



Weekly Bulletin

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS

Energy Watch Partnership with Bowls Victoria

I am delighted to inform all bowlers of a new **Corporate Partnership between Bowls Victoria and EnergyWatch**, a company that is also the Joint Major Sponsor of the Melbourne Football Club and Joint Principal Partner of Melbourne Victory.



A letter outlining the benefits offered by EnergyWatch to Bowls Victoria Clubs and Members is attached, along with a flyer with further details. There is a deadline of 21 January 2012 for maximizing the benefits offered by EnergyWatch and Clubs and Members are encouraged to call on the toll free numbers provided.

Figures provided by EnergyWatch reveal the level of savings already achieved by some Bowls Clubs:

Warrnambool Bowls Club – Approximate savings \$12,000 per year

Berwick Bowling Club – Approximate savings \$6,000 per year

Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club – Approximate savings \$250 per year

Please ensure that the *EnergyWatch* letter and brochure are displayed prominently for all in your club to consider.

BOWLS OPERATIONS NEWS

Region Sides Championship

Bowls wise, the focus shifts **to Corowa** this weekend for the first staging of the Bowls Victoria Region Sides Championship.

The event is being conducted at the Corowa Services greens on the site of the old Corowa Bowling Club. Five greens will be in operation for the weekend's activities, and the field of 256 players who will assemble for the event will be representing the newly identified Regions for the first time.

Under the former Group structure that existed there were 8 Country and 8 Metropolitan Groups that contested the event on an annual basis, but with the re-distribution of Region boundaries the event takes on a whole new look that will potentially see former comrades in the old structure now becoming representatives with their new Regions being pitted against one or more of their former colleagues.

All four sections were completely drawn out of the hat for this event and appear to be fairly even on paper.

Section A is interesting as it has four virtually new identities contesting the sectional play. Gippsland Region is half of the old Group 8 along with Central Goulburn Murray who have been combined as part of the former groups 5 & 1 respectively. Peninsula Casey Region is the former Group 7 combined with parts of Group 14 and West Coast is part of the former group 2 that used to stretch from Geelong to the border. It's hard to pick a clear winner in this section as all teams seem to be well balanced.

Section B is where things start to hot up as in this bunch we have the virtual defending champions from last year in Group 9 now identified as Metro West Region being pitted against Central Victoria Region much of the old Group 1 and locals Ovens & Murray Region the former Group 6 who are always knocking on the door for a finals berth. Add to the mix the newly formed Bendigo Campaspe Region the other half of the old Group 5, and it is clear to see that the winner of this section will be fairly well fancied for a finals win on Sunday.

Section C sees three of the five metropolitan regions contesting for a finals spot and the Murray Mallee Region of former Group 4 who will no doubt be pressing for that spot as well. Eastern Ranges which is much of the old Group 12 & parts of Group 13 will be taking it to the highly fancied Sandbelt Region made up of the former Groups 14, 15 & 16, and you can't underestimate the Northern Gateway Region comprising of old group 10 who will be seeking a return to the winners circle.

Section D holds a few surprises too with Wimmera Region the old Group 3 and Yarra Region formerly Group 11 with sprinkles of Group 12 & 13 adding to their mix with all the capabilities to get to the Sunday games. Geelong Region as part of the former Group 2 could feature also, and Strzelecki Region will be out to establish their new identity as the other half of the former Group 8.

Come Sunday afternoon, one side will emerge as the Champion Region for 2012, but at the moment it's anyone's guess on who that will be considering the mix in this year's pot.

Activities get underway on Saturday morning at 8.30am with the Opening Ceremony that sees the sixteen Region sides marching and assembling on the greens at Corowa in a fantastic display of colour and excitement, and then it's 'game on' in the cut and thrust of the time limited championship duels that will be fought out in earnest.

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

Dear members,

Bowls Victoria is very excited to announce a new initiative for our clubs and members alike.

In partnership with Energy Watch, the attached information will provide clubs and members with the opportunity to save money off all Energy accounts – commercial and residential.

EnergyWatch have successfully helped over 200,000 customers save money on their energy bills! EnergyWatch is an Australia's No.1 Energy Broker and it's FREE SERVICE.

For every club or member that takes advantage of this initiative, Energy Watch will provide Bowls Victoria with a rebate to support Bowls Victoria initiatives – the more clubs and members that take advantage of this – the higher the return for Bowls Victoria.

The cost of this to participating clubs and members is nothing.

The process is very simple:

Residential Customers: 1300 855 604

- Up to 23% Discount off Power + EnergyWatch Rewards – Discount Card
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- \$250 Travel Voucher
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Business Customers: 1300 453 003

- Fix your Bowls Clubs Electricity Rates for 3 years at 2011 prices.
- Avoid the January 1st Price Rise, CPI and pass through charges will increase though.
- Must do it before the 21st of January.

Your support will not only assist us to become a more sustainable organization, but will also assist members in reducing their living costs in 2012.

Yours truly,



Bowls Victoria – Chief Executive

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