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ANNUAL REPORT



*2024 Bowls Victoria Women's State Fours Champions
Kerri Leask, Jenni Hill, Jenny O'Connor and Sue Tyson
Shepparton Park / Numurkah*



2024 | PARA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 



2024 Bwls Victoria Para State B5/B6 Singles - Runner-Up
Greg Toy – Hill Top

GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION OFFICE BEARERS 2023-24

Affiliated: Bowls Victoria
Comprising: Goulburn Valley Playing Area
Murray Playing Area

Office Bearers

President:	Grace Kenworthy
Secretary:	Stephen McGregor
Treasurer:	Jenny Sutcliffe
Board:	Joe Luci (VP) Archie Ellis Maree Formica Bruce Giovanetti James McLeod
Delegates:	Grace Kenworthy Stephen McGregor
Auditor:	Donna Rowley
Public Officer:	Stephen McGregor
Match Committees:	John Stokes (GVPA Chair) Alan "Jack" Dell (MPA Chair)
Region Selectors:	John Stokes (GVPA) Lyn Nicholson (GVPA) Geoff Sutcliffe (MPA) Leigh Hansen (MPA)
GMBR Devils:	Naomi Cartwright (Coordinator) David Cartwright (Coach)
Major Sponsors:	GV Hearing Clinic Shepparton Orthopaedics Sporties Barooga Shepparton Club Mawson's Quarries Numurkah Golf and Bowls Premier Bowls Wear

PRESIDENT REPORT

We have come to the end of another successful year for our Region. The teams that played in the Pennant finals in both playing areas represented many of our clubs; some just missing playing in finals through the narrowest of margins. Congratulations to all the winning clubs.

A big thank you to our two playing area Match Committees and most especially the two Chairs, John Stokes and 'Jack' Dell, for all their diligence, and hard work, behind the scenes to make sure our Pennant competitions were so successful. Well done!



Grace Kenworthy

Congratulations to all the players who played in the Rowland-Sutcliffe Trophy match, the game against Ovens & Murray and who then went on to represent our Region at the Region Championships in Ballarat in January. These players were all worthy representatives and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner irrespective of the weather conditions and match results. They did us proud especially the men who once again played in the final only to come up short by the smallest margin.

Thanks also to our two Region Side managers, Marj McDonald and Alan Rogers who kept the players organised throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to those players who represented our Region at Bendigo and Moama.

To those clubs that hosted state events and finals Thank You!

Congratulations to those junior players who won the Flapper Provincial Shield and all the other events entered this year, a great reward for all the hard work they and their coaches put in.

Thank you to the club delegates who attended meetings and kept their clubs updated on Region matters.

For our media coverage a big thank you to the Shepparton News for the way they present our sport of lawn bowls in print with photographs and to ONEFM 98.5 for the bowls programs on Saturday mornings hosted by Brian Nisbet and Ray Nye. Sadly, Ray has decided to step back from the program but he has found a worthy replacement.

Our sport like many others benefits from sponsorships; GV Hearing, Shepparton Orthopaedics, Barooga Sporties and Mawsons Quarries being our major sponsors.

To the Board members, a BIG thank you for all your support at meetings, playing area events, Pennant finals and State events.

Thanks to Maree Luci who has given help with Bowlslink concerns to members in the Murray playing area and also did live scoring for the Region Pennant finals.

Lastly, but by no means least, to our Secretary, Steve, THANK YOU for everything you do to make sure the Region functions as it should and all the support you give to the Board members and club secretaries as it is needed. Your help with Bowlslink issues for the Goulburn Valley playing area has been invaluable.

It has been a busy year for me and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you for your support.

Grace Kenworthy
President

SECRETARY REPORT

We commenced the 2023-24 season by holding our region Annual General Meeting at the Shepparton Park Bowls Club, on Tuesday 23rd May where we farewelled outgoing President Alan Rogers and Board member Marj McDonald whilst welcoming incoming President Grace Kenworthy and new Board member James McLeod. Unfortunately, we remained 1 board member, preferably from the Murray Playing Area short, and over the year were unable to find a person willing to fill that position, which had been vacant since the formation of the GMBR, we will continue to search for the right person.



Stephen McGregor

Grace Kenworthy showed her dedication to the role by attending all board, Delegates, Bowls Vic Meetings as well as attending State Events and Pennant Finals, as well as the Region Sides in Ballarat, getting to know the many members and delegates around our large Region.

BOARD MEETINGS

There were 7 Board meetings held over the past season with 6 held in the meeting room at the Shepparton Park Bowls Club and 1 at the Strathmerton Bowls Clubs; June, August, October, December, February, March and finally in April. On behalf of the board, I would like to express our thanks to those clubs allowing us the use of their facilities.

At our February meeting we met with Pat Schram (Bowls Victoria President), Tony Sherwill (Bowls Victoria CEO) and Josh Thornton (Country Manager Northern Victoria) for discussions regarding many items and the ladies from Shepparton Park provided a light afternoon tea for the board and guests.

DELEGATES MEETINGS

We conducted 6 playing area delegates meetings, 3 held at the Mooroopna Bowls Club and 3 at the 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.

COUNTRY MANGER PROGRAM

Following a successful 2-year trial involving the Murray-Mallee and Wimmera Regions, Josh Thornton, whilst retaining those two regions has come on board for the next 2 years as the Country Manager Northern Victoria for the Goulburn Murray, Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields and Ovens and Murray Regions for who he will be offering assistance in the following areas;

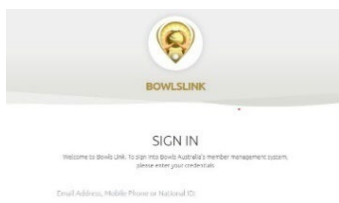
- Region relationships
- Region administration
- Region events & participation

Josh has recently attended our GMBR April Board Meeting and will be attending our Annual General Meeting (BV commitments permitting) as well as Playing Area Delegates meetings when his schedule permits, I look forward to working closely with him.

REGION MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

It may seem disturbing to report that the Regions Membership numbers according to those registered on BowlsLink have seen a big decrease as at the 1st April 2024 of 168 from the registered 2221 of last season, to currently stand at 2053. However we did lose 60 members from Stanhope with their transfer to the Campaspe Playing Area of the BCGR. Our numbers stand at 1364 in the Goulburn Valley (down 125) and 689 (down 43) in the Murray, with numbers for individual clubs as listed.

Goulburn Valley			Murray		
22/23	23/24		22/23	23/24	
40	39	Alexandra	79	68	Barooga Sports
41	41	Avenel	50	43	Berrigan
32	27	Colbinabbin	149	139	Cobram
38	40	Dookie	43	51	Finley
113	98	East Shepparton	20	16	Jerilderie
36	41	Eildon	30	31	Katandra West
97	69	Euroa	47	43	Nathalia
90	96	Hill Top	79	76	Numurkah
108	109	Kyabram	51	51	Numurkah Golf
26	28	Merrigum	28	25	Picola
68	68	Mooroopna	30	30	Strathmerton
41	38	Mooroopna Golf	86	69	Tocumwal Golf
69	59	Murchison	40	47	Wunghnu
31	39	Nagambie			
36	41	Rushworth			
64	61	Seymour			
53	49	Seymour VRI			
95	76	Shepparton Golf			
150	144	Shepparton Park			
60	56	Tallygaroopna			
73	80	Tatura			
25	23	Violet Town			
40	45	Yea			



BOWLSLINK

With 2054 members listed on Bowlslink only 1182 have their email addresses recorded, which means that there are 872 members not receiving our Monthly Newsletter. Whist I realise that not everyone has an email address I

would ask clubs to check up with their members lists and ensure all that do have emails have them recorded in Bowlslink.

