

BOWLS VICTORIA

2025-26

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT

The 2025-26 year was best described as a strong year by our Board and management team, with many highlights both on and off the green. As usual, all routine governance practices were completed without a hiccup, and the annual Sports Governance Standards assessment by the Australian Sports Commission was completed, with Bowls Victoria scoring top marks.

On the green, some standouts included individual efforts from the likes of Olivia Cartwright, who chalked up a record-setting five titles at the 2026 Henselite Victorian Open, including the famed Barb Gilbert Medal. Liv went through the entire event undefeated. She also picked up the Victorian Indoor Singles title earlier in the season, along with a World #2 ranking being testament to her performances.

Further individual brilliance was capped off with a run of form by Victorian young gun Harry Coleman, winning all four U18 State titles (Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Open Triples), and then adding the U18 Australian Open Singles crown. Harry astonishingly won the Victorian Open Men's Singles just months earlier, at the ripe old age of only fifteen.

Bowls Victoria had a range of other successes but also battled on a few fronts with things outside of our control, but matters which clearly impacted the bowls community.

The passing of any loved one is never easy, but the year was marked with the passing of some very special bowlers and people. Former state player Dean O'Neill's passing hit many of us hard in November 2025, as did the passing of former Australian representative and Over 60's state skipper, Chris Young, in June 2026.

Our thoughts continue to be with their friends and families, as they are with the passing of any Victorian bowlers.

Our partnership with Bowl For Your Lives has never been more valued, and the work of the organisation is truly appreciated by Bowls Victoria and all our members.

The war overseas and resulting fuel crisis in early 2026 also made the past year a difficult one for bowlers, clubs and Bowls Victoria. The impact was felt across some of our events, with the usual migration of Victorians heading north for the winter stifled somewhat by the huge increase in fuel costs for several months at a critical time.

But it's not all bad news; the Big V had another strong year with some stellar performances such as the golden double of Kelly McKerihen and Tyson Cromie winning the Australian Women's and Men's respective Singles titles in Devonport in November.

In the team events, McKerihen would again feature, this time with Women's Triples success, alongside Mel Allen and Lisa Phillips, beating the South Australian team in the final to secure the Gold Medal.

In the National Sides Championships, Victoria clinched the 'best overall rink' with the Men's combination of Tyson Cromie, Dane McKinnon, Bryce Young and Nathan Lynch sailing through their seven games undefeated.

Our Para teams continue to perform on the national stage, with Lucas Protopapas, Josh Barry and Josh Thornton winning a further National Triples title in Tasmania.

It was a thrill to see Betty Collins inducted into the World Bowls Hall of Fame during the opening ceremony of the World Indoor Championships, held at Ocean Grove in May. The first female president of the unified World Bowls and long term ambassador for our sport, Collins was previously inducted into both the Bowls Victoria and Bowls Australia Halls of Fame. On behalf of the Victorian bowls community we applaud this additional honour bestowed on one of the game's greats.

Back at the office, Bowls Victoria staff continued to serve our members well, constantly seeking to improve and offer better service to our members, and on a financial front, Bowls Victoria had a strong year due to our investment performance and increased active management of the fund.

Our work with the Victorian government on the proposed State Bowls Centre continues to develop. This longer-term project is a cornerstone of our future development of players and volunteers







Artist impression - State Bowls Centre

at all levels and has received the valuable support of Banyule City Council, who have committed $1 million to the project, along with extended favourable rental terms.

We remain apprehensive in our relationship with Bowls Australia who have had significant financial issues over recent years and have forecast for it to continue in future years. Owing to their financial difficulties, there have been significant increases in Bowls Australia costs borne by our members and unfortunately in recent years, cutbacks in service to members and clubs. We continue to voice our disapproval and are actively imploring other State/ Territory Associations to stand up and be counted.

We continue to have strong relationships with other stakeholders including



VicSport, and of course the Victorian Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation. We thank both organisations and their leaders for their support of our sport and the initiatives we are seeking to implement.

We remain in a fortunate position to have many commercial partners who choose Bowls Victoria. Our long-term apparel partner, AM Sportswear, continue to lead manufacturers with cutting-edge designs. They supply all the uniforms for our marquee events including the Victorian Open, the VBL and the Big V representative teams.

Our long-standing partnerships with numerous councils and host clubs around the state are valued and appreciated, and have supported the Commercial Operations team to present world-class events at premier facilities. We are very fortunate to have the support of such host and hub clubs to showcase our sport. There is no doubt, we couldn't do it without you, and we thank you very much for being wonderful hosts.

The Board of Directors continue their voluntary work to lead the state. The seven individuals are an experienced and skilled Board, who all have the sport of bowls as their first interest. They work tirelessly to guide the sport and collectively possess the right balance of skills and experience to ensure that Bowls Victoria remains future-ready. Our Directors play the sport and are involved in their clubs, ensuring their passion that runs deep on the green, can be transferred to assisting off the green.

The sport of bowls can't continue and arguably wouldn't happen without volunteers. So to the volunteers at all levels, who put in day after day to ensure the game of bowls is enjoyed by thousands, thank you!

