

2nd ANNUAL REPORT



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Di Hands (s) and Kate Bush BV 60 & Over Women's Pairs Champions



Brent Reiner, Joshua Cartwright, David Cartwright (s)
BV State Men's Triples Champions



Greg Toy
BV Para B5/B6 Singles Winner

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GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION OFFICE BEARERS 2022-23

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Comprising: Goulburn Valley Playing Area
Murray Playing Area

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President: Alan Rogers

Secretary: Stephen McGregor

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Bruce Giovanetti
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Alan "Jack" Dell (MPA Chair)

Region: John Stokes (GVPA)

Selectors: Jean Sprague (GVPA)
Geoff Sutcliffe (MPA)
Leigh Hansen (MPA)

GM Devils: Naomi Cartwright (Coordinator)
David Cartwright (Coach)

Major Sponsors: GV Hearing Clinic
Shepparton Club
Sporties Barooga
PBW Quality Teams
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Delegates: Alan Rogers
Stephen McGregor

Auditor: Peter Limbrick

Public Officer: Stephen McGregor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, another big year of bowls in our Goulburn Murray Bowls Region, just when we thought we were in the clear with Covid the weather turned on us with a very wet spring and our season once again was delayed. As a result, we ended up having to play on synthetic greens and at times at neutral venues. 60 & Over events were delayed but we finally got all our events played and pennant back to normal. Well done to all our greenkeepers who showed patience through the wet with the greens improving with finer weather. Match Committee need to be congratulated for their efforts on getting through all events on time, Jack Dell and his team in Murray and John Stokes in Goulburn Valley thank you both. To Jean Sprague and her team of ladies who were honest with the board in wanting to play their state event mid-week, I think this worked really well. We held our state events at Shepparton Golf for both playing areas, congratulations to all winners of our region and all the best at Bendigo. Di Hands and Kate Bush were our 60 & Over Ladies State of Victoria Champions. To all Premiership winners in both playing areas congratulations, to the clubs who hosted these events well done your greens were indeed the best greens for finals.



What a great year our juniors have had under the guidance of Naomi & Denzel Cartwright. With sponsorship from Numurkah Golf & Bowls Club and The Shepparton Club we should have the best dressed juniors in the state. Well done GM Devils.

The Rowlands/Sutcliffe Challenge was once again a very successful day with Goulburn Valley the winners on the day.

To the Men and Ladies who are were selected to represent our region well done.

Each year we are getting more sponsors so thank you all as it is your sponsorship helps us keep all clubs' expenses down. GV Hearing and Barooga Sports Club have been our main sponsors for many years.

To our delegates who attended meetings thank you all.

Where would we be with our media coverage, thank you Shepparton News and 98.5 One FM radio, for your great coverage throughout the year promoting our game. To Brian Nisbett and Ray Nye thank you for your bowls programs every Saturday morning throughout our bowls season.

To our board members thank you. This season we filled our positions on the board with Bruce and Maree representing GV playing area, Jenny our treasurer for balancing our books, you do a great job and Steve our secretary, thank you for all the work you do in one of the biggest regions in the state.

Even though I have enjoyed being Chairman for the past 4 years, with the last 2 years being an enormous job, I am not standing for re-election. I wish all new office bearers all the best and all clubs Happy Bowling in the 2023-2024 season.

Alan Rogers

President



SECRETARY REPORT

With the demise of the COVID-19 restrictions it was thought we would be back to business as usual.

With no further restrictions on numbers at gatherings we were able to hold our region Annual General Meeting and Board Meetings at the Shepparton Park Bowls Club, for which we offer our thanks for the use of their facilities.



The 2nd Annual General Meeting was held at the Shepparton Park Bowls Club on Tuesday 24th May 2021 and was attended by delegates of 30 of our 37 Region Clubs (we may need to look into reducing the requirement of 30 clubs forming a quorum). Most members of the existing board were returned with new members Bruce Giovanetti and Maree Formica duly elected, unfortunately Ann Argent (Alexandra) did not seek re-election due to family commitments.

The board returned Alan Rogers (Numurkah) as President and he showed his dedication to the job by attending all board, Delegates, Bowls Vic Meetings as well as attending State Events and Pennant Finals, and will manage the Men's Region Sides in Echuca/Moama, a mammoth effort in getting around our Region.

Our 3 playing area delegates meetings were held at the Mooroopna Bowls Club and Barooga Sports Bowls Clubs during September, December and March; we offer our appreciation of these clubs allowing us the use of their clubhouses, and express our thanks for the spirited discussions from club delegates who attended meetings.



As promised, we conducted pre-season Bowlslink training with Matt Ottobre (BV Education and Training Manager) providing his expertise at the Cobram, Mooroopna and Seymour clubs,

which proved very beneficial to all those who attended, I think we all learnt a great deal. The insertion of Pennant results into Bowlslink following games continues to show more managers are becoming aware it is a relatively simple process.

Our early season event/pennant planning was thrown into total disarray as wet weather decided to intervene with our fixtures in both Playing Areas, many thanks to the patience shown by all concerned in managing to get games completed.

Whilst games were disrupted the flooding caused greater problems at the Euroa, Mooroopna Golf and Seymour clubs with their greens completely under water and machinery sheds and clubhouses suffering minor to severe water damage, fortunately those clubs were able to resume operations relatively quickly once the water levels receded.

