



Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Annual General Meeting 2018

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Quorum is 36 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming of scrutineers—Not required.
4. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held May 25th 2017
5. Receive reports from the Board Directors and Managers
6. Receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the act.
7. Election of Directors of the Board;
Two year term: Secretary, Membership Manager, Greens Director, Female Bowls Director.
8. Election of Managers; Bar Manager, Catering Manager, Sponsorship Manager and Social Activities Manager—all one year terms.
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.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 25/5/2017

Present:

Paul Becroft, Elaine Brewster, Jim Broadbent, Alan Cameron, Jim Campbell, John Davy, Aileen Dempster, Don Dickinson, Margot Dobson, Doug Freeman, Leonie Freeman, Wes Gibbs, Bill Gullick, Di Hands, Brian Hardy, Stan Hester, Jenni Hill, Ron Holland, Wendy Holland, Margaret Keen, Norm Mitchelmore, Bob Kleinitz, Barry Laws, Lorraine Loats, Ken Martyn, Glenice Mawson, Lloyd Mawson, Pam McGurgan, Norm Mitchelmore, Marie Nelson, Anne O'Donoghue, Ben O'Donoghue, John O'Donnell, Joy O'Donnell, Bill Probst, Kelvin Rogash, Jean Roulston, Jim Shanahan, Graeme Sinclair, Shirley Sinclair, Dennis Smyth, Margaret Smyth, Margaret Stibbard, Milton Stibbard, Bev Thorn, Margaret Thorne, Robert Thorne, Sandra Wallace, Paul Warren, Greg Williamson.

Apologies:

Barb Allen, Marika Armstrong, Betty Bicknell, Jeff Boyle, Mavis Boyle, Bev Cahill, Ellen Cameron, Bill Chilcott, Ross Higgins, Ray Hill, Robyn MacFadyen, Dennis McGurgan, Pam McGurgan, Kaye Pyke– Fernando, Bill Sinclair, Bob Smith, Moira Smith, Max Steigenberger, Kevin Thorn, Sue Tyson.

These were accepted on the motion of Jenni Hill and Lloyd Mawson.

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed members in attendance, and advised that a quorum had been achieved.

Scrutineers:

The Chairman advised that Marie Nelson, Max Steigenberger and Norm Mitchelmore would act as scrutineers for the election.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held 25/5/2017:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record on the motion of Marie Nelson and Wendy Holland.

Reports:

These were distributed with the meeting agenda, and were accepted on a motion from Marg. Stibbard and Rob Thorne.

Treasurer's Report:

This was accepted on a motion from Norm Mitchelmore and Jim Shanahan.

Election of Directors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman	Wes Gibbs	Marg. Thorne	Bill Gullick
Deputy Chairman	Jim Shanahan	John Davy	Brian Hardy
	Joy O'Donnell	Brian Hall	Doug Freeman
Treasurer	Marg Thorne	Wes Gibbs	Marg. Stibbard
Male Bowls Director	Greg Williamson	Bill Gullick	Ron Holland

As there were two nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman, a vote was required and the Chairman asked members present to complete their ballot papers. The successful nominee was Jim Shanahan, and, the Chairman declared him duly elected.

Election of Managers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Bar Manager	Nil		
Catering Manager	Marg Keen	Bev Cahill	Marg. Stibbard
Social Activities Manager	Nil		
Sponsorship Manager	Nil		

As there was only one nomination for the position of Catering Manager the Chairman declared the nominee elected.

As there was no nominations for Bar Manager, Social Activities Manager and Sponsorship Manager the Chairman asked members to consider the positions and speak to him if they might be able to undertake the role.

Following the election the Chairman congratulated those elected and thanked them for offering their services to the Club for the next year.

Election of Auditors:

Goulburn Murray Audit Services were elected as auditors for the next year on the motion of Rob Thorne and Di Hands.

Sponsorship

Kelvin Rogash explained our sponsorship drop. There were 2 sponsors had said no to sponsorship and Lifestyle said not now, but maybe for the Victorian Open. Last year included new club shirts, so, not such a huge drop now.

