**CHAMPIONSHIP/REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Members: Anne Draffen – Ballan BC (Chair)

 Kevin McLean – BMS

 Barry Godbolt – Kyneton Golf

 Marilyn Blake – Central Wendouree

 Elizabeth Kierce – City Oval

 Wayne Lynch – Victoria (Board Liaison)

**Chairperson’s Summary**

With the advent of the new ‘Ballarat Highlands’ region, the Board took the step of combining the traditional ‘Mens Selection’ and ‘Ladies Selection’ committees into one group that oversees selection for all region events, as well as facilitating the running of Region Championships.

I am honoured to have been asked by the Board to Chair the first Championship/Representative Commiteee. While there were always going to be some teething issues as the various committees eased into their new scopes, Championship events this year were a collaborative effort between the Match Committee who organised venues and greens, the Umpires Committee who ensured there were sufficient officials, and Championship Committee which completed the draws. Thanks to all clubs who made their greens available and to all individuals who volunteered their time to officiate as a manager or as an umpire. Events couldn’t run without volunteers.

Thank you to all members of the selection panel who contributed their expertise. It’s a challenging job which everybody has an opinion on – it’s not easy to be the one at the table making decisions. There are both successes and learnings to be taken away from this year and I look forward to another successful season in 2022-23.

Throughout the 2021-22 season Ballarat fielded teams in:

* Boromeo-Lucas Shield (Women-only event vs Bendigo/Campaspe/Goldfields Region)
* Whykes Shield (Men-only event vs Geelong Region)
* Page/Webster Shields (Women-Only Event vs Geelong Region)
* Provincial Shield (Men-only event vs Geelong, Wimmera & Bendigo/Campaspe/Goldfields)

Of these four events, we retained the Valerie Page Shield, and won the Boromeo-Lucas Shield from Bendigo for the first time in a very long time – a great success of which we should be very proud.

The culmination of the year is always the Region Sides Championships hosted by Bowls Victoria. We unfortunately were impacted by COVID with several players having to withdraw at the last moment and forcing some last-minute changes. While we didn’t manage to make the final this year, both men and women defeated the eventual section winners from our half of the draw which shows our potential for future years. With the “new” region, we took the opportunity to start a new tradition of numbered caps – all players who played at the Region Sides Championships were awarded a Ballarat Highlands Region cap with a number which will forever be associated with that individual. Thanks to Ian for supporting and arranging this.

Congratulations to all players who represented Ballarat Highlands this year – whether that be through a selected ‘Region Team’, or through winning your way into State Champions week. It’s always an honour and a privilege to play representative bowls.

Anne Draffen

Chair

**REGION CHAMPIONS 2021-22**

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| **Event** | **BHBR Champion** | **Results @ State Finals** |
| Men’s Singles | Craig Ford - Victoria BC | Quarter Finals |
| Women’s Singles | Elizabeth Kierce - City Oval BC | Quarter Finals |
| Men’s Champion of Champion Singles | Ethan Higgins – Gisborne & District | Quarter Finals |
| Women’s Champion of Champion Singles | Sarah Braybrook – Webbcona BC | Quarter Finals |
| Men’s Over 60 Singles | Wayne Roberts – City Oval BC | Last 16 |
| Women’s Over 60 Singles | Janine Roberts – City Oval BC | Last 16 |
| Men’s Pairs | Stephen TaylorGraham Edwards -Kyneton Golf BC | Last 16 |
| Women’s Pairs | Jill HopperDeb Gorin - Victoria BC | Last 16 |
| Mixed Pairs | Yvonne ClarkKeith Chapman - Bunninyong BC | Last 16 |
| Men’s Over 60 Pairs | Trevor YoungKevin Mayberry – Kilmore BC | Last 16 |
| Women’s Over 60 Pairs | Julie HoltonElizabeth Kierce – Composite (BMS / City Oval BC) | Semi-Finals |
| Men’s Triples | Ross BrownDave AndertonGeoff Gullock – Webbcona BC | Quarter Finals |
| Women’s Triples | Lisa TungJill HopperDeb Gorin – Composite (Ballarat BC / Victoria BC) | Quarter Finals |
| Men’s Fours | David BeardmoreTerry KellyGraham EdwardsEthan Higgins – Composite (Gisborne & District BC / Kyneton Golf BC) | FinalSilver Medallist |
| Women’s Fours | Donna LeesonJill HopperHelene StenningDeb Gorin – Victoria BC | Quarter Finals |

**HONOUR ROLL – BALLARAT HIGHLANDS REGION SIDES REPRESENTATIVES**

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| **BHBR Cap #** |   |   |
| **1** | Ian Warner | Sebastopol BC |
| **2** | Elizabeth Kierce | City Oval BC |
| **3** | Chris Steenhuis | Webbcona BC |
| **4** | Anne Draffen | Ballan BC |
| **5** | Barry Godbolt | Kyneton Golf BC |
| **6** | Wayne Lynch | Victoria BC |
| **7** | Adrian Plowman | Kyneton BC |
| **8** | Matt Blackburn | Webbcona BC |
| **9** | Deb Stanaway | Beaufort Golf BC |
| **10** | Gary Choate | Lancefield BC |
| **11** | Janine Roberts | City Oval BC |
| **12** | Mick Storey | BMS |
| **13** | Sarah Braybrook | Webbcona BC |
| **14** | Ryan Bedgood | BMS |
| **15** | Amy Newman | Ballarat North BC |
| **16** | Murray Gannon | Sebastopol BC |
| **17** | Trish Odgers | Diggers Rest BC |
| **18** | Gavin Mann | City Oval BC |
| **19** | Lyn Lock | Midlands BC |
| **20** | Deb Gorin | Victoria BC |
| **21** | Dusty Taylor-Irwin | Creswick BC |
| **22** | Beth Huntly | Creswick BC |
| **23** | Phil McGrath | Mt Xavier BC |
| **24** | Rebecca Cooper | Creswick BC |
| **25** | Wayne Roberts | City Oval BC |
| **26** | Mark Smoljo | Kyneton BC |