Once again, the printing of the Bowlers' Handbooks was impacted by the need for continual amendment to playing dates for the State Events, at a major cost to the Region (\$10,000) we surely need to consider that the days of the hard copy handbook are limited and we should look into providing an electronic version which can be downloaded to smart phones, laptops and iPads etc with the ability to be updated regularly as required (and at nil cost to the region).

We must thank those members for the successful introduction of members entering State Events through Bowlslink, whilst this season we will introduce paying of entry fees at the same time as entering these events, thus reducing

the tedious task of the Region Treasurer chasing clubs for entry fees and the clubs requesting lists of those members who entered those events.

Unfortunately, November saw the final Vic Open conducted in the Region when Bowls Vic's negotiations with the Shepparton Council came to an unsuccessful conclusion and the Vic Open was switched to the Gippsland Region for the next 5 years. Whilst no longer hosting this event our local clubs will be able to conduct tournaments etc in an effort to compensate for any financial losses from not hosting Vic Open days.

It is pleasing to report that the Regions Membership numbers have seen a slight increase as at the 6th April 2023 of 24 from the 2197 of last season to currently stand at 2221, recorded as 1489 in the Goulburn Valley (up 11) and 732 (up 13) in the Murray, with numbers for individual clubs as listed below.

GMBR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Goulburn Valley

40 Alexandra
41 Avenel
32 Colbinabbin
38 Dookie
113 East Shepparton
36 Eildon
97 Euroa
90 Hill Top
108 Kyabram
26 Merrigum
68 Mooroopna
41 Mooroopna Golf & Bowls
69 Murchison
31 Nagambie
36 Rushworth
64 Seymour

Murray

79 Barooga Sports
50 Berrigan
149 Cobram
43 Finley
20 Jerilderie
30 Katandra West
47 Nathalia
79 Numurkah
51 Numurkah Golf & Bowls
28 Picola
30 Strathmerton
86 Tocumwal Golf & Bowls
40 Wunghnu

53 Seymour VRI
95 Shepparton Golf
150 Shepparton Park
57 Stanhope
60 Tallygaroopna
73 Tatura
25 Violet Town
40 Yea

Whilst the region's clubs memberships numbers continue to be somewhat stable, they still vary from 4 quite large clubs to a number of intermediate sized clubs with a few very small clubs, let us all hope they can grow all clubs into stronger numbers through the region's support.

Again, I must 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. Next season we will revert to a singular website gm.bowls where all Region and Playing Area information will be located. It is my hope that Naomi, Maree and Bill will all continue to provide those services over the coming season.

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

Congratulations to Naomi Cartwright and her team on arranging new Goulburn Murray Devils uniforms, caps etc for the devils through the Regions support as well as arranging a terrific sponsorship deal with the Shepparton Club for purchasing Hoodies, Bowls Cloths etc to promote junior bowls in the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region.

If you can get along on Monday evenings when they conduct training at various clubs throughout the region you will see that the junior bowls program is a huge success.

Thank you to Bowls Vic's Jimmy Whitehead and Melanie Allen for arranging the live streaming of our GV Division 1 Grand Final, with thanks to Brian Nisbett, Ash Williamson and Tyler Maher for their commentary, also Tim Hancock who stepped in to handle the scoring.

Once again, I must offer sincere thanks to those Club Office Bearers, especially the secretaries who continue to feed me information during the season, I would like to offer a very big THANK YOU, for it is with your assistance that I am able to complete my tasks as Region Secretary.

To those members who willingly have given of their time in forming the Goulburn Murray Board, Alan Rogers (President), Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Bruce Giovanetti, Archie Ellis, Grace Kenworthy, Maree Formica, Joe Luci and Marj McDonald a big thanks for your assistance during the season.

A reminder to all that we need to see greater input into the various playing area committees required to ensure that Bowls within the Region's Goulburn Valley and Murray Playing Areas continues to be available to our members. Nominating for positions on the Goulburn Murray Region Board, or the various sub-committees needed to efficiently run bowls within the region is a must.

Finally, I would like to offer my own personal thanks to Alan Rogers for his tireless work on behalf of the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region and our members over the past 2 years as President. Unfortunately, Alan feels that he needs a break from those duties and is not seeking re-election, we will miss him greatly as we will also miss retiring Board Member Marj McDonald.

Stephen McGregor

Secretary/Admin Officer

TREASURERS REPORT

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

We continue to have great sponsorships from GV Hearing Clinic, Sporties Barooga, Shepparton Club (GV Devils) PBW Quality Teams, MAXAM Printing and Mawsons which have helped with the running of the Region.



At the time of writing this report we have a balance of \$32,151.39 in the account with some outstanding State Events still to be paid.

We are yet to hold some events that will result in expenses being included in next year's report, our Presentation Days and the Region Sides Championships, which had been held before the books had been closed off last year, also our Goulburn Murray Bowls Region v Ovens and Murray Region Challenge Match (catering) and some Trophy engraving.

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

I would like to wish outgoing Board members Alan and Marj all the best.

Looking forward to working with you all again next season.

