

1st ANNUAL REPORT



Maurie Rowlands and Geoff Sutcliffe
with the Region Playing Area Challenge Trophy
named in their honour

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GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION OFFICE BEARERS 2021-22

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Comprising: Goulburn Valley Playing Area
Murray Playing Area

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Secretary: Stephen McGregor

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

So, what a year it has been, from not knowing when the season was going to start, going ahead with printing the Bowlers Handbooks then to find the season was being put back again, all due to COVID. Finally, we got under way and have been able to complete all rounds of Pennant and Regional Events on time.



A big thankyou to our chairpersons of our Playing Area Match Committees, John Stokes in the Goulburn Valley and “Jack” Dell in the Murray, plus other members who have given their time to help run state events as well.

Congratulations to all winners of pennant and state events for our season. Also, players who represented our region in Echuca / Moama at the Region Sides.

Our first Region Challenge Match for the Rowlands – Sutcliffe Trophy at Cobram was a great chance for players to get to know each other from both playing areas, thanks to Cobram our hosts. To all clubs who hosted state events and finals
THANK YOU!

Thank you, delegates who attended meetings, and also the board members of the new Goulburn Murray Bowls Region, thank you for the time you put in attending events and board meetings.

Steve, what a great job you do, working with such a huge region, always available on the phone, email etc, so much work you have done to get our new structure to work.

To our coverage by the media, a big thank you to the Shepparton News for the outstanding coverage of our wonderful sport, also ONEFM 98.5 for the bowls programs on Saturday mornings hosted by Brian Nisbet and Ray Nye who both do a great job.

Where would our sport be without sponsors, GV Hearing and SPORTIES Barooga our major sponsors and all sponsors that are in our Bowlers Handbook.

It has been a busy year for me as president and I appreciate bowlers coming up and making themselves known to me at clubs where events are played and thank you for your support.

Alan Rogers

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well, what a year we have endured with COVID creating absolute havoc in trying to hold meetings as well as attempting to get our bowls season up and running.

With the restrictions on numbers at gatherings we were forced into holding our region board meetings via zoom during the early part of the season which at least enabled us to get things under way.



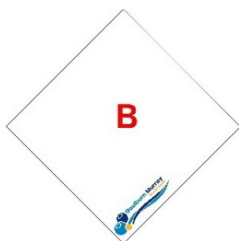
Our early season plans were thrown into total disarray with the continual changing of government regulations and those Return to Play Regulations coming out of Bowls Victoria requiring regular updates and alterations to our fixtures

The Annual General Meeting at Shepparton Park Bowls Club on Tuesday 24th May 2021 which was attended by 30 of the Region's 36 clubs delegates where our inaugural board was elected, unfortunately when nominations did close, we were 2 nominations shy of a full board.

The Board elected Alan Rogers (Numurkah) as our inaugural President and what a mighty job he has done over the year, attending all board and delegates meetings as well as state events, Region Sides in Echuca/Moama, a mammoth effort in getting around our Region.

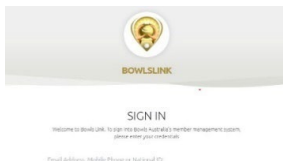
Unfortunately, our early printing of the Bowlers Handbook, although done with the best of intentions proved a fiasco as we were forced to continually amend playing dates, hopefully this will not be a problem next season.

One of the first tasks of the board was to design a new modern logo as well as arrange for Representative Side shirts, caps, bowls cloths etc. for which we turned to Premier Bowls Wear (Quality Teams, Benalla Road, Shepparton) who after numerous back and forth between their designers and the board finalised what we considered an appropriate design. The 2 blues and flowing lines representing the Goulburn and Murray Rivers whilst the yellow jack represented the sunshine flowing through the area.



The board also produced a number of pens for promotional use as gifts to sponsors etc.

As technology becomes more of a tool for bowls, we lean heavily on the use of the BowlsLink system to supply various details to the Region and its clubs, including membership numbers as well as entering pennant results and State Event Draws throughout the playing areas.



Next season we will also introduce individual members entering their playing area State Events through the BowlsLink system, for which we hope to arrange some training days during the off season for club representatives to attend. It would be ideal to have a number of members at clubs able to operate the system. Another opportunity will come into play with actual live scoring available during games, an example of which was in play during the recent BV Champions Week in Bendigo

The Regions Membership numbers of 2197 are recorded as 1478 in the Goulburn Valley and 719 in the Murray, with those numbers for individual clubs listed below.

