



Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th May 2022

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Quorum is 32 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming of scrutineers
4. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held May 26 2021
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;
8. Two year term: Secretary, Female Bowls Director, Membership Director, Greens Director.
9. One year term: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Male Bowls Director,
10. Election of Managers; Bar Manager, Catering Manager, Sponsorship Manager and Social Activities Manager;
11. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club, of which due notice has been given according to the rules.
12. Election of Auditors.
13. Close of Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 26 May 2021

Present:

Norm Allen, Graham Ball, Annette Barkley, Jeff Boyle, Elaine Brewster, Bev Cahill, Allan Cameron, Ellen Cameron, Alan Davis, Cathy Dudley, Keith Dudley, Glenn Edwards, Doug Freeman, Leonie Freeman, Joy Gardam, Val Gibbs, Wes Gibbs, Bill Gullick, Di Hands, Stan Hester, Ron Holland, Wendy Holland, Marg. Keen, Robyn MacFadyen, Norm Mitchelmore, Marie Nelson, Helen Paul, Murray Phillips, Ray Phillips, Kelvin Rogash, Angelo Russo, Graeme Sinclair, Bob Smith, Moira Smith, Dennis Smyth, Margaret Smyth, Max Steigenberger, Margaret Thorne, Bree Warren. Josh Warren, Paul Warren.

Apologies:

Marlene Bartley, Ron Bartley, Paul Becroft, Julie Bennett, Rob Bennett, Jim Shanahan, Margaret Stibbard, Rob Thorne, Sandra Wallace.

These were accepted on the motion of Marie Nelson and Bob Smith.

Minutes of meeting held 17-10-2020

These were accepted as a true and accurate record on the motion of Ron Holland and Stan Hester

Reports:

These were distributed with the meeting agenda, and were accepted on a motion from Murray Phillips and Glen Edwards.

Treasurer's Report:

This was accepted on a motion from Margaret Thorne and Wendy Holland.

Election of Directors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairperson	Kelvin Rogash	Bill Gullick	Wes Gibbs
Deputy Chairperson	Alan Davis	Wes Gibbs	Margaret Thorne
Treasurer	Margaret Thorne	Murray Phillips	Kelvin Rogash
Male Bowls Director	Paul Becroft	Bill Gullick	Kelvin Rogash

As there was only one nomination for each position the Chairman declared all to be elected.
Moved Glen Edwards 2nd Ron Holland:

Election of Managers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Bar Manager	Ray Phillips	Graham Ball	Graeme Sinclair
Catering Manager	Helen Paul	Marie Nelson	Robyn MacFadyen
Social Activities Manager	Annette Barkley & Joy Gardam		Co-opted
Sponsorship Manager	Keith Dudley		Co-opted

As there was only one nomination for the positions of Bar manager and Catering manager the Chairman declared the nominees to be elected.
Moved Cathy Dudley 2nd Stan Hester.

Election of Auditors:

Goulburn Murray Audit Service were elected as auditors for the next year on the motion of Ron Holland and Ray Phillips.

Close of meeting:

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

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman - Kelvin Rogash

This is my first report as Chairman and I am pleased to say that bowls, and the associated personal wellbeing, is in a much better position than it has been for the last two years.

Finance: Our finances are in a much better and more predictable position than they were at our last bowls club AGM. We continue to ensure that we spend wisely to ensure the ongoing viability of our club, but at the same time look to the continuing upkeep that is needed.

Our Sponsorship Director Keith Dudley has continued to do a wonderful job. It is these sponsorships that enable our club to put on the different events with good prize money without eating into our club coffers.

Victorian Open

Unfortunately, this will be the last year for us to be hosts of the Vic Open. Bowls Victoria has informed us that after many years, starting in 2011, of holding the Open it will be shifting to Gippsland and will also be held in March instead of November. It has been a long and successful partnership and one that we hoped would have continued. On a positive note it means that this will be the last time we will need to call on our many helpers for an extended period of time to help make the week long event as successful as it has been both financially and public relation wise.

So let's make it a good one.

Coach: Our coach, Paul Nichols, has decided that he needs a break from coaching. It has been an extremely stressful time for him with work in and near the city and travelling to Shepparton Park for coaching, training and playing with Covid ever present in all environments. He will be continuing with our club but this time in a playing role only. Thanks for all your guidance, Paul.

Josh Warren will continue in his role as our skills coach.

