

## Annual General Meeting 2019

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Quorum is 34 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming of scrutineers—Murray Phillips, Jim Shanahan, Norm Mitchelmore.
4. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held May 23rd 2018
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: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Male 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.

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 23/5/2018

#### **Present:**

Barb Allen, Craig Brauman, Elaine Brewster, Brenda Brodie, Peter Brodie, Bev Cahill, Jim Campbell, Graham Cross, Cathy Dudley, Keith Dudley, Glenn Edwards, Leonie Freeman, Val Gibbs, Wes Gibbs, Bill Gullick, Brian Hall, Di Hands, Stan Hester, Jenni Hill, Ron Holland, Norm Mitchelmore, Vince Page, Ray Phillips, John Priestley, Angelo Russo, Jim Shanahan, Graeme Sinclair, Bob Smith, Moira Smith, Dennis Smyth, Margaret Smyth, Max Steigenberger, Margaret Stibbard, Bev Thorn, Margaret Thorne, Robert Thorne, Sandra Wallace, Paul Warren, Ashleigh Williamson, Greg Williamson.

#### **Apologies:**

Barry Armstrong, Marika Armstrong, Betty Bicknell, Allen Cameron, Ellen Cameron, John Davey, Margot Dobson, Brian Hardy, Dave Hardie, Ross Higgins, Ray Hill, Flo Holland, Wendy Holland, Margaret Keen, Robyn MacFadyen, Vince Mazzella, Marie Nelson, Murray Phillips, Kay Pyke-Fernando, Milton Stibbard.

These were accepted on the motion of Robert Thorne and Greg Williamson.

#### **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 23/5/2018:**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record on the motion of Jenni Hill and Robert Thorne.

#### **Reports:**

These were distributed with the meeting agenda, and were accepted on a motion from Stan Hester and Greg Williamson.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This was accepted on a motion from Di Hands and Sandra Wallace.

**Election of Directors:**

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

As there was only one nomination for each position the Chairman declared all to be elected.

**Election of Managers:**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Bar Manager	Glenn Edwards	Margaret Stibbard	Margaret Keen
Catering Manager	Marg Keen	Margaret Stibbard	Glenn Edwards
Social Activities Manager	Nil		
Sponsorship Manager	Jenni Hill	Jim Shanahan	Brian Hardy

As there was only one nomination for the positions of Bar Manager, Catering Manager and Sponsorship Manager the Chairman declared the nominees elected.

As there was no nominations for Social Activities 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 Ron Holland and Rob Thorne.

**Close of meeting:**

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

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

## **Reports from Board Directors and Managers.**

### **Chairman—Wes Gibbs**

I have pleasure in presenting my report on another very successful year for the Club in 2018-19.

### **Strategic review**

The Board received the completed Strategic Review from P.M. Research Services. As a result of the review the club has endeavoured to increase membership, attract younger players and offer incentives to encourage members to take on administrative roles within the club.

### **Finance**

The Club is still very stable financially. However we are finding the Greater Shepparton City Council is expecting us to pay for expenses which we had not budgeted for. E.g. Insurance and water use.

Our sponsorship is well down this year. However, we sincerely thank our Sponsorship Director, Jenni Hill for what she has achieved. Less sponsorship and more expenses will result in more financial pressure on the club.

Thank you to all the businesses and people who have sponsored our club in any way.

### **Vic. Open**

Another very successful Vic. Open was held last year in November. As usual our members worked tirelessly to make the event a great success. Unfortunately, Vic. Bowls have indicated that we are not to use the sponsorship of Lifestyle towards the Vic. Open medal this year.

### **Coach**

Our newly appointed coach, Paul Nichols, has brought enthusiasm and new ideas. Despite the loss of several top players the Club performed very admirably in both midweek and weekend pennant.

Thank you, Paul for your efforts and we look forward to another successful season.

### **Pennant**

Despite our club indicating that our preference would be for a longer season, the G.V.B.D. Decided on a 14 week pennant season.

Congratulations to Division 4 weekend pennant side on winning the Premiership. All the other sides performed admirably with only one division failing to make the finals.

