

## **Annual General Meeting 2025**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Quorum is 29 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held May 22nd 2024
4. Receive reports from the Board Directors and Managers
5. Receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the act.
6. Election of Directors of the Board;
7. Two year term: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Male Bowls Director, Treasurer.
8. Election of Managers; Bar Manager, Catering Manager, Sponsorship Manager and Social Activities Manager;
9. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club, of which due notice has been given according to the rules. .
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Close of Meeting

## **Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

### **Present:**

Jim Shanahan, Chris Meek, Marg Thorne, Glenn Edwards, Graeme Myers, Lorna Coucill, Graeme Sinclair, Brian Hall, Murray Phillips, Kelvin Rogash, Leonie Freeman, Doug Freeman, Malcolm Pretty, Joy Gardam, Rob Gardam, Wes Gibbs, Annette Barkley, Wendy Holland, Jeff Boyle, Jarrad Greenfield, Val Gibbs, Norm Mitchelmore, Bob Smith, Ron Holland, Gary Hawking, Angelo Russo, Lynton Burkitt, Bree Warren

### **Apologies:**

Marg McNamara, Ken McNamara, Alan Davis, Marg Stibbard, Shane Walsh, Dennis Smyth, Marg Smyth, Sandra Wallace  
These were accepted on the motion of Chris Meek and Malcolm Pretty.

### **Welcome:**

Chairman Kelvin welcomed all in attendance, and declared the meeting open.

### **Minutes of the AGM held 24/5/2023:**

These were accepted on the motion of Jeff Boyle and Annette Barkley.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Marg explained the details and answered questions for those in attendance. The report was accepted on the motion from Chris Meek and Rob Gardam.

Marg indicated that she will be resigning at the end of the month.

Ron Holland moved a vote of thanks to Marg for her eight years as Treasurer. It was carried by acclamation.

**Other Reports:**

Members had the opportunity to read these. Kelvin spoke briefly to his report, and highlighted many pleasing aspects of the past season, as well as mentioning some of the challenges to be faced in the new season.

Angelo Russo (Sponsorship Manager) asked members to use their contacts to approach businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the Club and to contact him so that he could follow up on the lead.

The reports were accepted on the motion from Malcom Pretty and Graeme Myers.

**Elections:**

As there was only one nomination for each Director position, the following were declared elected; Secretary – Marg McNamara, Membership – Leonie Freeman, Greens – Wes Gibbs, Bowls – Joy Gardam.

As there was only one nomination for each Manager position, the following were declared elected; Bar – Chris Meek, Sponsorship – Angelo Russo, Social Activities – Renee Britz.

There was no nomination for the position of Catering Manager, and Kelvin asked members to contact him if they would consider undertaking the role, or if they knew someone who may be interested.

**Auditors:**

It was agreed on a motion from Malcolm Pretty and Rob Gardam that *Goulburn Valley Audit Services* be again appointed to conduct the audit of the Club's Accounts.

**Close:**

Kelvin again thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7pm.

## **Chairman - Kelvin Rogash**

Shepparton Park Bowls Club is a great club.

### **Finance**

All club functions and competitions help generate income for the club. So a big thank you to all who run the events and to those that participate, whether it be Pennant, the Thursday Pairs, the Winter Fours on Thursday, the Winter Ladies Fours, the club events, Wednesday night social bowls, our social nights or the corporate events.

This year the club ran a Big Raffle which was a great event and raised just under \$5000 for the club. A fantastic effort by all involved and what a great day it was. Thank you Shane for the idea and to all those who provided prizes for the smaller raffle especially Kevin Hicks for the Medallion Club tickets and Ray Hill for his painting. The new solar system is working well and has reduced our power costs markedly.

Joy has introduced the Nifty 50 as a way of generating raffle type income and this has become very popular. Especially with the winners.

### **Bowls**

Congratulations to all who played pennant during this season. We ended up with 7 out of our 10 teams making it into the finals which was a great result. The club was able to secure the flag in both the Midweek Division 2 and in the Weekend Division 3. The Midweek Division 2 were also victorious against Numurkah in the GV versus GM playoff.