Close of meeting:

The Chairman then thanked members for their attendance and attention and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Reports from Board Directors and Bowls Committee

Chairman—Wes Gibbs

I have pleasure in presenting my report on a very successful 2017-2018

We held another very successful Vic Open Tournament. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help in different ways during the week. Thank you to the members who organised rosters for the week.

However, we need a commitment from all members when we host the tournament this year.

Strategic Review

We have currently engaged P.M. Research Services to undertake a strategic review of our Clubs range of operations, reviewing the last decade of the club. The Board believes we need to look back and look forward to the continued success of the club.

Finance

The Club again had a successful financial year. The Vic Open was very successful with bar takings, catering and green fees making the bulk of the profit. We are continuing adding to the Rose Green mat replacement fund.

Sponsorship is hard to obtain and we sincerely thank all the Sponsors of our Club. Jenni Hill as sponsorship Director has achieved wonderful results for us. This is greatly appreciated.

Pennant

Congratulations to Midweek Division 1.1 on winning another premiership.

It was very disappointing that the G.V.B.D. In their wisdom decided to only have 14 rounds of midweek and weekend pennant. Two Saturday weekend pennant games being lost due to inclement weather, we had less than 25% of the year playing pennant. This is a big financial loss to the Club as well.

New Members

New members joining our Club are vital to our survival in future years. We need to at least maintain our membership. As the complex becomes older it will cost more to maintain and keep our facilities up to a high quality standard.

Greenkeeper and greens

Last year the Board believed that our appointed green keeper, Ben Lundberg, was not preparing our greens to the standard we required. The decision was made to terminate his contract. Fortunately for the Club, Ray Phillips and Rob Thorne took over and were able to restore the greens back to a healthy state. To Ray, Rob and their greens and surrounds committee, we sincerely thank you for your time and effort. It was greatly appreciated.

Charity Day

The Charity Day was once again a great success with \$5800 being raised and donated to the hospital. Thank you to Margot Dobson, Ron Holland and the Charity Day Committee members for making this a very successful day.

Catering

Catering is a huge part of our club. To Marg Keen and her catering team, we are very grateful for your continuing hard work and dedication to this very important part of the club.

The Bar manager, Glenn Edwards along with all the bar assistants have achieved a wonderful financial result for the club.

However, we need more people to obtain their R.S.A. Certificate to distribute the work load among more members.

Board Members

Deputy Chairman, Jim Shanahan, Board Secretary, Bill Gullick, Treasurer, Marg Thorne, Greens Director, Murray Phillips, Membership Director, Paul Warren, and Bowls Directors, Marg Stibbard and Greg Williamson, I would like to thank you all on a wonderful effort in working as a committee in making decisions allowing our club to run successfully.

Thank you
Wes Gibbs

Deputy Chairman—Jim Shanahan

Another busy year has come to an end, with many and varied issues tackled by the Board members.

Early in the year the employment of the green keeper took our focus, and was eventually resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. The other issue at this time was our offer to host the RSL home games with the loss of their green. The Board was keen to see the survival of this club and a rental agreement was reached between the clubs. Apart from a few early hiccups this has worked well for both clubs.

Early this year we switched our phone and internet services from Telstra as the copper network was being switched off. We successfully negotiated a deal with McPherson Media (trading as Bendigo Telco) . This deal means we will be saving around \$100 per month on what we were paying previously. At the same time we had phones installed in the Plaza bar and Members Lounge. This will save members from having to dash to answer phone calls.

The upgrade of the lights on the Rose Green and in the clubhouse has proved very successful and is already saving the club money on lighting costs.

New microphones have been obtained. There were some problems initially, but hopefully these have been resolved and there should be no more problems.

The defibrillator has been moved from the Lounge to a more central and visible position in the clubhouse. A good number of our members and RSL attended a training session on its use.

Hopefully we will never have to use it, but it is important that as many people as possible know how to. We will run another session next season, and I would encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Looking to the future it is pleasing to announce that Paul Nichols has accepted the position of Club Coach for the next two seasons. Paul brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club, and it is hoped that all members will avail themselves of the opportunities this appointment provides.