There are still a few clubs, not many, who need to ensure that their side managers are able to, access and be proficient at, entering completed match results onto Bowlslink following their pennant games. The insertion of Pennant results into Bowlslink following games continues to show more managers are becoming aware that it is a relatively simple process with a BV Side Managers training video available at [VID26 03 2 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VID26032).

BowlsLink Update v1.31

You may have noticed that the latest update (BowlsLink v1.31) was performed on Monday 2nd April 2024. Please click on the link below to access the release notes and watch the release video.

<https://support.bowlslink.com.au/docs/bowlslink-release-v1-31-april-2024/>

BOWSLINK STATE GAME ENTRY & PAYMENT

After utilising entry into State Games via Bowslink during the previous season we began also using Bowslink for entry and payment of entry fees this past season, and apart from a couple of small hiccups, I feel that the new process worked extremely well, 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, thank you for the acceptance by those members who entered.

ELECTRONIC BOWLERS HANDBOOK

The removal of the hard copy and the addition of the Bowlers' Handbook as an electronic version on the website, [2023-24 GMBR Bowlers Handbook \(bowls.com.au\)](https://www.bowls.com.au) which could be downloaded to smart phones, laptops, and iPads etc or printing of relevant details for notice boards, I feel worked well, with the ability to be updated regularly as required, we will continue to improve in our use of this method of distributing information to members.

With the addition of the Monthly Region Newsletters used to distribute information directly to members email addresses (as registered on BowlsLink) was well accepted and we hope to not only continue with this service but improve it where possible.

Again, I must thank Naomi Cartwright who provides up to date information to all via the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Facebook page as well as Maree Luci who whilst helping add information to the GMBR website, also keeps the Murray website up to date.

PLAYING AREA MATCH COMMITTEES

A huge thank you to John Stokes, Lyn Nicholson 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 a number of last-minute changes it was definitely no easy task.

GMBR REGION SELECTORS

Thank you must go out to our Region Selectors John Stokes, Geoff Sutcliffe, Lyn Nicholson and Leigh Hansen, for giving of their time in arranging and attending selection trials (Rowlands Sutcliffe Trophy) and the now Annual Goulburn Murray Bowls Region verse Ovens and Murray Bowls Region Challenge game.

As well as attending the fore mentioned days they also attended the BV Region Sides Championship in Ballarat where the Men were once again Runner-up by a single shot in the Gold section whilst the ladies were, despite some close results, unable to get out of the Silver section.

GMBR DEVILS

Congratulations to Naomi and David Cartwright and their small but dedicated team of helpers on arranging the activities for the devils through a small financial contribution by the Region Board as well as arranging a terrific sponsorship deal with the Shepparton Club, Numurkah Golf & Bowls and other Region Bowls Clubs to promote junior bowls in the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region, you can see how successful they are when reading their report.

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.

GV DIVISION 1 GRAND FINAL LIVE STREAMING

Thank you to Bowls Vic's Jimmy Whitehead (BV Events and Competition Manager), Melanie Allen (BV Communications and Marketing Manager) and Brad (streaming production) for once again supporting us in the live streaming of our Weekend GV Division 1 Grand Final, with thanks to Brian Nisbett, Ash Williamson and Tyler Maher for their professional commentary.

SOCIAL MEDIA, RADIO ONE FM 98.5 and SHEPPARTON NEWS

Again, I must thank Naomi Cartwright who provides up to date information to all via the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Facebook page as well as Maree Luci who whilst helping with updating of the GMBR website also keeps the Murray website up to date.

We are very fortunate in having the support of our local radio One FM 98.5 providing us air time on a Saturday morning for two half hour slots with Brian Nisbet and Ray Nye keeping us up to date with results and very informative interviews with many bowls personalities from around our playing areas.

Whilst the major newspapers seem to provide little coverage of bowls we in the Goulburn Valley must consider ourselves fortunate to have the great support of the Shepparton News, not only in print but also via their podcast "After the Jack" with Tyler Maher, Ash Williamson and of course Brian Nisbet.

SPONSORS

We have a number of extremely generous sponsors who assist us financially in keeping costs to our bowlers to a minimum, please support them when possible.

PLAYING AREA SUB-COMMITTEES

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.

CLUB ADMINISTRATORS

Once again, I must offer sincere thanks to those Club Office Bearers, especially those hard-working 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.

GMBR BOARD

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

GMBR PRESIDENT

Finally, I would like to offer my own personal thanks to Grace for her tireless work on behalf of the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region and our members over the past 12 months as President. And I look forward to continuing to work with her over the coming season.

Stephen McGregor
Secretary/Admin Officer

TREASURERS REPORT

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

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

At the time of writing this report we have a balance of \$30,511.28 in the account,



Jenny Sutcliffe

All events have finished for this season and although the balance is down from last year there were outstanding accounts from last year e.g. Region Sides Championships and Presentation days, which means we had a double up on those accounts and also missed the player levy and pennant side entries from Stanhope who transferred to the BCGR.

I have found the payment of the State Events through Bowlslink has made my job a lot easier.

I would like to thank President Grace and the Board for their assistance during the year as well as club treasurers for the prompt payment of accounts received, as well as our new auditor Donna Rowley from Avenel.

Looking forward to working with you all again next season.

Jenny Sutcliffe

Honorary Treasurer

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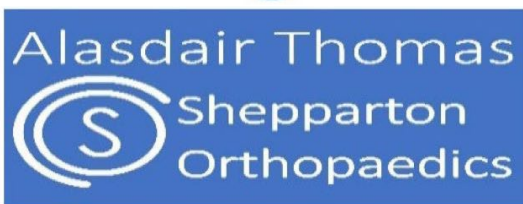
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TRADING REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

2023/2024	Trading	2022/2023
\$ 57,508.92	Receipts	\$ 61,541.36
\$ 59,149.03	Expenditure	\$ 57,203.41
<u>(\$ 1,640.11)</u>	Current Year Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>
\$ 32,151.39	Balance Carried Forward	\$ 27,813.44
Nil	Capital In	Nil
<u>\$ 30,511.28</u>	Total Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>
30/04/2024	Cash Assets as at	30/04/2023
\$ 30,511.28	Cash at Bank	\$ 32,151.39
<u>\$ 30,511.28</u>	Total Balance	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>

The above statement presents a true and fair view of the financial position, performance, and cash flows of the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region for the year ending 30 April 2024