GMBR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Goulburn Valley

29 Alexandra
 42 Avenel
 27 Colbinabbin
 46 Dookie
 120 East Shepparton
 66 Eildon
 102 Euroa
 94 Hill Top
 102 Kyabram
 29 Merrigum
 159 Mooroopna
 56 Mooroopna Golf & Bowls
 58 Murchison
 25 Nagambie

Murray

80 Barooga Sports
 51 Berrigan
 131 Cobram
 50 Finley
 19 Jerilderie
 38 Katandra West
 36 Nathalia
 72 Numurkah
 51 Numurkah Golf & Bowls
 26 Picola
 40 Strathmerton
 92 Tocumwal Golf & Bowls
 34 Wunghnu

37 Rushworth
62 Seymour
58 Seymour VRI
89 Shepparton Golf
160 Shepparton Park
58 Stanhope
65 Tallygaroopna
38 Tatura
11 Violet Town
39 Yea

As you can see our region's clubs memberships numbers vary from quite large to very small, let us all hope they can grow all clubs into stronger numbers throughout the region.

I would like to thank Naomi Cartwright who provides up to date information to all via the Goulburn Murray Region Facebook page as well as Maree Luci and Bill Chilcott who keep the Murray and Goulburn Valley websites up to date. It is my hope that they will all continue to provide those services over the coming season.

A huge thankyou to John Stokes and Jack Dell the respective playing area Match Committee Chairs and their committee members who have done a phenomenal job in getting this season completed, with all the last-minute changes it definitely was no easy task.


Once again, I would like to thank Naomi and David Cartwright and Tim Hancock as well as everyone who has contributed in any way to the organizing of the Goulburn Murray Devils, our junior bowls program is a huge success when you see the numbers of juniors involved and their successes at the state level. We will be arranging new Goulburn Murray Devils uniforms for the devils to promote junior bowls is strong in the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region.

To those Club Office Bearers, especially the secretaries who have been inundated with emails from me requesting various information during the season, I would like to offer a very big THANK YOU, for it is without your assistance that I am unable to complete my tasks as Region Secretary.

Finally, to those members who willingly have given of their time in forming the Goulburn Murray Board, Alan Rogers, Jenny Sutcliffe, Ann Argent, Archie Ellis, Grace Kenworthy, Joe Luci and Marj McDonald a big thanks for your assistance during the season. Unfortunately, we are losing Ann at the season end due family commitments, she will be missed.

Lastly it is very disappointing to note that we are not receiving the level of support from Goulburn Valley Playing Area members in Nominating for positions on the Goulburn Murray Region Board, or the various sub-committees needed to efficiently run bowls within the region, we continue to have 2 board vacancies for GV Playing Area representatives, which we will endeavour to seek qualified and willing people to fill.

Stephen McGregor
Secretary/Admin Officer



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TREASURERS REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present my first Financial Report to the Region members.

This being the first year of Goulburn Murray Bowls Region it has been both challenging and rewarding. I have learnt a lot and still have a lot to learn.



We have had great sponsorships from GV Hearing Clinic, SPORTIES Barooga, PWB Quality Teams, MAXAM Printing and Mawson's which have helped with the running of the Region. We will continually look into developing further sponsorship arrangements as we endeavour to keep the costs to our members as low as possible.

There have been many large first year expenses as we outfitted the new Region in, Representative Shirts, Caps, Bowls Cloths and Pens which we won't have again for many years.

At the time of writing this we have a balance of \$27,813.44 according to the account statements, with some outstanding State Event Entry Fees still to be receipted.

I would like to thank President Alan and the Board for all of their assistance during the year as well as club treasurers for the prompt payment of accounts received.

Looking forward to working with you all again next season

Jenny Sutcliffe
Honorary Treasurer



TRADING REPORT

From: 01/06/2021

To: 30/04/2022

Note that the accounts are currently with the Auditor however this report is prepared by using the Account Bank Statements

Trading 2021/2022

Receipts	\$ 83,798.38
Expenditure	\$ 55,984.94
Profit/Loss	\$ 27,813.44
Capital In	Nil
Nett Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>
Cash Assets as at	30/04/2022
Cash at Bank	\$ 27,813.44
Total Balance	<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>