We also extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Bowls Victoria whose dedication, professionalism and commitment continue to position our organisation as a leader in bowls across Australia.

Every day, they strive to improve the experience for bowlers, participants and fans, constantly looking for better ways to deliver our sport. The impact of their work should never be underestimated, and we are incredibly proud of their contributions.

In closing, our biggest challenge – and our greatest opportunity – is to share with non-bowlers just how fantastic our sport really is. Those of us who play already know why we love it. Bowls is fun, competitive, welcoming and social, but it's also so much more than the game itself.

Every time someone joins a bowls club, they become part of a community. They create connections, build friendships and discover a sense of belonging that is becoming increasingly rare in today's world.

The physical, mental and social benefits of bowls are plain for all to see. So, the next time you have the chance, invite a friend, neighbour, work colleague or family member to your club for a roll. You never know, it might just be the start of a lifetime of memories.

The future of our sport isn't just in our hands; it's in the conversations we have and the invitations we extend. The more people we welcome into bowls, the stronger our clubs, our communities and our sport will become.

Remember, no matter what age or stage, bowls is a sport for life.

Tony Sherwill
Chief Executive Officer

Pat Schram
President



CLUBS PARTICIPATION

162,322

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

499

AFFILIATED CLUBS

150

METRO CLUBS

349

REGIONAL CLUBS

COUNTRY MANAGER PROGRAM

Five years in and the Country Manager Program is going from strength to strength, with Victoria's Northern and Southern regions now being completely serviced by the program. Mark Coleman, the Southern Country Manager since November 2024, has continued to develop his role and relationships with the West Coast, Geelong, Ballarat Highlands, Mornington Peninsula, Strzelecki and Gippsland regions. Both North & South continue to take advantage of the great support provided across a broad range of topics.

Over the past year all regions were well supported in areas such as fixturing and scheduling of competitions in BowlsLink, Governance, and establishing and implementing Region Strategic Plans. Sponsorship was a big focus, with the building of Sponsorship Package documents to assist regions to improve their commercial return. Importantly, these roles remain a point of contact and/or a sounding board for most general enquiries.

A newly established Disciplinary process which sees regions having more direct involvement with any disciplinary matters was implemented this year, with both Country Managers taking a lead in this space.

In the Northern part of the state, the use of live scoring has been on the increase with O & M, GM and MM all implementing some form of live scoring during pennant or state events. Similarly, in the Southern part of the state, the implementation of live scoring has increased and going into the new season more regions will be following suit.

The Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region is putting the finishing touches on their new Strategic plan, following the Gippsland BR, which will enable clubs to better see the vision of their regions. Women in Bowls has been a big focus in the South with several regions developing Women in Bowls committees, programs and events.

During the past year, Board and Staff conducted a Region Tour across the state, visiting regions to share updates on Bowls Victoria's current priorities and future direction. Each session included an open discussion, providing a valuable opportunity for delegates to hear directly from staff and vice versa. The feedback, questions and ideas raised were both constructive and diverse, with each region bringing its own perspectives and priorities to the conversation.

Topics discussed included women in bowls, live scoring, disciplinary processes, calendars, event scheduling and communication, among many others. The sessions provided Bowls Victoria with valuable insights and plenty to consider as we continue to shape our plans, and improve how we support and engage with the bowls community across Victoria, so much so that there are plans to visit half the regions every year as an ongoing exercise.

Josh Thornton
Country Manager | Northern Victoria

Mark Coleman
Country Manager | Southern Victoria









MAJOR EVENT PARTICIPATION

7,048
TOTAL COMPETITORS

2,673
UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS

5,700
GAMES PLAYED

365 CLUBS
73.6% OF ALL CLUBS REPRESENTED AT EVENTS

58
UNIQUE HOST CLUBS USED

75
DAYS OF COMPETITION

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

Another year of significant commercial success has strengthened Bowls Victoria's ability to invest in the future of our sport. Our commercial and community partnerships continued to grow in both scale and impact, making an important contribution to the operating funds required to deliver programs, events, pathways and development opportunities across Victorian bowls.

Our major events continued to grow in scale, profile and impact throughout 2025/26, reinforcing our position as a leading force in Australian bowls. From the record-breaking Victorian Open, which delivered more than $4.9 million in economic impact and attracted participants from across Australia and around the world, to the State, Over 60, Novice and VBL competitions, our events are creating meaningful opportunities for bowlers at every level while delivering significant benefits to host clubs and communities. Strong participation, growing audiences and increased international interest demonstrate the strength of our event portfolio and the continued momentum behind Victorian bowls.

Over the past 12 months we were delighted to welcome several significant new partners into the Bowls Victoria family, including Discovery Parks, Trentham Estate and Bacchus Wine Merchants. Additionally, White Rabbit Advisory became a valued partner to our Women In Bowls program.

A significant development was the commencement of a long-term partnership with Deer Park Club. Looking ahead, Deer Park will become the official Junior Program Partner and host venue for the next three years, as well as hosting other major events. This partnership demonstrates the value and important role clubs play in providing quality facilities and opportunities for the next generation of bowlers.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank all our valued partners whose continued commitment provides stability and strength to Bowls Victoria. AM Sportswear continues to support BV and members through our apparel partnership, while Henselite remains the naming rights partner of the Victorian Open and an important supporter of one of Victoria's flagship events.