Donna Rowley

CPA #9165478

20/04/2024

Jenny Sutcliffe

Honorary Treasurer



DETAILED INCOME REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

INCOME	2023/2024	2022/2023
Catering	\$ 630.00	\$ 0.00
Club Player Subscription	\$ 22,122.00	\$ 23,374.00
Handbook	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,700.00
Pennant Side Fees	\$ 7,616.00	\$ 7,744.00
Player Subsidy	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
Presentations	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 0.00
Player Uniforms	\$ 580.00	\$ 583.36
Prizemoney	\$ 470.00	\$ 0.00
Sponsorship	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,830.00
State Event Entry Fees	\$ 9,270.92	\$ 20,310.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 57,508.92</u>	<u>\$ 61,541.36</u>

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Honorary Treasurer



DETAILED EXPENDITURE REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2022/2023
Accommodation	\$ 8,003.00	\$ 1,978.00
Advertising	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,650.00
Bank Charges	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Catering	\$ 10,955.00	\$ 4,309.50
CAV Incorporation	\$ 63.60	\$ 61.20
Club Support	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,600.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
General Expenses	\$ 443.80	\$ 676.22
GM Player Prizemoney	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 6,200.00
Green Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,400.00
Hire	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 0.00
Honorariums	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 858.00	\$ 825.00
Player Allowance (Region Sides)	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 0.00
Player Uniforms	\$ 1,132.00	\$ 4,023.36
Printing / Stationary	\$ 1,456.53	\$ 11,360.64
Promotional Goods	\$ 0.00	\$ 476.29
Purchases	\$ 0.00	\$ 495.00
Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
Trophies	\$ 6,118.10	\$ 5,348.20
Umpire Payments	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00

Total Expense \$ 59,149.03 \$ 57,203.41

Profit/Loss (\$ 1,640.11) \$4,337.95

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Donna Rowley

CPA #9165478

20/04/2024

Jenny Sutcliffe

Honorary Treasurer



GMBR DEVILS TRADING REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

	2022/23	2023/24	
Opening Balance			\$ 204.73
INCOME			
Cash Deposit		\$ 311.60	
Shepparton Club Sponsorship	\$3,100.00	\$1,000.00	
Donations (GMBR)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Wunghnu Bowls Club		\$ 500.00	
Hipworth		\$ 200.00	
Numurkah Golf	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	
Numurkah Town Bowls Club & Tournament		\$ 905.80	
Mooroopna Bowls Club		\$ 500.00	
Ratray Family		\$ 450.00	
Interest		\$ 1.15	
MSC Maintenance Consulting	\$1,300.00		
Tournament Fundraiser	\$2,240.05		
Raffle	\$1,874.10		
Stanhope	\$ 600.00		
Colbinabbin	\$ 100.00		
Cobram	\$ 100.00		
Credit	\$ 2.04		
TOTAL	\$ 9,916.19	\$5,368.55	\$5,573.28
EXPENSES			
State Event Entries		\$ 70.00	
BPL Entries		\$ 75.00	
Devils Reimbursement State Week		\$ 100.00	
Catering	\$ 65.48	\$ 285.78	
Memberships		\$ 250.00	
Reimbursement/Memberships	\$1,676.50		
BV – Doug Kneebone, Regionals, State Week		\$2,596.00	
Accommodation State Week	\$2,950.00	\$1,832.00	
Tournament DK	\$ 150.00		
Tournament DF	\$1,108.90		
Uniform	\$3,586.00		
Chalk	\$ 130.00		
TOTAL	\$8,666.88	\$5,208.78	\$5,208.78
Current Balance -	\$3,329.42		\$ 364.50

Naomi Cartwright
Co-ordinator

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

It has been a very busy Season for sending out Sympathy, and Get-Well cards during this 2023/2024 Bowls Season, from July 2023 to April 2024 so far.

In Total up to now, I have sent out a Total of 44 Cards. 38 in the GV, and 6 in the Murray. This number also includes March, and April till now.

In March 24 ,Cards were sent out to Phil Boyd (Tatura) on the Passing of his Wife Noelene, Jimmy Furletti (Seymour VRI) on the Passing of his Wife, David Furletti (Avenel) on the Passing of his Aunt , and Uncle, Josie Mitchelin (East Shepparton) on the Passing of her Mother, Iris Sidebottom (Avenel) on the Passing of her Brother, and Get-Well Card to Graham Lewis (Avenel).

In April so far, Cards were sent out to Margaret Giovaninni (Euroa) now living in Shepparton on the Passing of her Husband Pat, Ian Fitzsimmons Family (Shepparton Golf) on his Passing, Get Well Cards to Graham Lewis (Avenel), and Nyoli Bell (Avenel).

Thank you to those who have asked me to send out Cards, and I encourage if you need a Card sent out , whether it be a Sympathy, or Get-Well Card , just let me know who to send the Card to , including the Name of the person I must send the Card to, and an Address please. My Email address is still the same james@tonymacgroup.com

I wish everyone a Safe and Well-off Season, and look forward to seeing you for the 2024/ 2025 GMBR Bowls Season.

James McLeod
Welfare Officer



*2024 Bowls Victoria Women's State Triples Runners-up
Maria Greco (Kyabram), Maree Boswood(Kyabram) , and Jean Sprague (Sub - Rushworth)*

2023-24 GMBR LIFE MEMBER and HALL of FAME INDUCTEES



GMBR Life Member
John Stokes



GV Hall of Fame
Maurie Rowlands



GV Hall of Fame
Peter "Boxer" Brodie



Murray Hall of Fame
Alan Rogers and Ron Bartley

GOULBURN VALLEY PLAYING AREA

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to all the GV Match Committee members for their efforts over the year, and 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 minimal games this year due to weather and had to initiate our early start time on grand final day due to the heat rule. This worked well and the Match Committee is quite happy with the current system. No spare rounds were allocated this season due some divisions having extra rounds. The Match Committee will again try to even the number of sides out for 24/25 season but will depend on entries.

The Match Committee have a few items on the agenda for consideration for 24/25 season as per the following -

- Leave Heat Rule as it is (basically play until it is too hot).
- Ladies events will be held in conjunction with the Men's events as per Bowls Vic.
- All pennant games will be 21 ends as per GM Board.
- Confirm promotion and relegation for 2024/25. Current rule restricts top divisions to one side only.
- 16 players v 12 players in weekend pennant.
- 60 over events low entries - play earlier and during the week.
- Play Over 60 events at Region Level?
- Friday night games - add to draw for next season or leave to clubs.
- Neutral venues for all finals or just Grand Final? Higher rated side to have a home final?