Jenny Sutcliffe
Honorary Treasurer

GOULBURN MARRAY BOWLS REGION

DETAILED REPORT

From: 01/05/2021

To: 30/04/2022

Income

Amalgamation	32,015.00	32,015.00
Club Player Subscription	24,432.00	24,205.00
Handbook	3,700.00	3,700.00
Pennant Side Fees	7,680.00	7,680.00
Player Subsidy (Bowls Vic)	665.00	665.00
Presentation Day/Evening	5,087.00	5,087.00
Raffle (Challenge Day)	275.00	275.00
Shirts	440.00	440.00
Sponsorship	5,629.00	5,629.00
State Event Entry Fees	1,740.00	
		1,7400.00

Income Total	<u>83,798.38</u>	<u>83,798.38</u>
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OUTSTANDING INCOME

State Event Entries	9,070.00
TOTAL	9,070.00

Expenses	Income	Expense	Balance
Accommodation		6,160.00	(6,160.00)
Bowls Stickers		664.40	(664.40)
Bowls Victoria		630.00	(630.00)
Catering		3,592.00	(3,592.00)
CAV Incorporation		274.80	(274.80)
Club Championship Prizes		1,375.00	(1,375.00)
Donation (GV Devils)		1,250.00	(1,250.00)
General Expenses		100.00	(100.00)
GM Player Prize Money		6,140.00	(6,140.00)
General Expenses		11,512.45	(11,512.45)
Green Fees		800.00	(800.00)
Honorariums		10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Insurance		780.00	(780.00)
Postage & Stationary		822.46	(822.46)
Player Allowance (Region Sides)		1,550.00	(1,550.00)
Player Shirts		3,358.50	(3,358.50)
Printing Stationary		8,043.40	(8,043.40)
Promotional Goods		5,299.19	(5,299.19)
Trophies		4,864.65	(4,864.65)
Expense Total		55,984.94	(55,984.94)
GRAND TOTAL	83,798.38	55984.94	27,813.44
OUTSTANDING EXPENSES			
Green Fees		1,600.00	(1,600.00)
Catering		2,734.50	(2,734.50)
Advertising		1,650.00	(1,650.00)
TOTAL		5,984.50	(5,984.50)

GOULBURN VALLEY PLAYING AREA MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT



After several phone calls and meetings, dates for pennant and championship events were finalised, and we managed to get the whole season completed with little interruptions. Thanks to all the GV Match Committee members for their efforts over the year with COVID restrictions and some withdrawals from pennant. With some clubs struggling with player numbers, we received a number of withdrawals from pennant which necessitated Div 7 (8 players a side) being deleted and rehashing both Div 6 pennant draws with a number of clubs being promoted to fill gaps.

As much as possible we tried to reduce travel distances by having North and South divisions, and generally this has worked well. Still noted that GV clubs are reluctant to travel to our new member clubs. This will be an issue next season as we implement relegation and promotion. Was decided to remove the spare rounds and any games missed due to weather or COVID the points will be shared. Hopefully we will be able to start earlier next season and not have to cram all events in such a tight timeframe.

With the finals all completed I offer my congratulations to all the winning teams, noting that Tallygaroopna went on to win the Goulburn Murray Region final for Weekend Pennant against Cobram and Tatura Hilltop the Midweek Pennant against Numurkah. These clubs will now go to Moama to play off in the Vic State Pennant Championships over the 21st to 24th May, we wish them good bowling.

Weekend Pennant Winners

Div 1	Tallygaroopna
Div 2	Mooroopna
Div 3	Tallygaroopna
Div 4	Nagambie
Div 5	Tallygaroopna
Div 6 North	Colbinabbin
Div 6 South	Alexandra



Edna Harling and Jean Sprague
Presenting Premiership Medallions
at the
Midweek Pennant Grand Finals

Midweek Pennant Winners

Div 1	Tatura Hilltop
Div 2	Euroa
Div 3	Mooroopna
Div 4 North	Numurkah
Div 4 South	Seymour VRI
Div 5	Dookie

Special thanks to the following clubs that have made their facilities available to enable the championship events to be completed - East Shepparton, Stanhope, Tatura, Euroa, Shepparton Park, Shepparton Golf. A big thankyou to our umpires and managers who have volunteered their time to enable games to be completed. This season we played the Men and Ladies on the same day with mixed success.

We had to rehash some games due to BV changing some of their dates.

