeting held on April 1 via Zoom.

Players were presented with region caps embroidered with '2022' to recognise their selection for this year's event.

All this year's women team have purchased their uniform.

TRAVEL: Players travelled to Moama either by themselves or with others- private cars.

SELECTION: The selectors for this year were Carol Protopapas (Heathmont), Patty Whorlow (Blackburn) and Pam Arnot (Croydon). They met on several occasions and discussed thoroughly the performance of players in both metropolitan pennant and region events. With the increased use of BowlsLink this process has been made easier.

PRACTICE: Two nights were held at the Mitcham Bowls Club, the first was a meet and greet the players with each rink being given the opportunity to participate in a match against other members. The second night was a practice match against the Mornington Peninsula region which gave all players a good hit out. Unfortunately, four members were unable to participate due to prior commitments and COVID

RESULTS:

REGION	Jess	Karen	Patty	SCORE
Ovens & Murray	8/14	9/11	12/9	29/34
Goulburn Murray	11/7	7/10	7/8	25/25
Yarra	13/5	5/16	14/10	32/31
Gippsland	23/5	9/12	12/12	44/29
Ballarat Highlands	10/11	9/8	7/9	26/28
Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields	12/12	7/8	14/12	33/32
Wimmera	5/12	21/3	21/10	47/25
OVERALL	82/66	67/68	87/70	236/204

This year the women's team finished third in their section and fifth overall. All players performed well in most matches with many rising to the occasion due to the calibre of the opposition. Patty Whorlow's rink finished third in the player rankings for section B, which was a fantastic effort by all.

COMMENTS: There are lots...just how well they all come together as a team and supported each other must be the standout. This has continued over from last year and watching some other regions they have yet to get to this point, e.g., men and women's teams do not combine at the start of the match; they don't appear to sit together between matches or at lunch; and more importantly there is not the noise across the rinks between the two during a game. Rangers leave all the other regions in our section far behind in the camaraderie stakes!

MOVING FUTURE:

It is important that the region starts working with a group of women to establish a training group. The aim of this will be to improve the women's skills and knowledge. One area that is a concern is the role of skip. There is little depth within the region in this area. Clubs need to be involved to also give women training and opportunities in this position (if they are capable). It would be proposed to start this with sessions in November, December, and January prior to team selection. This is a task I am happy to be responsible for. Another area is to ensure that all clubs are monitored to find women for the region side. This process was carried out by the selectors through the checking of team results as well as participation in region events. It cannot be stressed enough that region participation is important.

It was a privilege to have the role as manager.

Lyn Baker

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

A later start to the 2021-22 bowls season and the compacted scheduling of Region championships impacted the formal structure of junior training clinics during the year. Nonetheless, representatives of the Eastern Eagles Junior Development Squad were prominent in the various State junior events held throughout the year.

In recent months, squad numbers have been impacted as several members attained 18 years of age and are therefore ineligible for Junior events.

Throughout the financial year, Eastern Eagles were represented in the following events:

- Doug Kneebone (January 2022)

Two teams entered this competition. From a total 18 entries, the teams finished a credible 5th and 9th. In addition, one squad member represented a composite team which finished 4th overall.

- Junior Provincial Championship (January 2022)

Following some late withdrawals due to COVID, the Eastern Eagles squad was bolstered with substitutes from Northern Flyers Junior Development Squad. Notwithstanding this minor setback, Eastern Eagles were the eventual winners of this event – ironically beating Northern Flyers. This was the first occasion that Eastern Eagles had won the event

- Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Championships 2021-22

- Olivia Slade (Heathmont) and Will Mays (Heathmont) were members of winning teams. Olivia was a member of the Women's Open Fours team while Will was a member of the Men's Open Triples team. The Eastern Ranges Women's Open Fours subsequently won the State title and will represent Victoria in the Nationals in October.

- U18 State Championships

Amity Bickley (Dandenong Club) was Runner Up in the Girl's Pairs event, squad members made the Semi Finals of the Open Triples event and Olivia Slade and Will Mays won the Mix Pairs event.

- U18 State Squad

Eastern Eagles squad members – Amity Bickley and Will Mays – were appointed to the Victorian U18 squad. Both members played in the Test series against Tasmania in July.