GV State Event Winners

Over 60 Singles Men	Wayne Gribble
Over 60 Singles Ladies	Kate Bush
Over 60 Pairs Men	Wayne Gribble - Jock Hastie
Over 60 Pairs Ladies	Di Hands - Kate Bush
State Singles Men	Mitch Sidebottom
State Singles Ladies	Kate Bush
State Pairs Men	Rob George - Paul McInnes
State Pairs Ladies	Di Hands - Kate Bush
Mixed Pairs	Paul Nichols - Kate Bush
State Triples Men	David Daws - Guy Madigan - Brian Hogg
State Triples Ladies	Maria Greco - Jenny Dixon - Maree Boswood
State Fours Men	David Daws - Mitch Sidebottom - Guy Madigan - Brian Hogg
State Fours Ladies	Kerri Leask - Jenni Hill - Jenny O'Connor - Sue Tyson
C of C Singles Men	David Daws
C of C Singles Ladies	Carla Miles
C of C Pairs Men	Michael Szczykalski – Jhett Wyatt
C of C Pairs Ladies	Jeanette Overall - Di Downie

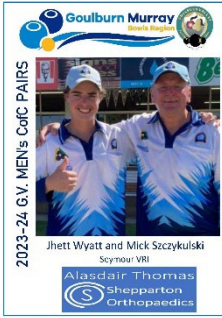
GV STATE GAME WINNERS



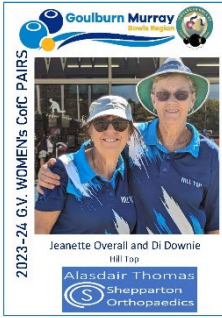
David Daws*



Carla Miles



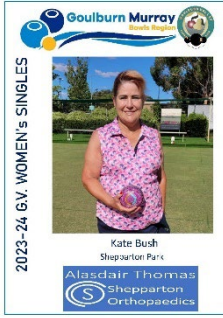
**Jhett Wyatt
Michael Szczykalski**



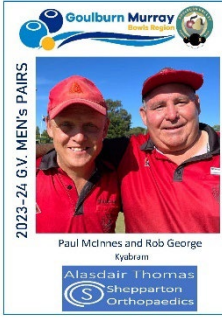
**Jeanette Overall
Di Downie**



Mitch Sidebottom



Kate Bush



**Paul McInnes
Rob George**



**Kate Bush
Di Hands**



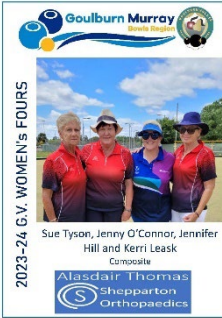
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Guy Maddigan
Brian Hogg**



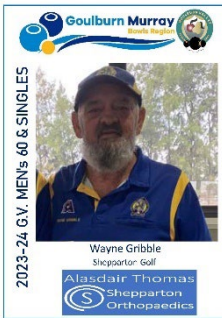
**Maria Greco*
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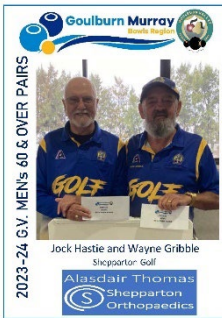
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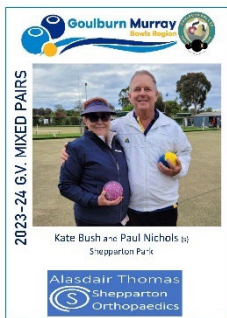
Kate Bush



**Di Hands
Kate Bush**



**Jock Hastie
Wayne Gribble**



**Kate Bush
Paul Nichols**

GV PENNANT

Congratulations to all the winning teams. Tallygaroopna went onto win the GM Region final for Weekend Pennant and will go to Moama in May to represent the GM Region at the State Pennant Finals.

GV WEEKEND PENNANT PREMIERS

* Denotes Region Winner



Division 1 Tallygaroopna *



Division 2 Shepparton Golf



Division 3 Seymour VRI



Division 4 Eildon



Division 5 Merrigum



Division 6 Yea



Division 7 Mooroopta

GV MIDWEEK PENNANT PREMIERS



Division 1 Shepparton Golf



Division 2 Tallygaroopna



Division 3 Seymour VRI



Division 4 Eildon



Division 5 Merrigum



Division 6 Mooroopna White

John Stokes
Chairman

Lyn Nicholson
Deputy Chair

GV PLAYING AREA DUCC REPORT

It has been another busy season with a packed bowling calendar, I thank all those who assisted with Umpiring duties and organisation to help make bowls events as successful as possible.

Throughout the season we had continued problems with player behaviour, especially aggressive language often directed at Umpires, who are volunteering their time for the game.

Such behaviour can be intimidating for some and can be a catalyst for them to withdraw from bowls altogether. Something none of us want to see happen.

Whilst there are penalties that can be applied for such behaviour, if an Umpire is already under stress from intimidation, it makes it very difficult for them to apply penalties.

It can't be left up to the Umpire of the day to try to stamp out such behaviour on their own. There needs to be more support from the offending players Club to say that aggressive behaviour is not the way we want our Club to be represented.

By working together we can improve standards on the green, Clubs would be aware of their players that are prone to offending, they should be taking some responsibility towards improving standards. I'm sure if Umpires were given some support from Clubs in this matter it would make a big difference.

We have been busy with new Umpire accreditations and re accreditations and I must thank Terry Crosier and Michael Loughead for their assistance.

Discussion has begun with the Board on the possibility of recognising the time and travel commitments by having some re imbusement for Umpires at State events and finals.

Also, we are in the process of organising a Bowls Seminar in September, this would be open to all bowlers including those from the Murray Bowls Region. John Roberts and Bob Carlson from Bowls Victoria will be the presenters on the day, to discuss all things bowls. Details for this event will be published as we get closer to the time.

I hope everyone enjoys the Winter break and stays safe.

Doug Maconachie

DUC Chairman



MURRAY PLAYING AREA

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT



All events for the 2023-24 season were completed, with minor difficulties created by weather events, unlike most recent years. All pennant rounds were completed on scheduled days – a minor miracle – while only two state events were affected.

The Berrigan club was again presented magnificently for both players and spectators for the Saturday pennant grand finals, providing a great spectacle.

Congratulations to Katandra West on winning their first ever Saturday Division 1 pennant in their first ever finals appearance. The club had a stellar year, also winning Saturday Division 4 and midweek Division 2 while their club members enjoyed success in state events as well.

Strathmerton will return to Division 1 next season, winning Division 2 after several seasons at that level, Numurkah Golf took out Division 3 and Numurkah won Division 5. Cobram bounced back from a semi-final defeat to turn the tables in the midweek Division 1 decider on the slick Finley green, going on to also win the Region final against Shepparton Golf.

The state events were well attended, with more than 430 individual entries over the season.

Murray representatives won six of the region finals, including Mark Jones (Numurkah Golf) in the men's singles, Kerry Baldacchino (Cobram), women's singles, Katrina Glover (Numurkah Golf), women's champion of champions singles, Peter Lawer, Warren Snow and Greg Barr (Katandra West), men's triples Ian Smethurst and Geoff Mitchell (Barooga Sports), champion of champions pairs, and Ray Parks and Jenny Warfe (Cobram), mixed pairs.

Numurkah's Jenny O'Connor enjoyed success in the women's fours, teaming with three G.V. bowlers to win the region final and subsequently go on to win the State final in Bendigo.

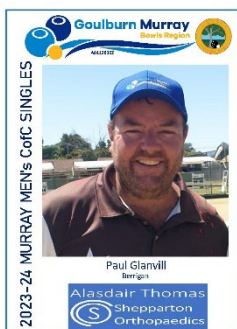
Thank you to all the volunteers from all clubs who provided their services throughout the season, preparing greens, surrounds, snacks/refreshments, umpiring, marking, organizing events, and generally making Murray Bowls a pleasure to be a part of.

I believe our greens are arguably the best in the state collectively and the camaraderie between clubs and members is second to none.

I would also like to thank my fellow match committee members – Ruth Burnett, John Dixon, Steve Campbell, Joe Luci and Neil Macklin - for their support throughout the season, Maree Luci for the excellent work she does on Bowslink and the MBPA website and Geoff Westmore for convening our umpires.