GV STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Winners

* Denotes Region Winner

	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
<i>NOVICE SINGLES</i>		<i>Jono Thorne*</i>
<i>60 & OVER SINGLES</i>	<i>Jean Sprague</i>	<i>Guiseppe Greco</i>
<i>60 & OVER PAIRS</i>	<i>Suzanne Tyson *</i> <i>Margaret Thorn *</i>	<i>Geoff Cobbledick</i> <i>Frank Ivak</i>
<i>SINGLES</i>	<i>Suzanne Tyson</i>	<i>David Daws*</i>

<i>PAIRS</i>	<i>Stacey Collier Lee Beatie</i>	<i>Brad Orr * Wayne Dagger *</i>
<i>TRIPLES</i>	<i>Olivia Cartwright * Dianne Downie * Naomi Cartwright*</i>	<i>David Daws * Brett Wright * Matthew Robertson *</i>
<i>FOURS</i>	<i>Bev Cahill Bev Thorne Marg Smyth Brenda Brodie</i>	<i>David Daws * Mark Ryan * Mitch Sidebottom * Matthew Robertson *</i>
<i>MIXED PAIRS</i>	<i>Di Hands *</i>	<i>Matthew Robertson *</i>
<i>C of C SINGLES</i>	<i>Stacey Collier *</i>	<i>Neil Swainston</i>
<i>C of C PAIRS</i>	<i>Judy McDonald Sheryl Emmett</i>	<i>Brad Orr Macca Trewren</i>

John Stokes

Chairman



MURRAY PLAYING AREA MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT



Despite some early problems created by Covid, Murray Bowls Playing Area enjoyed a very successful inaugural year in its new identity.

The pennant draw had to be revamped a couple of times, but a full two rounds of matches were able to be completed, using days initially set aside as spare days in case of weather cancellations.

Due to player number constraints, several teams were forced to change Divisions, creating an inequality of numbers across the divisions. Because of this, promotion/relegation will have to be looked at for the 2022-23 season.

The highlight of the 2021-22 season was undoubtedly the fantastic spectacle of the pennant grand finals, with all four divisions playing concurrently at Berrigan Community Golf & Bowls Club.

The hundreds of spectators, on a glorious autumn day, were able to keep tabs on all the games.

Congratulations to Cobram on winning Division 1 for the first time in 38 years, Katandra West earning promotion back to the top division, Numurkah winning Division 3 and Wunghnu taking out Division 4.

Finley played host for the midweek pennant grand finals on superb greens.

Numurkah won its first Division One flag for some time, while Numurkah Golf took out second division for the first time ever.

The State events received excellent numbers of entries (469 players in all).

Wunghnu's Barry Cosgrove had a spectacular season, winning the 60 & over and State singles, the 60 & over and State pairs with Joe Luci of Numurkah Golf, and the State triples with Luci and Wunghnu teammate John McKenzie.

Barry went on to represent the region in the 60 and over singles and pairs, reaching the final and semi-final respectively.

Wunghnu also provided the men's fours' winners, Peter Revell (s), Trevor Hosie, Graham King and Doug Larkin, making it a clean sweep of the men's events for the Magpies.

In the women's events the honours were shared around, with Numurkah Golf's Lidija Patching taking out the 60 & over singles and Jan Niven and Yvonne Clark, also from Numurkah Golf, winning the 60 & over pairs. Lidija represented the region and made it to the final.

Numurkah's Linda Isted won the State singles and the region final but fell in the first round of the State finals, while Numurkah Golf's Loris Houlihan and Jenny Warfe from Cobram made it all the way to the State final in the pairs.

Loris and Jenny were joined by another Numurkah Golf representative, Ieve Saunders to win the State triples, while the Cobram quartet of Marj McDonald (s), Kerry Baldacchino, Carol Mathers and Christine Dunne won the fours.

Finley's Karen Peacock won the women's Champion of Champions singles, while Paul Glanville from Berrigan won the men's event, as well as the region final. Paul went down in the first round of the State finals. Numurkah's Ross Higgins and Jenny O'Connor won the Mixed Pairs, Nan Smith and Tracey Miles from Finley won the women's Champion of Champions pairs, and there was another Wunghnu

victory in the men's Champion Pairs, Peter Revell and John McKenzie.

Cobram hosted the inaugural Rowlands-Sutcliffe Shield Murray v Goulburn Valley teams challenge, which GV won comfortably.

A great presentation day was enjoyed at Barooga Sports Bowling Club, which did an outstanding job of hosting, where life memberships were awarded to Ray Nye, Alan Rogers and Warren Blanch, Finley's Elaine Chaplin was inducted as a Legend in the Murray Hall of Fame and Ron Davy and Neville Burke were admitted to the Hall of Fame.

