



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21



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Brad Marron & Lee Schraner the moment
they secured the Men's Pairs Gold at the
2020 Australian Championships.
Dandenong Club. March 2021.

Cover Image
2021 Women's Novice Singles
Winner, Nicolle Wendt, Aberfeldie
Community Bowls Club.

President & Chief Executive Officer

Peter Inglis & Tony Sherwill

In a year that we would all agree we are happy to have behind us, we're pleased to report that there were some positives among a tough year dominated by COVID-19.

As a sport we've come together, a testament to how strong we are as a community of bowlers. Well done to each and every one of you.

We've seen some good developments in the sport, with some positive changes and further implementation of initiatives, like BowlsLink. The take up has been really strong, with many commenting on how easy to use the system is, chiefly due to the assistance provided by Matt Ottobre (Club Education & Training Manager), along with RBMs and happy helpers.

We hosted an Australian Championships at Dandenong Club and also conducted two State Championships during the year after COVID delays. Our thanks to City Memorial, Warrnambool, for hosting the 2020 State Championships held in January 2021 at their awesome facility, and of course Bendigo East and the City of Greater Bendigo who hosted the 2021 State Championships.

We've developed our live streaming capability with the help of SEN, who were able to broadcast high quality footage of our major events. This is something we will further expand in future years.

One of the highlights of the year was the Awards Night and Hall of Fame event held in Bendigo during State Champions Week. It was an honour to recognise the achievements of some of our sports great contributors. We again congratulate all award winners, along with the six Hall of Fame inductees:

- Betty Collins OAM
- Edna Harling
- Dot Jenkinson
- Arnold O'Brien OAM
- John Snell OAM
- Margaret Sumner OAM

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Victorian Open and many State representative events, which has meant that we've had to develop our patience and willingness to change, largely enforced by COVID. The constant changing of restrictions made it a difficult year for all of us, but with support from the State Government, all clubs were able to participate in pennant in one form or another.

The time in lockdown did give us all a chance to examine and improve the governance of our sport. At Bowls Victoria we underwent an external, independent governance review, conducted by the highly respected McLaughlin Sports Consultancy. We also made some improvements to the structure of bowls in Victoria with the streamlining of the governance model, ensuring Country Regions have the opportunity to be successful. Our volunteers also adapted to the world of online meetings ensuring our BV Region Representatives found more efficient ways of meeting. Our thanks go to all our Region volunteers who work tirelessly to manage the game.

The 2020-21 year saw an incredibly difficult year to budget given the variations in planning due to the stop-start nature of COVID. We recorded a surplus of funds as a result of the support from State Government, coupled with the postponement of key representative events. We continued to delay replacement of key staffing positions which also assisted, ensuring Bowls Victoria remains in a strong position. This is all in a year where a 50% discount was offered to clubs for affiliation fees. On the topic of affiliation fees, as requested by the vast majority of clubs, we have now moved to a per-head affiliation model which enables adjustments to be made on an annual basis, as opposed to the previous fee that was taken from figures four years ago.

We are thankful for our Government Partners, in particular VicHealth and Sport and Recreation Victoria. Both organisations have a strong and successful partnership with Bowls Victoria and we thank them for their support of bowls. Our membership to VicSport has also been of tremendous benefit during the past year. Lisa Hasker and her team are to be commended for their support of sport in Victoria.

We're also pleased to report some genuine growth in the commercial support of BV. We've found new partners and extended others, all for the benefit of the organisation.

Bowls Victoria is proud of our association with several major partners and sponsors including AM Sportswear, the maker of the Big V uniforms, which we so proudly brought back this year. AM Sportswear provide the latest in technology and fashion for licensed bowls clothing. If your club is in need of any uniforms, we know you won't be disappointed with the quality from AM Sportswear.

City of Greater Shepparton continue their support of the Victorian Open, and the City of Greater Bendigo with their support for State Champions Week. We thank both LGAs and also extend our thanks to Moama Bowling Club who have been long-time supporters of Bowls Victoria, and one of the premier clubs in Australia. Their support of Champion of State Pennant enables the event to continue to go ahead.

We are also thankful of our new partners, all who are shaping up to provide excellent partnerships to benefit our clubs and members.

Club Sunbury has become the major supporter of Under-18 bowls, and the new home of the Victorian junior bowls program.

Our people are the key to our success. Bowls Victoria relies on our volunteers who form our many committees, which are an integral component of our operations. There are many who give up so much of their time and energy for the sport of bowls. Our thanks to all who do.

We thank the Board of Directors who have collectively provided great support to each other and the staff by offering terrific vision for bowls in Victoria. They also realise they need to change to keep up and improve their contribution to the sport as per the aforementioned governance review by McLaughlin Sports Consultancy.

The number of Director's Meetings held and the number of meetings attended by each of the Directors during the financial year was as follows:

Directors Attendances at Board Meetings

President	Peter Inglis	8/8
Deputy President	Pat Schram	8/8
Director	Ian Guymer	8/8
Director	Lyn Baker	8/8
Director	Katie Sherlock	5/8
Director	Liam Fleming	6/8
Director	Kaz Rothwell	3/3
Director	Rob Sharpe	5/5
Finance Director	Angus MacIsaac	3/4
Director	Barb Gilbert (retired)	3/3
Finance Director	Ken Warburton (retired)	4/4

Finally, we'd like to thank the staff of Bowls Victoria. An excellent team of well-skilled personnel who work tirelessly towards the goal of making the sport stronger and ensuring bowls is a sport that goes deeper than just the competition on the green. We believe our clubs are a community hub, a place to connect and form life-long friendships.

No matter what age or stage - bowls is a sport for life.



Hall of Fame inductees (L to R) Edna Harling, Arnold O'Brien OAM, Margaret Sumner OAM & Betty Collins OAM. May 2021.

Events & Competitions

Jimmy Whitehead

It was a year like no other, one that saw the bowls world rocked by constant changes and snap lockdowns, but one that we managed to get through with patience and a bit of resolve. Most of the events and competitions were successfully held, with only a small number not going ahead - a credit to all our members and their undoubted commitment to getting out on the green.

All pennant throughout the state kicked off before the turn of the year, some a few months later than usual, but full programs in the majority of regions were run. Pennant culminated in two hotly contested State Pennant finals, held at Moama Bowling Club, with the Metro representatives taking a clean sweep. Congratulations to Melbourne Bowling Club and Port Melbourne Bowling club on their fantastic achievements.

In January 2021, we saw the delayed 2020 State Champions Week take place, with the additions of the U18 and O60 Championships, held at the fantastic City Bowls Club in Warrnambool. With a packed program, taking in more events in less days, the week was a fantastic showcase of bowls by all involved. Big shout outs to Lee Schraner, who took away 3 titles (Champ of Champ Singles, Singles and Pairs) and Carla Krizanac who equalled the feat (Champ of Champ Singles, Pairs and Mixed Pairs). A big thank you to Bryan Sheehan and Julie Dosser from City Bowls Club who were fantastic hosts.

We then started a whistle-stop tour around the State, conducting events in back-to-back fashion due to the impacts of the delayed season start. First up was the simultaneous running of the U18's, O60's and Multi-Disability State championships. Our thanks go to the City of Greater Bendigo who helped secure these events for the region, and Golden Square Bowls & Croquet Club, Bendigo Bowls Club and Bendigo East Bowls Club for hosting all the events.