Pennant:

Congratulations to Division 2 and Division 3 Saturday teams for reaching the Preliminary finals and to Division 4 north for reaching the finals in Midweek Pennant. Thank you to all the bowlers who played in both pennant competitions and may next year provide better results.

The silver lining from not being in any of the grand finals was that all the midweek grand finals were able to be played at Shepparton Park on the one day. What a great atmosphere it was. Edna Harling was even there to present the medallions. We were also chosen to have the div 2 and div 3 finals played here on the Saturday and the division 1 grand final on the Sunday. This match was streamed and provided a great chance for the club to showcase the magnificent greens and facilities.

Congratulations to all winners of the Club Championships. It was very pleasing to see many more bowlers enter the various events.

Indoor Bias Bowls

My thanks to Bob Smith for keeping me informed on the various discussions and the arrangements that have been put in place to ensure the pennant season goes ahead.

New Members: As is the case most years there was a loss of some members but an increase of others. To all new members a big welcome. Angelo Russo and his assistants continue to increase our membership numbers through the Wednesday night social competition. This has become a very big night on the bowls weekly calendar. Well done to all concerned. Several of these social bowlers have gone on to participate in pennant this year. There has also been quite an increase in the number of social members keen to use our facilities. Please make them welcome when you see them here.

Green Keeper and Greens:

We welcomed the new Green Keeper Shane Walsh this year and it has been very pleasing to see the greens continue to improve and also to hear the accolades that are now coming the club's way. Many thanks to the Greens Director Wes Gibbs and his merry band of helpers. It takes many hours to get the greens and the surrounds up to these standards. A special mention of thanks to Rob Thorne and his helpers for all the work in laying the artificial grass in the walkway and around both outside greens.

We are still not happy with the undercover carpet and will be getting Tiger Turf back again to try to get it running evenly.

Charity Day: We were able to hold a very successful charity day once again under the leadership of Ron Holland and his green outfit. Ron and his team of workers we were able to make a donation of nearly \$6000 to "Shepparton Food Share". This was a wonderful effort all round!

Catering:

Following release from the various state lockdowns we are almost back to normal and have been able to hold several functions. There will be no catering required for pennant next year. Thank you to Helen Paul, Robyn MacFadyen, Marie Nelson and their team for the catering duties they have hosted.

Booking Officer: Thank you to Marg Thorne for organising the various social bookings for the club. The Christmas bowls, bar and BBQ nights are becoming increasingly popular and as these increase we do need others to volunteer to help out on these occasions.

Social Activities Manager:

Many thanks to Annette Barkley and Joy Gardam for taking on this role and for running several successful social events. It is up to us, as club members, to support these events when they are on.

Bar Manager: Ray Phillips has decided it is time to hang up his bar cap and we thank him for the time and effort he has put into running the bar so successfully. Also thanks to Marg Stibbard as his very able assistant.

Club Person of the Year

This year the Board awarded this title to two hard working members. Rob Thorne and Marg Stibbard. Congratulations to you both on the well deserved recognition.

Hall of Fame

We, as a club, should be proud of Bev Cahill who was inducted into the Goulburn Valley Hall of Fame at the recent Region Presentation night. The list of her achievements in both bowls and administration was indeed amazing. Well done Bev.

Secretary

Given that our secretary Bill Gullick is retiring from his position I would like to thank him for the amount of time and effort that he has put in over the years to ensure the club is kept informed and up to date with everything. He has been especially helpful to me in my first year at the helm.

Board members

Thank you to all Board members for your continuing support to me as Chairman.

Kelvin Rogash

Chairman

Deputy Chairman - Alan Davis

As I was fairly new to the club and this role, I would first like to say a big thank you to everyone at the club for their support and assistance.

There have been some leaks in the roof over the Rose Green but with council assistance this has been attended to.

The Rose Green bird deterrent continues to be a problem. This means more work for the carpet cleaners to keep it clean for bowling. As has been stated before, a big thank you to the members involved each week. We appreciate your good work.

The Vic Open will be here again in November so with this in mind a list of repairs and cleaning has been developed to prepare the club for this event. Thank you to those who helped develop the list and to all those who have volunteered to complete some of these jobs. The Vic Open is a great time to showcase our club and its facilities.

Thank you to everyone and I would like to wish the club all the very best for the coming season.

