

GREATER NEWCASTLE BOWLS

MINUTES DELEGATES MEETING at LAMBTON BC and CHARLESTOWN

Date Monday APRIL 14, 2025. 5:30pm, Wednesday APRIL 16, 2025. 11:00AM

Attendance – As per Sign in sheet

Apologies – Noelene Wilson (Valentine), Mary Downey (Toronto), Errol Lind (Dora Creek), Steve Lee (Beresfield), Ross, Fyfe (Belmont) Kathy York (Redhead), Carole Sager (Boolaroo)

OBITUARIES John Carmody (Dora Creek), Michael Huff (New Lambton), Robert Carroll and Life Member Alan Baxter (Marks Point), Kerrie McDougall (Hamilton North), Margaret Lewis (Lemon Tree Passage), Gary Randall (Raymond Terrace)

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS AND REPORT MARK CONWAY

Last month I attended Marks Point Bowling Club where I welcomed the Men's Pennant Grade 2 Bowlers to their wonderful Club and to our Region. I was then invited to present the Medals and the Runners Up Flag for the Grade 2 at the Club Charlestown which was a pleasure in doing so and seeing an exciting Final. The following Sunday I attended Soldiers Point Bowling Club to witness great match ups in the Battle of the Ages. A great concept showing that our Region has many talented Bowlers. Congratulations to everyone who played and a big Thank You to Soldiers Point for hosting the event.

Then it was off to Scone Bowling Club with our Veterans Regional Team where the boys had only dropped 2 rinks in the 3 matches. Unfortunately, they could not defend the trophy that they won last year as they did not make the Final. Congratulations to the 12 players who were selected as you did our Region Proud on and off the Bowling Greens. To our lady supporters who attended thank you for your support. Also, to our Manager Kevin Bucklee you done a superb job. Our selectors Warren Flanagan and Phil Brockbank thank you also for your dedication over the 3 days. To the Management/Cooks/Bar Staff/Greenkeepers and all involved in Scone Bowling Club what an exceptional job you did looking after all the Bowlers. WELL DONE.

Congratulations to all our Regional Bowlers Men and Ladies who have been proudly selected to represent Greater Newcastle Bowls in May for the Inter-Region Sides Championships to be held at Cabramatta in May.

Please remember to place your name down for the Vets/Super Vets Day to be held at Beresfield on May 1st. This will be a great day again being sponsored by our friends from David Lloyds Funerals.

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The Pennant season is fast approaching the Final stages, and I would like to wish all those teams who makes the play offs all the best.

In closing over the past few months, we have seen the sad passing of many of our wonderful Regions Bowlers Ladies and Men. On behalf of our Management and Committees my prayers and thoughts are with them and their families.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD AT LAMBTON BC FEBRUARY 2

Matters arising

CORRESPONDENCE

1. BNSW National Integrity Framework
2. BNSW Amendment to COP for Men's and Women's Pennant (to be discussed in GB)
3. BNSW 2% rise in Affiliation fees
4. GNB, Vets and Super Vets Day information
5. GNB, Club assist information
6. GNB, Umpires Shirts
7. BA, BPL Cup hosting
8. City of Newcastle, update of Wal Young House land.

TREASURERS REPORT Don Wells

Treasurer's report: Profit Loss Statement from 1 July 2024 to current was circulated to clubs - Income 196,342; expenses \$211,189; Net Profit -\$14,847; Current account \$811,900.

Question from the floor regarding \$20,000 shown under rent of premises. President Mark explained that this fee was for Office at Lambton.

ADVISORY REPORT MILTON RIGBY

Advisory Documents

Advisory-01-National-Umpire-Accreditation

Advisory-02-National-Umpire-Re-Accreditation

Advisory-03-Update-of-Club-Officials-after-AGM

Advisory-04-Secretaries-Does-and-Donts

Are now available on Website

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The committee is working on a sample Bowling Co-operative Constitutions and Rules and Regulations. It was noted that this may require further changes to clauses relating to Discipline due to Bowls Australia adaptation of the National Integrity Framework.