Also looking to the future, Peter Matthews from PM Research Services is in the process of conducting a review of the club administration. This will enable us to see what we are doing well and where we need to put a little more emphasis to ensure that what we are doing is putting our club on a solid basis for the future.

Finally I'd like to thank and congratulate all the members who willingly give their time and efforts to undertake the many jobs and tasks that are required for this club-*our club*-to operate successfully. Whether this involves taking on a Board or Manager position, being on a committee, maintaining the greens, cooking the barbecues, helping the social groups who visit, etc, etc, etc, your contribution is greatly appreciated. Perhaps if you are already doing one of the tasks, you might invite a member not already involved to join you. Remember that many hands make light

work. This will be especially true as we will be hosting the Vic. Open again, this time over eight days rather than seven.

I look forward to another good year next season.

Jim Shanahan

Deputy Chairman

Secretary– Bill Gullick

It is my pleasure to once again report on the activities of the Board. The Board has met on a monthly basis, with several impromptu meetings called to attend to pressing matters. All Board members have been very regular in their attendance, and, have always acted with the best interests of the Club at heart. We are lucky to have a very united Board, and, great guidance from the more experienced members, Wes and Jim.

Once again it has been a very busy year with a number of challenges, and problems, to be worked through. During the period from July through to October, when the matter was finalised, we had to dispense with the services of our greenkeeper, Ben Lundberg. Unfortunately, Ben did not look after our greens in the manner that our Club required. We sincerely thank Ray and Rob for stepping into the breach, and lifting our greens back to the great standard they are now at.

During the March to August period we had many meetings, and discussions with RSL Bowls Club that concluded with an agreement, for them to use our facilities, being signed in August. We are unsure what will happen next season, and beyond. The Board strongly believes that allowing RSL the use of our facilities was in the very best interests of bowls, the RSL, and our Club. I congratulate RSL on winning the Midweek Division 3 pennant.

Our new smaller, mobile Sponsors board was completed, and has been placed in various positions around our Club. Please support our valued sponsors.

We received a proposal for a 40.2meter high Telstra Tower to be built outside our back fence. We lodged an objection to this, and, have just been advised that it will now be built on the Western side of the back oval.

In November we again held the Victorian Open. This was by far the biggest and busiest Open we have yet conducted. As always our wonderful members rose to the occasion, and we got the job done. It will be on again this year, in November. Good luck to us all!!!!!!

In January we were able to finally get our lights on the Rose Green upgraded to the latest LED standard. I am sure all members would be very pleased with the result. This outcome took many months of meetings, consultation and investigation.

We are already seeing the cost/energy saving potential of the new lights. Our average daily electricity cost over the last 12 months was \$20.47. Our average daily electricity cost is now \$14.72. However the new lights were only included for 2 of the 3 months covered by this bill. I believe our average daily cost should get down to about \$13. A saving of about \$3000per annum.

It was very pleasing to see a number of our members put their hand up to serve in the many positions, and, on the many committees required to make our club run smoothly.

I asked a member if he would take up a position on the weekend selection committee. To my surprise he said yes, without hesitation, and to my mind that is a great attitude to have, and to put the club first. Thank you Vince Mazzella.

We have a number of big challenges coming up. During the year I presented some analysis of our membership to some of our members. It is no surprise that, like most clubs, we have an ageing membership. Unless we can build our membership base, the Club, as we know it, will struggle to survive and prosper in the next several years. I believe the situation is that bad.

As Wes has mentioned, we have undertaken a strategic review of the operations of our club. We are hopeful that will provide some guidance on how to go forward.

We have also recently appointed Paul Nichols as our new coach. Paul is very well respected in bowls circles and hopefully this appointment will generate some new excitement, and enthusiasm among our membership.

We have entered the same number of teams for both Midweek and Weekend pennant next season.. Our player numbers are expected to be very tight, and, if any member is aware of bowlers who may have had a year off, or ceased playing for whatever reason, please approach them and see if they are interested in returning to our club.

We wish all travellers safe travels, and, a return to the club with enthusiasm for the next season.

