



## **EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION**

### **GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023-HEATHMONT BOWLS CLUB at 6.45pm**

**WELCOME:** ERBR President Gordon Baker welcomed those present.

**ATTENDANCE:** Restricted to delegates of the member clubs. (ERBR Constitution 6.5)

**PRESENT:** Barbara Keenan (Bayswater), Stephen Cronin (Bennettswood), Jeff Parker (Berwick), Anne Coleman (Blackburn), Margaret Fehring (Blackburn North), Matt Clark (Boronia), Phillip Johnson (Box Hill RSL), Stephen Peisley (Burwood District), Stuart Patrick (Chirnside Park CC), Ann Jeffrey (Churchill Waverley Golf), Pam Arnot (Croydon), Alan Cain (Eastwood Golf), Merilyn Selvey (Ferntree Gully), Luke Purcell (Glen Waverley), Brian Ross-Soden (Heatherdale Recreation), Greg Pullen (Heathmont), Len Cumming (Lilydale), Bill Smith (Mitcham), Craig Ward (Monbulk), Colin Huggins (Mooroolbark), Jeff Van de Steenoven (Mulgrave CC), Jennifer Bainbridge (Pakenham), Simon Mitchell (Ringwood), Les Lane (Upwey-Tecoma), John Strybosch (Vermont South), Max Reynolds (Warburton), Rodney Bates (Yarra Glen)

**APOLOGIES:** Elly Byrne and Graeme Steel (Yarra Junction BC)

**NATURE OF MEETING:** The constitution was originally adopted post-unification (2014). An amendment changing the dates of the financial year was adopted in 2021.

Following Bowls Victoria's decision to remove divisions from their structure a new Region template was developed and distributed (2021). This year the board has completed the task and the constitution has been approved by Bowls Victoria.

The main changes include-

- The tenure of directors from one to two years. This also includes a rotation system. (Clause 14)
- The introduction of a disciplinary process in respect to region events. (Clause 10)
- The removal of outdated terms, e.g., BVRR, VRAG
- The board can delegate responsibilities in areas of their choosing or need. (Clause 20)
- Quorums at General Meetings to be 40% of member clubs. (Clause 27.1)
- Clearly defined areas that may cause conflict of interest. (Clause 18.8)

**PROPOSAL:** To adopt the revised Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Constitution as approved by Bowls Victoria and circulated to members 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Moved: Jennifer Bainbridge (Pakenham)

Seconded: Brian Ross-Soden (Heatherdale Recreation)

By a show of hands the proposal was adopted by a majority of delegates. (more than 75% of the required quorum)

**MEETING CLOSED:** The president declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.