The Committee discussed “Member Farming – Tap a Hidden Asset and Improve Your Bottom Line” this can be used by Clubs

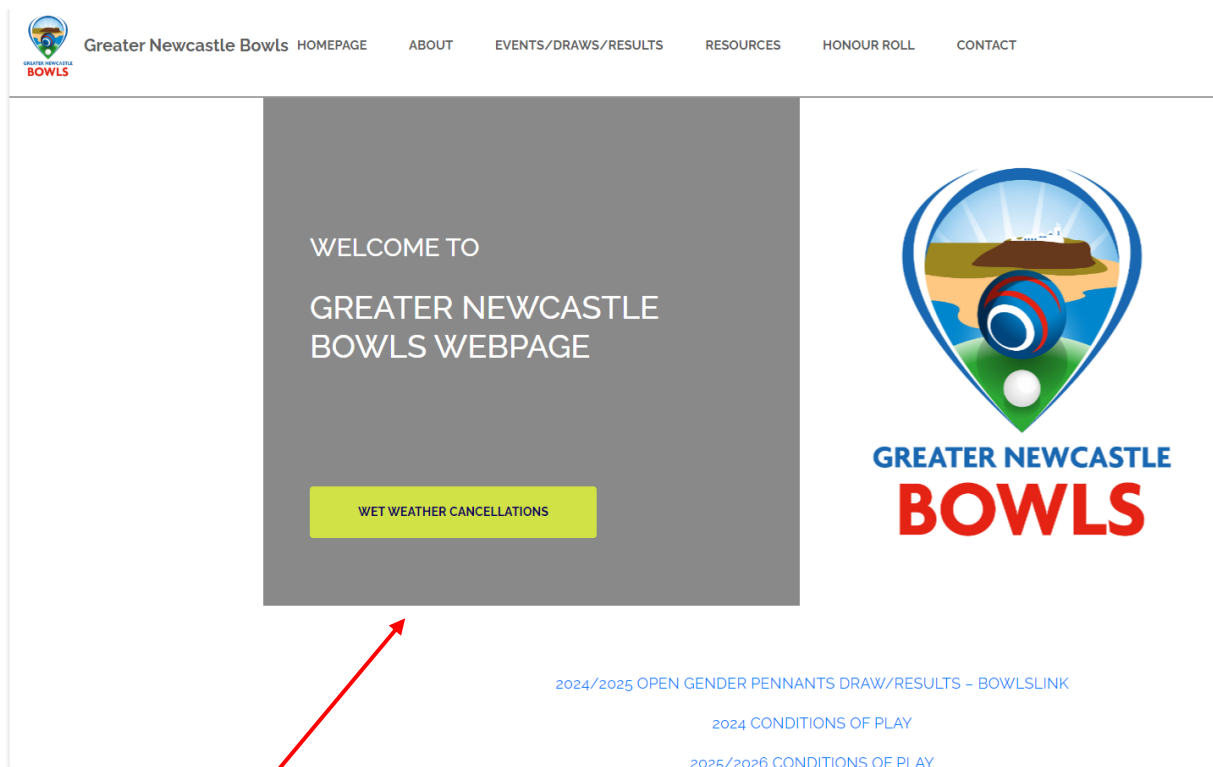
M. Rigby attended the Regional Conference with Representatives from each Region and explained that there may be problems associated with Regional and Club endorsement and implementation of the National Integrity framework.

MARKETING REPORT

GREATER NEWCASTLE BOWLS WEBSITE

To access Greater Newcastle Website - in your search engine type:

Greater Newcastle Bowls then click on **Greater Newcastle Bowls Homepage**



Members are encouraged to use the site regularly. Information is continually being uploaded.

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- **WET WEATHER** cancellations button is located on the **HOMEPAGE** – please add information onto this link if your games are called off – this is the most efficient method to let our members know which games are called off.
- On the **HOMEPAGE** there are links which will:
 - take members to bowlslink for Open Pennants draw/results
 - Open **2025/2026 Conditions of Play**

Honour Roll – is being updated with current and past honour roll information/results/photos etc. Members can click sub-menus for men's, womens, juniors, GNB representatives photos and names.

Thanks to Gayle Gannon for acquiring some of LMDWBA historical information which has been uploaded under Honour Roll, Women's tab. NDWBA and HRDWBA past Secretaries have been contacted requesting historical information.

Invitation/Tournament flyers are updated monthly on the website. Any flyers for events can be forward to j_m_evans60@hotmail.com so they can be included in each update.

June Evans (Website Administrator) Mob: 0407 661 768 or email j_m_evans60@hotmail.com

MATCH REPORT Gayle Gannon

Congratulations to:-

1. Brendan Stokes RT who def Matthew Swan CT in the Under 25 singles championship.
2. Natasha Van Eldik on her selection to play in the Trans Tasman;
3. Players who competed in the Sydney Masters;
4. Veteran Men on their selection in the Inter Region side at Scone;
5. GNB women on winning the Rose Bowl against Central Coast Bowls;
6. All players who have been selected in the Men's, Senior Men's and Women's Inter Region Sides Championship to be held late May.
7. Rodney Robards Memorial Shield fixture open and senior teams at Beresfield
8. Battle of the Ages rep side in March – U'25s finished third; O'40's were winners; U'40's runner-up; O'70's finished 4th.

