



Weekly Bulletin

Peter Hanlon - Chief Executive

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS – Peter Hanlon

Naming of Events

As bowlers would now be aware from previous Bulletins, under the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, Bowls Victoria (and its affiliated bodies – Regions, Divisions, Clubs) may now conduct Women's only tournaments and events – as a means to facilitating greater participation by women and girls in our sport.

We all know that State Championships (Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Champion of Champions Singles and Champion of Champions Pairs) are also able to be conducted as single gender events since they form part of the talented player pathway in Victoria.

I have written to the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission seeking guidance upon how we can advertise tournaments/events which are not covered in the above provisions of the Act.

I will advise all Clubs, Divisions and Regions as soon as I receive this advice.

Bowls Division/Region Clubs seeking to enter Sides in another Division/Region Pennant Competition

It has come to my attention that at least one club is seeking to enter a **side** in the pennant competition of a neighbouring Bowls Division of their own Bowls Region. There is a potential to significantly impact upon the Club's own Division's pennant competition if proper procedures are not implemented for these situations.

Although Bowls Victoria has made clear the procedure for a **Club** applying to **transfer** from one Region or Division to another (**Regulations 3.10 & 4.10**), the procedures for seeking to enter a Side in another Division or Region are unclear. The model provided may well lead to similar requirements.

The Board will be addressing this issue at its meeting next Wednesday and advice will flow shortly after.

BOWLS OPERATIONS NEWS

Graeme Bridge – Bowls Operations Manager

Victorian Open 2011

Entry forms have today been loaded onto the Bowls Victoria Website along with **Conditions of Play** & the **Competition Schedule** for the event.

Please refer to the specific information regarding how to enter and what **requirements** must be met in order to use this event to attempt qualifying for **the 2012 Australian Open**.

Entries will be received on a first to nominate basis and will only be processed if accompanied with the required information and entry fees applicable to all events.

Bowlers entering the event are encouraged to use the **Discover Shepparton link** on the Victorian Open website to **book accommodation** for the event and investigate the many **other attractions** available when visiting the **Greater Shepparton Region**.

Bowls Victoria wishes to extend its **thanks** to the **Greater Shepparton City Council, the Goulburn Valley Bowls Division, Host Venue - Shepparton Park BC and the support venues** who will be coming on board to assist with the running of the event.

Clearances

Clearance & Affiliation forms for season **2011/2012** that were posted last week on the **Bowls Victoria Website** are those which should now be in use by clubs and members.

From July 1 the newly created **BV4 form** (Combination of the old BV4 & BV5 forms and replacement for the pink Membership & Change of Advice Form) **has superseded the 2010/2011 forms**. To enable all clearance application forms (male & female) to be successfully processed, any clearance form arriving at Bowls Victoria since July 1, must be accompanied by a BV4 form 2011/2012 , the \$25.00 clearance fee & \$35.00 affiliation fee or \$22.00 Under 18 affiliation fee.

As advised previously, **clearances submitted on old forms (2010/2011 Clearance or BV4 & BV5 or Pink Membership & Change of Advice Form) will be processed up to and including the 1st August 2011.** After this date, their processing will be **delayed** until they are **re-submitted** on the proper forms.

It would be appreciated if Club CCO's could convey this message to Club Secretaries and members please.

Metropolitan Pennant Nominations

Nomination forms for Metropolitan Midweek & Saturday Pennant competitions are returning at a very slow trickle at the moment. This is a reminder to all clubs that the closing dates for the return of these forms are fast approaching.

Midweek nomination forms are required to be submitted **by Monday 1 August**, and the **Saturday** nomination forms **by Monday 8 August**.

TAKE NOTE: Bowls Discs – Orders by 31 July 2011.

Clubs are reminded that **orders of Bowls Disc** are required to be with Bowls Victoria by the **end of July** - the order forms were sent out via CCOs and are available on the website under merchandise

GAME DEVELOPMENT NEWS
Game Development – Kate McLauchlan



Attention City Of Casey Bowls Clubs

The City of Casey is providing some fantastic workshop opportunities for your club volunteers to attend. This is a great opportunity to send various members from your committee / club, ensuring new skills and information is gained by more than one person.

"Developing your club presence online" –

Monday 18th July 2011

This workshop will explore ways in which your club can connect to the wider community using various forms of online directory's, such as Casey's Volunteer Matcher and Casey Connect, and the various social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter.

"Increasing coaching opportunities for junior club members" –

Wednesday 27th July 2011

This information session, with Active After-school Communities program, will cover how to become involved as a community coach and is open to all club members and aspiring future coaches.

Casey Sports Forum – Celebrating Sport in Casey –

Wednesday 10th August 2011

The Casey Sports Forum "Celebrating Sport in Casey", brings together sports club volunteers, to recognise their efforts in the community and to celebrate sport in Casey.

The evening provides a wonderful opportunity for club volunteers to network with other volunteers. This year the guest speaker is Bianca Chatfield, one of Australia's most successful netballers and a positive role model for the sport.

*** Please click on hyperlink heading for information flyers**

Vouchers for Volunteers

I encourage all Casey bowls clubs to apply to BP to receive fuel Vouchers for Volunteers. You may wish to reward all volunteers by providing them with a \$50 fuel voucher. Applications close 17/07/2011

Please click on the link below for more details

<http://www.bp.com/sectiongenericarticle.do?categoryId=9037532&contentId=7069023>

For further information on any of the above opportunities please email mpratt@casey.vic.gov.au or ring Melanie Pratt – Sports Development Coordinator, City of Casey.

Any comments/questions: please email to Peter Hanlon c/o kareng@bowlsvic.org.au

For further information on Bowls Victoria, please regularly go to www.bowlsvic.org.au