Chairperson Bowls Committee Sandra Wallace

Covid once again caused a delay to our Pennant season but we managed to get all our games played. We had mixed results with our Pennant competition this year. Midweek and Weekend teams failed to reach Grand Final status in any divisions. Hopefully a more consistent season will be had in 2022/23. Thank you to our Coach Paul Nichols and his Assistant Josh Warren for their time and effort which was much appreciated,

Congratulations to Marg Thorne and Paul Warren on winning A grade and Wendy Holland and Charlie Pellegrino B Grade Championships. Well done to all our other Club game winners who are listed in detail in Jim Shanahan's Match Committee report. Club events ran very smoothly with guidance from a very capable Match Committee and we thank them. We had several State game winners. Sue Tyson (singles winner) Marg Thorne (runner up) Marg and Sue winners (over 60's pairs) who went on to win Region. Bev Cahill, Bev Thorn, Marg Smyth and Brenda Brodie winners (fours) Di Hands and Matt Robertson (Tallygaroopna) who won (mixed pairs) and went on to win Region final.

Thank you to our Weekend and Midweek selectors, (not an easy job) and our Team Managers. Shane Walsh and Greens Committee have provided us with excellent greens which enabled us to hold many Goulburn finals here. Thank you for your time and effort in achieving this. Under Rob Thorne's direction and expertise the walkway carpet was replaced. Looks great. Thanks to all involved.

Tournament Committee headed by Wes Gibbs and Bev Cahill saw many events run this season including a Men's and Ladies special Memorial Tournament held in Wally Sinclair's honour. Was lovely to see Wally's partner Nora and daughters Di and Joy spend the day with us. We are very appreciative of Wally's bequest for each tournament.

Many thanks to Ron Holland for organizing and running Charity day once again. He did an excellent job and the Club was honoured to hand over \$5,180 to Foodshare. Thank you also to all

members who collected donations and helped on the day.

Angelo Russo (social bowls) Bev Cahill (Tuesday Winter bowls) Marg Stibbard (Friday Winter bowls) and Graeme Sinclair (Thursday 2X2 bowls) are to be congratulated on running successful competitions.

Our Catering Committee headed by Helen and Robyn have done a wonderful job of running the kitchen this year and they were kept busy with wakes, anniversary parties, bowls finals, Thursday 2X2's etc.

Ray Phillips and bar staff have once again provided us with excellent service. Thank you Annette, Joy and partners have resurrected the Chicken and Salad nights that everyone enjoys. They held a very successful and fun Melbourne Cup Day and Xmas function. We look forward to more social events organized by this enthusiastic Social committee.

Moirra Smith (our Welfare officer) for many years has sent out sympathy and get well cards when needed. This gesture is very much appreciated.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to my deputy Paul Becroft for his hard work and to all the other Board Members who have made my year enjoyable.

Sandra Wallace (Chairperson Bowls Committee)

Male Bowls Director- Paul Becroft

Welcome to all members. Another strange Covid season has finished and I am sure all members will be glad to get back to normal. Thank you to all members for their patience and adherence to the Covid policies.

Congratulations to all pennant players and thanks for their commitment during the season.

Congratulations to all players who made finals. Well done! Thanks to Shane and his team of workers. The greens were presented in magnificent condition all season, especially for the finals that were held at Shepp. Park. Thanks to all members who helped during the pennant season and during the finals. A job well done! Congratulations to all pennant selectors on a job well done.

Thank you to our catering ladies, as usual a job well done.

Thank you to the Match Committee for organising and running the club events which ran smoothly during the season. Congratulations to the winners of Club events especially Marg Thorne and Paul Warren (Club champions) Wendy Holland and Charlie Pellegrino (B Grade Champions).

Well done to Ray Phillips and his bar staff. Another great year of impeccable service to all members and visitors.

Thanks to all Board Members whose hard work has kept this club going through unsettled times and made this club the great club that it is. Thanks to coach Paul Nichols and Josh for their efforts during the season. Special thanks to Sandra Wallace who has worked tirelessly all year and helped me carry out my duties as required successfully. A big thanks to all members who have contributed to the successful running of this club which culminated in the extremely successful running of the GV Pennant finals. An outstanding success. To Bill Gullick our hard working Secretary another stellar year.

Congratulations to all new Committee members and I hope you have a great 2022/23 season.

Many thanks to all members who have supported me during the past year and I am extremely thankful to you all.

Good bowling. Cheers Paul Becroft (Deputy Chairperson Bowls Committee)

Secretary - Bill Gullick

It is my pleasure to present a report on the administrative happenings at our club over the last 12 months.

