



Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24th May 2023

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Quorum is 32 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Confirm minutes of Annual General Meeting held May 25th 2022
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, Male Bowls Director, Membership Director, Treasurer.
8. One year term: Deputy Chairman, Female Bowls Director, Secretary, Greens Director.
9. Election of Managers; Bar Manager, Catering Manager, Sponsorship Manager and Social Activities Manager;
10. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club, of which due notice has been given according to the rules.
11. Election of Auditors.
12. Close of Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 25 May 2022

Present:

Annette Barkley, Geoff Barkley, Sydney Baulch, Jeff Boyle, Bev Cahill, Alan Davis, Keith Dudley, Glenn Edwards, Doug Freeman, Leonie Freeman, Val Gibbs, Wes Gibbs, Bill Gullick, Wendy Holland, Ron Holland, Margaret Keen, Robyn MacFadyen, Norm Mitchelmore, Murray Phillips, Ray Phillips, Kelvin Rogash, Graeme Sinclair, Bob Smith, Moira Smith, Rob Thorne, Marg Thorne, Bree Warren, Josh Warren.

Apologies:

Alan Cameron, Ellen Cameron, Paul Becroft, Cathy Dudley, Di Hands, Marie Nelson, Pam McGurgan, Helen Paul, Dennis Paul, Malcolm Pretty, Jim Shanahan, Marg Stibbard, Bev Thorn, Kevin Thorn, Sandra Wallace, John Welsh, John Wright.

These were accepted on the motion of Bill Gullick and Marg Thorne..

Minutes of meeting held 25-5-2021

These were accepted as a true and accurate record on the motion of Jeff Boyle and Ray Phillips.

Reports:

These were distributed with the meeting agenda, and were accepted on a motion from Kelvin Rogash and Bill Gullick.

Treasurer's Report:

This was accepted on a motion from Alan Davis and Rob Thorne.

Election of Directors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
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

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

Election of Managers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Bar Manager	Glenn Edwards	Marg Stibbard	Graeme Sinclair
Catering Manager	Helen Paul	Sandra Wallace	Elaine Brewster
Social Activities Manager	Annette Barkley	Bill Gullick	Joy Gardam
Sponsorship Manager			

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

Election of Auditors:

Goulburn Murray Audit Service were elected as auditors for the next year on the motion of Rob Thorne and Annette Barkley.

Close of meeting:

It was moved Wes Gibbs, 2nd Wendy Holland, that club members express their appreciation for the work done by outgoing secretary, Bill Gullick.

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

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman - Kelvin Rogash

We, as a bowls club, are ticking along nicely at the moment albeit with a few hiccups along the way. As a way of updating our image we have developed a new logo which has been on display on our big entry signs and on the gate entrances and will gradually be featured on all our promotions.

Finance: We are fortunate that our club is in a reasonably strong position and that we have come out of Covid and the floods quite well. There have been a few cases where we needed to work with Council over some claims. As a result one pump in the dam shed has been repaired and the other one replaced along with a lifting and upgrade of the electrics. We also had wiring replaced around the Members green to make sure the lights are working properly. Recently an unknown vehicle ran into the southern verandah and it will have to be replaced shortly. It will be set back marginally to avoid anything similar happening in the future. It is good being able to work with Council in a positive collaborative way.

Angelo Russo took on the role of Sponsorship Manager and has been ever on the lookout for opportunities. It is these sponsorships that help us run our successful tournaments without cost to the club. They also provide vouchers which are used as prizes. Please support the various sponsors when possible.

Victorian Open:

I believe we can all be proud of the final Vic Open that was staged at our club last November. With over 2200 entries it set a record that will be hard to beat. It has been a herculean effort to have staged 10 Opens since 2011 and everyone is to be congratulated. The Open will now be held in March in Gippsland for five years. While we will be able to have a well-earned rest it will deduct a bit from our finances. Maybe there is an opportunity for some event still to be staged here in November.

Pennant:

Congratulations to our premiers for 2022-23, being Div 3 and Div 5 in the Midweek Competition. Also to the other teams that competed in the Midweek Pennant finals - Div 2 grand finalists, Div 1 & Div 4 semi finalists. In the Saturday Pennant congratulations to Div 1 & Div 2 for reaching the finals.

