It was unfortunate that the season started off with so much rain and a number of early rounds in the Ballarat area being cancelled because of the weather. I would like to assure everyone that the decisions to cancel rounds were not taken lightly. At the end of the day, we did what we believed was in fairness to all, in the spirit of the game and took our duty of care to players into account. Whilst we do have a number of synthetic greens available, arranging wholesale changes to accommodate games over a weekend was not possible with a number of clubs indicated that they would not be able to fill teams if games were played on other days or times, especially at short notice.

As the season progressed, we were able to settle into the games and with some minor venue changes etc most rounds were completed without too many issues. Our thanks go to all clubs and your players for your agility and flexibility with everyone enjoying being out in some good weather eventually.

The finals series again provided some great bowls, with some exciting results for a number of clubs, whilst others will be looking to fight their way back next season.

A very big thank you to all clubs whose greens were used throughout the finals. We received a huge amount of very positive feedback about the greens and facilities provided. We do understand that it is not easy on clubs and your members who are asked to host finals games when you have teams playing at other venues. So again thankyou.

I would like to remind everyone of the BHBR Conditions of Play (CoP) document and ask that you ensure that team managers and selectors are aware of the conditions and of any changes that might be made from year to year. The pennant committee can only make decisions in line with this document and it is your responsibility to ensure that games are played and selections made in line with this document. Also thankyou to those clubs who provided the detail that was required from you from time to time for a fair and reasonable decision in line with the CoP to be made. Whilst we understand the frustration that can be caused as a result of some decisions, thankyou to everyone who accepted our decisions and the reasons for them.

Thank you to the other members of the Pennant Committee for your diligence and input throughout the season.

We wish everyone a very enjoyable 2023/24 season and let’s hope the forecasters are correct and we can get started on time with little interruption to our season.

Good bowling.

Yvonne Clark

Chairperson

BHBR Pennant Committee