









About ERBR

ERBR Board

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Region Championships—Bruce Aumann Laws & Umpiring—Adrian Goldsmith Night Pennant—Garry Pickering Communications—Richard Sanzin

News Snippets

Jess Wallace (Lilydale) wears the Big V again

Jess Wallace has been selected for the Victorian State Open Side to compete at The Nationals in the Australian Sides Championships in Sorrento, WA, from 12th—17th October.

Congratulations Jess. Wear the Big V with pride.





Ashburton wins Battle of the Freeways

9 bowling clubs from the electorates of Ashwood, Glen Waverley and Oakleigh converged on Parliament House to play off in the event of the year. It was a close competition but eventually Ashburton Bowls Club emerged victorious with the Battle of the Freeways Cup.

Pakenham again supports VSK

Very Special Kids (VSK) was established in 1985 to help care for children with life threatening conditions by providing a hospice and a range of family support services to sick children and their families. At the Pakenham fundraiser there were no monetary prizes awarded, winners from the early years having established a worthwhile precedent by generously donating their prize money back to the cause. Despite a little under fifty players taking part on the day, the club was proud to raise \$2000 for VSK from a combination of dona-



tions, entry fees, the B-B-Q, proceeds from the raffle (with many prizes generously donated by members), and the contents of the big pink pig which sits on the bar, where it grows fat on patrons' small change and wrong bias penalties.



Well done Ferntree Gully!

Recently the Gully ran a barefoot bowls session raising money for "R U Ok?"



With great support from some members (the Colemans, the Johnstones, Chris, Ian, Norm, Ange, the Padghams and others) to name a few - they supported over 72 players in a game of bowls—some playing for their first time.

From the President

As this is my first newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Gordon Baker's leadership over the past four (4) years. Taking on a leadership role in any organization is a major challenge and Gordon's legacy leaves the Region in a strong financial position.

Also, thank you to Member Clubs for the opportunity to lead the Region for the next two (2) years.

Since the Annual General Meeting on 18 September 2023, the new Board has been busy getting up to speed on a number of matters including identifying players and officials to represent Eastern Ranges at the 2024 Region Sides Championships which will be held in Ballarat Region on 13-14 January.

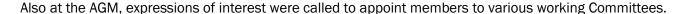
At the AGM, the following Office Bearers were appointed: President – Richard Sanzin (Monbulk)

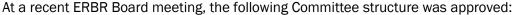
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Championship Committee - Bruce Aumann (Chirnside Park CC) (Chair), Lyn Baker (Yarra Glen) and Doug Whorlow (Blackburn). All enquiries about region championships should be directed to Bruce.

Laws and Umpiring Committee - Adrian Goldsmith (Mulgrave CC) (Chair), Gordon Baker (Yarra Glen), Rod Bates (Yarra Glen), Peter Bowman (Pakenham), Doug Whorlow (Blackburn).

Night Pennant - Garry Pickering

Governance Committee – Richard Sanzin (Monbulk) (Chair), Lyn Baker (Yarra Glen) and Maria Giramondo (Eastwood Golf)

Website and Commincations - Richard Sanzin (Monbulk) (Chair), Jenny Holmes (Monbulk), Jim Toal (Heathmont), and Lyn Baker (Yarra Glen) - Social Media

The first priorities of the Board are the organizing of Region Championships and selecting the Region Side.

Entries to the Region Championships are open via the ERBR website with the first event being the Open Fours competition commencing Sunday 22 October 2023. Please refer to the website for dates of other events.

The Board has agreed to conduct trials for Region selection, including the appointment of Selectors and a Region Coach. Suitably experienced individuals to fill these roles are under consideration. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Following the success of recent Laws and Umpiring courses where a number of new umpires and reaccreditation of existing officials were approved, additional course dates are being considered. More information to follow.

In the meantime, I wish all Member Clubs a great start to the 2023-24 Metropolitan Pennant season and every success on the greens.