Thank you to all players involved in either Midweek or Saturday pennant. We enter a lot of teams to give everyone the opportunity to play and sometimes that means we need to call on bowlers to fill in when there are several players unavailable. It is not an easy task to select and coordinate the various teams so thank you to all involved.

Congratulations to all winners of the Club Championships. It was very pleasing to see many bowlers enter the various events. Also to all bowlers who enter the various state events, often with a great deal of success.

Indoor Bias Bowls:

Unfortunately the indoor bowls competition didn't get underway this year and doesn't look likely for next year either. However a social indoor bowls program has started up on a Friday morning for anyone interested.

New Members:

We continue to see an increase in the number of social bowlers which is great to see. We do realise that some of them play pennant with other clubs but from a friendship point of view it is good that they feel comfortable enough to join us here at Shepparton Park.

To all new members, welcome.

Angelo Russo and Sandra Winch continue to attract new members to the Wednesday night social competition. This has become a very big night on the bowls weekly calendar. Well done to all concerned. We opened our Memorial Day tournament to this group this year and the night proved very enjoyable and a good way for social bowlers to experience a full-scale competition.

While it is good to see and welcome new members it is sad when some of our members pass away. This year we have lost Life Member and bowls legend Edna Harling, club and region great

Dave Hardie and more recently premiership player Marg Keen. We have also had many members having operations for a variety of issues and we wish them all the speediest of recoveries. It's not easy staying healthy.

Green Keeper and Greens:

Our facilities continue to be a source of pride for us all and provide a sense of satisfaction to all those concerned with the maintenance of the grass and carpet greens. Shane Walsh, our greens keeper, and Wes Gibbs, our Greens Director, continue to do a great job and along with their crew of helpers ensure we have greens that are in top condition. Over the winter months there is not as much bowling done on the grass but there is still the need for maintenance and planning. We are in the process of installing netting over the carpet in an attempt, hopefully final, to eliminate the problem caused by the birds. Many thanks to Rob Thorne for this.

Charity Day:

This is a day that many look forward to and one that has raised a lot of money for local charities over the time it has been running. Once again this year, under the leadership of Ron Holland and his green outfit, we were able to make a donation of nearly \$5000 to "Shepparton Food Share." This was a wonderful effort all round. It is great to see all the leprechauns and other green or orange people running around enjoying themselves.

Catering:

A big thank you to Catering Trio of Helen Paul, Robyn MacFadyen and Marie Nelson for the tremendous work they have put in over the past four years. Whether it was salad rolls for pennant, BBQ's and salad, snacks and slices, or full scale dinners the ladies and their team have done a magnificent job.

Booking Officer:

The popularity of bowls as a social event for businesses and schools has increased and we hope this continues as it provides activity, revenue, advertising and hopefully future members. The many Christmas bowls, bar and BBQ nights were welcome events last year. While we do have a booking manager to coordinate these events we do need others to volunteer to help out on these occasions as well. Thank you to Marg Thorne for adding this role to her busy schedule last year.

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:

The bar has had several managers throughout the year but has continued to operate very well. The members who have filled the role at various times this year were Glenn Edwards, Bill Gullick, myself and Ray Phillips. Many thanks must go not only to these people but also to the many members who have filled the rosters throughout the year. Special thanks must go to our regular bar helper in Marg Stibbard.

Club Person of the Year:

This year the Board awarded this title to Murray Phillips. A very fitting person to receive this award which was presented at the Presentation Night.

State Selections:

It is good to see the recognition that both Kate Bush and Di Hands have received with their bowling prowess by being selected into the Over 60 State Team. Congratulations to you both.

Secretary:

Marg McNamara has settled into her new role well and even though Bill left behind big shoes to fill she has taken on the tasks admirably.

Board members:

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

Kelvin Rogash
Chairman

Deputy Chairman - Alan Davis

Once again, another bowls year has been completed. Through Kelvin, the council have been very helpful in attending to a number of problems such as the collapsed ceiling in the ladies' toilets and unblocking water lines and flood damage. Thanks, Kelvin, for your assistance.