Special mention goes to Liam Turner from Bundoora RSL Bowls Club who took out 2 titles (Boys Singles and Mixed Triples) and our own Josh Thornton, who took out 2 titles at the Multi-Disability Championships (PD Singles and Pairs). Also well done to Steve Nelson & Ben Peachy who won the ID pairs for the 3rd time in a row (no event run in 2020).

Concluding the event calendar was the launch of City v Country - the new State trials format. The inaugural Series saw 16 women per side lining up at Bendigo Bowls Club for a 5 x Test Series weekend, with the Country women taking out the series 3-1 (with 1 drawn test). The men's Series followed, with the Country men dominating the Series to score 4-1, with the City men taking out the last game with the last bowl. We look forward to the growth of this event in the coming years.

Inaugural City vs Country Series
Country Champions.
May 2021.



Education & Training

Matthew Ottobre

Bowls Victoria took the unique step of investing in dedicated education and training resources in 2020, including through the recruitment of Matt Ottobre in July as the Club Education and Training Manager. Positioned in the Bowls Operations Team, Matt works closely with the Participation Coordinators, Frankie Hocking and Josh Thornton.

Coaching Courses

COVID-19 impacted the facilitation of traditional face-to-face Coaching courses. When possible, Presenters & Assessors were able to deliver courses across metropolitan Melbourne. Several courses planned in both regional areas and metropolitan Melbourne were halted after dates had been set due to lockdowns being instigated.

Bowls Victoria has managed to bring more materials online and create meaningful opportunities for both education and training that engages the Bowls community. This has been an invaluable innovation through 2020-21, with the community embracing these opportunities and responding extremely positively.

Presenter & Assessor Network

Bowls Victoria, through Matt, has worked closely with five State Presenters & Assessors, seeking to ensure a consistent program and course delivery, and also providing the Presenters & Assessors with the opportunity to bring forward feedback and input into the education program.

BowlsLink Support

BowlsLink has continued to develop and evolve into an important 'Whole of Sport' system utilised across all Regions to manage Club databases and facilitate competition. Considerable resources have been invested in supporting the rollout of BowlsLink, constituting the single largest area of focus for Matt. BowlsLink is an important resource, central to the effective and efficient administration of Bowls and a great resource for Clubs and Regions that continues to develop and improve.

Future Direction

The re-establishment of a coaching upskill program called 'CoachForce' will be a major focus for Bowls Victoria and the Education and Training department moving forward. This program will fill the void in professional development that our coaches need to grow and develop.

Matt Ottobre & Jimmy Whitehead demonstrate BowlsLink to upskill club administrators through regular webinars.



Participation

Geoff Rietschel, Frankie Hocking & Josh Thornton

Bowls, like all sports and most of society, couldn't avoid the malady of 2020 that was COVID-19. Participation was heavily impacted, and many clubs were closed for several months of the year. Bowls was fortunate through a strong regional presence, the ability to play outdoors with appropriate social distancing, and the main season being through summer, that substantial play could resume, acting as a beacon of solace for many.

Pleasingly, many clubs were able to remain engaged with a suite of programs focussing on a diverse participant base.

Bowling with Babies

Bowling with Babies continues to thrive, with a re-brand providing a fun new look, and 11 new clubs coming on board with over 300 new participant registrations. In addition to the new clubs becoming delivery partners, and a further five committing to 2021-22 program, Bowls Victoria is pleased with the number of clubs returning to host the program.

Bowling with Babies recognises the value of strong social connections, and these are created by encouraging primarily new mums to return to physical activity. Whilst the program was heavily impacted by COVID-19, there were still many positives, including a highly successful program at Swan Hill Racecourse. The official program relaunch, hosted by Port Melbourne Bowls Club, received great television exposure with Channel 9 news showcasing the program in February. The Bowling with Babies Program will continue to receive funding support by VicHealth for a further 12 months.

Bub enjoying BWB at Corryong Bowls Club



Roll Up

Roll Up continues to offer an entry point for junior participation. The progression program from school bowls, Roll Up had some great success stories in 2020-21 with Albert Park Bowls Club being a prime example coming on board as a new Hub Club.

In week 1 the Club had only 1 participant, however through the hard work of club members, the program had almost 20 juniors involved by week 3.

Subsequently, their planned 4-week program ran continuously for the remainder of the year, until COVID-19 lockdowns returned and the program was halted. The club also benefitted from families attending with several new social members joining to enjoy the club's offerings. Flemington Kensington and Essendon Bowls Clubs have become staples of the Roll Up program, offering programs continuously from the original pilot days.

Junior Pathways

In addition to Roll Up, our Junior Pathways and broader junior participation is being reviewed, with partnerships involving SSV and other school networks, along with general junior participation programs such as Junior League, Junior Development Squads, Junior State events and representative options. We were please to deliver both the 2020 and 2021 U18 State Championships this year. The 2020 event was hosted by City Bowls Club, Warrnambool, during January.



In sync. Students get a taste of bowls competition at the ACC Championships in March, 2021.

This was followed by the 2021 Championships, successfully hosted by Bendigo East Bowls Club in April. A great accomplishment by all involved, in trying times. Like all State-based squads, the U18 State Side didn't have many opportunities to play, with two sets of National Championships having been cancelled. But the end of 2020-21 saw planning was underway for a Test Series against Tasmania, with the return of former State U18 Coach, Matt Flapper, again taking the reins.

All Abilities

Opportunities to increase participation in the All Abilities space were also impacted by COVID-19, maybe more than any other area. Multiple events, open days, and training days were cancelled due to COVID-19; reflecting the higher risk to our more vulnerable community members. Bowls Victoria continues to provide opportunities for State disability teams and players with the assistance of the Disability Support Committee, in addition to assisting Clubs to develop and deliver opportunities for people with disabilities. One such form of assistance is through a partnership with Active Approach to run three online sessions to assist Clubs with increasing participation and sustainability through inclusion.

The 2021 State Multi-Disability Championships were one of the events to be successfully conducted with all sections in the Physical, Visually Impaired, and Intellectually Disabled run and won. Bowls Victoria thanks Golden Square Bowls and Croquet Club for their role as event host.

New opportunities have been explored for this event with the inclusion of a Bowlers with Autism section proposed for 2022.

In 2020 we welcomed Jaeman Active as major partner, who offer services to our All Abilities bowlers via the NDIS. It was great to have the Jaeman team actively engaging with bowlers at the few events that did take place.

Other Initiatives

Through the support of Sport and Recreation Victoria, under the Together More Active Program, Bowls Victoria is also creating initiatives to support new participant recruitment. Unfortunately forced to be abandoned before coming to fruition, the State Barefoot Bowls Championships was showing considerable promise with good early entries at several Clubs. This Program will be reviewed with hopes of being re-initiated in the new year.

Bowls Victoria Office

The Participation Team was also significantly impacted in 2020-21, with considerable staff changes occurring. We farewelled Darci Tierney and Clare Hockey, replaced by Frankie Hocking and Josh Thornton as new Participation Coordinators. The Team was rounded out in April when Geoff Rietschel joined as General Manager Bowls Operations.



Parents continue to line up to participate in our award winning Bowling with Babies program. Ocean Grove BC.