### **Club Championship**

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Club Championships. Congratulations to all the winners in these events.

### **New members**

During the year we gained more members than we lost at the beginning of the season and recently have welcomed many new members from the Wednesday night social competition. Angelo Russo must be congratulated for his leadership of this competition. Angelo and his assistants have made this a very successful and enjoyable event.

### **Green keeper and greens**

We have been very fortunate to have a high standard of greens presented to us all during the season under the leadership of Murray Phillips (Greens Director) and Rob Thorne (Green Keeper).

Rob Thorne has worked tirelessly with his team of helpers to achieve this.

I sincerely thank Rob and his team for the effort and commitment to this task. Unfortunately, Rob has indicated that he would like to take a break from green keeping.

### **Charity Day**

The Charity Day was once again a great success due to the untiring efforts of Ron Holland, Margot Dobson and the hard working committee. The amount of \$6327 was raised and donated to Azem Elmaz, People Supporting People. A great local charity looking after people.

## **Catering**

Catering is a very important aspect of our club. To Marg Keen (Catering Manager) and her team we are very grateful for your continuing hard work and dedication to this important part of the Club.

## **Booking Officer**

Thank you to Bev Cahill who spends hours on this task. Your efforts are really appreciated.

## **Bar Manager**

Glenn Edwards and his assistants have achieved a wonderful financial result for the Club. Thank you, Glenn for continually keep the bar well stocked.

## **Inaugural Best Club Person**

Bill Probst received this award at the Presentation Night. Bill is a worthy winner for his contributions and dedication in many ways to the Club. Congratulations Bill.

## **Board Members**

The Board continually strives to make decisions that are beneficial to the Club. I personally would like to thank all the Board members for their on going support to me as Chairperson of the Board during the year. Two of our Board members are not seeking re-election, Jim Shanahan as Deputy Chairperson, and Greg Williamson as the Male Bowls Director. Jim has served in many different administrative positions in our club over many years. He has a wealth of knowledge and endless energy. All these efforts have been greatly appreciated and we trust that he will still be able to contribute to the club.

Greg has completed his two year term as Male Bowls Director. This is a very important role within the club and we thank Greg for his dedication and efforts in this role.

In addition, Paul Warren has expressed his desire to retire from the Membership Director position. Paul has served in this position for a number of years and has worked tirelessly on membership development and retention. Thank you Paul. Paul was not up for election this year, but, he has chosen to take a break. The Board will appoint a suitable replacement in due course.

This concludes my report as Chairman of the Board.

Wesley Gibbs

## **Deputy Chairman—Jim Shanahan**

The past year has been another eventful one. On the bowls front, we can be very proud of our club's achievements, and hopefully this will prove a good foundation for next season.

Our clubrooms are now thirteen years old, and are starting to show some signs of ageing. As the owner, the City Council are responsible for maintenance, and they are currently working to stop rain leaks and repair damage this has caused. There has also been some movement in the foundations which has caused doors to jam, and these issues will also be addressed.

The extension of the coolroom by adding direct access from the plaza bar has been a great success and made the job a lot easier for our bar volunteers.

The boiling water unit has been moved from the plaza bar into the clubhouse to replace one that was beyond repair. This is needed when we have so many pennant teams at home and during tournaments.

At long last it seems that our phone and internet problems have been resolved.

The club achievement board has filled up. The current contents have been photographed for display, and the board will be cleared for future achievement to be added.

A new initiative this season has been the *Club Person of the Year Award*. This award is to recognise club members who assist the club in many and varied ways, but who do not usually receive any formal recognition. The inaugural winner was Bill Probst, mainly for the time and effort he has put into beautifying our grounds. Well done Bill.

Lastly I would like to thank and congratulate all those members who give so generously of their time and energy to make our club tick along. Whether you go on a committee, volunteer in the kitchen, greens or bar, or assist with tournaments and club events, etc, etc, the club wouldn't be the great club it is without your support.

JimShanahan  
Deputy Chairman

### **Secretary– Bill Gullick**

The Board has met on a regular monthly basis with several additional meetings held to discuss pressing matters. All Board members have attended on a regular basis to achieve the best outcomes for our club.