Jenny Sutcliffe
Honorary Treasurer



TRADING REPORT

From: 01/05/2022

To: 30/04/2023

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

Trading 2021/2022

Trading 2022/2023

\$ 0.00	Balance	\$ 27,813.44
\$ 83,798.38	Receipts	\$ 61,541.36
\$ 55,984.94	Expenditure	\$ 57,203.41
\$ 27,813.44	Profit/Loss	\$ 4,337.95
Nil	Capital In	Nil
<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>	Net Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>

30/04/2022	Cash Assets as at	30/04/2023
\$ 27,813.44	Cash at Bank	\$ 32,151.39
<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>	Total Balance	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>

Jenny Sutcliffe
Honorary Treasurer

GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION

DETAILED REPORT

From: 01/05/2021

To: 30/04/2022

Income

Club Player Subscription	23,374.00	23,374.00
Handbook	3,700.00	3,700.00
Pennant Side Fees	7,744.00	7,744.00
Shirts	583.36	583.36
Sponsorship	5,830.00	5,830.00
State Event Entry Fees	20,310.00	20,310.00

Income Total	<u>61,541.38</u>	<u>61,541.38</u>
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OUTSTANDING INCOME

State Event Entries	410.00
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TOTAL	410.00
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Expenses	Income	Expense	Balance
Accommodation		1,978.00	(6,160.00)
Advertising		1,650.00	(1,650.00)
Catering		4,309.50	(4,309.50)
CAV Incorporation		61.20	(61.20)
Club Support		1,600.00	(1,600.00)
Donation		1,500.00	(1,500.00)
General Expenses		676.22	(676.22)
GM Player Prize Money		6,200.00	(6,200.00)
Green Fees		4,400.00	(4,400.00)
Honorariums		12,000.00	(12,000.00)
Insurance		825.00	(825.00)
Player Shirts		4,023.36	(4,023.36)
Printing / Stationary		11,360.64	(11,360.64)
Promotional Goods		476.29	(476.29)
Purchases		495.00	(495.00)
Training		300.00	(300.00)
Trophies		5,348.20	(5,348.20)
Expense Total		57,203.41	(57,203.41)
GRAND TOTAL	<u>61,541.36</u>	<u>57,203.41</u>	<u>4,337.96</u>



DEVILS TRADING REPORT

July 2022- May 2023

INCOME

Donations (GMBR)	1,000.00
MSC Maintenance Consulting	1,300.00
Tournament Fundraiser	2,240.05
Numurkah Golf	600.00
Raffle	1,874.10
Stanhope	600.00
Colbinabbin	100.00
Cobram	100.00
Shepparton Club Sponsorship	3,100.00
Credit	02.04
TOTAL	9,916.19

EXPENSES

Reimbursement/Memberships	1,676.50
Tournament DK	150.00
Tournament DF	1,108.90
Catering	65.48
Uniform	3,586.00
Accommodation State Week	2,950.00
Chalk	130.00
TOTAL	8,666.88

Current Balance - \$3,329.42

- Expenses to come out State Week Entries - went up from \$20 to \$33 per event
- Reimbursement for State Event to Families - Transport Costs/Acc

Naomi Cartwright
Co-ordinator

GOULBURN VALLEY PLAYING AREA MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT



Thanks to all the GV Match Committee members for their efforts over the year, particularly Jean Sprague who was a great help, to all the clubs who made their facilities available during the year, and to those who umpired the many events played over the season.

We lost some games during the year with hot weather and floods, with some clubs particularly affected and losing access to greens and rooms for a period. Early in the season some games were lost when clubs could have organised change of venues – clubs need to be more proactive in these cases in organising alternate venues particularly when any completed games now count.

Still noted that GV clubs are reluctant to travel to our Southern clubs. During the year, quite a few 11am starts were arranged for Saturday pennant to reduce travelling later in the day. Noted that clubs generally seemed to enjoy the early starts, particularly for Weekend Finals.

Spare rounds were again implemented this season for some divisions, but other divisions had a longer season due to having more than the normal 8 teams in the draw. This season we reverted to Midweek for Ladies events. Clubs have been requested to submit any changes they would like to see to the Conditions of Play for next season.

The finals are all completed. Congratulations to all the winning teams. Shepparton Golf went on to win the GM Region final for Weekend Pennant Midweek Pennant and will go to Moama in May to represent the GM Region at the State Pennant Finals.

Pennant Winners

	<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Midweek</u>
Div 1	Shepparton Golf	Shepparton Golf
Div 2	Euroa	Shepparton Golf
Div 3	Seymour	Seymour VRI
Div 4	Seymour VRI	Alexandra
Div 5	Eildon	Shepparton Park
Div 6	Kyabram	
Div 7	Rushworth	

The GV again did well in the playoffs at region level, and all winners will go on to represent the GM Region in Bendigo. Winners for GV State Championships for 2022/23 were as follows. A big congratulations to Di Hands and Katie Bush winning the State Over 60 Ladies Pairs.

