



Hi Everyone

Just a few items of information arising from the recent BHRB Board meeting (1<sup>st</sup> February):

### 1. Presidents' and Secretaries' Meeting

We were due to hold our next Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February but there are a number of other events on that day (including the Beaufort Centenary which a lot of Presidents will be attending).

After being unable to find a spare alternate Sunday, we will hold a **Zoom meeting on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm for Presidents or their representative** (one delegate only from each club to attend).

Clubs to forward any agenda items to myself at [bhrsec@gmail.com](mailto:bhrsec@gmail.com)  
(*Separate notice will be sent to club Secretaries*).

### 2. Club Survey

As promised earlier in the season, the BHRB Board will be conducting a survey of all members, involving a review of pennant organisation and playing conditions and any other items that may be raised by clubs.

The survey will be sent to all members via BowlsLink. Members will return their responses to their clubs, who will collate the surveys and send the results to the BHRB Board. All members' surveys are to made available to the Board.

The survey will be discussed further at the Presidents' Zoom meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### 3. Flapper Shield

A very successful Flapper Shield event for our juniors was run recently at Daylesford with Bowls Victoria Representatives in attendance and expressing interest in the possibility of expanding event.

### 4. Umpiring

Dates and venues are currently being organised in both the Ballarat and Highlands playing areas for both reaccreditation and new accreditation courses. Details will be sent to clubs as soon as they are known.

### 5. Prizemoney for Regional events

There has been some confusion regarding the amount of prizemoney awarded for Ballarat and Highlands playing area and Regional events.

Prizemoney is as follows:

~ Women: Regional winners - \$100; Runners-Up - \$50

~ Men: Playing area winners - \$50; Regional Winners - \$50

(This means that the men's winners will have received the same amount as the women. The Men's Runners-up at regional level will have already received their \$50 prize as a playing area winner.)

*Next season all events be regional (no individual areas) and prizemoney will be advertised in advance.*

### 6. Representative Matches

Recently our women were successful in the Val Page Shield but lost in the afternoon in the Webster Shield. Geelong proved too strong in the recent men's representative game.

The Provincial Championships between Ballarat / Geelong / Bendigo / Horsham will be held this Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> February) in Geelong. The regional side was selected from Ballarat clubs due to Highlands playing pennant on the same day.

### 7. Courier coverage

We are currently (and have been) negotiating with the Ballarat Courier to organise greater coverage of bowls in our area, specifically the detailed results of all divisions. Whilst there have been no promises that things might change for this season, we are hopeful of a successful outcome.

**8. Local Council meetings**

The Board is currently looking to meet with contacts from the various local Councils in our region that our member aiming to create a more coordinated approach to improving facilities for our member clubs.

**9. Other news**

- ~ The new green at Waubra has been inspected and is now ready for pennant use.
- ~ Beaufort is officially opening their new green at their Centenary event on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

Regards  
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