State Pennant – Well done to Hamilton North Women Division 3 side who won the State Pennant Flag at Figtree Sports recently (a back to back victory having won the Division 4 State flag the previous year).

Raymond Terrace men were runner-up in Grade 1.

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The Veterans Pairs and Bowling Arm pairs will be played in mid April at Lambton.
Good bowling to all our players who will be competing in the State Championships at Ballina and Lennox Head from 25th March to 9th April.

Honour Roll - The transfer and sourcing of additional information to the new GNB website regarding player's successes over past years in Lake Macquarie and Newcastle Districts is progressing well, a big thank you to June Evans and Jenny Kenyon for their efforts in this regard.

SELECTION REPORT Ian Lean

It has been a busy time recently. With some mixed results.

Veterans State Inter-region championships were held in Scone. Unfortunately, we were unable to defend our title. The guys went well, winning 7 from 9 rinks in extremely hot temperature.

Well done to all players and officials.

The Women played in the Rose Bowl. All ladies played well in a dominate performance and taking home the trophy. Congrats to all.

After this match, players were selected to represent Greater Newcastle at the Inter-region Championships that will be played in May.

The Open Mens team and Over 60's team combined to represented Greater Newcastle in an attempt to win the Rodney Robards trophy. Pleased to announce they were successful.

The Over 60's team had a comfortable victory, where the open team had a nail biting, yet impressive win considering a few players deservingly making their debuts. It was great to see the pride and excitement on their faces as we handed them their caps.

The Battle of the ages was also played. The Under 25's, Under 40's, Over 40's and Veteran teams competed in a Round Robin event. This was an extremely close finish where the Over 40's narrowly edged out the Under 40's, successfully defending their title.

It was great to see the young up and coming players showcasing their abilities. I feel Greater Newcastle Bowls' future is looking great.

The Open and Over 60's Inter-Region teams were selected after the completion of these events.

Would like to thank all players for their efforts and commitment to Greater Newcastle bowls.

UMPIRES REPORT Kevin Bucklee

It has been stated by bowls NSW that as of the 1st July that new umpires and reaccrediting umpires will have to hold a working with Children certificate. We were informed that Bowls NSW are still looking at this. Hoping that doesn't affect our numbers.

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A complaint received about the use of orbital measures, at two different clubs, and suggesting that lady umpires may need more instruction because they were used to using the Golding measure, yes, the ladies did use the Golding measure a lot and still can do at club level, but it should not be used at regional or state games i.e. Pennants. Some have used this at pennants so we request that clubs inform their umpires of this.

Discussion was held on a complaint regarding the temperature at a match on 15th March. It was stated that there were two players that their watches read 34 deg, this is not the temperature at the venue but at the place that the temperature is taken and sent to phones and watches.

We tell umpires that if players appeal because they are stressed then let the players have a break,

If an umpire agrees or requests to bring players off the green and the controlling body overrules this then the umpires should write down that they have been overruled with time on the report if anything happens a copy of this should be handed to the controlling body and request their copy be signed.

Bowls N.S.W LTD Extreme Weather Guidelines can be downloaded from Bowls NSW which has Extreme weather charts, Heat Illness Charts as well as Wet Bulb Temperatures. As a guide for clubs.

We have completed the umpire's course at Charlestown 24th March, 10 new umpires completing the course

We hope to hold another course in Early May so clubs should get requests into Bowls NSW. One of the members of the committee had a call from a club about water on the green and the officials at the club wanted to Squeezy the water off the green but the players objected and said that they couldn't do it, the officials need to do this to get the players back on the green, he informed the club that it had nothing to do with the players that it was up to the club what they do to their green. The committee agreed with his ruling.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held at both meetings relating to Men's and Women's Pennant and what time period these two events should be played (Jan/June or July/Dec) a number of delegates spoke on this topic.
2. Information relating to Open Pennant finals was discussed.
3. Alex McDonald (Rathmines) spoke regarding Clubs having a Weather monitor and following policy and a uniform approach is required.

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4. Question from the floor enquiring what to do if no umpire was available for matches. It was explained that if no qualified umpire was available a “competent” person should be appointed for the match.

Meeting closed at 5.50pm

Next Delegates meeting was to be held on Monday June 30, at Lambton 5.30 pm, and Friday July 4, 10am at Raymond Terrace.