Richard Sanzin President



Annual General Meeting 18th Sept 2023 - a summary

- Annual Reports were sent to Club Communication Officers 3 weeks prior to AGM with Notice of Meeting. Additional comments made on the night.
- 28 of the 33 ERBR clubs were represented at the AGM, hosted by Heathmont. A really good turnout.
- President, Gordon Baker, added thanks to all clubs and members for the support he received over the four years he was president of ERBR.
- Treasurer, Richard Sluggett
 - advised the meeting of an amendment to the financial report sent out, with a uniform adjustment of just over \$3K.
 - Club levy for 2023-24 will be \$7 per club member with playing rights. This will be payable in two parts (\$3.50 on October 1st and \$3.50 on January 16th). Club numbers will be taken from Bowlslink on Sept 30th
 - Clubs who host Region Championships will be paid more than season 2022-23. About one third of ERBR expenses is in this item.
 - Championship Events \$15 per entry, same as last season.
 - Auditor for 2023-24 will be Anthony Allan (Mt Waverley)
 - Richard Sluggett reported even with the increase of membership he expected ERBR to run a deficit in the coming year of approximately \$3000.
 - Currently ERBR has net equity of \$33,866.19
- Championship Committee report. Bruce Aumann asked if there were any more clubs willing to make their clubs available to host region events as there had only been fifteen responses. Mathew O'Brien (Yarra Glen) was commended on his achievement of winning the region, state and now representing Victoria at the Nationals in Perth in the Mens' Singles.
- Night Pennant Committee report. Garry Pickering commented on the number of younger players competing in this competition. Survey was done at the end of last season. Fees will be same as metro pennant.
- Umpires/ Laws Committee report. Adrian Goldsmith introduced himself as the new chair of this committee and thanked Doug Whorlow for his work over many years.
- Bowls Australia report prepared by Warren Griffin and in his absence was read by Lyn Baker
- Glen Sodaitis (Burwood District) introduced himself and spoke of his new role at Bowls Victoria as the Participation Co-Ordinator. He can assist clubs with programs like Bowling with Babies and grant writing.
- At the end of the AGM Gordon Baker was presented with a bottle of Glenfiddich in appreciation of his services.

ERBR Laws and Umpiring Committee

The past month has been a busy one for the ERBR LUC with three consecutive Sundays occupied by new umpire training and a reaccreditation session. Across the Sundays, we accredited 21 new officials (including one from another region needing on-green assessment) and re-accredited 11 officials. There are one or two more to complete sections of the course. Sincere thanks go to Ferntree Gully Bowls Club and Bob and Merilyn Selvey particularly for enabling this large group to proceed both inside and on the greens. Thanks also to the ERBR LUC members for their support and assistance over the three days. Additional reaccreditation sessions are set to take place during October and November at Vermont South Club and Mulgrave Country Club – dates to be confirmed and promoted. This will clear some further reaccreditations held up during the COVID period. The new Bowls Victoria process for new and reaccrediting officials will take effect shortly and details will be provided to all clubs to enable their aspiring and reaccrediting officials to complete the required processes.

REGION CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: ENTER NOW

- All dates below are correct at the time of publication
- Subsequent rounds of all events will be held on weeknights.
- Dates for over 60s events and novice events are still to be finalized.
- Conditions of Play for all events are expected to come out soon.
- Entries can be made via Bowlslink on the ERBR website. Links will take you directly to the entry page of each event. Check with your Club Secretary if you need help to locate your National ID number.
- The events listed below are all pathway events, leading onto State championships.

ERBR EVENT	ENTRIES CLOSE	DAY 1	DAY 2
Men/ Women Fours	October 15	October 22	October 29
Men/ Women Pairs	November 5	November 12	November 19
Women's Triples	November 26	December 3	December 10
Men's Singles	November 26	December 3	December 10
Men's Triples	January 14	January 21	January 28
Women's Singles	January 14	January 21	January 28
Mixed Pairs	February 11	February 18	February 25
Champion of Champions	March 9	March 16	March 17

ERBR clubs that host Championship events this season will be reimbursed according to the following 2024 list.

Participants/Entrants Reimbursement	2023	2024
2 – 10 participants/entries	\$50	\$60
11 – 20 participants/entries	\$70	\$80
21 – 30 participants/entries	\$110	\$120
31 – 40 participants/entries	\$130	\$140
41 – 50 participants/entries	\$160	\$170
	\$5,070	\$5,640