Marketing & Communications

Melanie Allen

It's hard to find many positives to have come out of the global pandemic, but from a communications and marketing perspective, in a lot of ways it forced the hand of many clubs to become more inventive and progressive in many areas of club life. From using new methods to communicate internally with committees and volunteers, as well as retaining close connections with members, clubs continued to find their way with new technology - not an easy feat for many. Who would have thought bowling clubs could become expert Zoom users! The BV team witnessed clubs going to great lengths to keep their members engaged, included and informed during the most trying of times.

Similarly, the BV Comms & Marketing department really ramped up our efforts to engage our Victorian audience of bowlers and member clubs, as well as followers around the country. At a time when communication was key, we put our focus into areas that would make a real difference.

Along with the dedicated events team and other BV staff members, volunteers and guests, and with the assistance of Bowls Australia and Croc Media/SEN, we delivered some of the highest quality live streaming seen at State level. Jimmy and Josh as commentators have become household names! Now, some would say that all you need is an iPhone and a Facebook account to stream a game of bowls, and while that might be true, what that won't give you is multiple camera angles, professional commentary, exceptional audio, live replays and scoring, and the list just goes on.

Bowls Victoria has copped bit of flack in recent years for a so-called lack of live streamed events, while we were working to build up our Comms & Marketing Department as well as our Commercial Operations teams. So with

the right systems and people finally in place, we were pleased to be able to present professional broadcasting of both the 2020 and 2021 State Championships, as well as the Premier Division (Metro) Grand Final. During the year BV streamed 32 matches, covering almost 80 hours of bowls, with some marathon matches in the mix. Interestingly, the 2020 Men's and Ladies Pairs Finals remain the most watched matches, with 45K views to date. With a huge schedule of streaming planned for the year ahead, we look forward to building on our new-found reputation for delivering a quality and much anticipated streaming product to our dedicated followers and the wider bowls community.

When members should have been out practicing for the start of the Season, September saw us all in lockdown. Knowing that members were missing their regular Friday night at the club, and their weekly member draws, the idea for the BV Member Draw was born. And not just any old member draw. With an initial prize pool of \$2,000, split between the winner and their club, the Member Draw entry requirements were put in place to prompt club administrators to ensure all members' contact details were entered and current in BowlsLink, ready for the season ahead. We were guessing many members were still not yet registered for or using BowlsLink, and we were proved right when the prize jackpotted 5 weeks in a row, until it was finally won, with the prize pool reaching \$7,000! Congratulations again to Nigel and his lucky club, Balnarring Bowls Club.

The Member Draw resulted in a 31% increase in registered BowlsLink users with complete details over the competition period, which in turn will lead to members becoming more familiar with our bowls competition management system. And to have a well-deserving club and one of their members gain a small windfall during tough times topped it off.

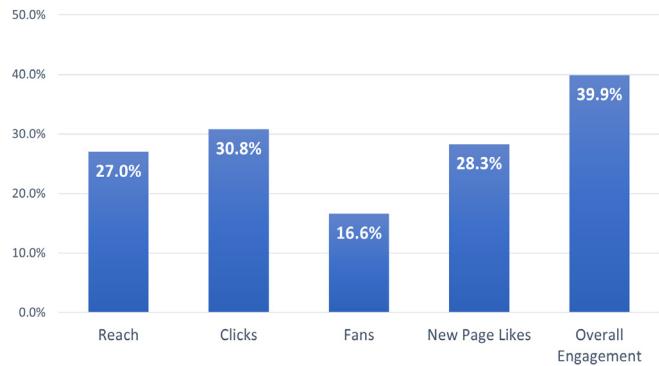
From electronic direct mail (EDM) communications to social media, website content, webinars, video tutorials, as well as pre, during and post-event comms, the past year saw a large increase in the volume and variety of marketing our sport to both the bowls and wider community. The need to reach our members quickly saw us rely more heavily on social media than ever before, and the growth and engagement in this area was exciting.

From a Bowling with Babies pop-up activation at Fed Square, deciphering and dispersing the complex rules around COVID, to simply sharing innovative ideas from among our bowls club community, we've done it all. But there's plenty more to come, and we can't wait to bring you along for the ride.

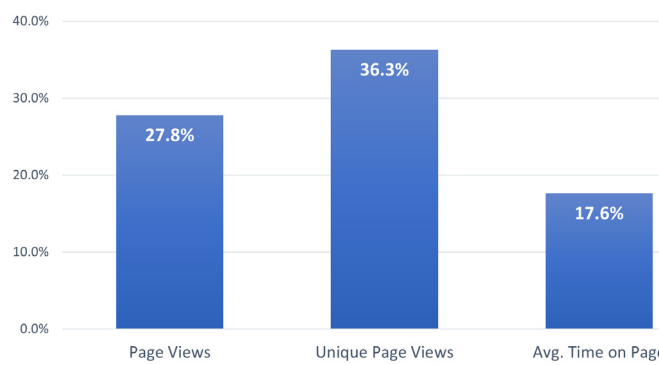
Audience Insights

The website saw a 29% increase in users, with just over 50% of those being new visitors to the site. The site experienced an overall increase in traffic of 28%, and close to two million page views. It was pleasing to see excellent growth across ALL mediums, with an overall increase in engagement levels of 39.9% across our social channels, as well as a gain of 15% in subscribers to our monthly e-news, 'Heads Up'.

Facebook Growth



Website Growth



BV teaming with Croc Media to livestream a record number of matches during 2021's State Champions Week this past April.



Australian Jackaroo & Vic Lightning Representative Carla Krizanic (and little Axel!) joined BV in our Roll on thru COVID video messages campaign. July - September 2020.

Junior Advisory Committee

Frankie Hocking

The Junior Advisory Committee met sporadically throughout the 2020-21 season due to COVID-19 disruptions. Much of the discussions within the Committee have been centred around the evolution of the Junior Pathway, opportunities for U18 State representative teams, Junior Development Squads, and the development of school programs to link with Bowls Victoria's junior participation programs.

A COVID-impacted calendar saw the 2020 U18 State Championships finally held in January, 2021. The Championships were hosted at City Bowls Club, Warrnambool. The conduct of the Championships led to some great learnings that were able to be implemented for the fast-approaching 2021 Championships.

The 2021 U18 State Championships were held three months later, in April, at Bendigo East Bowls Club. The Championships were regarded as a great success, with positive feedback received at the conclusion.

The Doug Kneebone Shield for Junior Development Squads also took place at Bendigo East Bowls Club, conducted immediately prior to the State Championships.

A fantastic development for the U18 program is the formal partnership with Club Sunbury, who will host a range of U18 events including trial days and the Doug Kneebone Shield. It is fantastic for the U18 program to have such an incredible venue as their 'home' for the next two years.

Additionally, the re-appointment of Matt Flapper as Head Coach is fantastic for the development of our current and future U18 players in Victoria. Having recently been awarded Coach of the Year, we're delighted to have Matt back on board and leading the team and in time for preparing the U18 State Side for the Test Series against Tasmania scheduled in Launceston in early July.

Finally, the Junior Advisory Committee will include junior representation on the Committee and are in the process of including at least two U18 representative members. These may be current or very recent members of the U18 Squad. Bowls Victoria recognises the importance of having junior voices involved at an organisational and decision-making level to help best develop and improve our U18 program.