GV STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Winners

* Denotes Region Winner
+ Denotes State Title Winner

	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>
<i>NOVICE SINGLES</i>		<i>Mark Bentley*</i>
<i>60 & OVER SINGLES</i>	<i>Kate Bush*</i>	<i>Ashleigh King*</i>
<i>60 & OVER PAIRS</i>	<i>Di Hands*+</i> <i>Kate Bush*+</i>	<i>Chris Preddy</i> <i>Danny O'Brien</i>
<i>SINGLES PAIRS</i>	<i>Carla Miles*</i>	<i>Mitch Sidebottom*</i>
	<i>Di Hands*</i> <i>Kate Bush*</i>	<i>Brett Gunning*</i> <i>Ashleigh King*</i>
<i>TRIPLES</i>	<i>Dot Best</i> <i>Marg Cerini</i> <i>Leonie Freeman</i>	<i>David Cartwright*+</i> <i>Brent Reiner*+</i> <i>Joshua Cartwright *+</i>
<i>FOURS</i>	<i>Di Hands*</i> <i>Marg Thorne*</i> <i>Sue Tyson*</i> <i>Kate Bush*</i>	<i>Brendan Boyd*</i> <i>Nick Boyd*</i> <i>Brian Mandersloot*</i> <i>Mitchell Reeves*</i>

MIXED PAIRS

Di Hands

Paul Nichols

C of C SINGLES

*Jean Sprague**

*Tim Hancock**

C of C PAIRS

*Carla Miles**

*Mitch Sidebottom**

*Jen McClure**

*Guy Madigan**

John Stokes

Chairman

Jean Sprague

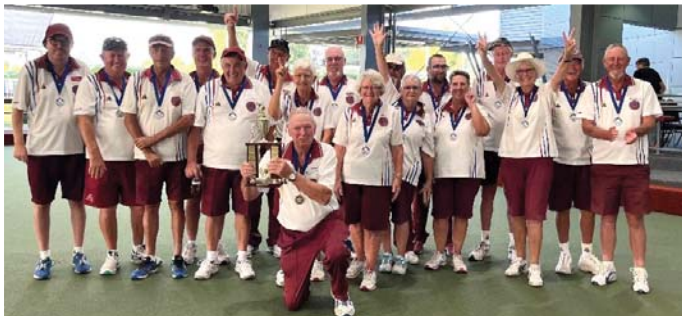
Deputy Chair



GV Weekend Alan Matheson Shield Division One Premiers
- Shepparton Golf –



GV Weekend Division Two Premiers
- Euroa –



GV Weekend Division Three Premiers
- Seymour -



GV Weekend Division Four Premiers
- Seymour VRI -



GV Weekend Division Five Premiers
- Eildon -



GV Weekend Division Six Premiers
- Kyabram –



GV Weekend Division Seven Premiers
- Rushworth –





GV Midweek Edna Harling Shield Division One Premiers
- Shepparton Golf –



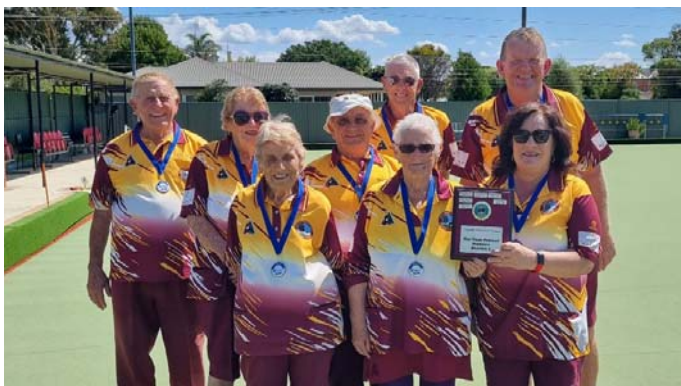
GV Midweek Division Two Premiers
- Shepparton Golf –



GV Midweek Division Three Premiers
- Shepparton Park –



GV Midweek Division Four Premiers
- Alexandra –



GV Midweek Division Five Premiers
- Shepparton Park –



MURRAY PLAYING AREA MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT



For the second year running the bowls season was delayed, this time due to floods. We have now had pestilence and deluge, probably looking forward to a plague of locusts or something next season!

Despite the delayed start we managed to play all matches in midweek pennant and all but one on Saturdays. The State events were all completed in a timely manner.

Once again, the season ended with the great spectacle of all five divisions playing the Saturday grand finals at Berrigan Community Golf & Bowls Club. The addition of Division 5 meant the same number of players were playing each Saturday, but in a more balanced number of teams in each division.

Congratulations to Cobram on going back-to-back in Division 1 and also taking out the Division 2 and the inaugural Division 5 premierships. Picola earned promotion back to Division 2 by winning Division 3 and Numurkah saluted in Division 4.

Finley hosted the midweek pennant grand finals on superbly prepared greens with a large crowd in attendance. Numurkah Golf proved too strong for Tocumwal in Division 1 and Picola emulated its Saturday pennant team by taking out Division 2. The match committee will make every effort to balance the number of teams in the two divisions next season.

State events were again well supported with more than 450 entries and club officials made sure the events ran smoothly.

Honours were shared around, with Numurkah Golf's Lidija Patching and Wunghnu's Barry Cosgrove each picking up three titles.

Only the Wunghnu pairing of Graham King and John McKenzie, Tocumwal's women's triples team of Leigh Hansen, Cheryl Townsing and Effie Eaton and Numurkah's Ross Higgins and Jenny O'Connor in the mixed pairs went on to win the region finals in their respective events.

The Rowlands-Sutcliffe Challenge was played at Shepparton Park, with GV again scoring a comfortable win.

Congratulations to all the greenkeepers and club volunteers for providing our bowlers with superb facilities week in and week out. Thank you to our umpires convenor Glenn Murphy, who will be sorely missed as he has moved interstate, and all the umpires who volunteered their time.

Finally, thank you to the match committee members Ruth Burnett, John Dixon, Ross Henderson, Doug Larkin, Peter Linqvist and Neil Macklin for their efforts throughout the season.