The bird problem on the Rose Green continues but under the leadership of Rob Thorne a team is putting netting in place to help alleviate this problem. Thanks to Rob and his team.

The Vic Open was again a huge success and everyone who assisted with this event should be congratulated. A big effort by many people.

To everyone who has assisted me during the past year, a big thank you. Hopefully we can continue working together to keep Shepp Park Bowls Club at the high level it is.

Alan Davis

Male Bowls Director– Paul Becroft

Welcome to all Members. Another bowls season has passed with mixed results for our pennant players. Congratulations to Midweek 3 and 5 winning their respective Grand Finals. Well played to all members of those teams. A great effort and thrilling to see players who have won their first Grand Final, an achievement as bowlers we all strive for. Mixed results in Weekend Pennant with Div 1 and 2 making finals but unfortunately not proceeding on. Well done to all those players.

Unfortunately the lower divisions struggled with a lack of numbers being one of the major factors and also attendance at training has been very disappointing. If as a Club that wants to be successful, training must be a priority. I understand that a majority of players play a lot of bowls during the week but attendance at least 1 training session should be achieved. Training is the best way to improve your bowling skills.

Congratulations to our respective Club Champions: A Grade Men - Jeff Boyle, A Grade Ladies - Sue Tyson, B Grade Men - Neville Winch and B Grade Ladies - Carla Rikys. Congratulations and well done to all winners of Club Events.

Thanks and well done to the men and ladies of the Match Committee. All events being organized and run in an excellent manner. Thanks to the Catering ladies for another stellar year. Thanks to Ray Phillips and his bar staff for their excellent service throughout the year. Special mention of Marg Stibbard whose efforts during the pennant season were well received especially when Tallygaroopna were sharing our facilities. One Saturday pennant day we catered for approximately 160 players and, as always, Marg has been a cheerful and tireless worker. A job well done.

Thanks to Wes and Shane and their grounds staff with the greens being presented in excellent condition throughout the season. Thanks to all workers who helped throughout the season and the Vic Open. All their hard work is much appreciated. I had many compliments from visiting clubs, especially during pennant finals, as to how our greens and club were presented.

Thanks to Kelvin Rogash and all Board Members for their support and efforts running our Club and doing an excellent job. Special thanks to Ladies Bowl Director Sandra Wallace with her support and assistance my job has been made so much easier. She has worked tirelessly in her efforts towards making Shepparton Park Bowls Club, in my view, the premier bowls club in the Goulburn Valley.

To finish I would like to thank all members and the Board members for your support and friendship during my 4 years as Bowls Director.

Cheers and Good Bowling to all.

Paul Becroft Bowls Director

Deputy Chairperson Bowls Committee - Sandra Wallace

Paul has covered most areas in thanking, Catering, Bar, Match and Greens Committees but I would like to add to his comments.

Firstly I would like to express how pleased we were as a Club to celebrate Midweek Div 3 and Div 5 Premierships. A great night was had by all at the Peppermill. Div 2 did well to make the Grand Final but it wasn't the end result we were hoping for.

Thank you to the Selectors, both Weekend and Midweek. Not an easy job!!! Josh was our skills coach and we thank him for his time in attending training to help out. We wish him well at Mooroopna Bowls Club. Congratulations to all the Club Event winners who are named in Jim Shanahan's Match Committee Report. Congratulations also to Di Hands and Kate Bush on winning the Over 60's State Ladies Pairs title. Di and Kate along with Marg Thorne and Sue Tyson will compete at Bendigo in the State Fours event and Di and Kate in the Pairs. We wish them well. Well done Chris Meek on representing Australia in Perth at the Transplant Games. The Social Committee excelled in organizing Chicken and Salad nights, Christmas Dinner and Italian night to name a few. We were lucky enough to have "The Splinters" 10 piece band entertain us on one of these nights. Good to see lots taking to the dance floor. Thank you Annette and Geoff, Joy and Rob on the great job you do.

Social bowls has once again been popular attracting 70-80 players each week. Thank you Sandra Winch with the aid of Angelo Russo and helpers for running this competition.

Ron Holland organized Charity Day again this year and the event raised \$4,500 which was donated to Foodshare. Thank you Ron and team. A huge effort!!!