Our Junior Development Squads were itching to get back out on the greens post-lockdown.

Officiating & Laws Committee

John Roberts & Bob Carlson

The Officiating and Laws Committee met seven times during the 2020-21 season with most meetings held online, although we managed to meet in person a couple of times between COVID outbreaks.

The Committee consisted of John Roberts, Bob Carlson (Co-Chair), Lorraine Dowson, Lauren Smith, Rodney Bates (Minutes), Malcolm Stevenson, Neil Smillie, Lyn Baker (BV Board representative), Doug Whorlow and Jimmy Whitehead (BV Staff). They are commended on the work they do and their commitment to Bowls Victoria.

Our tasks included responding to email questions and phone calls around the laws of the sport, providing advice to the BV Board, produce articles for the BV website (The Lawman), assisting with the organisation and the appointment of officials for BV State events. The Committee also works closely with Bowls Australia's National Officiating body – NOAG.

The Committee provides advice and assists with the publishing Conditions of Play for BV events and competitions.

The Officiating and Laws Committee acknowledges the kind assistance from all BV Staff, the support of the CEO Tony Sherwill and the incredible number of volunteers throughout Victoria who are our markers, measurers and umpires, our Presenter and Assessors, Umpire Chairs, and local committee members.

Greens Committee

Peter Bowman

Due to COVID and all of the associated restrictions over the last eighteen months, the Greens Committee has been severely restricted in our ability to inspect new and reconstructed greens, as well as hold Greens Inspector Training Courses around the state.

Only two training courses were able to be held this year (Ballan & Sale), with all others postponed due to COVID restrictions.

Bowls ACT approached the Committee regarding several of their members attending a course in Victoria, possibly in Metro Melbourne, to enable them to fly in & fly out same day subject to COVID restrictions.

Hopefully in the coming year restrictions will ease and permit us all to get back to inspecting greens & holding training courses.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank Geoff Miller, Richard Sinclair & Amanda James for all their work during these difficult times.



Disability Support Committee

Josh Thornton

2020-21 has been a frustrating year for the Disability Support Committee with so many events affected by COVID-19. During the past year all the integrated events, open and squad days, National Championships, and the inaugural Jaeman Cup – City vs Country for ID bowlers, were all cancelled.

But on a positive note State Multi-Disability Championships were successfully held at Golden Square Bowls and Croquet Club, with the finals taking place at Bendigo East Bowls Club. Many thanks to both Clubs for hosting the event. It was great to see the State Championships going ahead, allowing all bowlers with a disability to come together and compete.

Bowls Victoria wishes to thank Jaeman Active for coming on board this year as a major sponsor of the State Multi-Disability Championships, the Physically Disabled State Side, and other All Abilities events conducted by Bowls Victoria.

The Committee submitted a paper to the National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG) seeking support for ID bowlers being able to have a director to assist them whilst playing. NOAG will look at the inclusion of this suggestion as part of the Laws of the Sport review submission to World Bowls.

Collaboration with Sport Inclusion Australia has seen Bowls Victoria adopt a Bowlers with Autism section in the upcoming Multi-Disability State Championships, which will provide another pathway opportunity in the All Abilities sector.

Lastly, the Committee was sad to see Mark Walker resign his position. Mark has been a tireless worker for the Disability Support Committee and has moved to greener pastures on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. We thank Mark and wish him all the best.

The Disability Support Committee is aiming to have a yearly planning session in the near future to assist the Participation Coordinators with as many opportunities and events in the All Abilities space.



Jaeman Active's
Aurora Sciarra &
Jon Severo.



Matt Hannan from Finley BC lines up a shot at the 2021 State Multi-Disability Championships.

State High Performance

Ian Ewing & Anthony Flapper

Season 2020-21 Highlights

The representative season was once again cancelled due to COVID. Both series against South Australia and NSW were abandoned for the Senior Sides and O60s. Further to that, the events for these sides at the Nationals were also scratched although the individual events have been postponed for a date in 2022 (TBC). As part of the preparations for the Nationals, the schedule of Test Matches was re-organised to provide a more suitable lead up. A series for the O60s against NSW was also added to the schedule.

An obvious highlight of season 2020-21 was the introduction of City v Country, designed to help form the basis for selection for the Victorian Thunder (male) and Lightning (female) State sides for the 2021 season. The selectors wanted to see the players perform in a format where they were representing a team in a competitive environment.

The new format saw 24 men and 16 women per side selected to represent City and Country, to play off in a 5-test series. Scheduled to be held over consecutive weekends at Bendigo Bowls Club, due to lockdowns the men's was postponed and held later at Club Sunbury.

The events included a cap presentation with players earning a representative number for their respective teams. In the women's team the Number One caps went to Kylie Whitehead (Country) and Carla Krizanic (City), while the men's caps went to Matthew Flapper (Country) and Nathan Wilson (City). Captains were elected which also added more emphasis to the importance of the inaugural event. The end result saw Country dominate over both weekends to win the inaugural Cups in both men's and women's events, with the Country men only losing their last test on the last bowl.

The selectors were impressed with the standard of play and the engagement of the players within the new format. Our Victorian Sides were picked soon after for the Tasmanian series to be held at Burnie Bowls Club on their indoor green. The women's side contained four debutantes, Taylah Marron, Emma Simmonds, Jodie Freund, and Oliva Cartwright. The men's side contained debutantes Dean O'Neill and Brendan Gallagher. Congratulations to all, and we hope they all have long and distinguished representative careers for the "Big V".

A key takeaway from the City v Country format for the Selection Committee was that there is an abundance of talent existing across the state, and greater effort is needed in future to grow and develop this talent rather than only seeing them annually at a trial.

High Performance

The Bowls Australia HP program increased the size of their squads, and we congratulate our BV players who were added and/or retained to the program:

- Jackaroos – Carla Krizanic
- Emerging – Kylie Whitehead, Jarryd Davies, Jay Bye-Norris
- Pathways – Brendan Gallagher, Dean O'Neill, Tyson Cromie
- Para Sport – Josh Barry, Barry Brennan, Josh Thornton
- Senior – Steve Sullivan, Anne Miles

Next Season

City v Country

City will be out to seek revenge for their somewhat disappointing efforts this year. Player movements between clubs in and out of Country will make it interesting to see how the makeup of these teams will end up.

Victoria v Tasmania

Locked in already for 1st – 3rd July, 2022, to be held in Victoria, and most likely under a roof at a metropolitan location given the time of year (middle of winter).

Victoria v South Australia

Proposed timing August 2022, and to be held in the north of the state.

Victoria v New South Wales

Timing suggested by Bowls NSW is August 2022, to be held in Victoria.

Alley Shield / Sides Championship

Scheduled for October, 2022, at Broadbeach, Qld.

Other events

Efforts will be made to ensure that not only the side, but the nucleus of elite players in Victoria, are given the opportunity to play more bowls against and with their peers, in more scheduled matches or tournaments.

Thank you to the selectors of all our teams for their efforts during a season that was severely hampered by COVID.