Pennant Winners

	<u>Weekend</u>		<u>Midweek</u>
Div 1	Cobram	Div 1	Numurkah Golf
Div 2	Cobram	Div 2	Picola
Div 3	Picola		
Div 4	Numurkah		
Div 5	Cobram		

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Murray Weekend Division Two Premiers
- Cobram –



Murray Weekend Division Three Premiers
- Picola –



Murray Weekend Division Four Premiers
- Numurkah -



Murray Weekend Division Five Premiers
- Cobram -



Murray Midweek Division One Premiers
- Numurkah Golf -



Murray Midweek Division Two Premiers
- Picola –

MURRAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Winners

* Denotes Region Winner

	Women	Men
NOVICE SINGLES	Rebecca Dungan*	
60 & OVER	Lidija Patching	Ross Higgins
SINGLES		
60 & OVER	Nan Smith	Graeme King*
PAIRS	Loris Houlihan	John McKenzie*
SINGLES	Jenny Warfe	Rod Brown
PAIRS	Ann Dealy	Barry Cosgrove
	Pam Smith	John McKenzie
TRIPLES	Leigh Hansen*	Barry Cosgrove
	Cheryl Townsing*	Joe Luci
	Effie Eaton*	John McKenzie
FOURS	Nan Smith	Mark Jones
	Jenny Warfe	Joe Luci
	Tracey Emery	Keith Holland
	Tracey Miles	Bayden Parkinson
MIXED PAIRS	Jennifer O'Connor*	Ross Higgins*
C of C SINGLES	Lidija Patching	Barry Cosgrove
C of C PAIRS	Lidija Patching	Ashleigh Haines
	Robyn Hodgkin	Anthony Turner

Alan "Jack" Dell
Chairman

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Congratulations to all the competition winners both at club level and pennant. Congratulations to those players who represented their playing area at Region level and to those who have been picked to represent the Region in future Bowls Victoria events.

A big thank you to all players and clubs for their continued vigilance against the threat of the ever-mutating COVID-19 strains; unhappily there were occasions when players and their club/s were affected. Sadly, some are still experiencing the after effects of the virus; we wish them all the best for a complete recovery.

Sympathy cards were sent to Faye Willox and family, the family of Margaret Brown, Eddie Coulstock, Adrian Davidson, Greg Nicholls, the family of Hilda Biach, Val Weinberg, Joe and Maree Luci, Roby Harrop, Liz Ewing, Jackie Luker, Mary Jeffery, Cynthia Hardie, Jack Larkin, Neville Walters, Tony Kingma, Stephen McGregor, the family of Doreen Whitfort, Dawn Hewitt and Joe Chant.

Get Well cards went to Bill Donovan, Harry Daley, Dwayne Parnell, Norm Billingsley, Ruth King, Graeme Toy, Bruce Spencer, Brian Diffey and Bev Cahill.

Thinking of You cards found their way to Brian Gunton, Allan Clarke, Dave Hardie, Gerald Rothe, Sue Tyson and Dan Lingard.

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, is ill or suffers an injury. There

are times when I hear of an illness or injury almost by accident either at pennant or a playing area delegates' meeting.

Another successful bowls season is rapidly coming to a close with many looking to head north to the warmer climes for the winter. I wish everyone continued good health and safe travelling whether heading away on a longish trip or just simply going about your everyday chores.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the greens come the new season.

Grace Kenworthy

Welfare Officer

The advertisement is set against a dark red background. On the left, a vertical list of locations is shown next to a '100 MAWSONS Building Partnerships Since 1912' logo. The central part features three images: a quarry with trucks, a yellow concrete mixer truck, and a landscape with a lounge chair. On the right, another '100 MAWSONS' logo is positioned above a list of services. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains contact details. A small Mawsons logo is also present at the bottom center.

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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.



This 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 per game also doubles as a selection trial for our Region Sides.

This year’s challenge was hosted by the Shepparton Park Bowls Club, with the Goulburn Valley proving too strong winning the day 52 points 447 Shots to Murray 26 Points 334 shots

Best Performed Rinks:

Women

Jenni Hill (s)
Lee Beattie
Sandy Thomas
Di Downie
6 points and +37

Lidija Patching (s)
Judy Harvey
Wendy Coles
Katrina Glover
2 points and -1

Men

Goulburn Valley

Ken Sutcliffe (s)
Geoff Franze
Scott Adams
Russell Locke
6 points and +21

Murray

Chris Philpot (s)
Ron Taylor
Paul Glanvill
Roger Carter
4 points and +1



l to r: Maurie Rowlands, John Stokes, Jean Sprague, Geoff Sutcliffe, Alan Rogers

2023 GMBR CHAMPION of STATE PENNANT

The GMBR Midweek Division 1 Champion of Pennant was played at the Shepparton Golf Bowls Club on Tuesday 21st March with Shepparton Golf 50 narrowly defeating Numurkah Golf 47.

The GMBR Weekend Division 1 Champion of Pennant was also played at the Shepparton Golf Bowls Club on Wednesday 22nd March as a twilight game with Shepparton Golf 71 defeating Cobram 41.