Our broadcast capability continues to expand, with Dandenong Club and Moama Bowling Club supporting live-streamed events, and Present Live providing valued production expertise. Together, these partnerships allow us to reach audiences well beyond Victorian greens and showcase our sport to the broader community.

The Victorian Open continues to benefit from the support of Latrobe City Council, Destination Gippsland, Traralgon Bowls Club and Morwell Bowling Club, whose collective commitment helps us deliver an event that promotes both elite competition and the regions in which it is staged.

We are particularly grateful to cluBarham, signing on to host the Over 60 State Carnival through to 2031. This event has quickly established itself as one of Bowls Victoria's marquee events and continues to go from strength to strength each year. We are delighted to have found such a valuable and supportive location in clubBarham and look forward to building this event together for many years to come.

Our relationship with City of Greater Bendigo continues to support the Victorian State Championships, with Bendigo having been the home of the State Champs for many years. We also thank the City of Ballarat for their support of the Region Sides Championships and Greater Shepparton City Council for welcoming the Novice Carnival for a second consecutive year. Partnerships with local government and regional communities remain critical to the delivery and growth of major Bowls Victoria events.

The ongoing support of BCIB, one of Australia's leading insurance brokers, provides valuable support and expertise to clubs across Victoria.

Bioscapes reached an important milestone during the year, entering its fifth year of supporting Bowls Victoria's grassroots programs. This long-standing commitment is a strong example of how commercial partnerships can have a direct and lasting impact at community level.

Our partnership with Sports Accounting Australia continues to provide valuable specialist knowledge and support to the bowls community, helping clubs access professional expertise in financial management, strengthening the foundations on which successful sporting organisations are built.

Care Guidance continues to support Bowls Victoria with a shared commitment



to helping people navigate important care and support services, providing valuable connections and resources for our members.

Finally, we are proud of our ongoing relationship with charity partner Bowl For Your Lives. Their work using bowls and clubs to create positive social connections while supporting wellbeing aligns strongly with the values of Bowls Victoria. Our partnership reflects a shared belief that bowls is about much more than competition - it is about community, connection, inclusion and improving the lives of the people who participate in our sport.

Henselite Victorian Open

Firmly established as our flagship event and a major event on the Australian bowls calendar, the Vic Open continues to deliver significant economic and community benefits, contributing more than $4.9 million to the local and broader Gippsland economy. 2025/26 saw an increase in unique entries and the expansion of the host club network to 19 clubs.

Continued growth reflects the increasing profile and appeal of the Vic Open, attracting players from across Victoria and beyond, and providing a significant boost to the region.

The second running of the Integrated Pairs was a key contributor to the event's growth, with entries increasing from the inaugural year. The Under 18 events also recorded increased participation compared with the previous year, highlighting the event's commitment to providing opportunities for bowlers of all ages and abilities.

A highlight of VO2026 was the reintroduction of the Megabowl. The event proved to be a great success, providing an enjoyable and entertaining evening for participants, volunteers and supporters alike. Its return added another dimension to the Victorian Open experience and was warmly embraced by everyone involved.

VO2026 saw 15-year-old Harry Coleman take out the Men's Singles, making him the youngest winner of an Open Singles event in the history of the Vic Open. Olivia Cartwright's record-setting sweep of the event, winning the Women's Singles, Pairs, Triples and Mixed Pairs made her the first person to accomplish this feat.

State Championships

Bendigo East Bowls Club again provided fantastic greens to support the elite competition. Brett Mahoney was successful in claiming two state titles; the Men's Singles and the Men's Pairs. The highlight match was the Champion of Champions Men's final between Brad Pavey and Sandbelt's Aaron Betts, with the latter claiming victory. The Vic Medal was taken out by Metro West with the region taking out 5 of the 11 state titles.

The Para State Championships were held at Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club, with the event expanded to include a dedicated Para Physical Women's Singles event for the first time. This addition represents an important step in strengthening inclusive competition and ensuring that our female para-athletes have the same opportunities for recognition and success within the Victorian bowls pathway. The inaugural winner was Annette Ruffle from Heathmont.

The Under 18 State Championships were held at Club Sunbury in the last year of their partnership to host junior bowls in Victoria. Harry Coleman and Addy Ryan were standouts where they combined in the Mixed Pairs and the Open Triples, while both taking out the Boys and Girls Singles and Pairs respectively, clean sweeping the junior championships.

Ocean Grove's Herbie Clark signalled his intention to be a future star, taking out the Under 13 Singles, an event in its second year of running.

Novice State Carnival

The second year of the Carnival saw entries down marginally from the previous year due mostly to the fuel crisis at the time, however the re-introduction of a supporter event on one of the knockout days was a roaring success. Mooroopna hosted and reached capacity for entries for the event. A big thanks to hub club East Shepparton and the other clubs around the area who supported the event. Winners of the events were Kevin Palmer and David Gibson in the Open Pairs, Andrea Gilcrist won the Women's Singles and David Inifer claimed the Men's Singles title.

