



The Go Gaters Bulletin

The Northern Gateway Bowls Region is run by the Member Clubs of the Region to provide programs and services for Member Clubs and Bowlers.

The CLUBS which are the REGION and run the REGION:

- Aberfeldie
- Aberfeldie Community
- Broadmeadows
- Buckley Park
- Brunswick
- Coburg
- Moreland
- Craigieburn
- Doutta Galla
- Epping RSL
- Essendon
- Fawkner
- Fitzroy Victoria
- Flemington - Kensington
- Gladstone Park
- Glenroy
- Keilor
- Kingsbury
- Lalor
- Maribyrnong Park
- Moonee Ponds
- Moonee Valley
- Preston
- Reservoir
- Princes Park
- Carlton
- Strathmore
- Sunbury
- Thornbury
- West Coburg
- Whittlesea

Welcome to the 2017/2018 Bowls Season

As the new President of the Northern Gateway Bowls Region it gives me pleasure to welcome all to the 2017/2018 bowls season. This bulletin is being piloted as an initiative to improve communications between the Region, the Member Clubs and bowlers.

During last season we consulted with club representatives and used the information to develop an Action Plan to improve our services. You told us that communications were poor.

This Bulletin is designed to be emailed by club officers to all members and/or to be printed and distributed around club rooms for all to read.

In this issue we include:

*Information on Region and State Championship events

*Details of the new Board of Directors

*An outline of Region Committees and advice on how you can become involved

*A meeting schedule for the year.

*Information on the Presidents Reception to be held on 18 October.

We wish you a great year of bowls and look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

Peter Mitchell
President, NGBR.

REGION and STATE Championships —Get Involved.

In partnership with Bowls Victoria the Region conducts a number of bowls competitions to provide bowlers with the opportunity to compete against others in the Region and provide a pathway to State level events.

Entry forms and schedules have been provided to clubs for promotion to all members—have you seen yours?

Events on offer are listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

It is a common experience that many bowlers underestimate how they might perform in such events. Not only can you expand your experience in bowls and play against those from other clubs you might do much better than you think—give it a go.

For more information contact the Chair of the Match Committee Fran Reid on 0434 114 198.

Expand your experience and skills in Bowls:

-Play against the best

-Beat the best

-Be the best

Enter state and regional championship events now.

Events Schedule Set for 2017/2018

Men's and Ladies Region/State Championships			
Event	Section	Entries Close at Region	First Day of Play
Singles	State Over 60s	20 Sept	11 Oct
	State Open	1 Nov	14 Jan
	State Novice	1 Nov	3 Dec
	State Under 25s	1 Nov	3 Dec
	Champion of Champions - Club Champions to Region by 17 January —First round on 25 February		
Pairs	Over 60s	4 Oct	25 Oct
	State Open	1 Nov	11 Feb
	State Mixed	1 Nov	28 Jan
Triples	State Triples	1 Nov	3 Dec
Fours	State Fours	25 Oct	12 Nov

The NGBR Champions 2016/2017

Event	Men	Women
Open Singles	Jay Bye-Norris (Essendon)	Carla Krizanic (Sunbury)
Over 60s Singles	Terry Ryan (Essendon)	Sandra Popple (Whittlesea)
Novice Singles	Andrew Bellino (Moonee Ponds)	Shirley White (Essendon)
Open Pairs	Ben Hubber (Glenroy)	Kim Blennerhasset (Whittlesea)
Over 60s Pairs	Jeff Isbister (Sunbury)	Sharon Whana (Glenroy)
Open Triples	Jeff Isbister (Sunbury)	Tiffany Brodie (Composite)
Open Fours	Matthew O'Brien (Fitzroy Victoria)	Sharon Whana (Composite)
Champion of Champions	Nick McIntyre (Whittlesea)	Carla Krizanic (Sunbury)

Major Events for Your Diary

- Victorian Open—Shepparton— 18–24 November
- State Champions Week—Bendigo East 17–23 April
- Bowls Victoria Champions of State Pennant (Saturday)—Moama—27-29 April
- Commonwealth Games—4-15 April
- Bowls Victoria Champions of State Pennant (Midweek)—Moama—8-10 May
- Australian Open—9–22 June
- Women's Regional Sides Championship—6–8 April
- Men's Regional Sides Championship—Traralgon—13-14 April.