Shepparton Golf will now go on to represent the GMBR at the 2023 Bowls Vic Region Sides Championship being held at Echuca/Moama over the weekend of 6th – 9th May 2023

2023 GMBR REGION SIDES

Following the “Rowland-Sutcliffe” Trophy played at Shepparton Park BC on Saturday 15th April the selectors named two sides of 16 to represent the GMBR against the Ovens & Murray in a Challenge Match held at East Shepparton on Saturday 13th May when the final 14 member sides were selected to represent the GMBR at the 2023 Bowls Vic Region Sides Championship being held at Echuca/Moama over the weekend of 26th – 28th May 2023.

WOMEN'S SIDE – MANAGER - Marg McDonald

Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3	Rink 4
S Carla Miles	Kris Wright	Marj McDonald	Lidija Patching
T Marg Thorne	Jo Crowe	Gail Krzciuk	Sue Moreton
S Jenny O'Connor	Bree Warren	Dot Best	Leigh Hansen
L Kate Bush	Katrina Glover	Di Downie	Sue Tyson

MEN'S SIDE – MANAGERS - Alan Rogers

Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3	Rink 4
S Brad Orr	Mark Ryan	Adrian Pantling	David Daws
T Kris Ferguson	David Cartwright	Ray Parks	Ken Sutcliffe
S Guy Madigan	Rod Brown	Brendon Boyd	Alan" Jack" Dell
L Peter Velardo	Josh Warren	Josh Cartwright	Scott Adams

*Final sides not selected at time of printing

GM DEVILS



Another successful year for the Devils, the current group has grown from strength to strength over the past 12 months. We have juniors from Kyabram, Hill Top, Stanhope, Avenel, Merrigum, Numurkah Golf, Mooroopna, Cobram, Shepparton Park and even one from Benalla joins us. In total as of writing this report we have 17 juniors on our books. Moving out of the Under 18s in the past year was Olivia who turned 18 in June.

Our year in review In September last year the Cartwrights – Olivia, Joshua and Jacob gained selection in the Sporting School Victoria Team – playing in the Schools Championship against NSW at Sunbury – 3 days of bowls and activities was enjoyed by the trio. It enabled them to bowl against some of the best juniors in NSW. A great experience for all.

We held a small opening day for the juniors which led into the season. A junior tournament was well represented in Sunbury for the Doug Kneebone tournament teams of 4 played throughout the day in several disciplines early in the season. Then in January we played in the Junior Provincial Tournament that was held at Daylesford Bowls Club – we could only take 9 players which were our more senior bowlers. We came 2nd in our division losing to Bendigo who were the eventual winners. With the increasing number of juniors this event is set to change in 2024.

January saw us hold our very successful fundraising tournament – a great night was had raising funds for the juniors. Raising over \$2000 we held a great night. Looking forward to next year. Thank you to all the clubs that supported this event and to all our sponsors for this as well, Hill Top donated a set of Bowls for the raffle and Hay Bowling Club provided numerous goods as well that were raffled after this event as well as raffles on the night. The Devils raffle raised over \$1000. The Devils and their parents organised a great event – thank you.

Our juniors continued to play pennant successfully throughout the year from Div 1 – Div 6 as well as many tournaments and State Events. Joshua, Jacob, Charlie, Jorja and Hayley were also chosen in the GV side for the Rowlands – Sutcliffe Shield and then Joshua also into the GM side for the Ovens and Murray Challenge. Also, would like to congratulate Joshua Cartwright on successfully taking out the Open State Triples Title with partners Brent Reiner and Skip – Coach David Cartwright. In some very tight matches, the trio continued their winning way to take the title and book a spot at Nationals in October. What a great achievement.

School bowls was also very important throughout the year – Kyabram P-12 College and also St Augustine's Kyabram have predominately featured in the school bowls scene. Over a period of 2 months David, Naomi and boys supported 24 kids at Kyabram P-12 College in training for the SSV event at Moama finishing 3rd in their section. Thanks to Kyabram Bowling Club for the training venue. The Secondary division saw 2 teams book a spot in the State Final to be held early May. Joshua, Hayley and Jorja won the Senior Secondary event for Kyabram P-12 College – whilst Charlie, Henry and Partner won the Junior Division for St Augustine's and Jacob, Liam and Partner were runner up. A great advertisement for junior bowls in the area.

Throughout the year Devils Junior Advisory group support all our juniors financially throughout the year by paying for their memberships at clubs as well as different events throughout the year through our subsidy program – our major contribution was supporting the devils in State Week. We also provide hot dogs most training nights for the kids as it falls right on tea time. Every little bit helps the kids and parents enjoy bowls even more without the financial stress. Raffles, donations and other support all goes back into supporting the juniors.

Our major event for the year was the Under 18 State Championships in April – we had 15 juniors play throughout the week which was a fantastic effort.

Monday – Boys Singles sectional play saw – Josh Henry and Charlie make it through to the knockout rounds on Tuesday, Charlie had a bye but lost his round 2 game, Josh and Henry went down also in their first round.

Tuesday – The girls pairs event was a great start for the group. After some tough first rounds Jorja/Hayley, Mackenzie/Grace were knocked out of the race whilst the dark horse of Maddi Marin and Olivia Andrews made it through to the Grand Final after some great bowls. In her first season of bowls Olivia and Maddi (a veteran) came home with a silver medal. It was an awesome display of bowls and great experience for the girls.



Wednesday – the full 15 bowlers played in the triples today – unfortunately the draw saw us play each other in a few games. We had 2 teams get through to the Quarter finals in Joshua/Bayden/Henry going down by 1 shot and also Jacob/James/Charlie going down to the eventual winners. Another great effort by all the bowlers.