Finance Director's Report

Angus MacIsaac

Introduction

Overview

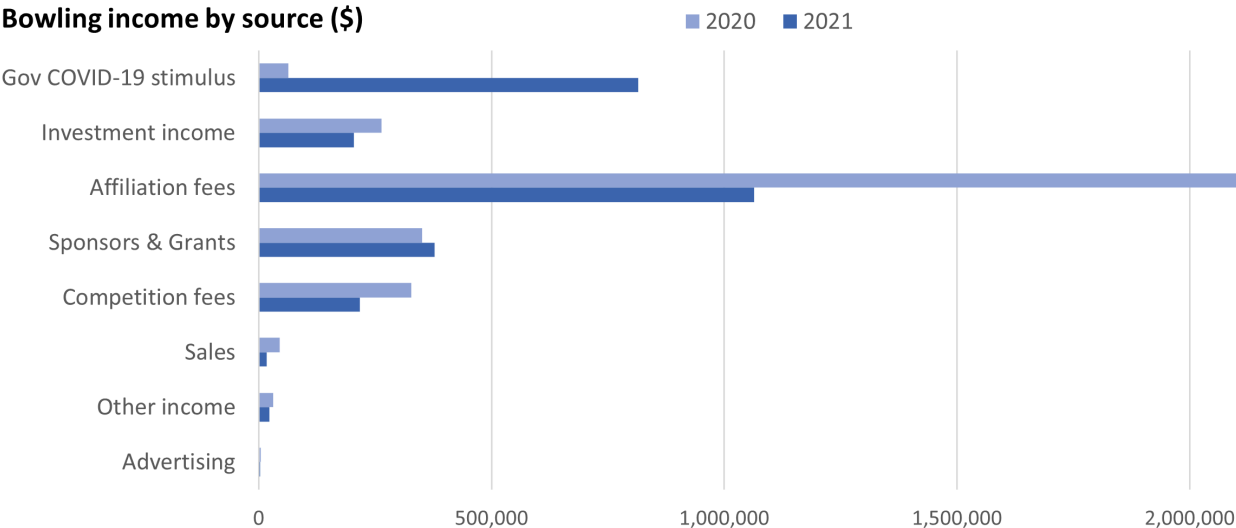
My first year in the job, as you can imagine, can be challenging, with much of the time spent learning the ropes. My thanks to Ken Warburton, Betty Fang, Robyn Athanitis, President Peter Inglis, the Board and Tony Sherwill for their support.

Although we had budgeted for an operating deficit (\$70k) in 2020-21, we managed to make a surplus due to Government subsidies and expenses not used for Events and delay in employing staff.

In that same time, due to the rapid rebound of the share market, our assets have increased in value by nearly \$1m. This is largely a result of the worldwide share-market crash in the preceding financial year, where we felt a large decrease in our portfolio.

We are truly thankful of the support of the Victorian State Government, who generously offered COVID Survival Funding for the organisation. This, and the other measures like delaying staff recruitment and cancelled events enabled the BV Board to refund 50% of affiliation fees to clubs.

Bowling income by source (\$)



2020		2021
394,678	Gain/(loss) in banking activities	275,663
263,780	Income and realised gains on investments	203,965
(259,667)	Fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale assets	511,740
411,300		715,705
398,791		991,368

Income

Major income variances comparison on last year:

- Affiliation fees halved, reduction **\$1,088,097**
 - Government Grants increase **\$751,272**
- \$336,825**

Reductions in Competition fees / Investments:

- Miscellaneous **\$179,469**
- Net Reduction Income **\$516,294**

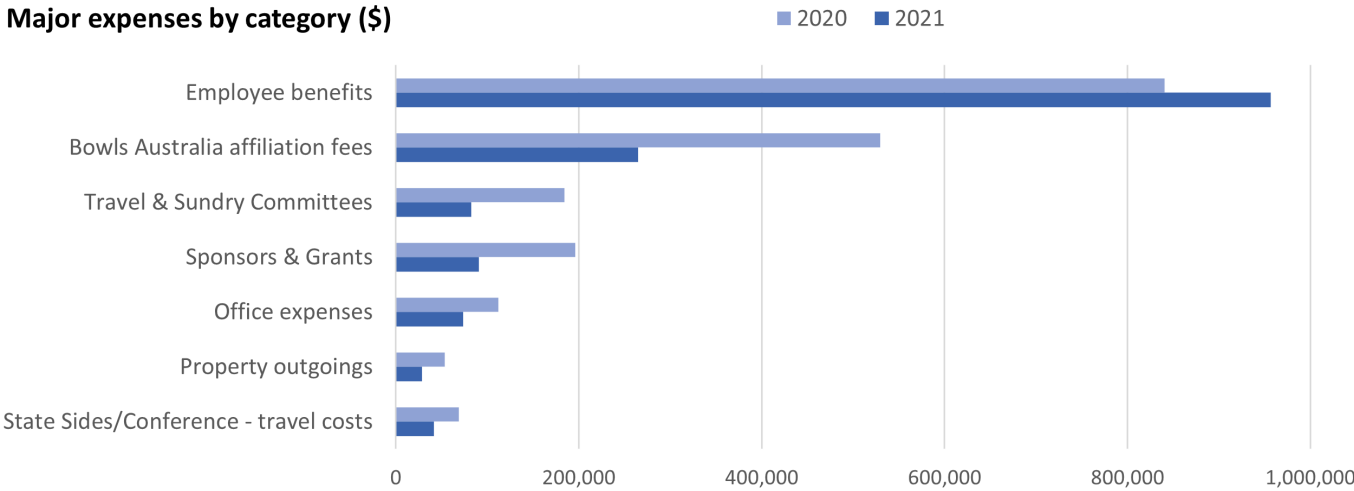
Expenses

The table below shows the major expense categories from last year to this year. We have changed the way we account for salaries for positions that are funded by SRV and VicHealth, bringing the salary component in with other BV salaries to provide a clearer picture. See the corresponding decrease in "Sponsors and Grants".

The affiliation fees paid to Bowls Australia were also halved given the 50% discount offered to clubs for affiliation fees.

Travel is substantially reduced due to the cancelled series for our various State Teams.

Major expenses by category (\$)



Decreases

Bowls Australia Affiliation Fees 50% rebate	\$264,247
Sponsors / Grants	\$105,296
State Titles / Travel costs	\$128,768
	\$498,811

Increases

Wages/Consultants	\$172,941
Net reduction in expenses	\$325,870
Incidentals	\$11,594
Reduction in Expenses	\$337,464

Net reduction in Operating Surplus Comparison

	2020	2021	Net
Income	3,238,425	2,722,131	(516,294)
Expenses	2,579,967	2,242,503	337,464
Net Operating (Deficit)			(178,830)

This is managing the controllables and minimising losses to the surplus from previous year.

We also delayed replacing staff positions on our team as planned, mainly not adding two senior Managers – Commercial/Marketing and Bowls Operations. Due to this and although we had budgeted for a deficit (70k), we actually ended up with a large surplus again.

Balance Sheets

Net assets

The strength of any organisation is held in the Balance Sheet. Largely due to the strong economic conditions in the finance sector, our Net Assets have increased by nearly \$1m.

While we are yet to finalise details on how these funds are to be used, strategic planning is underway to:

- Fulfil the final Team Structure of Bowls Victoria
- Expand services both Metro and Country
- Find a permanent home for Bowls Victoria:
 - Administration
 - Training and Development for Bowls
 - Centre of Excellence for Bowls.

Budget for 2021/2022

While we believe the worst is behind us, we move forward with caution, but with the knowledge that we can now start to fulfil our objectives.

