



# Weekly Bulletin

Peter Hanlon - Chief Executive

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

### **1. METROPOLITAN PENNANT**

As a result of the changes to the Equal Opportunity Act to come into effect on **1 August 2011**, that will give Bowls Victoria more flexibility in determining the structure of Saturday and Tuesday Pennant, the final formats will be determined within the next week.

Although **Pennant Entry Forms for 2011-2012** have already been forwarded to Clubs, given the changes to the Act and the ability to conduct competitions in a different format, **new Entry Forms** will be developed and provided to all Clubs within the next month for entries for Metropolitan Pennant for 2011-2012.

Entries will still close on 8 August 2011

Just to clear the air, those people who are saying that Bowls Victoria will now go back (indeed **has to** go back) to conducting **only single gender pennant** – that is, pennant where only men can play together, and only women can play together – are misrepresenting the facts. Please ignore such opinions – they are just that – “opinions” without any factual basis.

### **2. PENNANT CONDUCTED BY REGIONS OR DIVISIONS**

Bowls Victoria is looking to meet on **Wednesday 25 May** at **Bowlers House** commencing at **10.30 am** with **one man & one woman** from **each** of the **Regions and Divisions** responsible for conduct **their own BV Pennant Competitions**, at which to explain/discuss new opportunities.

**Refer below.**

#### **ATTENTION: Secretaries of Bowls Regions and Divisions re Pennant Competitions**

(**Not required:** Metro West, Northern Gateway, Yarra, Eastern Ranges and Sandbelt).

#### **YOU MUST CONTACT BOWLS VICTORIA WITH NOMINEES BY TUES 17 MAY 2011**

Send to **Karen Gilmartin** ([kareng@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:kareng@bowlsvic.org.au)) the **contact names and email addresses & mobiles** of the **two people (refer above) attending the Pennant Planning Meeting on Wed 25 May - 10.30 am** .

## **REGION & DIVISION CONSTITUTIONS AND C.A.V.**

### **To Transition Committees/Interim Boards of Regions/Divisions**

This week has seen a number of Constitutions submitted by Regions and Divisions “hit a hurdle” at Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), especially in relation to **rule 10**. The Lander & Rogers template wording for **rule 10** states that in Regions or Divisions: “The Board has no power to discipline Members..” and makes reference in the final paragraph of **rule 10** that “Bowls Victoria has the power to discipline Members ..”.

Even where the wording has been submitted unchanged, CAV has maintained that there is a need to detail Bowls Victoria discipline procedures; Lander & Rogers disagree with that ruling and are in discussions with CAV at present.

Some constitutions from Regions or Divisions have been submitted with a change to the wording at the start of **rule 10** indicating that their “Board **has** power to discipline Members”.

These appear to have been rejected by CAV because they fail to define the disciplinary procedures to be followed by the Region or Division.

Where a Transition Committee has had Constitutions returned or held up by CAV over **rule 10**, **please email to me** [peterh@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:peterh@bowlsvic.org.au) that this has occurred. By Monday I hope to have clarity on the matter.

The confusing matter is that some constitutions have been passed with the identical wording.

## **BOWLS OPERATIONS NEWS – Graeme Bridge**

### **Bowls Victoria Event Calendar**

The event calendar for season 2011/2012 is now online on the Bowls Victoria website. Separate information regarding the Metropolitan State Championship events for both Men & Women has been included and will be discussed with the Championship/Match committees of the newly formed Metropolitan Regions in the weeks ahead.

New for the 2011/2012 season will be the combining of the Men's & Women's State Finals in Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Champion of Champions Singles and a new event to the calendar, the Champion of Champions Pairs, into the one State Champions week.

Click here for Bowls Victoria Event Calendar Webpage <http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/index.php?id=229>

### **Bowls Victoria Men's Australian Indoor Qualifying**

The draw for this event will be uploaded to the Bowls Victoria website during the coming week.

Entries for this event closed on Tuesday 3rd May 2011, yet we are still receiving requests to accept entries.

This event is closed and requests to submit late entries will not be accepted.

The dates for play are Saturday 18th June and Sunday 19th June at venues around Country Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne.

### **Bowls Victoria Pennant Plaques & Small Banners**

The plaques presented to Division winning teams for the 2010/2011 Pennant Season have been returned to us from the engravers and are now ready to be picked up from reception at Bowler's House. Pick-up from next Tuesday 17th May 2011 would be appreciated to avoid possible damage through normal postage procedures.

Many thanks to all clubs who have been patient after some unexpected delays in the production of their Division Runner-Up and Section Winner bannerettes. These will be forwarded to recipient clubs during the next week or so.

### **'BOWLS IN FOCUS' NEWS – Michael Stanley**

Bowls Clubs who are searching for new Greenkeepers, Managers or Coaches for season 2011-2012 are reminded that 'Bowls in Focus' is regularly used by member clubs to attract applications for positions within their clubs.

For further information about advertising your available positions in the next edition of the 'Bowls in Focus' magazine, please call **Michael Stanley on 0419 045 665**.

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