Bowls Committee Chairman's Report 2017-2018

I would like to thank all members for having me as the Bowls Director. Many thanks to Greg Williamson for being the Deputy Bowls Director, Robyn MacFadyen, Secretary and Leonie Freeman, Assistant Secretary. Their help has been invaluable, they have all gone out of their way to do anything I have asked of them.

I am very grateful for the many members who put their self forward to hold committee positions, without these members we would not have the successful club that we are. At our AGM last year there were a number of positions that were not filled. Thank you to those people who came forward to take one of those positions.

Marg Keen, Catering Manager and her wonderful committee have worked so hard for every function we have asked them to organize, we are very grateful, those of us who are not on that committee have no idea the work behind the scenes that they do.

Glen Edwards our Bar Manager, thank you for your hard work in keeping us with a wonderful stocked bar. Not an easy job, especially with the extra work for the Vic. Open.

Marg & Rob Thorne for Saturday night BBQ, a very big job, a wonderful effort.

Social Committee Josh & Bree Warren, and with Bev Cahill as a wonderful helper, appreciated by those of us who attended Friday night happy hours which have been a wonderful social gathering for our members over many years. Unfortunately these nights were not as well supported this year, so they may not go ahead next season.

Match Committee for a great effort getting players to enter our championships, I would like to thank you for taking on this very important position in our club. Well done.

Tournament Committee, Charity Day Committee, Thursday Pairs, both summer and winter, Ladies Winter fours, Over 60's Committee Men and Ladies, Night Pennant. The people on these committees work very hard to make your bowling enjoyable, please support them.

Selection Committee both Midweek and Weekend, everyone on those panels do their best to be fair to our members, not everyone might agree but the best of intentions are what everyone is trying to achieve.

To our wonderful Greens Keepers, Greens Director, Committee and their helpers—what a great job you have done restoring our greens to be I'm sure the best in the district.

Jenni Hill our Sponsorship Director. Sponsorship is very hard to get, especially in country towns where every business seems to be asked from various sporting groups and Jenni you have excelled yourself, thank you.

Congratulations and one of my most exciting and memorable moments when our two wonderful bowlers Bev Cahill and Marg Smyth won the Ladies Pairs in the Vic. Open, our club members were all so proud of you both.

Wonderful result our Midweek Division 1.1 team winning the Premiership. Well done! Also winning the CGM Region Midweek Pennant Championship against Cobram and Kilmore.

Wonderful result Girls and Guys. They now go on to play 2017/18 State Pennant Sides Championship at Moama in May.

What a wonderful night we had at our combined Pennant Breakup Break-up dinner. I am very grateful that so many of you attended.

Many thanks to our Accredited Coaches, Umpires and Markers. They have all given up their time to complete the courses that make sure the rest of us play to the best of our ability with good sportsmanship and fair rules and knowledge. Good bowling everyone. Marg Stibbard.

Bowls Committee Vice-Chair Report 2017-18

Four Shepparton Park teams played weekend pennant finals this season, with divisions one and two making the grand final.

Our midweek pennant division one side won its fourth straight premiership.

Congratulations to all bowlers on another successful year for the club.

I would also like to congratulate our club champions, Mark Ryan and Di Hands, and all who won club events and represented us at Goulburn Valley events.

Both match committees did a superb job to get all club events finished on time.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless hours the greens committee put in preparing our greens and surrounds each week.

Ray Phillips, Rob Thorne, Murray Phillips and Bill Probst—just to mention a few—should be proud of their efforts and your outstanding work does not go unnoticed.

Lastly, I would like to thank our coach of the past five seasons, Mark Ryan. Mark has brought great success to the club with premierships across multiple weekend and midweek pennant grades, including two Saturday division one flags from our four grand final appearances.

We wish him all the best for the future and hope to see him back on our greens as a player next season.

Thank you

Greg Williamson

Membership Director—Paul Warren

Unfortunately Paul was unable to complete a report in time due to a computer malfunction.

Membership numbers are fairly similar to last season, some losses are expected prior to next season. Paul, and the Board, would ask all members to be on the lookout for potential new members, as we really need to bolster our membership.