Given the strong nature of our Balance Sheet, we plan to implement our reinvestment plans into the Sport that we have had in place on the back burner over the past 18 months.

Given this we have budgeted so far a deficit in the coming 12 months although we understand that the situation is somewhat unpredictable due to COVID.

Statement of Profit or Loss

and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2021

2020	Note	2021
\$		\$
3,818	Income:	3,682
2,152,641	Advertising	1,064,544
328,281	Affiliation Fees	217,320
263,780	Competition fees	203,965
44,690	Investment Income	17,068
351,134	Sales	377,769
63,549	Sponsors & Grants	814,821
30,532	Govt Covid-19 Stimulus	22,963
	Other Income	
3,238,425	Total Income	2,722,131
	Expenses:	
529,482	Bowls Australia affiliation fees	264,735
50,002	Bowls Connect & IT System	61,564
43,073	Bowls Connect & IT System	61,564
43,073	Clearance Rebates	54,845
11,847	Club Affiliation Fee Relief	-
26,578	Cost of sales	7,919
168,838	Depreciation & amortisation	192,595
840,710	Employee benefits	956,418
45,027	External Service/Consultancy	102,260
14,007	Insurance	14,501
6,000	Legal	6,168
16,757	Marketing	10,344
111,921	Office expenses	73,320
163,044	Other expenses*	180,486
53,549	Property outgoings	28,460
195,897	Sponsors & grants	90,601
68,677	State sides/Conference - travel costs	41,373
184,156	Travel & sundry committees	82,692
50,402	Trophies & Pennants	74,222
2,579,967	Total expenses	2,242,503
658,458	Operating surplus (deficit)	479,628
	Other comprehensive income	
	Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	
(259,667)	Fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale assets.	511,740
398,791	Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	991,368

* The majority of this amount is offset by sponsorship income as follows:

- Uniforms - \$80,118 (AM Sportwear)
- Catering at Awards Night/State events - \$54,451 (City of Greater Bendigo, Moama Bowls Club, etc.)
- Investment portfolio fees - \$33,688

The accompanying **Notes** form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 30 June 2021

2020	Note	2021
\$		\$
	Current assets	
473,235	Cash and cash equivalents	567,161
15,674	Trade and other receivables	21,771
4,376	GST	15,242
12,407	Inventories	11,706
115,848	Prepayments	85,029
617,164	Total current assets	700,908
	Non Current assets	
72,415	Property, plant and equipment	86,594
442,504	Right of use assets	295,000
7,656,939	Available-for-sale financial asset	8,593,510
8,171,858	Total non current assets	8,975,104
8,793,398	Total assets	9,676,012
	Current liabilities	
123,696	Trade and other payables	145,839
142,776	Lease liability	151,819
82,899	Prepaid grants and affiliation fees	69,490
106,453	Employee entitlements	129,126
455,824	Total current liabilities	496,273
	Non Current liabilities	
	Employee entitlements	2,615
313,095	Lease liability	161,276
313,095	Total non current liabilities	163,891
768,919	Total liabilities	660,164
8,024,479	Total net assets	9,015,848
	Members' funds	
6,647,593	Retained earnings	6,956,946
(260,174)	Financial assets reserve	251,566
1,637,060	Investment Income reserve	1,807,336
8,024,479	Total members' funds	9,015,848

The accompanying **Notes** form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

2020		Note	2021
\$			\$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts			
2,152,641	Affiliation fees from Clubs		1,064,544
864,844	Other receipts		1,453,622
3,017,485	Total receipts		2,518,166
Payments			
(529,482)	Bowls Australia affiliation fees		(264,735)
(2,158,868)	Payments to suppliers & employees		(2,562,407)
(2,688,350)	Total payments		(2,827,142)
329,135	Net cash from operating activities	2a	(124,517)
Cash flows from investing activities			
263,780	Income from investments		203,965
(1,900,000)	Payments for investments		(1,007,391)
1,500,000	Proceeds from sale of investments		1,223,914
(91,432)	Payments for Property Plant and Equipment		(59,270)
41,816	Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-
(185,836)	Net cash from investing activities		361,218
(134,137)	Repayment of lease liability		(142,776)
(134,137)	Net cash from financing activities		(142,776)
9,162	Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		93,924
464,073	Cash at start of the year		473,235
473,235	Cash at end of the year	2b	567,160

The accompanying **Notes** form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	Retained earnings	Financial assets reserve	Investment income reserve	Total members funds
		\$	\$		\$
Balance at 30 June 2019		5,892,714	(507)	1,733,481	7,625,688
Operating surplus for the 2020 year		658,458	-	-	658,458
Other comprehensive income					
Fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale financial assets	6	-	(259,667)	-	(259,667)
Total comprehensive income for the 2020 year		658,458	(259,667)	-	398,791
Transfer to/(from) reserves/(retained earnings)	7	96,421		-96,421	-
Balance at 30 June 2020		6,647,593	(260,174)	1,637,060	8,024,479
Operating surplus for the 2021 year		479,628			479,628
Other comprehensive income					
Fair value gains/(losses) on available-for-sale assets	6	-	511,740	-	511,740
Total comprehensive income for the 2021 year		479,628	511,740	-	991,368
		7,127,221	251,566	1,637,060	9,015,847
Transfer to/(from) reserves	7	(170,276)		170,276	-
Balance at 30 June 2021		6,956,945	251,566	1,807,336	9,015,847

The accompanying **Notes** form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 1: Statement of accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current values of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Revenue recognition

The Association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a member. For each contract with a customer (members), the Association: identifies the contract with the customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer (member) of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method.

The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Sales revenue

Events, fundraising and raffles are recognised when received or receivable, while Club Based Affiliation Fees are amortised over the relevant service delivery period, usually twelve months.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the Association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Volunteer services

The Association has elected not to recognise volunteer services as either revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the

shorter. Where the Association expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Association's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

Valuation of inventories

Inventories consist of saleable goods, and are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a specific identification basis.

Income tax

The association is a not-for-profit sporting organisation and as such is exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Employee entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlement for employee benefits are accrued annually at current pay rates having regard to period of service. Long service leave is accrued in respect of all employees with more than four years service with the Association.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets (excluding receivables) are recognized net of the amount of GST. Receivables and trade payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis so as to write off the net cost of each depreciable non-current asset over its expected useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use, with the exception of land and building.

Amortisation

Amortisation of leasehold improvements is calculated based on the lease term of the office premises.

Capitalized expenditure in relation to the on-going development of the Bowls Australia BowlsLink IT System is amortised over three years.

Maintenance costs are expensed within the current year.

Investments

Investment income included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income comprises mainly managed fund distributions and dividends received from publicly listed shares.

Investments, which are marked to market at balance date, comprise managed fund units and publicly listed shares. The portfolio is classified as a non current asset as it is available-for-sale. The Board has no immediate plans for the sale of part or all of the portfolio.