MURRAY STATE EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS

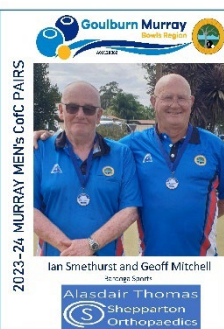
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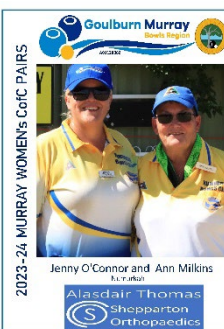
Paul Glanvill



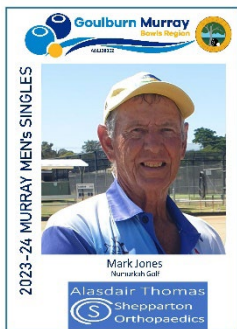
*Katrina Glover**



Ian Smethurst
Geoff Mitchell**



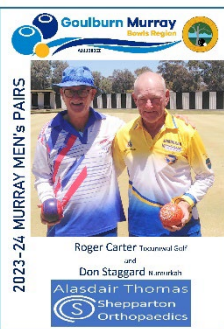
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Ann Milkins*



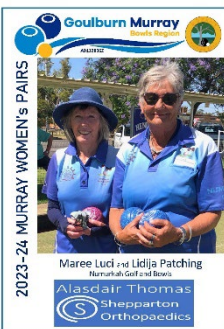
*Mark Jones**



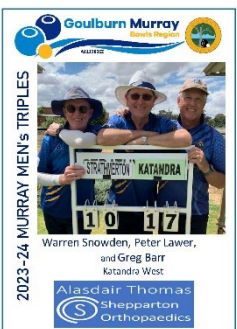
*Kerry Baldacchino**



*Don Staggard
Roger Carter*



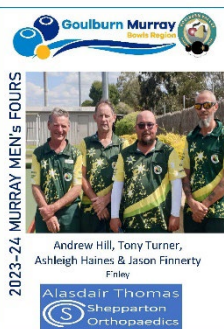
*Maree Luci
Lidija Patching*



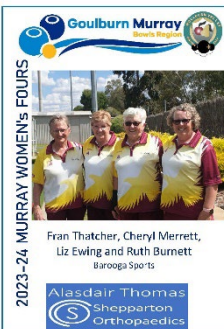
Peter Lawer
Warren Snow*
Greg Barr**



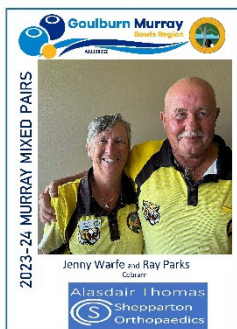
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Robyn Hodgkin
Lidija Patching*



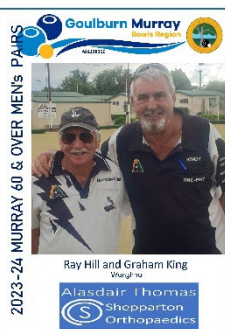
*Ashleigh Haines
Anthony Turner
Jason Finnerty
Andrew Hill*



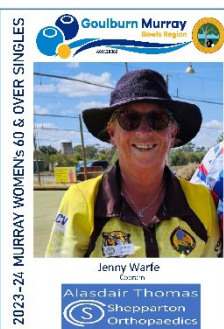
*Cheryl Merrett
Ruth Burnett
Elizabeth Ewing
Frances Thatcher*



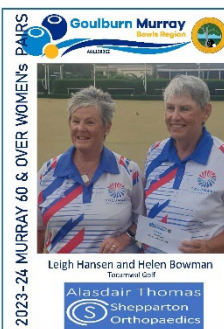
Jenny Warfe
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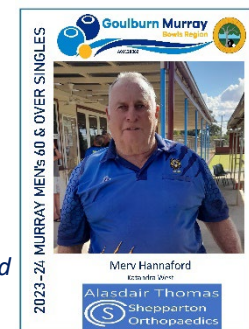
*Ray Hill
Graeme King*



Jenny Warfe



*Leigh Hansen
Helen Bowman*



Merv Hannaford

MURRAY WEEKEND PENNANT PREMIERS

* Denotes Region Winner



Division 1 Katandra West



Division 2 Strathmerton



Division 3 Numurkah Golf



Division 4 Katandra West



Division 5 Numurkah

MURRAY MIDWEEK PENNANT PREMIERS



Division 1 Cobram *



Division 2 Katandra West

Alan "Jack" Dell
Chairman

MURRAY PLAYING AREA DUC REPORT

Season 2023/24 saw me invested as the DUC for the Murray Playing Area.

I have previously held this position within the Peninsular Bowls Association during 2010 until 2012.

One of the most difficult tasks to undertake is to retain our ageing populated current list of Umpires and Measurers. We have been most fortunate in achieving this task this season. Additionally, we have also seen a growth of 4 new respondents to bolster our numbers. This excites me tremendously as it seems that we have “bucked the trends.”

I do, however need to express my disappointment in getting Bowls Victoria to accredit these newly enthusiastic people. There has been considerable verbal attempts and prompts, to the Governing Body, to arrange for either myself or my counterpart in the Goulburn Valley to become accredited assessors. Worthy of note is that these people have already passed the online verbal/written assessment some time ago. It now remains to have them do their on green assessment and be finally accredited as National Umpires.

On another level, I wish to thank my loyal band of Umpires that have supported our Playing Area in State, Region, Pennant, and Club events throughout this season. Their unselfish dedication has seen our Playing Area host the Region Finals on all disciplines and be well facilitated on all occasions.

We have had nil disciplinary issues that needed our intervention nor any disenfranchised individual players that were unhappy with an Umpires ruling.

In all, our Playing area has had a quiet, busy, and uneventful season overall.

I look forward to the eventual intervention with our Governing Body in assessing our newest recruits and will happily continue in my role.



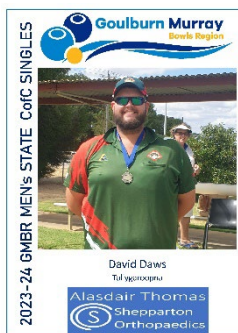
Geoff Westmore
DUC Chairman

GMBR STATE/REGION EVENT CHAMPIONS

Winners from the GMBR State Event finals held at the Strathmerton Bowls Club on Sunday's 3rd and 17th March who then went on to represent the region at the Bowls Victoria Champions Week on 13th to 21st April at the Bendigo East Bowls Club
 (NOTE: no play for CofC Pairs and Novice events at BV Champions Week).