O60 State Carnival

The O60 carnival continues to be a great success held at cluBarham and the surrounding areas. This year we managed to second all the closest neighbouring clubs which mitigated longer travel distances to outlying clubs. A subtle change to the schedule saw an extra day added, the change a result of feedback received from prior participants. This avoided having to schedule more than 3 games in a day, allowing for a better participant experience and reduced any late night travel around the area.

Jan Hurst and Ian Page were first time winners of their respective Singles events, while Kate Bush went back-to-back in the Women's Pairs albeit with a different partner in Claire Smyth, taking Kate's O60 Women's Pairs titles tally to four.

VBL4

A pathway for elite bowlers across the state, the unique 5-a-side format was again well received and fiercely contested. The qualifying component saw MCC navigate their way through the qualifiers to secure their way into the final field.

A big thanks to Dandenong Club and cluBarham for hosting the Sectional weekends and Moama Bowling Club for hosting the finals event. The Traralgon Lyrebirds and Warrnambool Bulls were the eventual finalists, with Lyrebirds crowned VBL4 champions. Jordan Yates was named the MVP of VBL4 for his stellar performance for the Whittlesea Eagles.

Andrew Haug
GM Commercial Operations









VO2026

$4.9M
ECONOMIC IMPACT

400K
DIGITAL AUDIENCE*
*During event

78%
PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE HOST REGION

60+
LARGEST INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT (HONG KONG, CHINA)

19
HOST CLUBS

200+
VOLUNTEERS



BOWLS OPERATIONS

The Bowls Operations Team progressed the five areas of strategic focus for which we are responsible, while also managing the day-to-day activities of general participation, membership, education, and the state representative program.

Strategically, the focus was on:

WOMEN IN BOWLS

An extension of the work so far undertaken through a successful application made to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Together More Active program to address the Fair Access requirements of local governments.

Fair Access in Country Bowls Clubs sees Bowls Victoria work with clubs and local Councils to implement the newly legislated Policy requirement.

Lead to Leaders: A peer-supported initiative that guided women statewide to successfully attain coach accreditations and navigate governance training. This initiative will see up to thirty women qualified and better equipped to take on leadership and decision-making roles at all levels of the sport.

DIGITAL LIVE SCORING

An ongoing expansion of current practice that places Victoria at the forefront of contemporary capability within the sport. The adoption of competitor live scoring within the majority of regions, in addition to multiple state events, is key to its success.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The Advisory Group has overseen and guided the development of Bowls Victoria's response and the drafting of a Plan that is now ready for consultation. Our RAP is about building stronger relationships, increasing understanding, and creating meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within our sport.

STATEWIDE COVERED GREENS PROJECT

The long-term objective to ensure every bowling member is within one-hour of a covered green is the driving premise of this work. Clubs are enjoying success across the State in seeking support to develop new and improved facilities.

PARA EVENTS

Bowls Victoria has consolidated and grown the Para event calendar, in partnership with clubs, creating new and more opportunities for people with disabilities. This included the re-establishment and relocation of the Integrated Triples event to its new home at Victoria Bowls Club, Ballarat.

Classification to Competition: A further key development was the successful implementation of a project funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria. This support has enabled an increase in the number and breadth of classification opportunities and will ultimately see more classifiers trained, increasing Bowls Victoria's capacity to service this population of bowlers. Bowlers newly classified under this project are already being introduced into consideration for the Para State Side, such is the success of the project.

There is a continuing strong focus on **school bowls** and Secondary school competitions across the private system saw strong growth, with new schools entering or returning to long-standing competitions. SSV Primary schools continued to see participation numbers increase in line with trends of the last three years, while gender splits in school bowls improved with more girls competing than the prior year.

The **State representative season** was off to an early start with all Sides participating in a practice weekend at Dandenong Club. The hit-out provided an opportunity for the already selected Under-18 State Side to work on combinations for the upcoming Tri-Series, while the remaining squads were put through their paces prior to Sides being finalised for the approaching State Series versus New South Wales. Once again, Bowls Victoria included the services of the Victorian Institute of Sport, focussing on athlete competition readiness.

Bowls Victoria hosted New South Wales and Queensland in the annual Under-18 State Tri-Series at Club Sunbury in early August. While Dandenong Club played host to Para, Senior, Development, and Open Sides two weeks later.

In September, Bowls Operations were heavily involved in the Region Tour; a









Board initiative to meet with members face to face all over the State. The Board was represented by Pat Schram, President, and Gus MacIsaac, Deputy President, along with several Staff, and the events opened up many two-way conversations about priorities and actions across Bowls Victoria, regions, and clubs.

The Open Side headed to Tasmania for a State Series, an annual trip to The Nationals Host State to better prepare the Sides Championships the following month. The Nationals were hosted at Devonport Country Club in November and saw a range of successes for the Big V across both Sides and Australian Championships competition.