Thursday – Mixed pairs a somewhat smaller day with the number of girls available. Joshua and Maddison made the semi-finals going down to the eventual winners of the event.

Friday – Final day Throughout the week great sportsmanship and friendships were made. The kids were a pleasure to takeaway for the 5 days with many of them staying all together to ease the pressure on the traveling and parents juggling work. It was also noted that one parent – Gavin Parkinson made a bet with the kids if someone one GOLD he would shave his beard. It had been safe just up until today. Girls singles and Boys Pairs on the schedule.

Again a few teams had to play each other throughout the draw – the downside of having so many kids playing bowls in our area.

Girls Singles – Jorja and Maddison made it through to the quarter finals in another great display of bowls. Being the first event for Mackenzie Parsons and Olivia Andrews was also a great experience.

Boys Pairs – after a few epic games, Semi Finals draw saw 2 Devils team play each other and also one on the other side of the draw – no matter what happened we were guaranteed a place in the final. Jacob and new partner Luke came up against the brother combo of Henry and Charlie who were on fire. Josh and Bayden unfortunately lost their match to get into the grand finale. Up against state player Kobi Cromie, this didn't faze them at all but our boys put in a stella performance to win the event and become State Champions. Awesome effort Charlie and Henry.



It was an awesome week for all the devils, some played their first State Week events and some – Jorja was playing their last. A pleasure to manage the team and watch them

develop their bowls and life skills. This week would not have been possible without the support of our Devil Parents – especially Gavin and Di for the full week, David for his continued coaching and support and all the other parents for embracing the journey- a great week for all involved.

Finally, we need to acknowledge and thank the contribution of the Shepparton Club to our Junior Lawn Bowls Team. To make State Week possible and the general running of the Devils financially viable, it would not have been possible without the new contribution and partnership with the Shepparton Club. The Shepparton Club has come on board and supplied our fantastic new jumpers for the kids – they look awesome, and we have had many positive comments about them since. We were lucky enough to just get them intime for State week and they certainly added some colour to the event. Part of the package of sponsorship also allowed the entry fees for State Week to be covered by Shepparton Club – this is a big expense for the kids and we find it important to help finance if we are to give the kids every opportunity to succeed. We sincerely thank the Shepparton Club for the support and will be holding our end of season dinner on the 8th May at the club to recognise their involvement.

Thank you to all the clubs that have supported the Devils over the season in any way and a huge thank you to Shepparton Park for being the base for our Monday night training.





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Chair/Coordinator



2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SHEPPARTON PARK B.C. - 17th MAY 2022

CHAIR: Alan Rogers

BOARD: Stephen McGregor (Secretary)
Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer)
Archie Ellis
Grace Kenworthy
Joe Luci
Marj McDonald

GUEST: Maree Luci (Murray Bowls Link Manager)

PRESENT: Quorum required 30 Goulburn Murray Clubs represented by Delegates
Alexandra: Christopher Footit
Avenel: David Furletti
Barooga Sports: John Bruce; Ken Newton
Berrigan: Nil
Colbinabbin: Don Ristrom
Cobram: Glenda Mann; Andrew Rushby
Dookie: Ron Harker
East Shepparton: Kevin Cox
Eildon: Ray Holt; Paul Smitheram
Euroa: Richard Noble; Tony Kingma
Finley: Karen Peacock
Hilltop: Nil
Jerilderie: Nil
Katandra West: Greg Barr
Kyabram: John Hausler; Chris Preddy
Merrigum: Joe Chant; Maureen Shepherd
Mooroopna: Berna Nichols
Mooroopna Golf: Maree Formica; Ken Maude
Murchison: Nil
Nagambie: Vicki Reidy
Nathalia: Bev Hutchins; Liz Oliver
Numurkah: Ross Henderson; Joel Howman
Numurkah Golf: Loris Houlihan; Jack Dell
Picola: Nil

Rushworth: Jean Sprague
Seymour: Ian Ridd; Don Prudden
Seymour VRI: Ian Cashill
Shepparton Golf: Bruce Giovanetti; Jock Hastie
Shepparton Park: Sandra Wallace; Bill Gullick
Stanhope: Greg Fitzpatrick; Teena Harris
Strathmerton: Nil
Tallygaroopna: Lindsay Muston
Tatura: Colin Johnson; Jason Johnson
Tocumwal Golf: Judy Tonini; Phil Hodge
Violet Town: Leanne Russell-Jones; Graham Crawford
Wunghnu: Nil
Yea: Nil

APOLOGIES:

Ann Argent (Alexandra)	Ken Argent (Alexandra)
Geoff Hateley (Avenel)	Ray Parks (Cobram)
Dan Oster (Dookie)	Noel O'Brien (East Shepparton)
Warren Blanch (Finley)	Trevor Downie (Hilltop)
Kevin Minogue (Katandra West)	Faye Wheelhouse (Mooroopna Golf)
Robert Page (Nagambie)	Jan Niven (Numurkah Golf)
Debbie Thompson (Rushworth)	Greg Quillinan (Seymour)
Terry Flynn (Seymour VRI)	John Hallam (Shepparton Golf) Dean
Jones (Tallygaroopna)	Phil Boyd (Tatura)
M. Crawford (Violet Town)	Peter Malins (Wunghnu)
Doug Larkin (Wunghnu)	