The number one issue currently on our agenda is the search for a new greenkeeper. We have advertised the position and there have been several inquiries, however, none of these people are what we need, and, we have been advised that it is extremely difficult to attract qualified greenkeepers for a variety of reasons. If any members knows of anyone who may have an interest in this position please advise us immediately.

In line with the above it is my personal belief that the members of the club will have to give serious consideration to converting our greens to synthetic in the not too distant future.

It is great to walk out and play bowls on the grass, but, the synthetic conversation will need to be had on the basis that it is very difficult to find greenkeepers, and, on purely economic grounds.

We also need to keep our thoughts on increasing and developing our membership base. Please bring along a relative, friend or neighbour to enjoy bowls at our wonderful facility. If you see any visitors wandering around our club please say hello and ask if they are looking to join a club. The Board have developed a new members kit, containing a lot more information for new members. Hopefully this will allow them to more easily assimilate into our club.

At this stage it looks like the RSL will survive, and, will continue to use our facilities. We know that some members are not particularly in favour of this, but it is still the case that their demise would leave a hole in bowls in the GVBD. A number of their members did help at the Victorian Open and we believe they will continue to try to assimilate into our club.

The carpet will be repaired during May and following this should have a further life of about 4 or 5 years.

We thank our wonderful volunteers who always come forward to assist whenever called. The catering committee does a great job in catering for pennant, tournaments and many other events and functions. The greens committee are also very hard working and keep our greens and surrounds in great condition. With a couple of retirements from the greens committee it would be really good to see a few more members put their hand up to join the greens workers.

Our wonderful facilities do not “just happen”, a lot of time and effort goes into their maintenance and renewal.

We will again have a full list of pennant teams next season. Could all intending pennant players put their name on the appropriate Midweek or Saturday pennant list, or both.

The Vic. Open will be back again in November. It was a great event last year, despite bad weather in the last 2 days.

Thank you to our great volunteer workforce for their superb commitment and effort over many years. The Club would not function without you all.

There will be several changes on the Board due to members terms being up. We look to all club members to always give consideration to taking up a position on the Board. It was very pleasing to see the number of volunteers who came forward to fill the positions at the Bowls Committee AGM.

We must continue to renew and reinvigorate all positions on the various committees and on the Board.

Thank you

**Bill Gullick—Secretary**

### **Bowls Committee Chairman's Report 2018-2019**

Another successful season of bowls comes to an end.

After an off-season of departures, few people expected Shepparton Park to be a major player this season.

But, with the introduction of new coach, Paul Nichols, pre-season coaching and some new players joining, all five weekend and three of our four midweek teams competed in finals action.

Congratulations to our division four Saturday team who ran out winners against Dookie in a hard-fought grand final and also our division three team for finishing runner-up to Hill Top.

All other sides performed admirably in their respective finals and no doubt will be better for the experience.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the people who have supported the club this season.

Firstly to Paul Nichols, your pre-season training proved to be a hit with an average of 30 players attending Saturday mornings for your skill sessions. Also, your training sessions during the week were appreciated by all members.

Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your support.

The midweek and weekend pennant selection committees, while everyone might not agree, they do their best to be fair to our members. Thank you to Brian Hall, Ashleigh Williamson, Paul Becroft, Paul Warren and Vince Mazzella.

To the greens committee headed up by Rob Thorne, in what proved to be a challenging year with the lack of rain and a constant heatwave, you and your helpers are to be congratulated for the hard work and hours you put in to keep our greens up to standard.

Glenn Edwards, thank you for keeping our members hydrated during the year. The job of bar manager requires a lot of hard work stocking and organising a bar roster.

To the match committee for their efforts in organising the various club championship matches. I would like to thank you for efforts in this important club position.

To our club champions, congratulations to A-grade men's singles champion Paul Warren, A-grade women's winner Leonie Freeman, B-grade men's victor Ray Saville and B-grade women's champion Bree Warren. Congratulations to all our club event champions for this season.

Also well done to the members who enjoyed success during the Vic Open.