The Para Integrated Triples returned in December after a one-year hiatus, at new host club, Victoria BC, enabling increased event capacity. We thank Colac Bowling Club, the inaugural and longtime host, their name will be synonymous with the event for many years to come. Bowls Victoria also welcomed BestaCare as the major event sponsor, introducing a level of support not previously enjoyed.

January saw several events staged, including events whose results inform selection for invitations into State pathway events and Squads. These included Region Sides, the Junior Provincial/Flapper Shield, and Para Integrated Pairs.

City versus Country was staged at South Bendigo Bowls Club for the first time, where the Country Women dominated their City counterparts, winning all three Tests. The Men's competition was live into the final game, but the Country Men were able to hold out a fast-finishing City Squad to claim the title.

The year concluded in June with the conduct of the Para and Under-18 State Side trials, bringing the State Program full circle and setting us on the path for 2026.

HIGH PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

The incredible Matthew Flapper broke the State games record, hitting the 442 games milestone. He has played more state games than any other player, nationally. A remarkable achievement and he's not done yet.

Victoria was represented at Club Helensvale in the National Development Series by Sophie Kurzman, Tyson Cromie, Cameron Keenan, Lucas Protopapas, Olivia Cartwright, Samantha Atkinson and Annette Ruffle, with Cromie coming home with a gold medal.

Cromie and Kurzman were then selected to compete in the Burnside, NZ, U25 Singles with Cromie's performance earning him event runner-up.

The announcement of the new National Squads saw Cassandra Millerick and Olivia Cartwright named as Jackaroos. Josh Barry was named in the Para Jackaroos Squad. Emerging Jackaroos included Tyson Cromie, Nathan Lynch, Brad Pavey, Sophie Kurzman and Lisa Phillips. Victorian Academy members were Lisa Trewarne, Chelsea Pollock, Akasha Fortune, Hayley O'Reilly, Koby Cromie, Cameron Keenan, Sam Rogers and Michael Clark.

New and returning Clubs were once again central to the success of many Bowls Operations activities. Special thanks to Club Sunbury, in their final year as our Junior State Program Partner, Sebastopol, Bendigo East, Berwick, Narre Warren, and Kangaroo Flat.

EDUCATION & TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

BV has continued to hit its targets for participants completing the Club Coach course. Over ninety new coaches were accredited and over eighty renewed their qualifications over the past year.

After many consultative meetings as part of Bowls Australia's working group, the introduction of a **new national coaching framework** was finalised. The existing Club Coach course has now been replaced by the Community Coach course, while the former Introductory Coach course has been replaced with an online only Host Coach course. Lastly, the Advanced Coach course has been updated and replaced by a new Performance Coach course.

The introduction of a **Region Umpire Chair (RUC)** role was established and applied to all Regions. Several regions have trialled online registrations for officiating training, and like coaching, the framework for delivery will be under review in the next financial year.

Live scoring via the scoring app has continued to be a huge highlight in Victoria, and we lead the country in this area, both in participation numbers and proactive roll-out and use of the system.

A large number of regions are now using live scoring for their Pennant competitions, while BV's major events (State Championships, O60 and Novice Carnivals and the VO) were all live scored.

Geoff Rietschel
GM Bowls Operations



UNPRECEDENTED ENGAGEMENT

7.5M
PAGE REACH 62.3%

1.47M
POST ENGAGEMENTS 34.7%

4.54M
VIDEO VIEWS 104.5%

22.6K
TOTAL FOLLOWERS

1.63M
TOTAL VIEWS 36.4%

35.3M
WATCH TIME (MINS) 23.3%

6.2K
LIKES 74.3%

8.3K
TOTAL FOLLOWERS

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

It's with great pleasure I provide Bowls Victoria's financial report where the results speak for themselves - we delivered exactly what we forecast.

We continue to utilise our earnings to benefit our members and we have over-achieved from a financial perspective, with a surplus at year end. We are conscious of our expenses never exceeding our income.

We remain in the fortunate position that those who came before us provided us an investment legacy that we are able to utilise to help fund various extensive programs and ease the reliance on the affiliation fees.

I remind members that we work for you in every way to deliver the best possible sporting experience at every level possible without putting undue financial strain on members, and we take this mandate very seriously.

Our positive result this year is due to prudent financial management, as well as a strong share portfolio and investment performance, which has been slightly muted by a choppy financial year, albeit a large contributor to our income. This, in tandem with strong gains in commercial and operations income, saw our reliance on affiliation income decreased to approximately 50% of total income.

We will continue to utilise our strong balance sheet and positive fiscal operations to help erode our reliance on member affiliation fees. To that end, we achieved an operating surplus of $272,971 (investment income being $543,927), which is never a bad thing as long as we have provided all the planned projects we have initiated.

Containing our expenses has been a difficult task in an environment of spiralling costs but we won't compromise on investing in our team at Bowls Victoria, which has gone from strength to strength, remaining largely unchanged which is a positive sign for any organisation.

Our team at Bowls Victoria are a highly trained and responsible unit, well-led by their illustrious leader in Tony Sherwill who we believe to be the best and most forward-thinking CEO in the country. Tony leads the amazing group of people in a way that I have rarely seen in my long business life, leading by example at all times. He makes those around him stand tall and be accountable in whatever task they may perform and it's been an honour to work with him over the past eight years.