It has been another Covid affected year but we hope the worst of that time is over. I will not dwell on the past year because we need to concentrate on the future. It is an absolute credit the way in which our members have looked after themselves, and their friends during this time. To my knowledge we have not had any Covid cases originate from our club although a number of our

members have had Covid and many others have been in isolation due to close contact rules. Well done to everyone.

During the past year the Board have spent a considerable amount of members money on various essential items around the club. Some of these are, purchase of artificial grass to renew the old carpet between the Members and Rose greens and the droppers into the ditches. It all looks great. Cost \$14,500 All greens machinery was sent away for service before the last season \$5,000. Purchase of a new telephone system as the old one expired \$3,200, Replace blown out compressors on the kitchen fridge and the bar coolroom \$2,500. Purchase new laptops for the Secretary and Treasurer \$3,200. With thanks to all administrations we have the resources to complete these essential projects as and when needed.

This year in bowls has been a bit of up, and, a bit of down as far as our club is concerned. It seems this next season may be fairly similar. We may lose a few players, and, hopefully pick up a few. We really do need to look to recruiting some younger people to join our club.

The Board has worked very hard to keep our club in a strong financial position and to continue as one of the strongest clubs in our region. All board members have been very regular in attending meetings and acting with the best interests of this club, and its members, first and foremost at all times. Each member has worked hard in their allotted portfolio to enable the club to run smoothly. Without naming names I would like to issue a huge "THANK YOU" to the many individuals and committees in our club who work hard to run the various competitions and improve our club and facilities. You all know who you are and to a fault your dedication and commitment to this club is amazing. We are always looking for more willing workers. If anyone has a bit of spare time please let us know and we can find a spot for you. It is rewarding.

Our membership is ageing and each year a number leave us due to age, illness, death, or just losing interest. We have had a large influx of new members over the last few years and a number of them have become fully immersed in club activities. Please continue to make them fully welcome and ask them to join in the various events.

We are at the stage where we really do need to work on attracting new people to our club, particularly in the younger age groups. Whilst travelling to various places to play bowls it is obvious that some clubs have numbers of younger players in their ranks.

I would ask our members if they have family, friends, neighbours who they think might like to come and try bowls, invite them down. If anyone has any ideas on how we can attract new members please bring them forward.

Our Membership Director, Leonie Freeman, is working on plans to hold a membership drive in the September/October period. We ask for the full support of all members.

We can all look forward to the upcoming bowls season. Our greens continue to improve and we are working to improve the performance of our carpet.

The Victorian Open will be back from 19-26 November and will be a big event for our club with all members to assist with marking, umpiring, the BBQ, the kitchen and the bar.

Have a great Winter and safe travels to everyone.

Greens Director-- Wes Gibbs

This is my first report as a Greens Director. It has been a very successful year for the club as we hosted all the Midweek grand finals and Division 1, 3 & 5 Weekend grand finals along with different State events. This was made possible by the work and commitment of the members of the Greens Committee assisted by other members at different times.

The grass greens are both running very well but the carpet surface of the Rose Green is still a concern. Maintenance is always ongoing and we strive to keep up with this. The Friday mowing volunteers do a great job to keep the complex looking good.

A very big "Thank you" must go to Shane Walsh for his commitment and expertise throughout the year. I would finally like to personally thank everyone for their efforts in supporting me in this role. Thank you.

Wes Gibbs (Greens Director)

Membership Director-Leonie Freeman

In some previous Clubs I have been associated with, Membership application forms included a question for new members regarding what activities they could participate in, eg:- bar, greens, kitchen, finance, BBQ.

If you do not at present assist in any manner could you seriously consider participating in some form of activity—it makes life so much easier for everyone.

Our current Membership is as follows:-

Full memberships 160 includes two life members

Social memberships 53

Our social memberships have greatly increased in this season, largely due to our Wednesday social evening programme organised capably by Angelo Russo. Many of these players have proven valuable participants in assisting to organise the night. Many transferring to full members enabling them to participate in Pennant. Welcome to you all!

Our membership is largely in the higher age bracket, if we are to remain viable as a Club, we must all play a part in attracting new younger members, so please make approaches to your friends or neighbours and invite them down for a roll on the carpet or grass greens and hopefully they will gain a love of the game and enhance our Club.

Keep your eyes open for an Open day usually held in October.