Quarter Finalist



Last 16



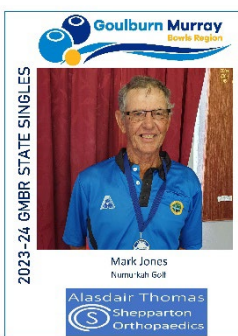
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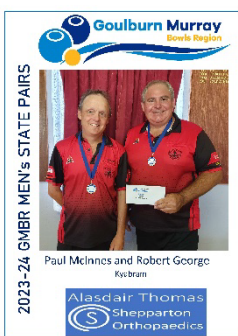
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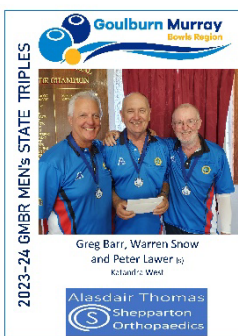
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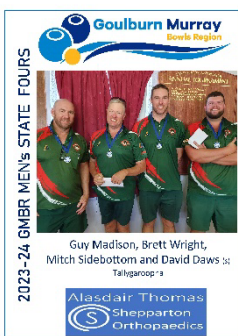
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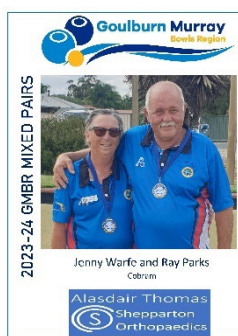
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Champions



Last 16



Last 16



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2024 GMBR DIVISION 1 CHAMPION of STATE PENNANT

The GMBR Midweek Division 1 Champion of Pennant was played at the Cobram Bowls Club on Tuesday 21st March with Cobram 72 defeating Shepparton Golf 39.

Cobram will now go on to represent the GMBR at the 2024 Bowls Vic Champion of State Pennant (Midweek) at Moama over Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May 2024



The GMBR Weekend Division 1 Champion of Pennant was played at the Numurkah Bowls Club on Wednesday 22nd March as a twilight game commencing at 6.00pm with Tallygaroopna 83 defeating Katandra West 44.



Tallygaroopna will now go on to represent the GMBR at the 2024 Bowls Vic Champion of State Pennant (Weekend) at Moama over Saturday 4th and Su

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 trial game against the Ovens and Murray Region.

This year’s challenge was ably hosted by the Numurkah Bowls Club, with the Goulburn Valley proving too strong winning the day 54 points 419 Shots to Murray 24 Points 373 shots.



Best Performed Rinks



Jean Sprague (s)
Jamie Stokes
Lyn Nicholson
Bree Warren
6 points and +22

Goulburn Valley



Brad Orr (s)
John Stokes
Wayne Dagger
Josh Cartwright
6 points and +18



Loris Houlihan (s)
Ruth Burnett
Jenny Warfe
Katrina Glover
4 points and +3

Murray



Dane Gade (s)
Geoff Sutcliffe
Ross Higgins
Ken Opray
4 points and +16

Goulburn Valley’s Winning Side



Maurie Rowlands holding the trophy with the Winning Goulburn Valley Side

2024 GMBR REGION SIDES



Following the “Rowland-Sutcliffe” Trophy played at Numurkah BC on Sunday 12th November the selectors named two sides of 16 to represent the GMBR against the Ovens & Murray in the now Annual Challenge (Trial) Match held at Yarrowonga Country Club on Sunday 3rd December where the final 12 member sides were selected to represent the GMBR at the 2024 Bowls Vic Region Sides Championship being held at Ballarat over the weekend of 12th – 14th January 2024.

GMBR v O&M Results Link; [Bowlslink: Competition - e1d01627-299b-48c9-ad16-b5389e22d927 #matches](https://www.bowlslink.com.au/competition/e1d01627-299b-48c9-ad16-b5389e22d927/matches)

WOMEN’S SIDE – MANAGER - Marj McDonald
SELECTORS – Lyn Nicholson and Leigh Hansen

	Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3
S	Carla Miles	Jean Sprague	Loris Houlihan
T	Kris Wright	Jamie Stokes	Jenny O’Connor
S	Lidija Patching	Judy Harvie	Di Hands
L	Kate Bush	Bree Warren	Kerry Baldacchino

Sectional Play - 1 Win 2 Losses Silver Section 2 [Bowlslink: Competition - f96edd14-2951-480a-a831-310525d66f68 4 #ladder](https://www.bowlslink.com.au/competition/f96edd14-2951-480a-a831-310525d66f68/4/ladder)

MEN’S SIDE – MANAGERS - Alan Rogers
SELECTORS – John Stokes and Geoff Sutcliffe

Sectional Play - 2 Wins 1 Draw Gold Section 1 [Bowlslink: Competition - 84d23066-2fcf-4764-964c-5f7375b490c9 #ladder](https://www.bowlslink.com.au/competition/84d23066-2fcf-4764-964c-5f7375b490c9/ladder)

	Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3
S	Brad Orr	David Daws	Brett Gunning
T	Joshua Cartwright	David Cartwright	Kris Ferguson
S	Ray Parks	Guy Madigan	John Stokes
L	Brent Reiner	Scott Adams	Nick Boyd



*Bowls Victoria Men’s Region Sides Runners-up
 GMBR 43 lost to BCGR 44*

GOULBURN MURRAY “DEVILS”

What a great year for the Devils in 2023-24. Where do you start to recap this fantastic season, State Champs, National Champs and just reminiscing of the great friendships made.

We have 20 Devils at the moment with clubs involved, Avenel, Merrigum, Kyabram, Mooroopna, Numurkah Town, Wunghnu, Cobram, Stanhope - we also have children joining our training from Benalla, Moama, and Deni RSL.

The ultimate goal for any junior is to be chosen to represent your State. This year Joshua Cartwright, Charlie Boswood and Jorja Ponton had the privilege of representing the State at a few events.



Our 3 Juniors represented the State in the Tri series in July last year played in NSW against NSW and Qld– the team coming home with the win. This performance led into the selection for Nationals in Perth in October for Josh and Charlie – what an experience for the boys. Coming home with a Gold Medal performance in the triples for Josh – with Nick Rowley and Will Mays and Charlie bringing home the gold with Koby Crombie in the pairs. Then a silver in the fours. The overall boys event was won by Victoria and then overall with the girls finished with a silver. Josh also finished off this event being named the Victorian player of the series.



Then Josh continued his form in the National Open Triples Event coming home with a Silver with David and Brent. What a massive 2 weeks that was.

School bowls was thrown in there somewhere for 2023 – Charlie, Henry, Josh and Jorja Ponton ventured to Tweed Heads for the School Sports Australia Championships. Victoria came home with an upset win for the National Event and Charlie and Josh were lucky enough to be named in the All-Australian Squad.



The 2024 school bowling events have continued with Josh, Hayley and Step Locke winning through to the Senior Section of the School Sport Vic competition and Jacob Cartwright & Liam McInnes and a new member James winning through for the Junior team where they will play off in Sunbury in May.

Josh Cartwright was also involved in the Inaugural Junior BPL – representing Moama Josh and his team mates had a great few days living the bowling dream unfortunately they just went down in the final – it was the week of watching the world’s best and then playing for the newest of trophies.





The devils have continued great form in all the events they have played. Liv Andrews won the Novice – and we had a few entries in all the State events throughout the season.



In terms of Teams events the most prestigious Junior Victorian Team event is the Flapper Shield – this is the equivalent of the Junior Regionals – after a tense day of sectional and knockouts in Ballarat the Devils senior team came home with a spectacular win. The Team was - James Wall – Avenel. Henry and Charlie Boswood, Josh and Jake Cartwright, Olivia Andrews, Mackenzie Parsons, Alex Briggs and Bayden Parkinson. We also had another team of younger players whom for some was their 1st major competition – they all did so well and gained great experience from the event.