We are a member service business first and it's our people who we invest in to deliver those services to our members, which is most important and paramount to our existence.

In my tenure as Deputy President and Finance Director, I am proud that we have been able to improve our financial position year in, year out, and we will continue to strive to elevate our organisation on the back of a healthy balance sheet.

I thank our accountants (Sports Accounting Australia) who have again provided exemplary service to Bowls Victoria. Stefan Durovic and Maryanne Cabral provide clear, robust and detailed financial reports to the management and Board, always of the highest quality. I also thank McLaren Hunt for their audit services, ensuring Bowls Victoria complies with all of our regulatory requirements.

I can't say enough how fortunate we are to have good people leading our great sport. I thank my fellow Directors for their support and special thanks to our President, Pat Schram, who leads our organisation so well and is passionate about bowls and an advocate for the sport.

To all our clubs and members, we never forget who we work for and why we do what we do. You are always at the forefront of our decision making, thank you.

Angus MacIsaac
Finance Director



DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the entity during the financial year was:

Bowls Victoria is the governing state body for the sport of bowls, and our primary purpose is to grow, develop and nurture Victoria's most accessible sport.

No significant changes in the nature of the company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Pat Schram - President
Angus MacIsaac - Deputy President
Liam Fleming
Kaz Rothwell
Jimmy Whitehead
Jenny Warfe - Appointed 4th February 2026
Chris Wallace - Appointed 24th June 2026
Katie O'Halloran - Resigned 1st October 2025
Andrew Holmes - Resigned 24th June 2026

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 7 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

	Elligible to attend	Attended
Pat Schram	7	7
Angus MacIsaac	7	6
Liam Fleming	7	5
Kaz Rothwell	7	7
Jimmy Whitehead	7	7
Jenny Warfe	3	3
Chris Wallace	1	1
Katie O'Halloran	1	-
Andrew Holmes	5	4

Performance Measurement

The company uses the following key performance indicators to measure performance:

- Cash and cash equivalents are $148,771 compared to the 2025 balance of $399,799.
- 2026 comprehensive result is a surplus of $229,596 compared to a 2025 surplus of $601,140.

Members Guarantee

The Company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Each member's liability is limited to $1 in the event of the Company being wound up. Any surplus assets remaining on winding up will be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its members.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out at page 15.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Directors:

Pat Schram
President

Angus MacIsaac
Deputy President

Dated this 7th day of October, 2026.



McLAREN HUNT
AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

Auditor's Independence Declaration

In accordance with S207C of the *Corporations Act 2001,* I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Directors of Bowls Victoria. As lead auditor for the audit of Bowls Victoria Limited for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

(a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and

(b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Mclaren Hunt

MCLAREN HUNT
AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

N.L. McLEAN
PARTNER

Dated at Warrnambool, 8 October 2026

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2026 $	2025 $
Affiliation fees	2,165,538	2,164,109
Commercial income	536,616	493,133
Competition fees	517,163	485,004
Education and training income	34,195	30,787
Investment income	543,927	542,304
Other income	41,003	10,767
Realised gain on sale of financial assets	-	200,874
Sales	21,367	19,138
Total revenue	**3,859,809**	**3,946,116**
Accounting, audit and investment	212,444	277,019
Board strategic action items	5,364	3,329
Bowls Australia affiliation fees	549,970	549,375
BowlsLink and IT system	85,654	69,621
Cost of sales	5,056	7,786
Depreciation and amortisation	97,899	96,321
Education and training	3,954	5,954
Employee benefits	1,382,037	1,232,861
High performance	197,443	206,416
Insurance	13,834	14,371
Legal	8,254	10,175
Marketing	147,266	153,232
Office administration expenses	48,652	54,256
Other expenses	4,089	5,295
Pennant, events and competitions	642,606	571,570
Realised loss on sale of financial assets	3,469	-
Rental expenses	53,861	48,713
Sponsors and grants	41,118	27,538
Travel, board and committee expenses	83,868	90,150
Total expenses	**3,586,838**	**3,423,982**
Net result before other income	**272,971**	**522,134**
Other income		
Unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets	(43,375)	79,006
Total comprehensive result for the year	**229,596**	**601,140**

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2026 $	2025 $
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	148,771	399,799
Trade and other receivables	3	1,019,107	438,631
Other assets	4	111,022	110,376
Financial assets	5	9,772,431	9,815,114
Total current assets		**11,051,331**	**10,763,920**
Non current assets			
Right of use assets	6	195,797	288,963
Total non current assets		**195,797**	**288,963**
TOTAL ASSETS		**11,247,128**	**11,052,883**
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	199,105	163,721
Provisions	8	193,476	144,414
Other liabilities	9	42,500	65,440
Lease liabilities	10	106,490	97,160
Total current liabilities		**541,571**	**470,735**
Non current liabilities			
Provisions	8	52,226	59,586
Lease liabilities	10	110,419	209,246
Total non current liabilities		**162,645**	**268,832**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**704,216**	**739,567**
NET ASSETS		**10,542,912**	**10,313,316**
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		6,293,251	6,564,207
Financial assets reserve		502,417	545,792
Investment income reserve		3,747,244	3,203,317
TOTAL EQUITY		**10,542,912**	**10,313,316**

