MINUTES OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS VICTORIA
HELD THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025
VIA ZOOM

The meeting commenced at 11.03am with President Pat Schram in the Chair.

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced Bowls Victoria President, Pat Schram. Attendees listed below in alphabetical order of clubs:

Club Name	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Aberfeldie Community BC	Paul Holtschke	
Alphington BC	Judith Uren	
Altona BC	Paul Bennington	
Altona Sports Club	Caroline Lawrie	
Auburn BC	Sue Ball	
Bennettswood BC	Stephen Cronin	
Bentleigh BC	Robyn Whittle	
Bundoora BC	Peter Russell	
Buninyong BC	Sandra Chapman	
Burwood & Districts BC	Glen Sodaitis	
Cheltenham BC	Jim Crane	
Clayton BC	Kerry Disney	
Club Sunbury	Kerry Lemmer	John Welsh
Corinella BC	Jacqueline Carter	
Croydon BC	Daniel Truscott	
Diamond Creek BC	Terry Bain	
Dromana BC	Diane Washfold	
Echuca BC	Heather Trotter	
Fawkner BC	Vicki Kennedy	
Fitzroy Victoria BC	Neil Ronaldson	
Greythorn BC	Jim Helm	
Healesville BC	John Allen	
Hurstbridge BC	Adam Ryan	
Keilor BC	John Armstead	
Melbourne BC	Byron Coonerty	
Mentone BC	Melanie Allen	
Melton BC	Shane Trewarne	
Minyip BC	Jodie Krelle	
Mirboo North BC	Lew Rimington	

Club Name	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Moama BC	Kevin Anderson	
Monbulk BC	Jennifer Holmes	
Montmorency BC	Bert Wilson	
Moorabbin BC	Kevin Bosward	
Mt Eliza BC	Kaitlyn McLaughlin	
Murrumbeena Park BC	Geoff Colson	
Narre Warren BC	Wilma Stevenson	
North Balwyn BC	Deborah Petty	
Rye BC	Doug Fitcher	
Simpson BC	Peter Inglis	
St Albans BC	Judith Herd	
Talbot BC	Linda Beamish	
Thornbury BC	Keith Ryall	
Upwey Tecoma BC	Andrew Walters	Chris Green
Violet Town BC	Graham Crawford	
Warragul BC	Peter Gallasch	
Warrnambool Lawn Tennis BC	Marian Treweek	
Yarra Junction BC	Ian MacGregor	
Yarraville Footscray BC	Angus MacIsaac	

Board, Regions & Other Attendees

Board / Region / Other	Attendee	
Board	Pat Schram	Liam Fleming
Board	Kaz Rothwell	Jimmy Whitehead
Ballarat Highlands	Wayne Morgan	Lloyd Sims
Goulburn Murray	Stephen McGregor	
Metro West	Steve Watson	
Ovens & Murray	Glenice Campbell	
Bowls Victoria Staff	Tony Sherwill	Geoff Rietschel
	Robyn Athanitis	Josh Thornton
	Mark Coleman	

Apologies were recorded from:

Club Name	Apology	Apology
Oakleigh BC	Mary-Anne Saffigna	
Mulgrave CC	Barry Button	
City Colac BC	Coral Hanson	
Murray Mallee Bowls Region	Marie Scott	

2. Opening of Annual General Meeting

President Pat Schram welcomed all Club Delegates, Region Representatives, Life Members and Board Members and declared the meeting open.

3. Remembrance

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to former Life Members, Board and Committee Members, Region Representatives, State Representatives and General Members who have passed away during the past year.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Bowls Victoria Annual General Meeting held on 24 October 2024.

MOTION for ADOPTION: The Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting of Bowls Victoria held via Zoom on 24 October 2024, as circulated, be confirmed.

Moved: **Glen Sodaitis – Burwood & Districts BC**
Seconded: **Peter Inglis – Simpson BC**

Carried

President's Speech

As you will have read in our Annual Report, we completed the 22 – 25 Strategic Plan. This was a successful planning period, and much was achieved. Following an in-depth review, the new plan is maintaining the 'bones' or structure of the previous plan but trying to broaden the horizons for the next 3 years.

Under-represented groups are a focus for us moving forward – particularly women and girls and indigenous Australians.

The Country manager role has been expanded so that all Regional Regions have an immediate point of contact and support with their events and pennant. Well done to Josh and Mark.

