



Metropolitan **B**owls **A**ssociation

Welcome to the Inaugural meeting 15th January 2017!

MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President: Ron Mitchell
- Vice President: Peter Walter
- Secretary: Ron Mulliner
- Committee: Jack Caulfield
Anne Phillips
Steve Franks
Lesley Slattery
- Finance Officer: Vacancy

HISTORY

- June 2015 A survey of regional Councillors led to the process starting
- Governance is a major topic in all sports-linked to funding
- Multiple meetings of the Councillors from Regions 9,10,11,12 were held
- Country 9500 bowlers 157 clubs in 23 Associations
- Metro 4500 bowlers 53 clubs in 1 Association
- The intent was to pass the control of pennant bowls to the clubs
- In time regions will phase out of Metro –lists kept for consultancy purposes
- Country is yet to finalise whether they keep Regions; form a committee

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **BOWLS SA**

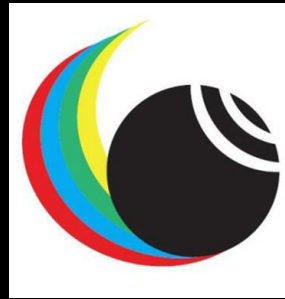
- The Sport as a whole
- Liaison with Bowls Aust.; State Govt.
- Funding issues-grants-sponsorship
- Policies-overarching all Assoc.
- High Performance-state teams
- State events inc. prestige Medley
- Membership services-disputes
- Accreditation of coaches/officials
- Media-website; facebook

- **MBA**

- The Game as it is played
- Liaise- Bowls SA-directly to clubs-Country
- Budget for all pennant expenses
- M & P to run pennants
- Pennant rules and conditions
- Disputes
- Devt. of new competitions
- 4 Prestige Medley teams
- Speak with one voice

CURRENT ISSUES

- Clarifying roles-who does what
- Vacancy-Finance Officer
- Match and Program- new structure
Call for nominations early
- Possible joint staffing in office
- Budget-income required-sponsor
- Handover timetable-April
- Communication channels with clubs
- AGM-set date-before July
- Set Budget
- Fees for pennant nominations
- Set up pennant competition
- Set up Tribunal structure
- Consult with various groups ongoing
eg Thurs bowlers; players all levels
- Capitation –impt. for all clubs
- Meetings-frequency 2-3 a year?
- Venue meetings-day of week-time



Metropolitan Bowls Association

- ENJOY BOWLS
- We are all volunteers!
- Let's do things better!
- Respect people and their opinions!
- Leave the past behind where it is not relevant!
- Be positive in what we do!
- Develop the game we love!



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Topic 1

- Feedback on the current year's season.

Topic 2

- Future directions we should be taking to develop the game.

Clubs to have greater say in shaping future of bowls

Rob Greenwood

A NEW body has been formed to run Adelaide's bowls competitions and hand decision-making power to suburban clubs.

The Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA) comprises representatives of all 53 local clubs and will assume control of pennant leagues from Bowls SA ahead of the 2017/18 season.



Ron Mitchell

Newly-appointed MBA president Ron Mitchell said the move would give the more than 4500 city-based players a greater say in shaping the future of bowls.

"It will bring the metropolitan clubs much closer to the actual running of the game," Mitchell said.

"The people directly involved with it (pennant competitions) will be the ones making the decisions."

Bowls SA began a review of the sport's structure 18 months ago.

It opted to pass control of its seven Saturday, four Wednesday and four Thursday pennant divisions to the MBA.

The state's 23 regional competitions were already

administered by the country pennant association. But until now, decisions relating to metropolitan leagues were made by Bowls SA's match and program committee before being ratified by the governing body's board.

Mitchell said the MBA hoped to encourage more social players to move to pennant ranks and to help clubs better manage the rising cost of maintaining greens

and clubrooms. "We need to forget the negative things over the past 20 or 30 years and be positive about looking at the current situation and what else we can do," Mitchell said.

"We've got a lot of very experienced people in the bowls community and if we can pick their brains, I think this is an exciting opportunity for us."

Bowls SA will retain re-

sponsibility for running state events, training coaches and officials, managing high-performance teams and liaising with Bowls Australia, government and sponsors.

Chief executive Mark Easton welcomed the move.

"It will allow Bowls SA to focus on what it is designed to do – to govern the game and raise the profile of the sport," Easton said.

Metro Bowls Association (MBA)

Bowls SA in conjunction with the Regional Councillors has formed the Metropolitan Bowls Association. This is a significant change for all metropolitan bowling Clubs. From next season the Metro Bowls Association will run the pennant bowls competitions.

The Match and Program Committee will be under the control of the MBA.

There are approx. 9500 country bowlers in 23 associations spanning 157 clubs.

There are approx. 4500 metro bowlers now in one association with 53 clubs.

Bowls SA will be responsible for the sport as a whole-liaison with Bowls Aust. and Govt. Depts.; high performance teams; overarching policies; overall sponsorship; accreditation of officials and coaches and state events including the Prestige Medley.

MBA will be responsible for the game as it is played and relations with clubs. Club Presidents have been designated the delegates to MBA meetings.

MBA will undertake extensive consultation with clubs on many topics to develop the game in the metro area. Eg the future of women's bowls on Thursdays. A meeting will be called later in the season to discuss this topic.

The first meeting of the 53 clubs will be Jan 15th at 11.30-3pm at the Payneham Bowling Club starting with a sausage sizzle and then a meeting. We hope every metropolitan club will be represented at this inaugural meeting of the association. Clubs will discuss topics in groups on the day.

Club Presidents have been asked to bring feedback on the current season and ideas for the future. Brief notes can be sent beforehand or brought on the day. There will be further opportunities for consultation.

The complete handover to the MBA will be later this season. This is an exciting and important opportunity for clubs to speak with one voice and come together on common issues.

In time Regions will be phased out and the structure of regional groups will be kept for administrative purposes. The Prestige Medley will continue under the current regional format this year.

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