

# Bowls Victoria Update

## Interim Board Final Meeting / Affiliation Process

### 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

### FINAL MEETING

#### 1. IB Meeting 20 April 2010

The Bowls Victoria Interim Board met on Tuesday 20 April for the last time with the first meeting of the Board due to be elected on 30 April scheduled for Wednesday 5 May at 1.00 pm. The following summarises the key outcomes of the Interim Board Meeting.

#### 2. Club Constitutions

The Interim Board received a further draft of the Bowls Victoria Club Constitution template from Lander & Rogers (LR). The delays have been due to a need to ensure that the document is entirely user-friendly and final recommendations have been communicated to LR. It is hoped that the final document will be made available to Clubs in the first week of May. Clubs are able to continue to operate under existing constitutions.

### 3. BOARD ELECTION/PROCESS

- The Returning Officer to conduct the vote count for the election is Peter Hanlon. He will be assisted on **Friday 30 April** by vote counters from Lander & Rogers and from Nickless-Miller-Meehans Pty Ltd.
- Nine (9) Scrutineers have been nominated to observe the count.
- The **Board Victoria Directors** will be announced by the Returning Officer on **Friday 30 April 2010**.

### 4. AFFILIATION OF BOWLERS

For season 2010-2011 only, the process to be followed by Clubs in submitting affiliations to Bowls Victoria will be as follows:

- All **female members** will be affiliated through the traditional **VLBA District**;
- All **male members** will be affiliated through the traditional **RVBA system** with a separate fee payable to the Group/Association. This is necessary to enable the current structures to continue for the next season prior to transition to Regions/Divisions 2011-2012.

- c. Secretaries at Club level may need to **work together** in submitting paperwork to ensure that all males and females are affiliated.
- d. The new financial year for BV is 1 July – 30 June and as such the affiliations will be **due as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010**. We understand that some clubs may find this new timeline demanding, but we encourage all Clubs to submit their details and payments as close to that date as possible.
- e. In collecting the data, where bowlers are members of more than one club this will need to be indicated on the forms provided. The bowler's **primary club** is the one through which the Bowls Victoria affiliation is to be paid and the Club for which he/she will play in Championships.
- f. We will be instituting a system prior to the start of the season through which to identify those bowlers who are playing **Saturday Pennant** with one club and **Mid-Week Pennant** with another club. (Playing for two clubs is perfectly legitimate; BV will simply need to track players who are doing so).
- g. All paperwork for Clubs to use in the affiliation of members will be distributed in the **first week of May 2010** from VLBA and RVBA offices.

## 5. Calendar of Events

An updated Calendar of Events will be available shortly. Some changes need to be addressed in the light of proposed changes to scheduling of a number of Bowls Australia events.

## 6. Yarra Valley BA / Mountain Valley DLBA

- a. It was brought to the attention of Bowls Victoria that the Yarra Valley/Mountain Valley competitions were under significant challenges in conducting viable competitions in 2010-2011.
- b. After a series of meetings and consultation with the Clubs involved, Bowls Victoria has agreed to accept the Clubs into the Metropolitan Competitions a year earlier than planned.
- c. The Bowls Victoria Match Committees will facilitate the changes for 2010-2011.

## 7. Committees for 2010-2011

The Interim Board has requested that the Executive Officers write to all 2009-2010 members of State Committees to thank them for their contributions and to welcome their continued involvement with Bowls Victoria.

## 8. Thank You

The Chairman and Deputy Chair thanked and congratulated all Interim Board Members for their contribution since Dec 2009.