Greenkeepers across the Playing Area are to be congratulated on the presentation of greens throughout the season, with locals and visitors consistently commenting on how good our greens are.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the season successful, especially umpire's convenor, Glenn Murphy, and all the umpires who gave up their time at state events and pennant finals, in addition to their work at their own clubs.

Finally, thank you to the match committee – Warren Blanch, Karen Peacock, Peter Linqvist, Doug Larkin and Neil Macklin – who, along with the GMBR executive, helped to run our events efficiently.

Weekend Pennant Winners

Div 1	Cobram	Div 2	Katandra West
Div 3	Numurkah	Div 4	Wunghnu



Midweek Pennant Winners

Div 1

Numurkah

Div 2

Numurkah Golf



MURRAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Winners

* Denotes Region Winner

	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
<i>NOVICE SINGLES</i>	<i>Taylor Hills*</i>	
<i>60 & OVER</i>	<i>Lidija Patching*</i>	<i>Barry Cosgrove*</i>
<i>SINGLES</i>		
<i>60 & OVER</i>	<i>Jan Niven</i>	<i>Barry Cosgrove*</i>
<i>PAIRS</i>	<i>Yvonne Clark</i>	<i>Joe Luci*</i>
<i>SINGLES</i>	<i>Linda Isted*</i>	<i>Barry Cosgrove</i>
<i>PAIRS</i>	<i>Loris Houlihan*</i>	<i>Barry Cosgrove</i>
	<i>Jenny Warfe*</i>	<i>Joe Luci</i>
<i>TRIPLES</i>	<i>Loris Houlihan</i>	<i>Barry Cosgrove</i>
	<i>Ieva Saunders</i>	<i>Joe Luci</i>
	<i>Jenny Warfe</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>
<i>FOURS</i>	<i>Marj McDonald*</i>	<i>Peter Revell</i>
	<i>Kerry Baldacchino*</i>	<i>Trevor Hosie</i>
	<i>Carol Mathers*</i>	<i>Graham King</i>
	<i>Christine Dunne*</i>	<i>Doug Larkin</i>
<i>MIXED PAIRS</i>	<i>Jennifer O'Connor</i>	<i>Ross Higgins</i>
<i>C of C SINGLES</i>	<i>Karen Peacock</i>	<i>Paul Glanvill*</i>
<i>C of C PAIRS</i>	<i>Nan Smith</i>	<i>Peter Revell</i>
	<i>Tracey Miles</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>

Alan "Jack" Dell
Chairman

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Congratulations to all the competition winners both at club level and pennant. Congratulations also to those players who represented the two Playing Areas at Region level and those who went on to represent the Region in Bowls Victoria events.

A big thank you to all the clubs in the Region for the manner in which the COVID-19 regulations and protocols were taken on board and followed; this allowed the competitions to take place and helped keep our bowlers safe from infection. Even so there were occasions when clubs were affected by the virus but we all came through relatively unscathed.

Since October last year there haven't been too many calls for cards although I experienced an increased demand in April this year.

Sympathy cards were sent to Ramon Rathjen, Maree Luci, Terrie Crozier, Mary Black, Kate Donovan, Bill Donovan, the family of Eileen Hadley, Mavis Marshall, Karen Trewren and family, Margaret Hester, Jenny Sutcliffe, Peter Naughton, Wendy Coles, Linda Isted, Di Hands and Kate Bush. Sadly, one of those recipients received cards for two bereavements in a short space of time; we're thinking of you still.

Get Well cards found their way to Betty Nicholls, Don Steers, Margaret Legge, Robert Kemp, Hans Schmidt, Dennis Galt, Pamela Hueston and Mike Dibben.

I also had occasion to send Thinking of You cards to Ron Luker, Lee Chant and Lyn Scott.

Once again, I remind ALL club secretaries to contact me when/if one of their club's members passes away, has a family member pass away or is ill or suffers an injury. In some situations, a Thinking of You card is more appropriate and I'm only too happy to oblige.

As we wrap up another successful bowls season, I wish everyone continued good health and safe travelling to those venturing to warmer climes for the winter. Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the greens come the new season.

Grace Kenworthy

Welfare Officer



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ROWLAND – SUTCLIFFE TROPHY

The “Rowland-Sutcliffe” Trophy is named in recognition of two of our region stalwarts who have served and bowled over many years within our Region.