Marg and Rob Thorne did a wonderful job in providing the Saturday night teas and they were greatly appreciated by all.

To all our members who have contributed in some way during the year, a big thank you.

This is my last year, as I have decided to take a break and I would personally like to thank a few people who have supported me during my time as bowls director.

Marg Stibbard, thank you for your support, especially the GV meetings.

Bill Gullick for your tireless work as secretary, I thank you.

Wes Gibbs, as chairman of the board you kept us all in check and worked towards making this club a better place for all.

Also to the remaining members Jim Shanahan, Paul Warren, Marg Thorne and Murray Phillips, a big thank you.

Regards, Greg Williamson

### **Bowls Committee Vice-Chair Report 2018-19**

Thank you Greg Williamson our Bowls Committee Chairperson, and Robyn MacFadyen our terrific Bowls Committee Secretary. Robyn works very hard for our club often from behind the scenes, without Robyn helping me in various tasks over the year, putting up lists for all of our social gatherings and notices from BV and GVBA we would not know of many events. Thank you Robyn.

Many thanks to Rob Thorne, I have often had to contact Rob, sometimes at the last minute, to have greens ready and Rob has always been very helpful and professional, thank you Rob and your helpers.

Congratulations to the pennant teams for your commitment playing to represent our club. Our breakup pennant dinner was a wonderful evening, thanks to the catering ladies for all of your hard work, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has put their hand up to take on a Committee position for our next season.

Paul Nichols, how lucky we are that you agreed to join our club making members feel included regardless of bowling ability, very much appreciated.

Good health and good bowling to everyone.

### **Membership Director—Paul Warren**

Membership report 2018-19.

Male	111
Female	58
Total affiliated	169
Life members	2
Social members	42

Total combined membership of 213.

17 new members  
14 members transferred to other clubs  
2 passed away.

Full membership numbers fell by 3. While this is an improvement from last season, 6 members from last season did not renew their membership due to age, illness or just having a spell or leaving the area, 14 members transferred to other clubs.

We had 17 members join as full members for this season.

With Social memberships also there was a change a decrease of 12 for this season it would be expected to increase next year with the starting up gain of Wednesday night pennant thanks to the efforts of Angelo Russo.

In addition the club has played host to numerous corporate groups who have held social events at the club over the past twelve months. In this area the club recognises the significant effort from those members of the club that helped out on these occasions.

Finally I would like to thank all those who regularly assisted our attempts to attract new members over the past year and with the success the club has had again with Midweek and Saturday

pennant in the past season it will encourage more people to join our club.

Regards  
Paul Warren  
Membership Director.

### **Greens Director—Murray Phillips**

The year commenced with the appointment of Rob Thorne to the position of Green Keeper. Rob carried out his duties in a very professional manner preparing greens of the highest quality throughout the season.

This was a great achievement considering the extreme heat conditions and lack of water availability on at least seven occasions, due to COGS allowing the supply dam to empty out after the ovals had been watered.

However with the valued assistance from Barry Hubble mowing and rolling, Denis Paul painting lines, Bill Probst garden maintenance, Graeme Sinclair garbage collection / morning tea, Ken Martyn Rose Green maintenance co-ordinator and Graham Ball rolling, etc. the greens committee was able to achieve a great deal.

During the year the Rose Green has been shampooed twice, taking approximately five hours each time. The Foundation Green has been groomed three times and the Members Green has been cored and renovated as well as being groomed three times. All this on top of mowing three times per week, rolling, spraying, fertilising and watering makes for a busy year.

At present the Foundation Green is having the concrete bank realigned at the North-East corner and new carpet installed.

The club has recently installed a new irrigation system which will give a better coverage across the greens.

The Rose Green will undergo major repairs to the base during May, this is required because of the many dents/divots created in the surface of the green by bowlers dumping, dropping and driving their bowls into the green.

This requires the carpet being removed, the base repaired and the carpet relayed, restitched and stretched at a cost to the club of \$18,000 approximately. There will be a concerted effort to eradicate dumping/dropping bowls from our game.