Greens Director—Murray Phillips

This season has been a difficult one given the poor condition the grass greens were left in by the previous green keeper. The infestation of untreated moss and algae on the Members green, required several treatments with fungicide over a three month period to arrest the problem.

With Ray Phillips and Rob Thorne at the helm, the greens were nursed back into good condition in time to host the Vic Open in November

During the season the greens have been groomed twice each and sprayed many times with insecticides, fungicides and fertilisers to rid them of pests and make them grow. In addition to this work, the ditches had to be raked and the lines painted. So as you can see many hours work is done to have our greens in good shape each week.

Maintenance of the Rose carpet green also requires regular vacuuming and line marking as well two shampoos each year.

The committee installed netting around the Rose green in an attempt to rid the bird problem we have had for several years. This was a great success and thanks to Rob for the suggestion and the work putting the nets into position.

Thank you to my greens committee, all talented in their own field. Rob Thorne, jack of all trades, Bill Probst, gardens/surrounds, Ken Martyn, Rose Green groomer, Graeme Sinclair, garbage organiser and morning tea expert, Dennis Paul, where ever he is needed.

I reserve a special thanks for Ray Phillips (no relation) who after more than ten years, seven as Greens Keeper is retiring from greens duties. You have been a very dedicated servant to the greens committee.

Murray Phillips Greens Director

Catering Manager—Marg Keen

We have catered for many tournaments and activities at our Club. Our meals have been appreciated with many positive comments.

The Vic. Open was once again busy but most successful.

Family members and friends enjoyed the delightful spread we presented for Lois Hardy's 80th birthday.

Thank you to my committee—your friendship and ever willingness to help on any occasion is most appreciated and I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Many thanks to all the girls who worked on our weekly Thursday and Saturday rosters, your assistance is also greatly appreciated and thank you to all members for your donation of food for catering purposes when requested.

Margaret Keen
Catering Chair

Bar Manager—Glenn Edwards

Once again the Bar has been a busy supplier of liquid refreshment and light nibbles to our members and visitors, as well as a major source of financial income to the Club.

Check the Treasurer's report for expenditure, income and the resulting profit for the year.

This doesn't "just happen". It requires careful planning and effort from the few dedicated members who give up their time for the benefit of the Club.

I sincerely thank those members who took the time to look at the roster and turned up, on time, to do their shift. I don't like to single out individuals but Marg Stibbard has been an absolute rock, I could not have lasted the distance without her constant support, and Graeme Sinclair always pops up at the right time when you need a hand. I thank you both.

Over the "off season" the back bar will be modified with the display cabinet being built in to the cool room. This will make restacking a lot easier and ensure that fresh stock is supplied.

The existing 3 door fridge will be relocated to the kitchen replacing the 2 door unit.

Glenn Edwards
Retiring Bar Manager

Sponsorship Manager—Jenni Hill

Jenni has done a wonderful job as sponsorship manager this year. It is not an easy task to continually seek sponsorship, in cash or goods, from the same sponsors, but Jenni has managed the task brilliantly.

Lifestyle Communities provided sponsorship of \$4000 for the Victorian Open. The Club had to supply the Victorian Open medal, for the best performed bowler during the Open.

A list of our valued sponsors appears on the next page and we urge all members to support them when making their purchasing decisions.

Thank you Jenni for your efforts, it is greatly appreciated.

Election of Directors and Managers

Election of Board of Directors

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded by
Secretary	Bill Gullick	Margaret Stibbard	Murray Phillips
Female Bowls Director	Margaret Stibbard	Bill Gullick	Murray Phillips
Membership Director	Paul Warren	Bill Gullick	Jim Shanahan
Greens Director	Murray Phillips	Sandra Wallace	Marie Nelson

Election of Managers

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded by
Bar Manager			
Catering Manager	Margaret Keen	Margaret Stibbard	Glenn Edwards
Sponsorship Manager	Jenni Hill	Jim Shanahan	Brian Hardy
Social Activities Manager			

Our valued Sponsors — Please support them.

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Central Tyre Service	GMCU	KC Bowls
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