It continues life as an Annual Challenge between the Goulburn Valley and Murray Playing Areas, with both Women and Men representative sides of 6 rinks, competing over 3 games of 12 ends with a time limit of 120 minutes.



This year’s challenge was hosted by the Cobram Bowling Club , with the Goulburn Valley proving too strong winning the day 52 points 427 Shots to Murray 26 Points 370 shots

Best Ladies Rink:

Loris Houlihan (s)
 Kerry Baldacchino (3rd)
 Jenny Warfe (2nd)
 Lidija Patching (lead)
 6 points and +17



Best Men’s Rink:

David Dawes (s)
 David Cartwright (3rd)
 Joe Lia (2nd)
 Scott Adams (lead)
 6 points and +24



2022 REGION SIDES

Following the “Rowland-Sutcliffe” Trophy the selectors named the two sides to represent our Region at the 2022 Bowls Vic Region Sides Championship being held at Echuca/Moama over the weekend of 8th – 10th April 2022. Although not successful we thank them for their efforts

WOMEN'S SIDE - MANAGER Marg MCDONALD

	Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3
Skip	Dianne HANDS	Jean SPRAGUE	Olivia CARTRIGHT
Third	Kerry BALDACCHINO	Loris HOULIHAN	Margaret THORNE
Second	Sandra WALLACE	Joanne CROWE	Gail KRZCIUK
Lead	Kate BUSH	Lidija PATCHING	Jenny WARFE

Emergencies: Wendy COLES & Suzanne TYSON

Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Bowls Region	7	5	2	0	0	257	180	77	142.78	15
2	Yarra Bowls Region	7	5	2	0	0	246	210	36	117.14	15
3	Eastern Ranges Bowls Region	7	4	2	1	0	236	204	32	115.69	13
4	Goulburn Murray Bowls Region	7	3	3	1	0	203	234	-31	86.75	10
5	Ovens & Murray Bowls Region	7	3	4	0	0	215	208	7	103.37	9
6	Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region	7	3	4	0	0	224	239	-15	93.72	9
7	Gippsland Bowls Region	7	2	5	0	0	211	263	-52	80.23	6
8	Wimmera Bowls Region	7	2	5	0	0	207	261	-54	79.31	6

MEN'S SIDE - MANAGERS Alan Rogers & Geoff Sutcliffe

	Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3
Skip	David DAWS	Matt ROBERTSON	Brad ORR
Third	Mark RYAN	Brent REINER	John GRIBBLE
Second	Mark JONES	Chris PHILPOT	John STOKES
Lead	Scott ADAMS	Josh WARREN	Ken SUTCLIFFE

Emergency: Geoff SUTCLIFFE

Position	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Yarra Bowls Region	7	6	1	0	0	289	193	96	149.74	18
2	Ovens & Murray Bowls Region	7	6	1	0	0	239	213	26	112.21	18
3	Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Bowls Region	7	5	2	0	0	246	210	36	117.14	15
4	Eastern Ranges Bowls Region	7	4	3	0	0	245	205	40	119.51	12
5	Goulburn Murray Bowls Region	7	3	4	0	0	224	232	-8	96.55	9
6	Gippsland Bowls Region	7	2	5	0	0	224	253	-29	88.54	6
7	Wimmera Bowls Region	7	1	6	0	0	202	246	-44	82.11	3
8	Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region	7	1	6	0	0	160	277	-117	57.76	3

GM DEVILS

What a busy year and last month we have had.

We finally held our Fundraising Tournament and made over \$2500. Thanks to all players and sponsors on the night. We will look at having another later in the year hopefully warmer weather.

Under 18 Championships currently being held at Bendigo – we have so far had great success. 13 of our juniors made the trip over and also joined with some other squads to make up teams.

Monday – Olivia and Partner Dusty won the Girls Under 18 Pairs.

Josh and Bayden played in the knockout singles – Bayden got knocked out 1st round – Josh made it to Quarterfinals and lost to the eventual winner. Great effort from all bowlers. Thanks to Hilltop for holding the sectional play of the boys singles the week before.

Tuesday was our greatest success – all 13 juniors teamed up with some extras and played the triples. 2 of our teams made it to the finals and Olivia, Jacob Brighton and Cameron Keenan won against – Joshua Cartwright, Henry Boswood and Bayden Parkinson.

Wednesday – mixed events – unfortunately not a great day but they all bowled well to get close in their games.