The kids have featured in their own club events, winning everything from Club Championships – Henry and then to 100 ups and other minor events – we are proud of all the success and growth they have shown.

With all the tournaments the devils have been playing in – they have continued to improve greatly. Our final event for the season was the Under 18 State Week just after Easter – we had 15 kids playing in 35 games events over the week. Thanks to all the parents for coordinating this massive week. We had great success and some first-time bowlers attempting this tournament.

Boys Singles – We had 5 boys make the 2nd round of the knockouts then we had 3 making Quarter Finals – Jacob Cartwright was a surprise entrant making it all the way to the Grand Final event against Koby Cromie – after a full day of waiting on the Grand Final Day – Jacob put in a brave performance against a red hot Koby. What an awesome achievement to make this final event at 14 years of age.

Day 2 saw the new event of the Under 13 Singles and also the Girls Singles take place.

Hayley Hancock made the Semi Finals of the event – a great effort in her last State Champ week.

In the Under 13 singles our adopted Devil – Tyler Hillier from Deni RSL put in a solid performance to get to the Semi Finals going down to the eventual winner. A great concept to get the younger and newer bowlers onto the greens.

Day 3 – A full contingent of Devils played in the triples. We had 2 teams play off in the Quarter Finals – Hayley Hancock, James Wall and Mackenzie Parson came up against the strong side of Josh Cartwright and his Partners Emilee Davies and Taiia Devlin. Josh won through and couldn't get over the line for the win in the semis.

Day 4 – Mixed event – with the girls being sparse so a few devils had a break. A few new combinations and the challenge of playing with different people certainly threw it to the kids. Our devil combination of Luke Dunn and Kayla Jackson made it through to the Quarter Finals – what a great effort.

Day 5 – Boys and Girls Pairs on Saturday– Mixed results against some very tough opposition. Josh and Jacob featured on the Livestream and unfortunately couldn't get over the line. Last years winners Henry and Charlie made it through to the Semi Finals – going down to the eventual winners Koby and Kane.

The girls pairs event is a bit of a fairy tale story – we had 3 pairs play in the quarter finals – a really great result – two of these teams then played on opposite sides of the draw – we nearly had an all Devils final but unfortunately the team of Hayley Hancock and Harmony Rasmussen couldn't get over the line. Mackenzie Parsons and Gracie Retallick from Moama put in a great performance to get through to the final and then after some superb bowls held their nerve to bring home the win – it was certainly a big finals day on the Sunday and the team spirit and support for all our Devils and friends was fantastic to see. Congratulations to the girls on taking home the Under 18 State Title – the future looks great.

Our thanks go out to our Major Sponsor – Shepparton Club for their continued support. To our other financial supporters – Wunghnu, Numurkah Town, Numurkah Golf, Mooroopna and our clubs for hosting our events Kyabram and Numurkah Town a massive thanks to Shepparton Park for their great support in letting us train there weekly. It's all greatly appreciated.

In finishing up – this season we had 1 Devil that has aged out Jorja Ponton – Jorja's development has been huge over the years – Nana as she was affectionately known has grown into a very capable young woman even gaining her umpires badge. We wish Jorja all the best and continued good bowling – what a journey the devils have been for her for many, many years.

We also have another aging out very soon – James Wall – has been with the devils for a number of years. He has quietly gone about his business and is a valued member of the Devils. To come home with a win in the Flapper Shield was fantastic for all our Devils but especially those that this event was their last one – James, Josh Cartwright and Hayley – (they have a few more events before they turn 18 in August).



The Devils will have another celebration of their year's success and this will be at The Shepparton Club – keep an eye out for those details. And finally, thanks to all our parents for supporting their kids and coach David for guiding the kids – and we shall continue to train during winter so if there are any kids out there you know of Monday nights 6pm.

Naomi Cartwright
Chair/Coordinator



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3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SHEPPARTON PARK B.C. – 23rd MAY 2023

CHAIR: Alan Rogers

MINUTES SILENCE: The President asked all present to rise for a minutes silence in respect of departed members

<u>BOARD:</u> Stephen McGregor (Secretary)	Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer)	Archie Ellis (Director)
Maree Formica (Director)	Bruce Giovanetti (Director)	Grace Kenworthy (Director)
Joe Luci (Director)	Marj McDonald (Director)	

PRESENT: Goulburn Murray Clubs represented by Delegates

GOULBURN PLAYING AREA (24)

Alexandra: Ann Argent; Ken Argent
 Avenel: Noel Slater
 Colbinabbin: Kevin McTaggart
 Dookie: Ron Harker; Dan Oster
 East Shepparton: Kevin Cox; Marilyn Cox
 Eildon: Ray Holt
 Euroa: Richard Noble; Marc Stevens
 Hilltop: Glenn Clark
 Kyabram: John Hausler; Chris Preddy
 Merrigum: Maureen Shepherd; John Firmer
 Mooroopna: Allan Donaldson
 Mooroopna Golf: Maree Formica; Ken Maude
 Murchison: Nil
 Nagambie: Apology Tendered
 Rushworth: Jean Sprague
 Seymour: Greg Quillinan
 Seymour VRI: Nil
 Shepparton Golf: James McLeod; Jock Hastie
 Shepparton Park: Kelvin Rogash
 Stanhope: Apology Tendered
 Tallygaroopna: Tony Rendina
 Tatura: Nil
 Violet Town: Margaret Crawford; Graham Crawford
 Yea: Vivian Cavanagh

MURRAY PLAYING AREA (13)

Barooga Sports: John Bruce: Brian Baldwin
 Berrigan: Nil
 Cobram: Apology Tendered
 Finley: Nil
 Jerilderie: Nil
 Katandra West: Greg Barr; Kevin Minogue
 Nathalia: Bev Hutchins; Liz Oliver
 Numurkah: Ross Henderson; Joel Howman
 Numurkah Golf: Loris Houlihan; Maree Luci
 Picola: Apology Tendered
 Strathmerton: Nil
 Tocumwal Golf: Dave Hansen; Phil Hodge
 Wunghnu: Nil

APOLOGIES: (as per attendance sheet)

David Furletti (Avenel) Geoff Hateley (Avenel) Ken Newton (Barooga Sports) Ray Parks (Cobram)
 Andrew Rushby (Cobram) Don Risstrom (Colbinabbin) Paul Smitheram (Eildon) Greg Toy (Hilltop)
 Kenneth Maude (Mooroopna Golf) Faye Wheelhouse (Mooroopna Golf) Vicki Reidy (Nagambie)
 Jan Niven (Numurkah Golf) Bruce Agnew (Picola) Deb Thompson (Rushworth) Don Prudden (Seymour)
 Greg Fitzpatrick (Stanhope) Teena Harris (Stanhope) Leanne Russell-Jones (Violet Town)

It was moved Greg Quillinan and seconded Ken Argent that the apologies as presented be accepted. Carried

MINUTES:

Business Arising:

- As per delegates instructions the Board appointed Peter Limbrick as Auditor
- As per Delegates instructions the Board set the Regional Levy at \$12 per member registered on BowlsLink
- As per Delegates instruction the Board conducted 3 delegates meetings in both playing areas during the season

- The delegates requested that 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).