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Retained earnings	Financial assets reserve	Investment income reserve	Total
	$	$	$	$
Balance at 1 July 2024	**6,584,377**	**466,786**	**2,661,013**	**9,712,176**
Surplus for the year	522,134	-	-	522,134
Fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets	-	79,006	-	79,006
Transfer to/(from) reserves	(542,304)	-	542,304	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	**6,564,207**	**545,792**	**3,203,317**	**10,313,316**
Surplus for the year	272,971	-	-	272,971
Fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets	-	(43,375)	-	(43,375)
Transfer to/(from) reserves	(543,927)	-	543,927	-
Balance at 30 June 2026	**6,293,251**	**502,417**	**3,747,244**	**10,542,912**

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2026 $	2025 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		3,276,521	3,504,376
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,433,848)	(3,371,011)
Interest received		4,690	5,543
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**(152,637)**	**138,908**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for financial assets		(5,116,190)	(3,518,013)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		5,112,029	3,519,696
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(4,161)**	**1,683**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of lease liabilities		(94,230)	(88,980)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		**(94,230)**	**(88,980)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		**(251,028)**	**51,611**
Cash at beginning of financial year		399,799	348,188
Cash at end of financial year	2	**148,771**	**399,799**

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Statement of material accounting policies

The financial statements are for Bowls Victoria Limited as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Bowls Victoria Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

Basis of preparation
These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit company for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting policies

a. Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the company and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Affiliation fees
Affiliation fees are recognised over the period to which the membership relates as services are provided to affiliated clubs and members.

Commercial and sponsorship revenue
Commercial and sponsorship income is recognised over the period in which the related sponsorship rights, advertising, promotional activities or other agreed services are provided.

Competition fees
Competition fees are recognised in the period in which the related competitions and events are conducted.

Sales revenue
Competition fees are recognised in the period in which the related competitions and events are conducted.

Investment income
Investment income is recognised when earned. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and distributions from investments are recognised when the right to receive the distribution is established.

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

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

b. Fair value measurement

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interest.

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

c. Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

d. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Key estimates

Impairment
The company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the company that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

Employee benefits
As discussed in Note 8, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Estimation of useful lives of assets
The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result

of technological innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or nonstrategic assets have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Lease term and option to extend under AASB 16
The lease term is defined as the non-cancellable period of a lease together with periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and also periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. The options that are reasonably going to be exercised is a key management judgement that the company will make. The company determines the likeliness to exercise the options on a lease-by-lease basis looking at various factors such as which assets are strategic and which are key to future strategy of the company.

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 2: Cash and cash equivalents		
ANZ Cheque account	11,770	40,709
ANZ Online saver	65,059	300,216
Hamilton wealth trading accounts	71,942	58,874
	148,771	**399,799**
Note 3: Trade and other receivables		
Trade debtors	30,069	43,641
Accrued income	985,996	193,460
Other receivables	3,042	201,530
	1,019,107	**438,631**
Note 4: Other assets		
Stock on hand	12,442	8,487
Prepayments	63,430	66,739
Security deposits	35,150	35,150
	111,022	**110,376**
Note 5: Financial assets		
Hamilton wealth portfolio	**9,772,431**	**9,815,114**

Initial recognition and measurement
Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are included in the initial carrying amount of the asset.

Classification and subsequent measurement
Financial assets are measured at fair value through net result where they are held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets, and the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets classified as fair value through net result are measured at fair value at each reporting date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 6: Right of use assets		
Buildings	489,493	481,605
Less accumulated amortisation	(293,696)	(192,642)
	195,797	**288,963**

At inception of a contract, the company assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability are recognised by the company where the company is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the company uses the incremental borrowing rate. The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above less any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Note 7: Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	153,504	99,428
Accrued expenses	19,975	29,348
Credit cards	16,995	21,313
ATO payable	3,792	10,307
Other payables	4,839	3,325
	199,105	**163,721**
Note 8: Provisions		
CURRENT		
Annual leave	150,582	135,676
Long service leave	42,894	8,738
	193,476	**144,414**
NON CURRENT		
Long service leave	**52,226**	**59,586**
	245,702	**204,000**

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows. Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charge as expenses when incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 9: Other liabilities		
Income received in advance	**42,500**	**65,440**
Note 10: Lease liabilities		
CURRENT		
Lease liabilities - properties	**106,490**	**97,160**
NON CURRENT		
Lease liabilities - properties	**110,419**	**209,246**
	216,909	**306,406**

Note 11: Events after the balance date
No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the company's operations, the results of those operations or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 12: Related party transactions
Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.