We achieved further success on the greens and a highlight was the O60 Women leading the way with back-to-back titles at Tweed Heads. Ian Ewing was recognized with a nomination for Coach of the Year at the VicSport Awards.

Our financial position continues to be strong and Gus MacIsaac will speak to this in a few minutes. We have excellent processes in place for great management regarding our finances.

We work hard cultivating and maintaining successful relationships with all our stakeholders and commercial partners. A quote from the Annual Report – "Long-lasting relationships are a key to our success." We rely on these magic relationships.

An absolute highlight was the Awards Night held at Mulgrave Country Club. I was honoured to announce the Induction of Gordana Baric, Norma Massey, Don Sherman and Jim Yates into the Bowls Victoria Hall of Fame. The whole evening was a celebration of bowlers and the sport of bowls.

Another quote – “The role of the Board is to make informed decisions to ensure a successful future for our members.” Our Board has worked hard to do exactly that.

We welcomed Jimmy Whitehead to fill a casual vacancy on our Board and his bowls and sport knowledge has been greatly appreciated. Gus MacIsaac has continued to support me as Deputy, and we gel as a team. Thanks Gus.

Katie O’Halloran has resigned her position on the Board, and we are forever grateful to Katie for her huge contribution. Her specific knowledge in the area of Risk was a great guide for us to prepare and implement our Risk documentation.

The Nominations Committee will now conduct the process to fill the casual vacancy.

As I said last year, Tony Sherwill is an outstanding CEO, and he has gathered fabulous staff to work for us at Bowls Victoria. The entire staff works so well with all our amazing volunteers at clubs and Regions – running our sport really is a team effort. We all need each other!

Our charity partner is Bowl for Your Lives and the quote I want to finish with from the Annual Report is paramount to their work - “The physical and mental health benefits of bowls are plain to see. So, invite a non-bowler in for a roll…the more the merrier. Get them hooked just like we are.”
Take care and good bowling to you all.

5. Consideration of the Bowls Victoria Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Financial Statements

Gus MacIsaac (BV Deputy President) spoke to the meeting giving brief highlights of the Finances for Bowls Victoria for the 2024-25 Financial year. The full report can be found on the Bowls Victoria website.

MOTION for ADOPTION:

(a) The 15th Bowls Victoria Annual Report for 2024/25 as circulated be accepted and adopted.

(b) The Audited Financial Statements and Balance Sheet as presented by the Bowls Victoria Finance Director be adopted as an accurate summary of the financial status of Bowls Victoria as of 30 June 2025

Moved: **Peter Inglis – Simpson BC**
Seconded: **Paul Bennington – Altona BC**

Carried

6. Confirmation of Auditor

Gus MacIsaac (BV Deputy President) spoke to the meeting regarding the Auditors for Bowls Victoria for the coming year, noting this is the 3rd year McLaren Hunt Audit Assurance have been the auditor for Bowls Victoria.

Confirmation of Auditor: Confirmation of the Auditor, McLaren Hunt Audit Assurance to be reappointed.

Moved: **Kerry Disney – Clayton BC**
Seconded: **Sandra Chapman – Buninyong BC**

Carried

7. Bowls Victoria Elections 2025

Nominations for the Bowls Victoria Elected Director closed on Tuesday 2nd September, 2025. Insufficient nominations were received to warrant an election for the Elected Bowls Victoria Director position.

- One nomination was received for the Elected Director Position on the BV Board
    - Pat Schram (Echuca) – incumbent

- Successful Candidate: (Re-elected until the AGM of 2028 for a 3-year term)
    - Pat Schram (Echuca)

The Casual Vacancy will be put to the Nominations Committee who will advise the Board when completed for ratification.

8. Directors

The position of President and Deputy President, along with Appointed Director(s) will be determined at a Board meeting immediately after the AGM.

Name	Elected/Appointed	Term ends	Skills
Pat Schram	Elected	2028	Governance, Education
Liam Fleming	Elected	2027	Club Management, Commercial
Jimmy Whitehead	Elected	2026	Events, Streaming, Relationships
Vacant	Appointed	2027	TBC
Gus MacIsaac	Appointed	2027	Finance, Accounting, Business
Kaz Rothwell	Appointed	2025	Commercial leasing, Contracts
Andrew Holmes	Appointed	2026	Broadcast, Comms/Marketing
Tony Sherwill	CEO		

9. End of Meeting

President Pat Schram thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the proceedings of the sixteenth Bowls Victoria Annual General Meeting at 11.23am

Pat Schram
President

Tony Sherwill
Chief Executive Officer