To the Friday mowing brigade a big thank you for turning out to mow the surrounds, it is very much appreciated as it eases the workload and keeps the lawns looking good.

Unfortunately the shrubs at the North end of the Members green did not survive the hot summer and will be replaced before next season.

Finally, there are always changes within a club. Firstly Ken Martyn is moving back to East Shepp. I wish to thank Ken for the wonderful work he has done on the Rose Green throughout the season, you will be missed.

Sadly. Our resident gardener Bill Probst is retiring. Bill has served on the greens committee for many years and his love of plants has been a bonus for the club. Bill has tended our plants with a passion, supplying plants he has propagated saving the club much expense. We wish Bill a happy retirement and hope we have the pleasure of your wisdom at our morning teas from time to time.

Finally our greenkeeper Rob Thorne has decided to step down. Rob, you will be a huge loss to Shepp Park Bowls Club, not only as greenkeeper but as a member who could turn his hand to do any type of maintenance around the club and as a competent bowler. Members as talented as you are virtually irreplaceable. I can only sincerely thank you for the workmanship and co-operation you have given us during 2018-19.

The club is now seeking the services of a new greenkeeper as this report is being written.

I thank all those who have assisted with the greens in any way during the past season.

Murray Phillips Greens Director



### **Catering Manager—Marg Keen**

We have catered for many tournaments and activities at our Club this season. The Vic. Open, Turkey Triples, Ladies Invitation Triples, 5 a side, Charity Day and the Shirley Sinclair Challenge. We were very busy but successful.

Thank you to Graeme Sinclair, Bill Gullick and all the men who fired up the BBQ when requested. A big thank you to Bev Cahill, our booking officer, for the wonderful job she has done organizing these functions. Some may be small, however, they are very lucrative to our club.

Thank you to all the members who have donated food for our functions when requested.

Also many thanks to Sandra Wallace and Robyn MacFadyen for the wonderful job they have done with the floral arrangements.

These certainly brighten up our tables and the room. A special mention to Robyn who has organized our yearly catering rosters over the past four years. Her efficiency and company will be missed around the kitchen. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way over the past year. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. A huge THANKS to all the catering girls for all the support they have given me.

M.Keen.

### **Bar Manager—Glenn Edwards**

Members who like to compare year to year results and reports will notice that this years report is very similar to last years report, why? Because things haven't really changed.

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 result 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, (again), and I would not have lasted the distance without her consistent attendance, and Graeme Sinclair who always pops up at the right time when you need a hand. I thank you both.

The back bar was modified with the display cabinet being built in with supervision and workmanship of Rob Thorne, it makes restacking a lot easier and ensures that the fresh stock is always supplied. A TV was installed and two comfortable bar stools supplied for those on duty.

A small but very efficient ice machine was installed in the Main Bar.

Some members noticed there was a \$0.50c increase in prices across the stock range this is because of increasing cost prices, our profit margin remains unchanged.

Our prices are still compatible with other Bowls Clubs and a lot cheaper than hotels.

The Vic. Open was a day longer, but the last two days were very quiet for bar sales as the spectators had gone home and so sales/profit were down, and disappointing for the time and effort put in to the event.

Once again, and finally, I thank those who have assisted over the years in the very successful operation of **your** clubs bar facilities.

Glenn Edwards  
Retiring Bar Manager

### **Sponsorship Manager—Jenni Hill**

We thank Jenni for her continuing efforts in this difficult portfolio. It is always very difficult to keep approaching businesses for donations.

## **Election of Directors and Managers**

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	Wes Gibbs	Jim Shanahan	Murray Phillips
Deputy Chairman	Kelvin Rogash	Wes Gibbs	Greg Williamson
Treasurer	Margaret Thorne	Murray Phillips	Jim Shanahan
Male Bowls Director	Paul Becroft	Bill Gullick	Ross Higgins

### **Election of Managers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Bar Manager	Ray Phillips	Rob Thorne	Bill Gullick
Catering Manager	Margaret Keen Helen Paul	Bev Cahill Marg Thorne	Pam McGurgan Robyn MacFadyen
Sponsorship Manager	Nil		
Social Activities Manager	Nil		

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