The Region Board for 2017/2018

At the NGBR Annual General Meeting on 11 September the Board of Directors for 2017/2018 was appointed.

With a new Constitution in place a “draw” was conducted to determine tenure of members and then the Board elected its office bearers for the year:

President—Peter Mitchell (Princes Park Carlton) - 0417 557 413



Vice President—Lorraine Henneken (Keilor) — 0439 761 953



Director—Andy Smith (Moonee Ponds) 0418 177 135

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Secretary—Rob Blachford (Essendon) 0481 87 99 33



Treasurer—Geoff McCracken (Sunbury) -0498 651 328



Director—Fran Reid (Essendon) 0434 114 198



Director— Elaine Savelli (Sunbury) 0437 174 248



Director—Marg Watson (Whittlesea) 0403 663 508



From the draw the following Directors have 2 year terms (ending 2019):

- Lorraine Henneken
- Geoff McCracken
- Fran Reid
- Andy Smith

The following Directors hold 1 year terms (ending 2018):

- Rob Blachford
- Peter Mitchell
- Elaine Savelli
- Marg Watson.

Presidents Reception

All Club Presidents and Secretaries are invited to attend a Reception at Buckley Park Bowls Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 October. Personal invitations will also be forwarded to clubs.

The evening will recognise club officials while welcoming and supporting new club leaders. A briefing on the role of the region in providing programs and services will also be on the agenda. Presidents will also be able to engage with Committee members responsible for services provided for clubs.

REGIONAL MEETING DATES:

Club Presidents and Secretaries are advised to diarise the following dates for NGBR Regional Meetings during the coming year.

While it is hoped Presidents and Secretaries can attend to act on behalf of their clubs they may send other representatives if unable to attend.

- *GM—Mon 27 Nov.
- *GM—Mon 26 Feb.
- *GM— Mon 23 Apr(tbc)
- *AGM— Mon 27 Aug.

NGBR Organisational Structure

NGBR Board of Directors (See contact details on page 3)

Region Committees/Chairs

Match Fran Reid 0434 114 198	Umpires/Rules Bob Carlson 0421 280 087	Coaching Ted Golledge 0418 374 699	Under 18 Development Darren Yates 0402 422 094
Greens Andy Smith 0418 177 135	Night Pennant John Adams Terry Ryan	Club Development Rob Blachford 0481 87 99 33	Region Sides Alan Langley (Men) 0408 974 442 Fran Reid (Women) 0434 114 198

Representatives	
Bowls Victoria Regional Reps (BVRR) -Lorraine Henneken, Rob Blachford	Metro Pennant -Peter Mitchell, Fran Reid

NGBR Action Plan 2017—2018.

The NGBR Action Plan is a plan to make the Region and Club roles more transparent, improve communications and accountability .

After a year of consultation and planning it was formally adopted at the Annual General Meeting . The Plan sets goals and specific targets for the programs and services provided by the Region for clubs and bowlers .

The goals and targets cover:

- State and Regional Championships
- Training and Supporting for Umpires
- Training and Supporting for Coaches
- Club Development
- Assessment of greens and support for improvements
- Regional Sides Championships
- Under 18s Development/Northern Flyers
- Night Pennant

Steps have also been put in place to improve communications and engagement with the clubs of the regions and to ensure resources are appropriately budgeted to maximise value for clubs and bowlers.

A full copy of the Action Plan can be viewed on the Regions' website at www.northerngatewaybowls.com