



Bowls Victoria Update

Bowls Victoria Incorporated 20 January 2010

Bowls Victoria Interim Board:

Graeme Hosken – Director/Chairman
Maureen Connolly Direc./Dep-Chairman
Doug Kneebone - Director
Joan Adams - Director
Michael Classon – Director/Finance
Zoe Newton – Director/Finance
Leonie Schulz – Director/Exec Officer
Peter Hanlon – Director/Exec Officer

Introduction

BOWLS VICTORIA Inc.

Bowls Victoria officially came into existence as an Incorporated Association on 20 January 2010. The process to receive a new ABN should be concluded by the end of February 2010.

Other Items

- 1. Bowls Victoria Calendar of Events 2010-2011** – The merging of calendars is in its final draft form and will be provided to Clubs by 1 March, with a wall chart to be provided to all Clubs around the end of July 2010.
- 2. Bowls Victoria Uniform Policy 2010-2011** – The two policies have been merged and aligned with Bowls Australia's updated policy. The Bowls Victoria policy will be in Clubs by 1 March 2010.

3. Bowls Victoria Logo/Brand

The logo as designed by Kiss Chasey is in its final stages of development. It presents a new and modern brand for Bowls Victoria.

4. Bowls Victoria Insurances

The RVBA & VLBA insurances have been consolidated under Bowls Victoria and apply to all categories as previously covered while transition continues.

5. Club Constitutions

Bowls Victoria anticipates receiving the template Club Constitutions from Lander & Rogers prior to the end of February for distribution to clubs.

- 6. Finances** – The Interim Board have discussed a draft Budget for Bowls Victoria for 2010-2011 as developed by the Finance Directors. Clubs will be notified of the Affiliation Fee payable for 2010-2011 via a Memo on 1 March 2010. Detailed at the same time will be the increase in prize money and State Player payments for (previously) VLBA events and bowlers.

7. Nomination Forms for Bowls Victoria Board Election – due at Bowls Victoria Friday 26 February 2010.

8. Ballot Papers will be prepared and distributed to all Clubs. Information on Candidates will be provided as collected on Nomination Forms, including such details as

- a. Personal details
- b. Current Bowls Club affiliation
- c. History of Bowling Administration
- d. Relevant Qualifications: tertiary, business, IT, community, sporting, etc.
- e. Vision for Bowls Victoria

Ballot papers to be distributed to Clubs by 31 March 2010.

9. Voting – votes by Clubs are to be lodged with Bowls Victoria by 28 April 2010

10. Announcement of first Bowls Victoria Board - to be made on Friday 30 April 2010.

11. Bowls Victoria Diaries – Bowls Victoria 18-month diaries for June 2010- Dec 2011 have been ordered. Clubs will be advised of their availability in due course.

12. Bowls Victoria Offices/I.T.

Two firms have been consulted with in relation to the proposed refurbishment of level 3 of Bowlers House. A further two companies have also provided advice on the IT systems for Bowls Victoria. This project is on-going.

13. Staffing and Committee Structures

A Board Paper had been prepared by Peter Hanlon outlining:

- (a) possible staffing structures for Bowls Victoria, and
- (b) Committee structures at State, Regional, and Divisional levels (possibilities).

The staffing structure considers creation of Departments with, among other things, a major role for a Bowls Operations Manager.

Consideration is being given to having separate Committees for Pennant and for Championships, and the creation of a Tribunal for hearing charges and appeals.

The alignment of Committees from State to Region to Division is seen as a priority.

Further details on proposals for State, Regional & Divisional structures will follow shortly, but officials are reminded that such structures will not be introduced until 2011-2012.