2023 \$11,250.50

SUBSIDIES FOR HOSTS

PRIZE MONEY

Please see below break up of prize money for championship events for 2023 to 2024	2024	2023	
Men's & Women's Open Singles – Winners @ \$200 x2, Runner Ups @ \$100x2	\$600	\$600	
M & W Over 60s Singles – Winners @ \$200x2, Runner Ups @ \$100x2	\$600	\$600	
M & W Over 60s Pairs - Winners \$200 (4 x \$100), Runner Ups \$100 (4 x \$50)	\$600	\$600	
M & W Open Pairs – Winners \$400 (4 x \$100), Runner Ups \$200 (4 x \$50)	\$600	\$600	
Mixed Pairs - Winners \$200 (2 x \$100), Runner Ups \$100 (2 x \$50)	\$600	\$600	
M & W Triples - Winners \$600 (6 x \$100), Runner Ups \$300 (6 x \$50)	\$900	\$900	
M & W Fours - Winners \$400 (8 x \$100), Runner Ups \$200 (8 x \$50)	\$1,200	\$1,200	
M & W Champion of Champions - Winners \$250x2, Runner Ups \$125x2	\$750	\$750	
M & W Novice Singles - Winners \$200 (2x\$100), Runner Ups \$100 (2x\$50)	\$300	\$300	
Total	\$6,150	\$6,150	

REGION SIDES

- Bowls Victoria's 16 Regions around the state compete at the Region Sides Championships each year.
- All regions select representative teams, men and women, of up to 14 players each, to compete each year.
- There will be a Managers' meeting prior to Xmas.
- Teams are to be entered by 17th December
- The 2024 Region Sides event will take place across the weekend of 13th 14th January, 2023, in Ballarat. BV has a one year deal with Ballarat Council. Clubs being used are Sebastopol (main Venue), Central Wendouree, Victoria, and Webbcona.
- The travel subsidy for ERBR will be \$2000.
- Lunches are locked in at all four clubs at \$15 per head.
- Gold and Silver tiers remain
- 2 x sections of 4 within the tiers, based on performance in 2023 event
- 3 sectional games on the Saturday
- Finals on the Sunday at Sebastopol. Winners of Gold sections to play off for the Region Sides Title, Silver winners to play for Silver Title and promotion.
- This event is an integral part of the pathway program for High Performance.

ERBR REC	GION SIDE	S DRAW 2024		
DATE	TIME	GOLD 2	GOLD 2	
		MEN	WOMEN	LOCATION
13/01/2024	9.00am	Metro West	Mornington Peninsula	
, ,	12.15pm	Murray Mallee	Sandbelt	Webbcona Bowls Club
	3.00pm	Bendigo Campa	aspe Goldfields	





GRANTS AVAILABLE

https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program

The **Sporting Club Grants Program** provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

This program assists organisations to:

- acquire uniforms and equipment that are essential for participation, first-aid and safety
- attract, build the capability and retain a skilled workforce both volunteer and paid
- increase equity, diversity and inclusiveness
- implement good governance practices
- increase participation of individuals and communities who participate less
- create opportunities so Victorians can participate in ways that suit them
- build a robust sector that responds to current and changing community needs
- support athletes to achieve success in their sport at the highest level.

night pennant

The date for final teams has been extended in the hope of one more team. At this stage 11 teams will play on the Tuesday night, we would like an additional team so we can have 2 sections of 6 teams and play each other twice.

There will be no Wednesday night pennant this year.

After feedback from clubs during the end of season survey there will be changes to the finals format and the green fees. Finals format to be expanded and green fees will be aligned to Midweek and Weekend pennant formats allowing clubs to set their own green fees for there players.

- The competition will start on Tuesday 14 Nov.
- Sides of 12 comprising 4 teams of 3 bowlers i.e. 2-Bowl Triples
- Bowlslink will be used for the competition.
- Composite Sides are welcome, bowlers need to be registered and included in Bowlslink.
- Competition Entry Fee \$20.00 per side, paid to Eastern Ranges. Green Fees to be aligned to Midweek and Weekend pennant formats.
- Number of Sections and Finals format TBC once number of team entries is finalised.

2023		
Round		
1	14-Nov-23	
2	21-Nov-23	
3	28-Nov-23	
4	05-Dec-23	
5	12-Dec-23	
6	19-Dec-23	
2024	4	Holiday Break
7	4 23-Jan-24	Holiday Break
		Holiday Break
7	23-Jan-24	Holiday Break
7 8	23-Jan-24 30-Jan-24	Holiday Break
7 8 9	23-Jan-24 30-Jan-24 06-Feb-24	Holiday Break Final format TBC
7 8 9 10	23-Jan-24 30-Jan-24 06-Feb-24 13-Feb-24	

Once the draw has been made, I will forward the Draw together with a link to the Rules & Conditions located on the ERBR Website under Night Pennant. The list of side managers and scorecards will be distributed prior to the first round.