Thursday, we have girls singles x 4 and Boys pairs. We look forward to seeing what results they can achieve. Their events go a long way into selection for the Vic junior squad coming up.

This event will see our junior events quieten for the time being however we still have a number of children involved in school bowls.

Olivia, Jorja and Riley will play off in the SSV Senior Secondary School finals at Sunbury on the 5th May along with a junior team. The Primary Kyabram P-12 kids will also head to Sunbury to see if they can claim back-to-back titles in this event as well. In the past the district has assisted these children in getting to the State final with a donation towards the bus – the devils will also contribute a small amount as well as the children paying a small fee for the bus or cars taken.

This presentation night we will award any State Winners their trophy and medals and also anyone graduating from the devils (turning 18 this year) a certificate. At this stage that will be Olivia.

In regards to finances please find attached our monthly report & also a guideline that we will work with to help the kids play in all these events pending the financial status of the account.

We have also received a \$100 cheque from the Kyabram Club for supporting the Devils.

Goulburn Murray Devils – Distribution of Funds

A number of fundraising events need to occur throughout the year to help keep the finances positive. These funds will be distributed as the committee see appropriate however some guidelines are attached for reference all are depending on funds available:

Squad & Junior Tournaments

All entry fees will be paid for with the GM Devil Funds.

Each Car taken to transport children will be offered \$25 for fuel.

Under 18 Vic State Championships

Any junior wishing to enter Under 18 State Championship Event – Entry fees will be paid for by the GM Devil Funds and allocation of \$25 per event for other expenses.

State Championships – Open Age

Any junior successful in reaching a State Event representing the GM will be given \$25 for expenses.

Awards Nights

Any junior successful in being recognized at any award night \$30 will be allocated to support them.

Interstate & VIC/AUS Open Events & Other Tournaments

These events will be at the discretion of the committee.

Uniforms

If funds permit at the start of the season – an allocation will be given to each Devil for purchase of bowls uniform, Devils shirts and jackets will be supplied.

Naomi Cartwright

Chair



No. A0112836Z

INAUGURAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at SHEPPARTON PARK B.C.

On 24th MAY 2021

CHAIR: John Emerson - Regional Bowls Manager (North East Victoria) who welcomed those in attendance

As there will be no GMBR President until the elected board meet it was moved Andrew Rushby (Cobram) and seconded Leanne Russel-Jones (Violet Town) that the meeting accepts John Emerson to chair the meeting Carried

PRESENT: 30 Goulburn Murray Clubs Delegates

Alexandra: Ken Argent, Garnett Eastment

Barooga Sports: John Bruce, Ken Newton

Avenel: Noel Slater, Donna Rowley

Berrigan: Gary Seamer, Graeme Parr

Colbinabbin: Frank Oliver

Cobram: Glenda Mann, Andrew Rushby

Dookie: Ron Harker

East Shepparton: Pamela Hueston, Gordon Nash, Kevin Cox

Eildon: Nil

Euroa: Neville Harris, Marc Stevens

Finley: Karen Peacock, Nan Smith

Hilltop: Rodney Madilc, Greg Toy

Jerilderie: Sent Apology

Katandra West: Kevin Minogue

Kyabram: Sent Apology

Merrigum: Maureen Shepherd

Mooroopna: Nil

Mooroopna Golf: Faye Wheelhouse, Maree Formica

Murchison: Geoff Higgins

Nagambie: Vicki Reidy

Nathalia: Bev Hutchins

Numurkah: Joel Howman

Numurkah Golf: Robert Hermann, Jack Dell

Picola: Nil

Rushworth: Jean Sprague

Seymour: Greg Quillinan

Seymour VRI: Ian Cashill, Geoff Dixon

Shepparton Golf: Bruce Giovanetti, John Hallam

Shepparton Park: Bill Gullick

Stanhope: Greg Fitzpatrick, John Patterson

Strathmerton: Nil

Tocumwal Golf: Chris Philpott

Tallygaroopna: Lindsay Muston, Greg Jones

Tatura: Phil Boyd

Violet Town: Leanne Russell-Jones, Dennis Taylor

Wunghnu: I. Gray, Dave Larkin

Yea: Lief Elenius, Liv Cavanagh

APOLOGIES: Ray Parks (Cobram), Lucy Curillico (Nathalia), Robert George (Kyabram), Liz Oliver (Nathalia), Wilma Atkins (Seymour) Dave Hansen (Tocumwal), M. Crawford (Violet Town), Peter Malins (Wunghnu)