Leonie Freeman
Membership Director

Catering Report-Helen Paul

We have had another busy year considering COVID.

We have again catered for 2X2's, the Turkey Triples, 5 a side, Ladies Tournaments, 2 Wally Sinclair Memorial Tournaments, 2 Wakes, the very successful Charity Day and supplied sandwiches for the Grand Final days.

We would like to thank all the helpers, cake and slice makers who always help us out when asked. We really appreciate your help and support.

Helen Paul and Robyn MacFadyen (catering committee)

Bar report 2021-22

Once again we have had a very difficult year because of Covid. We had quite a few lockdowns in regional areas across the state, we had through the months of June, July, August, all of September, through to mid October, which took a big toll on our club.

I would like to thank all those who came along to help with bar duty more hands make light work.

Once again with the great work done by Angelo Russo and his team on Wednesday social bowls we had Graeme Sinclair and Vince Mazzella manning the bar who do such a great job on Wednesday nights as well as many other occasions.

One thing that was disappointing was the Bar Roster that is put up in front of the bar at the start of the year that members don't seem to take notice of then duty gets left to just a few. This is one place that we make money to help keep a club running and keep our membership prices down.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our female club person of the year, Marg Stibbard, for all that she does in the bar through season every Thursday and Saturday. You do an excellent job Marg. Thank you.

I have had to give up the bar this year as we have more duties with our grandchildren.

Ray Phillips
Bar Manager

Ray is stepping down from the Bar Manager position. The last few Covid years have been extremely difficult for Ray with the numerous disruptions to trade and getting stock levels right. We congratulate and thank Ray for his committed and valued service.

Sponsorship

Thank you, once again, to Keith Dudley for his untiring work in the sponsorship portfolio. I think we all thought obtaining sponsorship from local businesses would be an extremely difficult task this year due to the effects Covid has had on businesses and their customers.

Keith has worked hard and has signed up several new sign holders. In addition he has also obtained a large number of vouchers from a number of our regular supporters. These vouchers are always very useful as they can be presented to various winners at tournaments, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday bowls, and, our Wednesday night social bowls.

Keith is taking a well deserved break and we are on the search for a new Sponsorship Manager. This is a most interest in taking on this position please speak to Keith or Bill.

Social activities

Our year began with uncertainty not only with Covid but with what was expected of us. We had our "L" plates on for Bev Cahill's end of Winter season Melbourne Cup Day event and were pleased with the positive response. A trading table was held over the next week and we were well supported with donations from both social and club members which enabled us to make a healthy profit.

To many people's horror the Christmas function was held at the end of November and the response was positive. The emphasis of this function was to get newcomers involved and we were not disappointed. Sue Tyson added a little extra to catering assisted by the Bennetts, McNamaras, Anne Matthews, Bushy, Richard and the Winches.

All the remaining functions included Fish and Chips with the Thornes, a couple of Chicken and salad nights with approximately 70+ attending. It has been camaraderie, laughter and mateship that has been evident at all functions which has been very rewarding. Paul Becroft organized an impromptu pizza night which was well received, there were numerous comments. Well done. The only other event was providing a BBQ lunch for a Regional event.

Along the way we have been able to make some money and after guidance from the Board a Boom Box with microphones has been purchased and 2 Shepparton Park banners are currently being made. We have wanted to put back into the Club and have done so with these purchases through your support.

Many thanks to each and everyone of you that have assisted, donated or offered support. In particular Sandra Wallace and Marg Thorne for their guidance and suggestions. We are looking for new activities and ideas so please feel free to have a chat.

Joy and I are grateful to the support given to us by Rob and Geoff who do lots behind the scenes. Thanks.

Annette Barkley and Joy Gardam (Social Committee)

ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS.

Election of Board of Directors

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded by
Secretary	Margaret McNamara	Marg Thorne	Sandra Wallace
Female Bowls Director	Sandra Wallace	Marie Nelson	Elaine Brewster
Membership Director	Leonie Freeman	Joy O'Donnell	Graham Ball
Greens Director	Wes Gibbs	Bill Gullick	Graeme Sinclair

Election of Managers

Bar Manager	Glenn Edwards	Marg Stibbard	Graeme Sinclair
Catering Manager	Helen Paul	Sandra Wallace	Elaine Brewster
Sponsorship Manager			
Social Activities Manager	Annette Barkley	Bill Gullick	Joy Gardam

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