To all winners and runners-up of the Club Events congratulations. There were some excellent matches played over the course of the competitions with some expected and some surprising results. It makes for a great competition when a lot of members enter and others come along to watch. Unfortunately some times there are clashes, especially when region and state events are rescheduled.

### **Coach**

Paul Nicholls has agreed to continue in the role of club coach for the coming season. Thank you Paul. The winter activities last year were a great idea and were very popular.

### **New Members**

It is always pleasing to welcome new members and to see them become a part of the fabric of our club. Whether you are a new bowler just starting out, a bowler coming from another club or an older member rejoining our club welcome to you all.

The Wednesday Night social bowls is a fantastic night and many thanks to Sandra and Neville Winch for their organisation and enthusiasm. This is a wonderful way for people new to the game of bowls to come along, learn the art of bowls, enjoy some friendship and maybe even think about becoming a full member to be able to play in tournaments or even Pennant if they so wish.

There is always room for new members so if you know of anyone who is interested then bring them along and introduce them around.

### **Green Keeper and Greens**

Shane and Wes continue to do a great job keeping our greens up to a really good standard. The lasering of the Foundation Green went well and the grass came through really quickly with the help of the overhead sprinkler system. It is planned to do the Members Green this Christmas

break. Richard Hanson and his band of helpers always have the Rose green clean and have done some extra work on the netting to keep the birds out.

### **Catering**

It would be really good if someone would take on the role of catering coordinator. A big thank you to all who have assisted in the catering throughout the year.

### **Booking Officer**

This role has taken big leaps in the last two years with many organisations now looking to use our facilities for club/corporate functions throughout the year and not just for Christmas breakups. We have also had schools and disability organisations presenting for a game of bowls. This is a good source of income for the club, so if the call goes out for help please assist. Thanks Bev.

### **Social Activities Manager**

Many thanks to Rene Britz, ably backed by many wonderful helpers, for taking on this role and for running several successful social events, especially the big Christmas function. It is up to us, as club members, to support these events when they are on. The small fridge near the coffee making was purchased from some of the money raised.

### **Bar Manager**

Chris Meek has done a great job under trying health circumstances. Rather than find another manager when he was no longer able to do it I stepped into the role. Many thanks to Marg Stibbard for her continuing willingness to help out on bar duties, especially during the day when bowls is on. It does make the job easier. Also, thanks to rostered the bar staff and a reminder to everyone that the bar is always on the lookout for people willing to get their RSA and help out.

### **Recycling**

The recycling continues and as well as making a small amount of cash for the club it also saves the items ending up in landfill.

### **Club Person of the Year**

This year the board awarded this title to both Marie Nelson and to Garry Hawking. Marie has continued to do a sterling job in the kitchen whenever asked but it is now time for a well earned rest. Garry has adapted to our club extremely well and can readily be found helping the greens group. It is people like these that help make our club a great one.

### **State Championships**

Well done to our ladies triples of Kate Bush, Cathy Dudley and Di Hands who were runners-up in the state titles. A great effort ladies. Special mention has to be made of Kate as well for making it through to the state titles in 5 categories. Fantastic.

### **Secretary**

Marg McNamara does a great job and I thank her for the support she gives me and also to Jim Shanahan for stepping into the role in her absence.

## **Board members**

A big thank you to all board members who I have had the pleasure of working with over the last 6 years.

## **Deputy Chairman - Alan Davis**

Another bowls year has been completed. Once again, the Council has attended to some of the problems with our building, through the efforts of Kelvin.

The netting that was installed last year has continued to be helpful in keeping rubbish off the carpet. Installation of timber around the edges of the netting has prevented the birds entering above this netting. Many thanks to Richard Hansen, Paul Becroft and Dennis Smyth for their work. This has helped considerably with carpet cleaning.

The usual maintenance problems have continued and have been attended to as needed. As previously mentioned this will be ongoing.

To all those members who have helped and guided me in attending to various club problems I thank you immensely. Hopefully you will continue to support and guide my replacement. All the best for future seasons.