During the season Rob Thorne ran Thursday pairs until a rostered group took over. Bev Cahill ran (Tuesday Winter Fours), Marg Stibbard (Friday Winter Mixed Triples) and Annette Barkley (Sunday arvo Winter bowls). Thank you to all who ran these events along with many helpers. Cathy Dudley and Leonie Freeman ran several Tournaments and were assisted at times by Wes Gibbs and Jim Shanahan. Many thanks to you all.

Moira Smith sent out many bereavement and get well cards during the season. You have done a great job over the years and thank you. Joy Gardam will be taking on this position next season.

The Vic Open was held for a final time in the GV with the event attracting a record 2,000 entries. It has been an enormous financial benefit to our Club and we will miss the income.

Our Catering Committee of Helen Paul, Robyn McFadyen and Marie Nelson are retiring this year and we thank them greatly for the huge amount they have done over the past few years.

Paul Becroft has done enormous work over the past 4 years as Male Bowls Director. You have made my job easy and have been a pleasure to work with, thank you.

Sandra Wallace

(Deputy Chairperson Bowls Committee)

Secretary - Margaret McNamara

This is my first year as Secretary of our wonderful club, it is a privilege to serve on the Board. Thank you to all the members for their patience as I have learnt this role, thanks especially to Bill Gullick who has been a great support, Jim Shanahan who is my go to for all things technical and makes my Newsletters look pretty, and all the Board members who are very supportive and helpful.

The major task undertaken at the club this year was repair of the lights on the Members Green, thanks to Kelvin's discussion with Council the entire cost was covered by Insurance and the Council. Council were also very helpful after the floods when it was found that one of the pumps in the pump shed was not repairable. We had a little drama with the collapse of the ceiling in the ladies change room due to a blocked gutter and a downpour of rain, once again Council were quick to act and the damage was repaired in a timely manner. We are now waiting for repair of the roof at the front entrance which has been inspected but no work carried out as yet. We purchased and

had installed new shade covers between the Members and Foundation Greens as the old ones were irreparable, some of the materials were used to repair the shade on the West side of the Members Green, thanks to Graeme Sinclair.

Thanks to the Social Committee we were able to purchase the big banners to go at the East and West entrances, they look fantastic and went up before the Vic Open to be seen by all those visiting our club. We have updated our Logo to give our club a more modern look and we are in the process of replacing signage around the 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. As we hosted our last Vic Open in November we need to be very aware of how we spend money and to look for new sources of income. 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 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.

Have a great Winter and safe travels to everyone.

Marg McNamara

Greens Director - Wes Gibbs

It has been a challenging year with the floods. Luckily the flood level did not get onto the grass greens. The pump shed was flooded. Fortunately, the insurance covered all of the repair costs. Extensive work was needed to repair the lights on the Members Green.

The birds are causing great concern on the Rose Green. Rob Thorne is currently working on this problem. Hopefully, he can solve the problem.

The grass greens are both in good condition going into the Winter.

We hosted 3 weekend Grand Finals and many State games.

Finally a huge "Thank you" to all who worked on the greens both inside and outside. This is a huge commitment by many people. A special "Thank You" to Shane for all his expertise and guidance throughout the year.

Wes Gibbs (Greens Director)

Membership Director - Leonie Freeman

Membership is possibly the most important area for a Club. Lack of members can sadly result in the demise of a club. All of us are increasing in age and we need to replace the “oldies” with younger members.

With this in mind, we will be conducting a “Try Bowls Day” at the start of next season. All members will be requested to letterbox around their neighbourhood. Encouraging your neighbours and friends to attend would be a terrific start.

I specifically wish to thank Angelo Russo and Sandra Winch for the wonderful work they have done in conducting a superb Wednesday evening Social Competition. Many of those playing will become members in the future, some already have and are proving to be great assets. Thankyou also to all those who assist on the night. There are many!!

Befriending a new player and guiding them is the job of every club member, so please think about how you as an individual can support and encourage our new members.

Leonie Freeman

Catering Report - Helen Paul

I would like to present the Catering Report for 2022/23.