Any questions please contact me.

Note: Email is being sent to Club CCOs and Last season's Night Pennant Managers

Garry Pickering Convenor Night Pennant

Mobile 0411 102 428 email: Garryp2030@gmail.com

ERBR individual bowling members can manage their own profile and enter events like Region events or even State events like the Victorian Open, directly via BowlsLink – bowlslink.com.au

And, individual members can log on to Bowlslink, then navigate to Bowlslearn, and then choose from the wide range of online courses listed below.

Bowlslearn Courses

OFFICIATING

- Markers' Module
- Measurers' Module
- National Umpires' Course (complete the Markers and Measurers Modules first)

COACHING

- Introductory Coach Course
- Club Coach Course
- Selection Module

BOWLSLINK

- Bowslink Basics
- Pennant Manager Module
- Club Information Module
- Club Websites
- Live Scoring



ROOKIE ROLLERS COORDINATOR MODULE

Rookie Rollers is designed to enable students to learn to play bowls in an engaging format which is both fun and inclusive. Importantly, it can be played on almost any flat surface including greens, carpets, concrete and wooden floors, allowing easy access and an introduction to the sport.

AUST. SPORTS COMMISSION LEARNING CENTRE

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has produced a range of e-learning content that is designed to assist volunteers and paid staff across their diverse roles and responsibilities.

- Community Coaching Essential Skills Course
- Community Officiating General Principles
- Community Coaching Masterclass, How you Improve
- Community Coaching Masterclass, How you Connect
- Director Education The Start Line, Sport Governance Foundations
- Director Education The Defence, Managing Risk
- Director Education The Spirit of the Game, Organisational Culture
- Accessibility Disability Sports Australia, Accessibility Champion
- Australian Sporting Alliance for People with a Disability (ASAPD) Disability Inclusion for Coaches





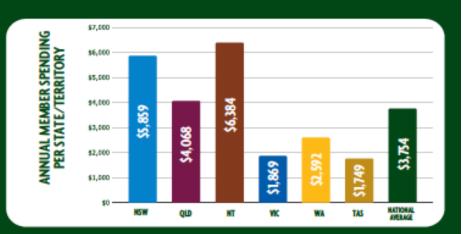
VALUE OF A MEMBER

The income from bowlers

Our national data shows that over the course of a year, an individual playing member will spend an average of

\$3,754 within their bowling club





INCOME BREAKDOWN

- 47% Bar Revenue
- 4% Membership Fee Income
- 11% Green Fee Income
- 11% Food Revenue
- 6% Raffles
- 8% Club Tournaments
- 14% Other



150,149 playing members nationally





Feeling lucky?
Your members
certainly are,
contributing \$243
towards raffles
each year

47% of playing member revenue is spent over the bar and bistro



Annual Fees and Green Fees account for just 15% of a playing members' financial contribution

BE CREATIVE

Promoting new initiatives and providing incentives can encourage members and families to spend more time within the club environment







YARRA JUNCTION BOWLING CLUB

MELBOURNE CUP BASH 3 BOWL TRIPLES EVENT



FORMAT

3 BOWL TRIPLES, 5 GAMES OF 5 ENDS POWER PLAY EACH GAME NO DEAD ENDS, RESPOT ON T TOP 2 PLAY IN A 3 END FINAL

ENTRY FEE \$60 PER TEAM

INCLUDES MORNING TEA AND LIGHT LUNCH DRESS....BEST MELBOURNE CUP DAY ATTIRE

PRIZES

WINNERS \$360...RUNNERS UP \$180

NOVELTY PRIZES AND BEST DRESSED

CUP SWEEPS

(PRIZES PER TEAM SUBJECT TO ENTRIES)

9.30 REGISTRATION, MORNING TEA AND INFORMAL ROLL UP
10AM START..LUNCH 12.30
AFTERNOON GAMES 1.00
MELBOURNE CUP 3.00
TOP 2 TEAM PLAY 3 END FINAL AFTER THE CUP
PRESENTATIONS ON THE GREEN