## **Secretary - Margaret McNamara**

Another year has come and gone, it has been a great year for Shepparton Park let's hope next year is just as, or even more, successful. Many thanks to my fellow board members who continue to be very supportive. A huge thank you to Jim Shanahan who filled in while I was away for four months, I would be lost without you Jim.

I believe our communication has continued to improve this year and we will continue to build on this. I have tried to give short regular updates via email to keep members informed of happenings at our club and I plan to continue to do this next season, if you know of something happening that I may not be aware of, please let me know via email to [secretary@sheppartonparkbowls.com.au](mailto:secretary@sheppartonparkbowls.com.au).

Jarrad Greenfield is doing a great job running our facebook page and is reaching a wide audience, members from other clubs comment that the only way they know what is happening in the Region is via our facebook page. Social media is the way of the world today and we need to embrace it if we are going to attract younger members. We need to promote tournaments and events on as many platforms as possible, as we need to maximise any opportunities to earn funds for our club. This is a free avenue for promotion.

We have a wonderful vibrant club, sometimes we forget this in the day to day events but the whole club celebrates achievements such as this years premierships and individual members achievements at Regional and State level. Let us continue to show our fellow members respect, as well as officials and opposition players. If you have a problem, please speak to the relevant Bowls Committee or Board member, we are available to listen and help as best we can. You can approach Selection Committee but please do it in a polite way and at an appropriate time, perhaps make an appointment to speak to the Committee if you have an issue with pennant. It all comes back to communication.

I would like to personally thank our retiring office bearers for the many hours they have given to our club. Best wishes to all of our members undergoing surgery during the off season and safe travels to all those going away over Winter. Come back safe, rested and ready for a great season in 25-26.

## **Bowls Director - Graeme Myers**

Another bowling year has passed and we have had what I consider a very good year. Out of our five Midweek teams and five Saturday teams, seven played in finals. Our Division 6 Saturday team, after having to forfeit 3 games, missed out on playing finals by one point. A fantastic effort by all bowlers.

We were able to get two premierships; Division 2 Midweek and Division 3 Saturday. Midweek Division 2 had a total of 21 players during the year and Saturday Division 3 had 34 players. A big thank you to both selection committees for their efforts. Selecting sides each week is a very demanding job with some players not available, and trying to keep consistent rinks throughout the year can be difficult.

Congratulations to all the players that entered the club events and well done to the eventual winners.

Ladies A Grade Champion Kate Bush runner up Di Hands.

Men's A Grade Champion Ray Sellwood runner up Paul Nichols.

Ladies B Grade Champion Marg McNamara runner up Sandra Winch.

Men's B Grade winner John Priestly runner up Norm Allen.

Ladies Pairs Champions Di Hands & Kate Bush runners up Marg Thorne & Sue Tyson/Kerri Leask.

Men's Pairs Champions Graeme Myers & Dennis Smyth runners up Ray Hill & Ray Sellwood.

Mixed Pairs Champions Ross Higgins & Sue Tyson runners up Paul Nichols & Di Hands.

A huge congratulations to Kate Bush who has had an outstanding year. Winner; Goulburn Valley Champion of Champions Singles, Goulburn Valley Ladies 60 & Over Singles, Goulburn Valley Ladies Triples with sister Di Hands and Cathy Dudley, and GV Ladies' Fours with sister Di Hands and two Shepparton Golf players. She then went on to win all events against the Murray Bowlers and with Di in the Triples and Fours and Cathy also in the Triples.

In the Men's Novice Jarrod Greenfield won the GV Men's Singles and managed to beat the Murray Bowls Novice Singles player, well done Jarrad.

Unfortunately, Kerri Leask and Marg Thorne weren't able to defeat the Murray Ladies pairs. Kerri also missed out on the Mixed Pairs to Murray Bowls players. Kerri and Sue Tyson won the GV Ladies State Pairs.