- The Nationals

Amity Bickley was Runner Up in the Girl's Singles Championship, while Will Mays partnered with Koby Cromie (Deer Park) to win the Boy's Pairs Championship.

Other junior events held during the financial year include School Sports Victoria gala days. The Committee would like to extend its thanks to Glen Waverley and Bennettswood Bowling Clubs for their assistance in hosting these events.

While fewer formal bowling clinics were conducted during the financial year, the Committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of Clubs (in particular Berwick and Heathmont) to include juniors in their Pennant competitions. Mitch Keel (Berwick) and Will Mays (Heathmont) are members of their respective Club's #1 Side (Division 1). Undoubtedly, this involvement has benefited both players.

Any Club wanting to increase its numbers with juniors should approach a member of the Committee who would be happy to assist with additional coaching opportunities
Eastern Ranges Junior Development Committee

Richard Sanzin (Chairman)
Liz Bower (Ringwood

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our season of regional tournaments was a brutal one, touched by covid, weather and an extremely tight timeframe that allowed little leeway, but somehow, we managed to finish off every event on time and make yet another successful event. Along with this we also introduced the use of Bowlslink, meaning everything was handled online ensuring a streamlined system from entry all the way through to results. There were issues to deal with of course, but the thanks owed to all for their understanding and perseverance is immensely appreciated.

Overall, we had in excess of 370 entries across the events, a number we are proud of for such a difficult year, but one we want to build on this year and beyond. Our region sits comfortable alongside other regions when comparing numbers, but the goal is to make us the number one in the state. To do this we encourage all clubs to push their players to have a go, you never know, you may sneak through and get the win and aim to represent us at the state titles!!

Our winners this year came from a number of different clubs, and we are proud of each and every one of them. For some like Josh Sanders from Lilydale it was a first ever regional singles title after many attempts, Ethan Mills from Berwick in the champion of champion men's singles again a first title and the father son of Darren and Will Mays from Heathmont combining with their club mate Earl Mathieson to take out the triples.

In the Ladies 4's and Men's Over 60's pairs we had even better results. The ladies' team of Olivia Slade, Louise Whitehead, Carol Protopapas and skipped by Karen Barton not only won the region but went on to win the State Title and are representing Victoria very soon at the National Titles. The men's team of Leon Verkuyl and skip Nick Dawe did the same, winning the State Title in an awesome effort. It shows that our region produces some of the finest bowlers in the state, no question asked.

To the clubs who hosted events I thank you. We do have some of the finest greens in the state and to allow players to use them so frequently was a huge contributing factor in getting all of our events finished on time. I would particularly like to thank Andrew Dalli from Mitcham who gave up his greens on many occasions, often at the last minute when we had to swing events around due to the Covid regulations.

Our events are not possible without you the players, and I congratulate and thank each and every one of you for the patience you showed this year, and the dedication to enter these events trying to win and represent our region at higher levels. The quality of games I both played in and witnessed has been getting better and better each year, and I can't wait to see how good the standard is for the 2022-23 season.

Thank you and good luck for the upcoming Pennant Season and I hope to see many of you on the greens playing Regional Events as well.

Paul Dodd

Region Champions 2021-22

Event	Winner	Club
Novice singles Men	David Saint	Pakenham
Over 60's Singles Men Women	Colin Veendendaal Jennifer Bainbridge	Mitcham Pakenham
Over 60's Pairs Men Women	Leon Verkuyl Nick Dawe Jennifer Bainbridge Gail Bowman	Heathmont Pakenham
Singles Men Women	Josh Sanders Trish Cullinane	Lilydale Heathmont
Pairs Men Women	Zac Woning Ryan Drummond Mary Farley Angela Bonutto	Croydon Vermont South
Triples Men Women	Will Mays Earl Mathieson Darren Mays Kirsten Day Patty Whorlow Tish Cullinane	Heathmont Yarra Glen Blackburn Heathmont
Fours Men Women	Zac Woning Anthony Witkowski Ryan Drummond Daniel Hudson Karen Barton Carol Protopapas Louise Whitehead Olivia Slade	Croydon Heathmont
Mixed pairs	Karen Barton Earl Mathieson	Heathmont
Champion of Champions Men Women	Ethan Mills Jenny Holmes	Berwick Monbulk

OFFICIALS