It was moved Greg Quillinan and seconded Geoff Dixon that the apologies as presented be accepted Carried

REPORTS:

Working Party President Alan Rogers –

- Delivered a report on the efforts of the Goulburn Murray Working Party.
 - Effects of COVID-19 on delaying meetings
 - Thanked members for attending numerous meetings
 - Congratulated Working Party members on the diligence in preparing documents

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$17,706.64 balance CGM Bowls Region from their AGM on 24th May 2021

Additional Funding:

Monies to come into the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Account from the closure of the following;

Central Bowls Division - \$ TBA

Goulburn Valley Bowls Division - \$ TBA

Murray Bowls Division - \$ TBA

- Noted the CGM Bank Account needs to be renamed Goulburn Murray Bowls Region A.S.A.P. and new updated signatories (Board to nominate) established.

It was moved Lief Elenius (Yea) and seconded Garnett Eastment (Alexandra) that the reports as presented be received. Carried

Election of Board of Directors:

John Emerson Regional Bowls Manager (North East Victoria) remained in the chair for the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2021-22

As the number of nominations (7) did not exceed the number of vacancies (9) the following were duly elected;

Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area: Ann Argent (Alexandra - Secretary)

Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area: Grace Kenworthy (Avenel)

Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area: Stephen McGregor (Seymour VRI - Secretary)

Director Goulburn Playing Area: Vacant

Director Murray Playing Area: Alan Rogers (Numurkah)

Director Murray Playing Area: Joe Luci (Numurkah Golf & Bowls)

Director Murray Playing Area: Archie Ellis (Barooga Sports – Match Committee)

Director Murray Playing Area: Marjorie McDonald (Cobram - Board)

Director Playing Area: Vacant

Appointment of Auditor:**32 AUDITOR**

(a) A properly qualified auditor shall be appointed by the Region in General Meeting. The auditor's duties shall be regulated in accordance with the Act, or if no relevant provisions exist under the Act, in accordance with the *Corporations Act* and generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct.

(b) The accounts of the Region shall be examined and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained by an auditor at the conclusion of each Financial Year.

It was moved Karen Peacock (Finlay) and seconded Greg Toy (Hill Top) that the Board seek and appoint an auditor. Carried

Sub-Committees:

To be appointed by the GM Board

Honorariums:

To be set by the GM Board

Regional Members Levy/Subscription:**11. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES**

(a) The annual membership subscription (if any) and any fees or other levies payable by Members to the Region, the time for and manner of payment, shall be as determined by the Board.

(b) The Board is empowered to prevent any Member whose annual subscription or any other fees are in arrears from exercising the whole or any of the rights or privileges of membership of the Region, including but not limited to the right to vote at General Meetings. There is no right to natural justice or any right of appeal where the Board exercises its power under this Clause 11(b).

Bowls Program:

The Region Bowls Program will be set by the Board in conjunction with appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees

Region Championship Finals:

The Region Championship Finals will be set by the Board in conjunction with appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees

Any other business of which due notice is given in accordance with the Constitution:

Nil

Incorporation:**Renaming & Registering Constitution etc.:**

It was moved Garnett Eastment (Alexandra) and seconded Jack Dell (Numurkah Golf) that the Board take the appropriate action necessary to register the name Goulburn Murray Bowls Region, it's Constitution etc. with Consumer Affairs Victoria. Carried

Board Appointments:

The elected Board members left the meeting for a very quick meeting where they elected the following Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Alan Rogers	
	Moved Marg McDonald	2 nd Grace Kenworthy
Secretary	Stephen McGregor	
	Moved Ann Argent	2 nd Archie Ellis
Interim Treasurer	Stephen McGregor	
	Moved Ann Argent	2 nd Marg McDonald

Board Meeting:

It was agreed that the initial Board Meeting scheduled on 1st June at Shepparton Park Bowls Club meeting room commencing at 10.00am

Board Vacancies:

With 2 vacancies on the Board, it was suggested by Bruce Giovanetti (Shepparton Golf Bowls Club) that with regard to the future development of the Board younger members be approached.

Playing Area Meetings:

The delegates were informed that the Board would meet with Playing Area Clubs during the season to discuss development of the system and Region.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.43am

Stephen McGregor

Secretary

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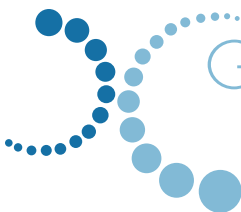
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