It was moved Ian Cashill (Seymour VRI) and seconded Maree Formica (Mooroopna Golf) that the apologies as presented be accepted. Carried

MINUTES:

It was moved Andrew Rushby (Cobram) and seconded Kevin Cox (East Shepparton) that the Minutes of the Inaugural Annual General Meeting (as presented in the Annual Report) held on 24th May 2021 be accepted Carried

Business Arising:

- Renaming of Bank Account from Central Goulburn Murray to Goulburn Murray Bowls Region
 - President, Treasurer and Secretary as signatories
- The Board appointed an Auditor in Peter Limbrick

- The Board Appointed Playing Area Sub-Committees
- The Board set the Regional Levy at \$12 per member registered on BowlsLink
- The Board registered the name of Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Inc with Consumer Affairs Victoria
- The Board conducted 3 delegates meetings in both playing areas during the season

It was moved Bruce Giovanetti (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Loris Houlihan (Numurkah Golf) that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 24th May 2021 be approved. Carried

REPORTS: as read contained in the Annual Report

PRESIDENT Alan Rogers – see Annual Report

ADMINISTRATION Stephen McGregor – see Annual Report

FINANCIAL REPORT Jenny Sutcliffe – see Annual Report (pages 10-11 for detailed report)

TRADING REPORT From: 01/06/2021 To: 30/04/2022

Trading 2021/2022

Receipts \$ 83,798.38

Expenditure \$ 55,984.94

Profit/Loss \$ 27,813.44

Capital In Nil

Nett Profit/Loss **\$ 27,813.44**

Cash Assets as at 30/04/2022

Cash at Bank \$ 27,813.44

Total Balance **\$ 27,813.44**

MATCH COMMITTEE

- **Goulburn Valley Playing Area** John Stokes – see Annual Report
- **Murray Playing Area** Allan “Jack” Dell – see Annual Report

WELFARE Grace Kenworthy – see Annual Report

GM DEVILS Naomi Cartwright – see Annual Report

It was moved Ross Henderson (Numurkah) and seconded Ken Newton (Barooga Sports) that the reports as presented be received. Carried

Election of Board of Directors:

GMBR Board President Alan Rogers chaired the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2022-23

NOTE: all Nominations were certified as received on the correct form and in the correct time frame by the returning office (Stephen McGregor)

Executive Appointments:

Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Alan Rogers	Returning
Secretary	Stephen McGregor	Re-elected Unopposed
Treasurer	Jenny Sutcliffe	Re-elected Unopposed

Board Appointments:

As the number of nominations (5) did not exceed the number of vacancies (6) the following were duly elected;

Director (Murray) Unopposed	Archie Ellis	Re-elected
Director (Murray)	Joe Luci	Returning
Director (Murray)	Marg McDonald	Returning
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Grace Kenworthy	Returning
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Bruce Giovanetti	Nominated & Elected Unopposed
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Vacancy Exists	

Board Meeting:

The Board will schedule their first Meeting at the conclusion of the AGM

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Bev Hutchins (Nathalia) that Peter Limbrick be appointed as the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region auditor. Carried

Sub-Committees:

To be appointed by the GM Board from Nominations Received and if required, seek further nominations from the general membership

Honorariums:

To be set by the GM Board

Regional Members Levy/Subscription:

To be set by the GM Board

It was moved Alan “Jack” Dell (Numurkah Golf) and seconded Chris Preddy (Kyabram) that the board approve a \$12 levy per member as registered on Bowlslink. Carried

The delegates discussed and requested that in an effort to support cost of living the Goulburn Murray Bowls region Board write to Bowls Vic in seeking consideration of a reduction in Bowls Victoria Membership Fees charged for Junior Bowlers (Under 18).

Bowls Program:

The Region Bowls Program was discussed at a meeting last week of the current board with members of the Playing Area Match Committees and has been released to the club’s and, placed on the Region website.

Region Championship Finals:

The Region Championship Finals will be set by the Board in conjunction with representatives of the appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees – Goulburn Valley is 2022-23 host Playing Area

Playing Area Club Delegates Meetings:

The delegates were informed that the Board would meet with Playing Area Clubs 3 times during the season to discuss any matters arising.

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

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Categories of Members

The Members of the Region shall consist of:

- (a) Clubs, which subject to this Constitution, shall be represented by 2 Delegates, who shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present, debate and vote on behalf of the Club at General Meetings;
- (b) the Directors, who shall have the right to be present and to debate at General Meetings, but have no right to vote; and
- (c) such new or other categories of Members as may be established by the Board. Any new category of Member established by the Board can not be granted voting rights without the approval of the Region in General Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS – All pre-elected Life Members from the previous Associations/Division etc. shall be automatically inducted as LIFE MEMBERS of the GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION.

HALL of FAME and LEGENDS – All pre-elected Hall of Fame Members and those designated Legends from the previous Associations/Division etc. shall be automatically inducted as Hall of Fame and Legends of the GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION.

It was moved Ian Cashill (Seymour VRI) and seconded David Furletti (Avenel) that this meeting approve the GMBR Board in taking the necessary actions in adding the Life Member and Hall of Fame /Legends categories of membership to the Region Constitution. Carried

VOTE of APPRECIATION – Greg Fitzpatrick (Stanhope) requested that a minute be recorded by the delegates in appreciation of the efforts of the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Board in manner that they managed the Region operations during the 2021-22 season.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.05am

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