Result was Bowls Vic Board had already discussed this matter and decided that no action would be taken

- Delegates supported the adding the Life Member and Hall of Fame /Legends categories of membership to the Region Constitution

Secretary has amended GMBR Constitution as requested dated 17th May 2022

It was moved Ross Henderson (Numurkah) and seconded Ron Harker (Dookie) that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2022 be approved. Carried

REPORTS: as read contained in the Annual Report

PRESIDENT

Alan Rogers – (see page 1 Annual Report)

ADMINISTRATION

Stephen McGregor – (see page 3 Annual Report)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jenny Sutcliffe – (see page 8 Annual Report (pages 9-11 for detailed report))

TRADING REPORT From: 01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023

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
	Capital In	Nil
<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>	Nett Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>

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

NOTE: The Secretary advised of an error in the printed Annual Report (page 9) where Profit/Loss showed as \$32,151.39 but should have been \$4,337.95 as above.

It was moved Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer) and seconded Jean Sprague (Rushworth) that the Annual Reports as presented be received. Carried

GMBR DEVILS FINANCIAL REPORT

Naomi Cartwright – (see Annual Report page 12 for detailed report)

DEVILS TRADING REPORT From: July 2022- May 2023

Trading	2022/2023
Balance	\$ 2,080.11
Receipts	\$ 9,916.19
Expenditure	\$ 8,666.88
Profit/Loss	\$ 1,249.31
Capital In	Nil
Nett Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 1,249.31</u>
Cash Assets as at	May 2023
Cash at Bank	<u>\$ 3,329.42</u>
Total Balance	<u>\$ 3,329.42</u>

MATCH COMMITTEES

- **Goulburn Valley Playing Area** John Stokes – (see page 13 Annual Report)
- **Murray Playing Area** Allan “Jack” Dell – (see page 20 Annual Report)

WELFARE Grace Kenworthy – (see page 25 Annual Report)

GM DEVILS Naomi Cartwright – (see page 29 Annual Report)

It was moved Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Marilyn Cox (East Shepparton) that the Annual Reports as presented be received. *Carried*

Election of Board of Directors:

The outgoing GMBR Board President Alan Rogers remained in the chair for the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2023-24

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

Board Nominations and Elections:

As the number of nominations (3) did not exceed the number of vacancies (4) the following were duly elected with a further nomination, preferably from the Murray Playing Area to be sought by the board;

Director (Goulburn Valley)	Grace Kenworthy	Moved Alan Rogers	2nd Stephen McGregor
Director (Murray)	Joe Luci	Moved Lorraine Milner	2nd Moira Blake
Director (Goulburn Valley)	James McLeod	Moved Bruce Giovanetti	2nd Paul Trewren

Board Executive Appointments:

Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Grace Kenworthy (Goulburn Valley) (Returning - Elected Unopposed) (Board Nominated)		
Deputy President	Joe Luci (Murray) (Returning - Elected Unopposed) (Board Nominated)		
Secretary	Stephen McGregor (Goulburn Valley)		
Treasurer	Jenny Sutcliffe (Murray)		

Board Members:

Director (Goulburn Valley)	Bruce Giovanetti	
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Maree Formica	
Director (Goulburn Valley)	James McLeod	(New - Elected Unopposed)
Director (Murray)	Archie Ellis	
Director (Murray)	Vacant	

Board Meeting:

The Board met at the conclusion of the AGM and scheduled their next Meeting for Monday 26th June at 2.30pm via ZOOM (Secretary to arrange with BV Support)

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved Noel Slater (Avenel) and seconded Marie Luci (Numurkah Golf) that Peter Limbrick be approached to continue as the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region auditor and if in agreement he be appointed as such. *Carried*

Sub-Committees:

To be appointed by the GM Board from Nominations Received and if required, seek further nominations from the general membership – club delegates were requested to seek members from their clubs.

Honorariums:

The Board recommended there be no change from last season last season;

\$ 2,000.00	President
\$ 4,000.00	Secretary
\$ 1,000.00	Treasurer
\$ 3,000.00	Board Members (\$500 ea. x 6)
\$ 1,500.00	Match Committee Chairs (\$500 ea. x 3)
\$ 500.00	GM Devils Co-Ordinator/Coach
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\$12,000.00	TOTAL

It was moved Chris Preddy (Kyabram) and seconded Ann Argent (Alexandra) that the GMBR Board Honorariums be set as above.

Carried

Regional Members Levy/Subscription:

To be set by the members at the AGM, the board recommended no change from previous years and the levy remain at \$12.

was moved Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Greg Barr (Katandra West) that the board recommendation of a \$12.00 levy per member as registered on Bowlslink be approved.

Carried

Bowls Program:

The Region Bowls Program was discussed at a meeting of the current board and chairpersons of the respective Playing Area Match Committees and will be released to the club's and, placed on the Region website ASAP once finalized.

Region Championship Finals:

The Region Championship Finals dates have been set by the Board in conjunction with representatives of the appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees – Murray is 2023-24 host Playing Area for all finals.

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.

GOULBURN VALLEY Playing Area – at Mooroopna BC - 10.00am

Thursday 28th September / Thursday 30th November and Thursday 7th March

MURRAY Playing Area – at Boorooga Sports BC - 3.00pm

Wednesday 27th September / Wednesday 29th November and Wednesday 6th March

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

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS**BOWLERS HANDBOOK**

The Board, having discussed the cost of printing a hard copy of the Bowlers Handbook (\$10,000 Approx) as against an electronic copy to be provided to clubs and placed on the Region website where it could be downloaded, agreed to recommend to the AGM that a hard copy be discontinued.

It was moved Greg Barr (Katandra West) and seconded Jean Sprague (Rushworth) that the board recommendation to discontinue the hard copy of the Bowlers Handbook be approved.

Carried

2023-24 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Playing Area Match Committee Chairs and Board Directors, have been meeting to discuss and finalize the 2023-24 Conditions of Play, utilizing the Bowls Vic 2022-23 Conditions of Play as a base guide. They will be released to clubs and placed on the Region website once finalized.

HOSTING OF AN INDIGENOUS ROUND OF PENNANT

Email request from Tim Gribble (Shepparton Golf)

“Would the Region be interested in hosting an indigenous round across the competition for this year.”

It was moved Ann Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Kevin McTaggart (Colbinabbin) that the clubs be given the opportunity to discuss the possibility of playing of an “Indigenous Round of Pennant Bowls” and vote at the September Delegates Meetings on whether to proceed or not. Carried

PROPOSAL FOR A GMBR PREMIER DIVISION PENNANT

The board discussed the possibility of forming a GMBR PREMIER DIVISION for both weekend and midweek Pennant to commence in 2024-25, with expressions of interest from clubs from both region playing areas, including meeting with those clubs representatives to discuss the proposal.

It was moved Greg Barr (Katandra West) and seconded Alan Dell (Numurkah Golf) that the meeting recommend that the board take appropriate action for clubs to consider the formation of a “Premier Division” in both Weekend and Midweek Pennant Bowls. Clubs to be given a rough of how the “Premier Division” would work and then the opportunity to express interest in entering a side.

PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

Grace Kenworthy (GMBR Board President) thanked Alen Rogers and Marj McDonald for their time and efforts on the GMBR Board and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of those present.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.47am