2020		2021
\$		\$
Note 2: Cash and cash equivalents		
a) Reconciliation of cash from operating activities to operating surplus		
398,791	Total comprehensive income	991,368
259,667	Unrealized (gain)/loss on available-for-sale assets	(511,740)
(263,780)	Income from investments	(203,965)
	Write back/decrease in financial assets reserve	
(245,972)	Realized (gain)/loss on investments	(652,220)
	Non-cash flows in operating surplus / (deficit)	
168,838	Depreciation/amortisation	192,595
	Changes in assets & liabilities:	
(3,390)	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,097)
(2,639)	(Increase)/decrease in inventories	701
(34,867)	(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	30,819
7,027	Increase/(decrease) in payables	22,143
(769)	Increase/(decrease) in provisions	25,288
46,230	Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	(13,409)
329,135	Net cash from operating activities	(124,517)
b) Reconciliation of cash		
600	Cash on hand	-
117,485	Cash at bank	567,161
355,150	Investments and short term deposits	-
473,235	Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	567,161
Note 3: Trade and other receivables		
10,220	Receivables	21,647
-	Provision for doubtful debts	-
5,455	Accrued Income	124
15,674		21,771

2020		2021
\$		\$
Note 4: Property, plant and equipment		
183,245	Office equipment and fittings (at cost)	183,245
168,248	Accumulated depreciation	175,482
14,997		7,763
19,086	Motor vehicles (at cost)	19,086
19,086	Accumulated depreciation	19,086
71,124	Software	130,394
13,706	Accumulated depreciation	51,563
57,418		78,831
590,005	Lease Asset (Camberwell Office)	590,005
147,501	Accumulated depreciation	295,005
442,504		295,000
514,919		381,594
Note 5: Trade and other payables		
80,157	Trade creditors	103,466
43,539	Accrued expenses	42,373
123,696		145,839

Note 6: Financial assets reserve

The financial assets reserve records revaluation increments and decrements (that do not represent impairment write downs) that relate to financial assets that are classified as available-for-sale.

Note 7: Investment income reserve

This reserve is to quarantine income earned, including realised gains, on the associations investment portfolio. While the reserve is to primarily assist in funding a future property purchase, the Board has resolved that 4%-5% a year of the investment portfolio may be used to fund approved strategic action plans.

Note 8: Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration for the audit is \$14,500 (2020 \$15,000).

Note 9: Directors' benefits/remuneration

No director or related party received any benefit or remuneration from the Association during the reporting period except as reimbursement or expenses incurred or other payment conforming with the Association's policies.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

While the Association is currently in a strong financial position, COVID-19 has the potential to have a significant impact on our future revenue streams, cash outflows with committed fixed overhead costs and to diminish the strength of our financial position.

The extent and dollar amount of this impact in the medium term is indeterminate.

Bowls Victoria Incorporated

Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bowls Victoria Incorporated. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Bowls Victoria Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Pronouncements/Australian-Auditing-Standards/Auditors-Responsibilities.aspx>

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.



William Buck Audit (VIC) Pty Ltd
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A. P. Marks
Director

Dated this 7th day of October, 2021

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Statement by Members of the Board

for the year ended 30 June 2021



The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements. In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out herein:

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Bowls Victoria Inc. as at 30th June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bowls Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

Peter Inglis
President

Angus MacIsaac
Finance Director

Dated this 7th October 2021.

Sunbury BC's Carla Krizanic (L) representing Northern Gateway against Eastern Ranges' Jess Wallace (R) of Lilydale BC in 2020's Victorian Women's Champion of Champion Singles Final.



Our Partners

Bowls Victoria expresses its appreciation & thanks to all our valued partners for their support in 2020-21

Government Partners



Corporate Partners



Disability Support Partner



Charity Partner



2020 Victorian State Champions

Novice	
Men	Ethan Fruend (Wangaratta)
Women	Robyn Tooley (City of Echuca)
Under-18s	
Boys Singles	Koby Cromie
Boys Pairs	Grant McLaren, Cameron Keenan
Mixed Triples	Grant McLaren, Jarryd Davies, Tyson Cromie
Girls Singles	Olivia Cartwright
Girls Pairs	Emilee Davies, Sophie Kurzman
Mixed Pairs	Sophie Kurzman, Grant McLaren
Over 60s	
Mens Singles	Peter Marget
Mens Pairs	Scott Wellington, John Leitch
Women's Singles	Alison Hall
Women's Pairs (Orbost)	Robyn Kellow, Karen Chenney
Singles	
Men	Lee Schraner
Women	Tiffany Brodie
Men's Champion of Champions	Rhys Jeffs
Women's Champion of Champions	Carla Krizanic
Pairs	
Men	Brad Marron, Lee Schraner
Women	Lisa Trewarne, Carla Krizanic
Mixed	Carla Krizanic, Todd Trewarne
Triples	
Men	Matt Wilson, Dane McKinnon, Nathan Wilson
Women	Muriel Williams, Pat Virtue, Faye Richardson
Fours	
Men	John Dagger, Wayne Dagger, Col Power, Brad Orr
Women	Diane Richards, Rosemary Lorenz, Karren Sheers, Patricia Fraser-Aurisch
Disability	
NOT HELD	
Bowlers Arm	
NOT HELD	

2021 Victorian State Champions

Novice	
Men	James Ridd
Women	Nicolle Wendt
Under-18s	
Boys Singles	Liam Turner
Boys Pairs	Connor Fry, Ben Fletcher
Mixed Triples	Liam Turner, Brandon Yates, Kaleb Shaw
Girls Singles	Olivia Cartwright
Girls Pairs	Akasha Fortune, Lily Dodd
Mixed Pairs	Emilee Davies, Koby Cromie
Over 60s	
Mens Singles	Tomislav Ristic
Mens Pairs	Graeme Spencer, Graeme Rodgers
Womens Singles	Loris Houlihan
Womens Pairs	Kate Bush, Di Hands
Singles	
Men	Nathan Murray
Women	Marilyn Stephenson
Men's Champion of Champions	Lee Schraner
Women's Champion of Champions	Carla Krizanic
Pairs	
Men	Cooper Wescombe, Jarryd Davies
Women	Samantha Robinson, Alison Hall
Mixed	Kelly McKerihien, Ali Forsyth
Triples	
Men	Raymond Butler, Benjamin Russell, Stephen Sullivan
Women	Tara Ferrier, Kelly McKerihien, Lisa Phillips
Fours	
Men	Craig Rippon, Callum Hanna, Michael West, Matthew Flapper
Women	Claire Sanders, Laureen Smith, Anne Miles, Kylie Whitehead

Disability

Para Open Singles	Josh Thornton
Para Open Pairs	DJ Weaver, Josh Thornton
ID Open Singles	Philip Mahoney
ID Open Pairs	Steve Nelson, Ben Peachy
VI Women's Singles	Maree Fenech
VI Men's Singles	Peter Campion
VI Open Pairs	Lisa Condy, Leonard O'Brien

Bowlers Arm

Men's Singles	Neil Crisp
Men's Pairs	Daryl White, Ray Arnold
Women's Singles	Vera-Lee Curnow
Women's Pairs	Kate Bush, Vera-Lee Curnow

Champion of State Pennant

Weekend
Melbourne BC
Midweek
Port Melbourne BC

Regional Sides Champions

Men's Region Sides
Eastern Ranges

Women's Regions Sides
Ovens & Murray

City vs Country Series

Men's Results			
Round 1	City lost to Country	72-78	
Round 2	City lost to Country	67-84	
Round 3	City lost to Country	81-82	
Round 4	City lost to Country	65-85	
Round 5	City def Country	76-73	