The GV 60 & Over was dominated by Shepparton Park players; Ladies Singles Kate Bush, Men's Singles Ross Higgins, Ladies Pairs Marg Thorne/Sue Tyson, Men's Pairs Graeme Myers/Kelvin Rogash, Mixed Pairs Di Hands/Paul Nichols. All went on to defeat the Murray Bowlers in each event. In the Ladies 60 & Over Pairs, Marg Smyth was substitute for Sue Tyson.

Two of our ladies played in the group side in Ballarat and had great success with Goulburn Murray ladies advancing to the Gold Section next year, well done Kate and Di.

The Match Committee have done a great job in getting all games played on time. 21Up, 100Up, Canadian Pairs and Drawn Triples have seen increased number of players which is great to see. A very big thanks to all the Volunteer Greens Committee under Shane and Wes, the greens are a credit to you. The workers who look after the surrounds, catering committee, Bar staff, Wednesday Night Bowls, Social Bowls Volunteers. All helpers of the club, we cannot operate without volunteers.

To Board Members who put a power of work into making Shepparton Park Bowls Club a successful and well-run club, I believe the club has had a very rewarding year with new and old members getting along making it a wonderful place to come and play bowls and join in the friendship.

## **Bowls Director - Joy Gardam**

Thankyou to everyone that has assisted me in my first year as Female Bowls Director. I have enjoyed the challenge and understand the amount of work it takes from all areas to run a successful bowls club.

Shane, Wes and the Greens Committee have prepared the greens in excellent condition so thank you for your efforts. We had Midweek and Weekend finals played on our greens and the feedback from visitors was very positive.

Thankyou to Midweek and Weekend Selection Committees. It has been pleasing to see three Midweek teams in finals being Division 1, 2 and 4. Congratulations to Division 2 who won the Midweek Grand Final and also the Region final played at Tallygaroopna Bowls Club. Weekend Pennant saw Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 in finals. Congratulations to Division 3 who won the Grand Final. Well done to all you can be very proud of yourselves.

Match Committee have done an excellent job in getting games organised and played. It is pleasing to see members entering these events.

Congratulations to Kate Bush and Ray Sellwood our A Grade winners and Marg McNamara and John Priestly our B Grade winners.

To our ladies who represented the Goulburn Murray Region in the State Events at Bendigo, Congratulations on your efforts.

Kate Bush in Singles and Champion of Champions.

Kate Bush, Cathy Dudley and Di Hands for making the final in the Triples, well done!

Kate Bush, Jenny McLure, Carla Miles and Di Hands in the fours.

Congratulations to Jarrad Greenfield who won the Novice Section this year, well done Jarrad.

Our Tournaments have run well under the guidance of Jim, Wes, Cathy and Vicki.

Ladies Pairs on 11th October 2024 with 52 ladies, 5 a side 13th February 100 players, Memorial Night 26th March, Ladies 2 Bowls Triples 8th April with 60 players, Good Friday Mixed Pairs on 18th April with 44 players at the time of writing.

Thankyou to our Umpires who are called upon for Pennant, Tournaments, Club Events and State Events, much appreciated.

Bev Cahill has run the Winter Tuesday Ladies Fours, thankyou Bev the ladies really enjoy bowling in the off season. Thankyou to Peter Fraser and Phil McCann for organising Thursday 2 X 2's. Thankyou to Sandra Wallace and helpers for making salad rolls.

Sandra and Neville Winch ran the Wednesday Night Social Bowls and did a tremendous job. Social members are an important aspect of our club encouraging new members to play pennant and learn the fundamentals of bowls.

Moira Smith and Lorraine Nicholls have run a successful Over 60's Competition. Thankyou for your time and commitment. Moira is retiring after more than 10 years as organiser. Thank you Moira.

Catering has been a huge challenge this year as we still don't have a Catering Manager. Many volunteers have helped out and worked very hard for our club. You know who you are and your work has not gone unnoticed. A massive thankyou. These ladies and some men have covered over 15 Corporate Events, Tournaments, Wakes, Thursday 2 X 2's, Weekend Grand Final Day, Major Raffle Event.