We have had another busy year catering for various tournaments, special evenings, wakes and our outside businesses who have BBQ's and bowling. We also catered for the Region “Thank you” for emergency services. We also had our regular 2x2's on Thursdays.

I would especially like to thank Graeme and Vince our BBQ cooks, also our small band of willing workers on a Thursday. A big thank you to all the slice makers who we can call on when needed. You make our job so much easier.

Special thanks to Robyn and Marie for their support.

As this is my last Report, I would like to wish the new committee all the best.

Helen Paul (Catering Manager)

Bar report 2022 - 2023

Well this certainly was a different year, as I retired from the Bar last year to spend a bit more time with our grandchildren, but after Bill had to give up the Bar due to ill health I took the job on again how ever this will definitely be the end this time. I have enjoyed working behind the bar working with our club members especially Marg who is enjoyable to work with.

The Bar has had a very successful year with the Vic open as well as having the teams from Tally after the Christmas break until season end.

Thankyou to all those who helped out through the year this is one way to bring money in to the club which then helps to keep our membership down.

Bar prices haven't had a rise in the last few years but I have noticed the beer prices going up when I am purchasing new stock and light beer seems to be now dearer than mid strength and one of the light ones is now up the same as some heavy beer prices, something that I disagree with, and some of the spirits are over 20 dollars a carton up.

Thankyou to all members for doing their turns working the bar throughout the year and Graham Sinclair and Vince Mazzella for their work on Wednesday social bowls.

Special thanks go to Marg Stibbard for her sterling work behind the bar and with the help she had with Marie Nelson on the Saturday's especially after Christmas, at times we had over 150 bowlers that the girls looked after. Well done all.

Ray Phillips, Bar Manager

Social activities - Annette Barkley

Throughout the Winter months about 30 Bowlers from all levels took part in five Sunday afternoons of single entry competitions. A warm snack at the end, lots of chat and a variety of winners which was great to see.

Mother Nature took hold of the beginning of the bowling season which saw the postponement of the season opening Italian Night until February. The first event was a great result from a great team.

At the end of January we ventured into live entertainment with a volunteer band, "The Splinters", who had Shepp Park rocking aided by the impromptu emceeing by Sue Tyson. The Splinters play for free but ask for a donation to Hospice and it was great to be able to hand over \$520 at the end of the night. It was great to see so many people get up and dance and sing along. The music and atmosphere took many of us back to our childhood days. Thanks to Marie Nelson for her recommendation.

The much awaited Italian Night took place at the end of the home and away series. Lots of fun putting it together and the feedback was positive. There were many people who allowed this to happen in particular the ladies who made the lasagnes and Sue Tyson who again made the desert. Whilst 40% of the profits go back to the Club we have been able to buy the new banners and signage around the Clubhouse, purchase the 'stand out' aprons for our BBQ guys and some of the plants in the Clubhouse. We are looking for suggestions from the membership as to how and/or what you would recommend we spend the profits on and ideas for events to run.

Many thanks to those of you who have supported the events. A consistent number of 80 have attended which makes it all worthwhile. There are many who have helped and we thank you all. I am particularly grateful to Joy and Rob Gardam, Sandra Wallace and Geoff for their support, guidance and hard work.

Annette Barkley (Social Activities Manager)

Sponsorship Manager

Thank you, to Angelo Russo for taking on the sponsorship portfolio this year.

Angelo has worked hard and has signed up almost all our previous sponsors and is in discussion with some new ones. In addition he has also obtained a large number of vouchers from a number of our regular supporters as well as some new ones. These vouchers are always very useful as they can be presented to various winners at tournaments, Tuesday and Thursday bowls, and, our Wednesday night social bowls.

Angelo is keen to continue in this role once he has returned from a short break.

ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS.

Election of Board of Directors

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded by
Chairman	Kelvin Rogash	Alan Davis	Sandra Wallace
Deputy Chairman	TBA		
Treasurer	Marg Thorne	Sandra Wallace	Paul Becroft
Male Bowls Director	TBA		

Election of Managers

Bar Manager	TBA		
Catering Manager	Annette Barkley	Marg Thorne	Sandra Wallace
Sponsorship Manager	Angelo Russo		
Social Activities Manager	Joy Gardam	Sandra Wallace	Annette Barkley

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