



## **Bowls Wellington (Inc.)**

### **Delegates Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.32 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House

#### **Present**

Board: Barbara Pilkington

Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Karori, Khandallah, Massey Ave, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Seatoun, Stokes Valley, Tawa, Titahi Bay, Upper Hutt, Wainuiomata, Whitby, Wilton.

In Attendance: Blake Signal (GM Bowls Wellington), Paul Hassall (Umpires), Kevan Kelly (Titahi Bay).

The meeting commenced at 7.32 p.m.

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair was not present so the GM chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Barry Jordan (Bowls Wellington Chair), Victoria (Ray Martin), Silverstream (Aaron Wall), Newtown (Lorraine Brennan), Janice Price, Vicki Lee Remuera, Gavin McLeod

#### **3. Obituaries**

A minute's silence was observed for Birdie (Tui) Love (Stokes Valley), Gavin Peacock (Island Bay), Dave Rodda (Hutt), Mike Hearps (Khandallah).

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Delegates meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were confirmed as a true and correct record

#### **Eastbourne/Petone Central**

##### **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

#### **5. Bowls Wellington Tournament Review**

- Still looking for Nominations for the committee, these will be confirmed and announced in March

- Only one submission at present. Request to clubs to submit. Closes 31 March.

#### **6. Bowls Feasibility Study**

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This is currently delayed at present due to a high quote and unable to fund fully. A meeting is to be had with Nuku Ora seeking assistance with this study.

#### **7. Incorporated Society**

Only two clubs have yet to complete their registration. These clubs have plans in place to fully complete before the April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 closing date.

#### **8. Bowls New Zealand Census**

Half of our clubs have completed to date. The original email went out to clubs on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Those clubs who have not yet completed have been asked to complete. The process is very quick and easy to complete.

#### **9. Greenkeepers Report by Brendon Gibson**

Brendon went through the results of the latest greens check by Bowls New Zealand and discussed with delegates what the expectations were from BNZ around both the National Interclub and National Mixed Pairs and Fours for 2027.

Key points discussed were:

- Coring machine availability
- Nematode issues and best way to control condition
- Field days participation
- Renovation periods and what to do

#### **10. National 2027**

Bowls New Zealand has confirmed that Bowls Wellington will be hosting the 2027 National Mixed Pairs and Fours. This is the first Nationals Open Championships we have hosted since 2018. The GM encouraged clubs to help make this the best it could be by encouraging visitors to use their clubs facilities with special events and tournaments.

#### **11. General Business**

**Paul Hassle Umpires** talked about what's happening in the umpiring world. Key was the upcoming online umpires course that the GM would help promote locally.

**Mark Christie Plimmerton** ask the Centre if it would consider not running events against the Taranaki Fours

**Ray Lovie Wainuiomata** informed the group that Wainuiomata were working hard to bring Aotearoa Bowls (Māori Bowls) in 2028. This would require 10-12 greens mainly in the Hutt Valley area.

The meeting concluded at 8.17 p.m.

The next meeting was to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 7.30pm

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

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Chair

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Date

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