Annette did an amazing job covering the wakes with her helpers. The BBQ team were extremely

helpful and a huge thankyou to them as some were called upon at short notice.

The inaugural Major Raffle Event was well received. Thankyou to Shane for his vision to create extra revenue for our club. We had tremendous support with our gun ticket sellers who took time to make this event a success. The pairs knockout was entertaining. Hopefully we can make this an Annual Event.

Nifty 50 was introduced this season and has been an easy revenue raiser for our club raising close to \$1500.

Our booking officer is retiring and we appreciate the amount of work you have put into Corporate Events and all bookings, Thankyou Bev.

As Welfare Officer I have sent many cards to members who have been unwell due to illness and operations and also to families who have lost loved ones.

Thankyou to the Board for encouraging and supporting me as Female Bowls Director. Best wishes to Kelvin, Alan and Leonie who are stepping down from their positions. To Chairman Kelvin, you have given your all to our club spending many, many hours running our club thus making it the elite club in our Region!

### **Greens Director – Wes Gibbs**

It is very pleasing to report that we have had a very good year with both grass greens.

The Foundation Green was top dressed and laser graded before Christmas, this was after the overhead sprinkler had been installed. These sprinklers have been very time saving in the watering of the green and also give a very good coverage on the green. The green is also running very well at the moment.

The Members Green now has a great grass coverage. This is very good to have heading into the Winter months.

The club hosted many State events and quite a few finals, both midweek and weekend.

There are many volunteers who assist with mowing and rolling of the greens. These volunteers also do a great amount of work on the grass cutting around the greens. Thank you also to those who keep the gardens and surrounds looking so good. Although I am not involved, I must commend all those people who commit to the cleaning and maintenance of the undercover Rose Green. This green proves to be a great asset to the Club especially in times of inclement weather.

All these achievements, would not be possible without the leadership and dedication of our Green Keeper, Shane Walsh. A very big thank you Shane! Finally, a big thankyou to everyone who has given me great support as Greens Director.

### **Membership Director - Leonie Freeman**

Current numbers are listed below as at April 16th 2025:  
Full Members 145

It is with pleasure I present the Membership Report for the past season. 2024/25 can be described as wonderful with most Divisions reaching the finals resulting in a major Premiership, Weekend

Division 3 and Midweek Division 2. Well done to all members who assisted in achieving these results. Our Club Representatives in the District/Region and finally Bowls Victoria Championships were amazing, marvellous bowling all.

During the year, we had several members join us from other Clubs and their contribution has been warmly welcomed. In the next season, we will have past members returning and an umpire will join us as well. This will help share the load on the umpiring required during the year.

A Club is only as good as its members, so please help out with the numerous activities required to run our club as this makes it easier for everyone. Things you may wish to assist are:- Catering, Greens and Gardens, Bar, Corporate, Social/Barefoot Bowls and Carpet - these activities are of benefit to us all.

We should all be keeping a constant look out for possible new members. Invite your neighbours or associates to come along. Wednesday Evening Social is a wonderful way to start their interest in bowling.

When we hold a Try Bowls Day at the commencement of next season, please invite family or friends to attend.

## **BAR REPORT - Chris Meek**

The bar ran smoothly, unfortunately we lost the Vic Open, revenue was down, but none the less, a reasonable financial season, boosted by a lot of private functions. Bev Cahill co-ordinated these functions with the bar and we worked well together. The Club Finals were reasonably well supported and was a welcome increase to Bar revenue. Kitchen Staff have worked co-operatively with the Bar personnel.

Thanks to the Treasurer for collating, collecting and banking Bar money.

A special thanks to Marg Stibbard for her unwavering, exemplary devotion to bar duties. Thanks to the Bar volunteers, who are necessary for the everyday Bar function operations. Heath Mathews, (Club Person of the Year 2024), and Ken McNamara for assistance with stock purchase, loading and stacking was invaluable and was difficult without their ever-present assistance and willingness to help every time they were required.

Big thanks to Kelvin Rogash for his taking over the Bar Managers role, whilst I was recouping from an infection, hospital stay and follow up treatment.