CONTACT IAN ON 0419685425 FOR INFORMATION AND ENTRIES

Boronia Bowls Club Inc

5 Marie Street BORONIA 3155



Please email pakenhambowlingclub@bigpond.com with your Name, Club, Contact Number and reference detail



Monday 3-Bowl Open Triples

Third MONDAY of each month

From September 2023 through to May 2024

11am Start B.Y.O.Lunch Casual Dress
Cost: \$30 per team (includes rolling jackpot)

Conditions of play:

1st game 11 ends 2nd game 12 ends

One end roll-up on 1st game only

No dead ends – re-spot Jack on Tee if hit out

Otherwise normal pennant rules apply

Prizes:

Best 1st game winner \$60 Each (\$180)

Best 1st game winner \$20 Each (\$60)

Best 2nd game winner \$20 Each (\$60)

Further details:

Phone Clubroom 9761 1996 or Ian Ball 0427 286830

Boronia Bowls Club Inc

5 Marie Street BORONIA 3155





Wednesday 3-Bowl Open Triples

First WEDNESDAY of each month

From October 2023 through to May 2024

11am Start B.Y.O.Lunch Casual Dress

Cost: \$30 per team (includes rolling jackpot)

Conditions of play:

1st game 11 ends 2nd game 12 ends

One end roll-up on 1st game only

No dead ends – re-spot Jack on Tee if hit out

Otherwise normal pennant rules apply

Prizes:

Best 1st game winner \$100 Each (\$300)

Best 1st game winner \$30 Each (\$90)

Best 2nd game winner \$30 Each (\$90)

Further details:

Phone Clubroom 9761 1996 or David Inglis 9752 8498



On behalf of the COTTER FAMILY We invite you and your team to join with our club for this special Christmas event. A wonderful opportunity for you to Christmas Shop from our Craft & Cooking stalls, and enjoy a spot of Christmas joy with us.





TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: Jean Fothergill

0408 383 612 cliffjean@bigpond.com

Entries can also be sent to: Jean Fothergill

23 Howell Drive Berwick, Vic 3806

cliffjean@bigpond.com Email entry details to: Cash paid in person at the club (to Jean Fothergill or John Rich)

Cheques made payable to Berwick Bowling Club Inc

Berwick Bowling Club

633000 108128091 ACCT:

Lila Cotter—SKIPS NAME

MORNING TEA, LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED (Please advise any dietary requirements)

PRIZE POOL \$1500

Three games of 10 ends

\$140ea

Winners decided by games won, shots up

2nd PLACE \$100ea 3rd PLACE \$60ea

WINNERS

Only 1 monetary prize per team

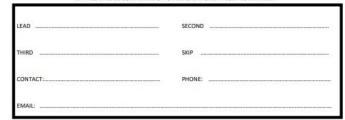
BEST 1st GAME \$25ea Dress Code - Bowls Uniform

BEST 2nd GAME \$25ea

Name of sender:

ENTRIES CLOSE 19th NOVERMBER 2023 BEST 3rd GAME \$25ea

ENTRIES WILL BE CONFIRMED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY 20th NOVERMBER





GLEN WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB



proudly presents THE AUDREY HELE MEMORIAL CLASSIC Sponsored by Harvie Hele & family and helloworld travel



Sunday, 26th November, 2023

Mixed Triples

Cuppa 9:00 am - Bowls 10:00 am

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea Provided

\$75 entry per Team

2 Bowls - 12 Ends - 3 Games Bowls Australia attire, please

\$2500 Prize Money

plus great raffle prizes

RSVP by Sunday, 19th November, 2023

Contact: Cathy Clarke Ph: 9803 3403, Mob: 0402 094 475, Email: kfclarke7@gmail.com

Entry Form - Audrey Hele Memorial Classic - Nov 23

Please return via email to kfclarke7@gmail.com or call Cathy Clarke Name: Phone:

Email: Club:

\$75 entry fee required with your entry

Please tick method of payment:

Direct Debit to BSB 633-000 A/c 128158607 Cheque

Please list any special dietary requirements:



Your Tel No:

Deposit of \$25.00 or full entry fee of \$110.00 is required with entry: ENCLOSED:...\$.

Enclose cheque OR EFT to: 858: 633 000 A/C No: 138066220. (Reference: Oaks & Your Surname if paying by EFT).

If paying by EFT, please provide the requested details above, either by email, text or post.