Note 13: Company details
The registered office of the company is:
Bowls Victoria Limited
Level 1, Suite 1A, 1 Janefield Drive
Bundoora, VIC, 3083

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

Bowls Victoria Limited
ACN 660 950 345
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, set out on pages 16 to 23, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:

   (a) comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and

   (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Pat Schram - President



Angus MacIsaac - Deputy President

Dated 7th October, 2026.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF BOWLS VICTORIA LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bowls Victoria Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of material accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Bowls Victoria Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001.*

Basis of 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 Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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 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.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

McLaren Hunt

MCLAREN HUNT
AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

N.L. McLEAN
PARTNER

Dated at Warrnambool, 8 October 2026

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2025-26 STATE EVENT RESULTS

2026 Victorian State Champions

Novice

Men	David Inifer
Women	Andrea Gilcrist
Open Pairs	Kevin Palmer, Dave Gibson

Under 18

Boys Singles	Harry Coleman
Boys Pairs	Harry Coleman, Charlie Boswood
Girls Singles	Addy Ryan
Girls Pairs	Hayley Newby, Addy Ryan
Mixed Pairs	Addy Ryan, Harry Coleman
Open Triples	Addy Ryan, Harry Coleman, Jacob Cartwright
U13 Open Singles	Herbie Clark

Over 60

Men's Singles	Ian Page
Men's Pairs	Steve Loney, Ian Ewing
Women's Singles	Jan Hurst
Women's Pairs	Claire Smyth, Kate Bush
Mixed Pairs	Robyn Anketell, Stephen Coles

Singles

Men	Brett Mahoney
Women	Cassandra Millerick
Men's C of C	Aaron Betts
Women's C of C	Brooke Edwards

Pairs

Men	Craig Mills, Brett Mahoney
Women	Sharon Fletcher, Andrea Tudorovic
Mixed	Lyndy Morgan, Hunter Wingfield

Triples

Men	Garry Ball, Brendan Umbers, Craig Mills
Women	Mackenzie Parsons, Emma Simmonds, Cassandra Millerick

Fours

Men	Travis Kelly, Paul Girdler Kevin Anderson, Cameron Keenan
Women	Mia O'Reilly, Maddie Jacobs, Maya Rees, Hayley O'Reilly

Indoor Singles

Men	Fintan McLoughlin
Women	Samantha Atkinson

Para

Para B5/B6 Singles	Michael Clark
Para B7/B8 Singles	Joe Smith
Women's Singles	Annette Ruffle
Para Open Pairs	Wade McPherson, Chris Randell
ID Open Singles	Paul Carlyle
ID Open Pairs	Steve Nelson, Ben Peachey
VI Open Singles	Naomi McColl (Robyn Weinbergs: Director)
VI Open Pairs	Not Held

Champion of State Pennant

Weekend

Moonee Valley def Ocean Grove 50 - 33

Midweek

Ocean Grove def Bendigo 54 - 41

Region Sides Championships

Men's Gold
Northern Gateway def Geelong 78- 41

Men's Silver
Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields def Ovens & Murray 62 - 51

Women's Gold
Goulburn Murray def Ovens & Murray 67 - 40

Women's Silver
Ballarat Highlands def Northern Gateway 83 - 48

Interstate Test Series

U18 Tri-Series vs QLD & NSW | Club Sunbury
U18 Boys won the Boys Series
U18 Girls Runner-up in the Girls Series
VIC overall Runner-Up

Victoria vs NSW | Dandenong Club

Para Men Victoria def NSW	2 – 1
Para Women NSW def Victoria	2 – 1
Thunder (men) NSW def Victoria	3 – 0
Lightning (women) NSW def Victoria	3 – 0
Development Men Victoria def NSW	2 – 1
Development Women Victoria def NSW	2 – 1
Senior Men Victoria def NSW	2 – 1
Senior Women Victoria def NSW	2 – 1

Victoria vs Tasmania | Devonport Country Club

Thunder (men) Victoria def TAS	3 – 2
Lightning (women) Victoria def TAS	3 – 2

City vs Country Series

Men

Round 1	City def Country	92 - 60
Round 2	Country def City	57 - 103
Round 3	Country def City	83 - 85

Country won the series 2-1

Women

Round 1	Country def City	75 – 92
Round 2	Country def City	61 – 91
Round 3	Country def City	73 – 97

Country won the series 3-0

Victorian Bowls League (VBL4)

Singles	Traralgon def by Warrnambool	11 – 21
Pairs	Traralgon drew with Warrnambool	12– 12
Triples	Traralgon def Warrnambool	22 - 9
Fours	Traralgon def Warrnambool	12 – 9

Traralgon won the final 2 - 1 - 1

Victorian Open 2026

Singles

Men	Harry Coleman
Women	Olivia Cartwright

Pairs

Men	Mathew O'Brien, Brody Harker
Women	Olivia Cartwright, Lisa Phillips
Mixed	Sam Rogers, Olivia Cartwright

Triples

Men	Mitch Sidebottom, Matt Robertson, David Daws
Women	Olivia Cartwright, Tayla Bruce, Lisa Phillips

Under 18

Boys Singles	Charlie Boswood
Girls Singles	Addy Ryan
U18 Open Pairs	Lok Tun Leung, Tsz Yuen Ng (HKG)

Integrated Pairs	Vinnie McIlwain, Steve Davies
Barb Gilbert Medal	Olivia Cartwright

All 2025-26 results can be found on www.bowlslink.com.au


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