Practice nights were regularly attended by a large contingent of players, and their teams-manship showed through. (Maybe a lesson to be learned). The proposal is to encourage more players to frequent the bar after training, a great team building opportunity. Practice Nights for Pennant Training on Wednesday and Friday nights will be supported by the Bar, opening from 16:30 till 18:30, hopefully with more attending than the 24/25 season. Please help make these nights a great Club event you don't win if you don't train.

Normal Bar prices for anyone wanting to come along and support the Club and its players are most welcome.

Additional volunteer bar staff for the roster are always required, the more available the less rostered duties each person has to perform. Currently there are less than twenty people on the Bar roster; that equates to one week every ten weeks on duty. Special functions also require additional staff. A list of updated duties and roster is available from Chris Meek at the Bar.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA), courses are available through Shepparton TAFE and the

Club fully reimburses the cost of the course, it only takes a few hours to complete at TAFE or can also be done on line. Bar duties are minimal but necessary to keep the Bar going. The bar provides alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks, hopefully to cater for all for most people's tastes.

## **Social Club - René Britz**

This year three functions were organised by the social committee.

The season was started with a chicken and salad night on the 18th of October, with 72 people attending.

The yearly Christmas function on the 24th of November was catered by Golden Roast and saw 97 people enjoying a lovely two course meal, with music by local Anthony Tenace. The Christmas raffle was well supported and thank you to everyone who made a donation. The prizes included a fire pit, gift baskets, paintings, wines, X-mas puddings and many more.

We also started a Nifty Fifty competition at functions and game/pennant days at the club – this proved very popular and contributed to the social club having an end of year balance of \$1200.

The end of season was celebrated on the 15th of February 2025, with 60 people enjoying a lovely Chinese meal by King City.

Many thanks to Joy Gardam and Sandra Wallace for all your hours of planning, organising and wrapping – you are true professionals! To everyone who bought and sold raffle and Nifty Fifty tickets – your support of the club is much appreciated. A big thanks to the many people who helped in the kitchen, bar and BBQ.

If anyone has any suggestions on more ways in which we can support the club on a social level, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## **Sponsorship - Angelo Russo**

List of current sponsors

Kevin Hicks Realestate \$2750  
Donway Caravans \$1000  
Merritts Funerals \$1000  
Country Care Group \$750  
GMCU Credit Union \$500  
SPC Factory Sales \$500  
GV Vets \$500

Cavalier Homes \$1500  
Carpet Court \$1000  
Kensington Gardens \$1000  
Krueger Meats \$500  
Mawsons \$500  
Moama Bowls Club \$500

Total Cash sponsors \$12,000

Peppermill \$500 (20 x \$25 Vouchers)	Mooroopna Pizzeria \$375 (25 x \$15 Vouchers)
KFC \$500 (20 x Bucket Vouchers)	Central Tyre Service \$500 (4 x \$125 Vouchers)
Shepparton News \$1000 (Advertising budget)	Bicknells Freight \$1000 (Charity Donation)

Total Benefits \$3875

We have a good group of loyal sponsors but as we know we need to keep increasing our

sponsorship growth. I am happy to continue my role as Sponsorship Manager for one more year but if there is anyone who would like to take on the role please let me know. A new person will have new contacts to follow and brings new ideas to the role.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS**

### **Election of Board of Directors**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	Jeff Boyle	Jim Shanahan	David Slingo
Deputy Chairman	David Slingo	Jeff Boyle	Jim Shanahan
Treasurer	David Gullick	Marg McNamara	Alan Davis
Male Bowls Director	Graeme Myers	Marg McNamara	Alan Davis

### **Election of Managers**

Bar Manager	Paul Warren	Paul Becroft	Jeff Boyle
Catering Manager			
Social Activities Manager	Renee Britz	Leonie Freeman	Bob Smith
Sponsorship Manager			

## **CLUB SPONSORS**

*Plus the many other businesses who support our Club Tournaments  
Please support our valued sponsors.*

**Kevin Hicks Realestate**  
**Donway Caravans**  
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