Country won the series 4-1

Women's Results			
Round 1	City drew Country	53-53	
Round 2	City lost to Country	41-54	
Round 3	City def Country	58-55	
Round 4	City lost to Country	46-51	
Round 5	City lost to Country	48-64	

Country won the series 3-1

Metropolitan Pennant Champions

Weekend	
Premier	Melbourne 1
Division 1	Lilydale 1
Division 2	Ivanhoe 1
Division 3	Whittlesea 3
Division 4	Glenroy 2
Division 5	Bacchus Marsh 2
Division 6	Brunswick 4
Division 7	Thornbury 2

Midweek	
Division 1	Port Melbourne 1
Division 2	Yarraville Footscray 1
Division 3	City of Melbourne 1
Division 4	Altona Sports 1
Division 5	City of Melbourne 2

Country Pennant Champions

Ballarat District Bowls Division

Weekend	
Premier	Victoria
Division 1	City Oval
Division 2	Ballarat North
Division 3	Creswick
Division 4	Linton
Division 5	Midlands Golf
Division 6	Ballarat Memorial
Division 7	Ballarat Memorial
Division 8	City Oval

Midweek	
Premier	Central Wendouree
Division 1	Victoria
Division 2	Buninyong
Division 3	City Oval
Division 4	Victoria

Bendigo Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	South Bendigo
Division 2	Kangaroo Flat
Division 3	Marong
Division 4	North Bendigo
Division 5	White Hills
Division 6	Marong
Division 7	Strathfieldsaye
Division 8	Strathfieldsaye
Division 9	Golden Square

Midweek	
Division 1	Kangaroo Flat
Division 2	White Hills
Division 3	Kangaroo Flat
Division 4	Bendigo East
Division 5	White Hills

Campaspe Valley Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Moama
Division 2	Moama
Division 3	Moama
Division 4	Lockington

Midweek	
Division 1	Echuca
Division 2	Rich River

Central Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Kilmore
Division 2	Wallan

Midweek	
Division 1	Seymour

Central Highlands Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Lancefield
Division 2	Trentham
Division 3	Trentham

Midweek	
Division 1	Gisborne
Division 2	Kyneton
Division 3	Diggers Rest

Corangamite Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Colac
Division 2	Winchelsea
Division 3	Camperdown Golf
Division 4	Colac 5

Midweek	
Division 1	Colac
Division 2	Simpson
Division 3	Colac Central 2

East Gippsland Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Bairnsdale
Division 2	Bruthen
Division 3	Bairnsdale
Division 4	Lindenow

Midweek	
Division 1	Lakes Entrance
Division 2	Bairnsdale Golf
Division 3	Lakes Entrance
Division 4	Lakes Entrance

Far Western Bowls Division

Weekend	
Division 1	Portland RSL
Division 2	Portland RSL
Division 3	Hamilton
Division 4	Dartmoore

Midweek	
Division 1	Coleraine
Division 2	Penshurst

Liam Turner (middle) took out both the Boy's U18 Singles title along with the Boy's Triples at 2021 U18 Champions Week, in his final year playing as a junior. Pictured with Kaleb Shaw (L) & Brandon Yates (R).



Crowds packed in and engrossed in the action at 2020 State Champions Week at City Bowls Club Warrnambool.

Results

Continued

Geelong Bowls Region

- Weekend**
Premier Highton
Division 1 Torquay
Division 2 Queenscliff
Division 3 Inverleigh
Division 4 Geelong
Division 5 Ocean Grove
Division 6 Ocean Grove
Division 7 Highton
Division 8 Torquay
Division 9 Barwon Heads
Division 10 Geelong cement

- Midweek**
Division 1 Ocean Grove
Division 2 Clifton Springs
Division 3 Bell Post Hill
Division 4 St Leonards
Division 5 Ocean Grove
Division 6 Highton
Division 7 Geelong Cement

Goldfields Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Dunolly Blue
Division 2 Talbot Brown
Division 3 Dunolly Green

- Midweek**
Division 1 Dunolly Blue

Goulburn Valley Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Shepparton Golf
Division 2 Shepparton Golf
Division 3 Mooroopna Golf
Division 4 Stanhope
Division 5 Mooroopna Golf
Division 6 Seymour VRI

- Midweek**
Division 1 Shepparton Golf
Division 2 East Shepparton
Division 3 Stanhope
Division 4 Nagambie
Division 5 Kyabram

Grampians Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Ararat VRI
Division 2 Stawell

- Midweek**
Division 1 Lake Bolac

Murray Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Wunghnu
Division 2 Cobram
Division 3 Jerilderie
Division 4 Numurkah 4

- Midweek**
Division 1 Cobram
Division 2 Tocumwal Golf

Murray Valley Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Swan Hill
Division 2 Swan Hill Racecourse 2
Division 3 Murray Downs 3
Division 4 Lake Boga 3

- Midweek**
Division 1 Lake Boga 1
Division 2 Swan Hill Racecourse 3

North Central Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 St Arnaud
Division 2 Korong Vale

- Midweek**
Division 1 Korong Vale

North Gippsland Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Section 1 West Sale
Section 2 West Sale
Section 3 Maffra

- Midweek**
Section 1 Heyfield
Section 2 Heyfield

North Wimmera Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Warracknabeal
Division 2 Minyip/Rupanyup

- Midweek**
Division 1 Warracknabeal

Northern District Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Cohuna Golf
Division 2 Barham Blue
Division 3 Wakool

- Midweek**
Division 1 Cohuna
Division 2 Leitchville

Ovens & Murray Bowls Region

- Weekend**
Division A1 Wodonga
Division A2 Rutherglen
Division A3 Benalla
Division A4 Milawa
Division B1 St James
Division B2 Corowa RSL
Division B3 Milawa
Division B4 Corryong

- Midweek**
Division A1 Wodonga
Division A2 Corowa RSL
Division A3 Kiewa Valley
Division B1 Club Mulwala
Division B2 Chiltern

South Gippsland Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Inverloch
Division 2 Phillip Island
Division 3 Lang Lang
Division 4 Mirboo North
Division 5 Phillip Island

- Midweek**
Division 1 Inverloch
Division 2 Meeniyan
Division 3 Korumburra

Tyrrell Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Quambatook
Division 2 Culgoa

- Midweek**
Division 1 Culgoa

West Gippsland Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Newborough 1
Division 2 Moe 1
Division 3 Traralgon 3
Division 4 Newborough 3
Division 5 Newborough 4
Division 6 Longwarry 2

- Midweek**
Division 1 Drouin 1
Division 2 Morwell 2
Division 3 Drouin 2
Division 4 Yinnar 2

Western District Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 City Red
Division 2 Dunkeld Blue
Division 3 Warrnambool Green
Division 4 City Yellow
Division 5 City Orange

- Midweek**
Division 1 Timboon Gold
Division 2 City Pink
Division 3 Dennington Rays

Wimmera Bowls Division

- Weekend**
Division 1 Horsham City 1
Division 2 Horsham Sunnyside 2
Division 3 Nhill 3

- Midweek**
Division 1 Horsham City 1
Division 2 Horsham City 2

All results can be found on Bowlslink, or scan QR codes below:

2020



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BV's own Josh Thornton, winner of the Multi-Disability Singles Final at the 2021 Australian Open.

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Women's Country Squad rally together before battling it out against their City counterparts.



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