



# Weekly Bulletin

Peter Hanlon - Chief Executive

**bowls victoria**

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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS – Peter Hanlon**

I want to thank all of the Transition Committee Members who have been working solidly to bring about the establishment of the new Bowls Divisions and Bowls Regions through amalgamation of the RVBA Groups/Associations and VLBA District Ladies' Bowling Associations. It has been an enormous project and we can see a light at the end of the tunnel in the vast majority of cases. I will provide a complete update next week.

### **New Bowls Region and Bowls Division Committees**

There will shortly be requests made by the new Bowls Regions and Bowls Divisions for bowlers to nominate for the various committees to be established locally. It is hoped that many of the people who have contributed as committee members under the previous structures will continue in the new structures, and that new people might also consider nominating to be involved.

### **Bowls Victoria Under 18 Development Committee**

The members of the U18 Development Committee are confirmed as:

Doug Kneebone – Chairman  
Fay Ruthven – Deputy Chairman  
Geoff Taylor – Under 18 Development Squads Support  
Todd Simmons – Under 18 Coach  
Holly Simmons – Under 18 HP Advisor  
Geoff Briggs            John Gregson  
Ken Gullick            Glen Baskett  
Terry Norris

(Bowls Victoria thanks Jacqueline McLaren and Gay Jebb for their significant contribution to the U18 program and would have welcomed their continuation. I would be pleased to hear from other women who may be interested in joining this committee).

### **BOARD MATTERS**

Bowls Victoria will provide formal advice to Clubs next week in relation to matters arising from the April Board Meeting.

### **OPERATIONS NEWS**

#### **Graeme Bridge – Operations Manager**

Graeme is currently in Barham for the Champion of State Pennant Division 1 (Men's) Championship. Full results and updates on operational matters will be provided next week.

**DEVELOPMENT NEWS**  
**Kate McLauchlan – Operations Manager**

Please be aware of the closing date below:



## **2011 VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL** **FINAL REGISTRATIONS DUE MAY 1**

The Victorian Seniors Festival offers bowls clubs a fantastic opportunity to attract new members and cater to a specific demographical segment on a scheduled day; it provides the perfect platform for seniors who would like to try or take up bowls in the future.

Every year the festival gets bigger and better, and this year it promises to be a wonderful celebration of Victoria's seniors. I now have **83 clubs** signed up for this fabulous event; with the numbers increasing daily.

In 2010 Bowls Victoria joined forces with the Victorian Seniors Festival and beyondblue to host a joint initiative. This initiative was acknowledged by beyondblue and the Victorian Senior Festival by providing each participating bowls club with **\$100 sponsorship**.

I'm proud to announce that this years event, will again be a joint initiative. This will enable Bowls Victoria to provide all participating clubs with a monetary sponsorship.

Due to the fantastic response that I have received, I have been granted an extra week to accept expressions of interest. As a result, can all clubs that wish to take part in this fabulous event, please submit an expression of interest in writing to Kate McLauchlan by **May 1st** 2011. Expressions of interest can be sent to [katemc@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:katemc@bowlsvic.org.au) or by mail to Bowls Victoria, Bowlers House, PO Box 6080, Hawthorn West VIC 3122.

Bowls Victoria is a strong supporter of the Victorian Seniors Festival and strongly encourages all participating clubs to embrace this fantastic event. Seniors are the foundation of many bowls clubs and we welcome any new participants you are thinking of taking up our great sport with open arms.

\* Can all clubs that have already registered please note that the pennant season starts on Sunday October 2; as a result if you need to change the date of your event, please do so as soon as possible.



**DEVELOPMENT NEWS**  
**Jane McMenaman**  
**Vic Health Development Officer**



**School Sports Victoria – State Lawn Bowls Championships**

The SSV State Lawn Bowls Championships were held yesterday at Melbourne Bowling Club with 8 teams from all over the state vying for the top prize. Bendigo Senior Secondary College defeated Balwyn High School in the final 16-2 to be crowned the 2011 Victorian Champions.

Congratulations to Tim Zwar at School Sports Victoria, Melbourne Bowling Club and to all schools who participated in this fantastic event.

**Any comments/questions: please email to Peter Hanlon c/o [kareng@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:kareng@bowlsvic.org.au)**  
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