



# *Bowls Victoria Update*

HISTORIC "YES" VOTE: 3 DECEMBER '09

## Introduction

The historic vote lodged at the Special General Meetings of both the RVBA and VLBA on 3 December 2009, has set in train a process to establish *Bowls Victoria* as the single State Sporting Association in Victoria for the sport of (Lawn) Bowls.

With 95% of all affiliated Clubs actually lodging votes, the tallies of 85.5% for the RVBA and 81.9% for the VLBA give great confidence to the Interim Board of Bowls Victoria which is charged with the responsibility of managing the transition period to Bowls Victoria.

Bowls Victoria's Interim Board met on Friday 4 & 15 December to commence implementation. For the purpose of conducting meetings, the Directors appointed the Chairman and Vice Chairman and continued to itemise the key matters to be addressed:

### **Bowls Victoria Interim Board:**

**Graeme Hosken – Director/Chairman**  
**Maureen Connolly – Direc./Vice 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**

## **PRIORITIES**

**The Interim Board established a number of priorities to be addressed in the short term by the Board, by sub-groups of the Board, or by the Executive Officers.**

**These include:**

- 1.** Register *Bowls Victoria* with Consumer Affairs – **done (awaiting confirmation).**
- 2.** Set initial meeting dates for Interim Board –
  - a. **15 Dec 09**
  - b. **7 Jan 10**
  - c. **4 Feb 10)**
- 3.** Bowls Victoria logo/brand (in **concept design** now).
- 4.** Ensure continuity of State, Group, Association/District Committees throughout 2009-2010 (perhaps refined) - **in process.**
- 5.** Clarify on-going roles of current RVBA and VLBA Councillors as *Bowls Victoria Official Representatives* - **in process.**

- 6.** Merge Insurances as Bowls Victoria with BCiB - **in process.**

**7. Club Constitutions**

Pro forma Club Constitutions will be available by end of February 2010 in two forms:

- a. clubs seeking to retain two sections;
- b. a unified entity

- 8.** Meet with auditor and legal team re merging finances, banking, assets, liabilities, financial planning/reporting, etc. – **series of meetings underway.**

**9. Affiliation Fees**

- a. No change for the remainder of 2009-2010 season.
- b. One affiliation fee will be introduced for season 2010-11.
- c. Clubs will be notified of the amount by March 2010.
- d. Affiliation Fees for Bowls Victoria will be for the new BV financial year, i.e. 1 July to 30 June.
- e. Clubs should consider aligning membership with this new financial year (if not already doing so).

**10. Bowls Victoria Board Election 2010**

- a. Nominations for the Board will be called for via pro forma by Friday, 26 Feb 2010
- b. Distribution of Candidate Details and Voting Information to Clubs by Wednesday, 31 March 2010
- c. Votes to be lodged with Bowls Victoria by Wednesday, 28 April 2010
- d. Announcement of Bowls Victoria Board Members on Friday 30 April 2010.

**11. Bowls Victoria Calendar of Events** for 2010-2011 released by 1 March 2010.

- 12.** Titles for Pennant Competitions as Bowls Victoria – **under review**

- 13. RVBA and VLBA blazers** may continue to be worn until advised otherwise.

**14.** Current Uniform Policies for RVBA and VLBA for on-green apparel are being merged into one **Bowls Victoria Uniform Policy.**

As previously advised, approved garments which incorporate RVBA and/or VLBA logos may be worn for 5 years.