

# PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to all new and existing members to the recently established Metro North-East Bowls Incorporated.

We are pleased to report that the new entity for administering bowls in our region has hit the ground running and has already finalised 3 of the 4 region events that form part of the 2024-25 State Championship programme. The final event, Men and Women Singles will commence shortly. We are also currently running the single gender pennant competition for both men and women respectively.

It has been great to see the level of participation from bowlers across the Region in the various competitions that have been conducted to date. Congratulations to all the winners of the competitions (details of the respective winners can be found on the Region's website).

Given the amount of work that needed to be undertaken to amalgamate the 2 women districts and the men zone into the new Region structure, the Interim Management Committee (IMC) has needed to prioritise activities. The key initial priorities have been to:

- establish the Match Committee to ensure we could deliver the bowls programmes mentioned above;
- establish a new bank account and accounting system to control the finances and enable collection of the assets that were being transferred from the women's districts and the men's zone;
- develop a new logo; and
- develop a new website.

We are pleased to advise that these priorities have been met and the IMC is now in the process of:

- establishing a Selection Committee for the Region; and
- continuing further development of our website and other communication channels.

Following the transfer of assets mentioned above, we can advise that the Region has commenced with a sound financial position. In view of this the IMC has determined that we will not charge Clubs any Region affiliation fee for the 2024/25 bowling year. This will also enable the IMC to appropriately work through what finances will need to be collected on an annual basis to administer bowls within the Region and to ensure that the Region affiliation fee for the 2025/26 year is set appropriately.

Please note in your diaries that a Metro North-East Members Forum will be held at 7.00 pm on 22 October 2024 at Belrose Bowling Club. Further information on this forum will be forwarded to members closer to the date.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Stephen Ashdown (Belrose) and Terry Warder (Harbord) on their State selection in the NSW Men Over 60's team to compete in the Australian Nationals this October.

Gerard Parlevliet, President