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**ANNUAL REPORT
2018/2019**

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CLUBS IN EASTERN RANGES REGION

The Eastern Ranges Bowls Region comprises 33 Clubs with 3,653 active members (2018 - 3,865 active members)

Club	No. of active members (as at 13 May 2019)
Ashburton	89
Balmoral Gardens	8
Bayswater	104
Bennettswood	56
Berwick	264
Blackburn	120
Blackburn North	46
Boronia	107
Box Hill RSL	70
Chirnside Park CC	125
Churchill Waverley Golf	64
Cockatoo & District	28
Croydon	131
Eastwood Golf	83
Ferntree Gully	183
Glen Waverley	202
Healesville	64
Heatherdale Recreation	111
Heathmont	151
Lilydale	255
Marysville	-
Mitcham	158
Monbulk	118
Mooroolbark	164
Mount Waverley	120
Mulgrave CC	207
Ringwood	104
Upwey-Tecoma	88
Vermont South	254
Warburton	48
Waterford Valley Lakes	9
Yarra Glen	84
Yarra Junction	38

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ERBR BOARD MEMBERS 2018/19

President	Barry Ferguson	(Croydon)
Deputy President	Maria Giramondo	(Eastwood Golf)
Treasurer	Richard Sluggett	(Mt. Waverley)
Secretary	Richard Sanzin	(Ringwood)
Member	Tony Anderson	(Yarra Glen)
Member	John Dixon	(Croydon)
Member	Barbara Keenan	(Bayswater)

BV Regional Representatives:

Female	Maria Giramondo
Male	Barry Ferguson

On 27 August 2018, Tony Anderson, Barbara Keenan, Julian Morilly and Richard Sanzin were appointed to the ERBR Board in accordance with Rule 17.4 of the Constitution to fill casual vacancies for the 2018/19 financial year.

On 8 October 2018, John Dixon was appointed to the ERBR Board in accordance with Rule 17.4 of the Constitution to fill a casual vacancy for the 2018/19 financial year

On 11 February 2019, it was determined to create a casual vacancy in respect of the position held by Julian Morilly in accordance with Rule 19.1(i) who had failed to attend more than three consecutive meetings of the ERBR Board.

ERBR BOARD MEETINGS 2018/19

Board Member	Number of meetings attended	Number of meetings eligible to attend
Tony Anderson	7	8
John Dixon	6	6
Barry Ferguson	8	8
Maria Giramondo	8	8
Barbara Keenan	8	8
Julian Morilly	1	5
Richard Sanzin	8	8
Richard Sluggett	6	8

In addition to the above meetings, two Club Delegate meetings were held during the financial year.

ERBR COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018/19

Championship Committee	Ian Hosken (Chairman - Mulgrave Country Club) John Dixon (Croydon) Barbara Keenan (Bayswater)
Coaching Committee	Barry Ferguson (Chairman - Croydon)
Greens Committee	Tony Anderson (Chairman – Yarra Glen) Peter Bowman Arthur Coghlan (Heatherdale) Darren McMenaman (Yarra Glen) Laurie Munding (Glen Waverley) Andrew Ross (Vermont South)
Junior Development Committee	Laurie Browell (Chairman) Ian Hosken (Mulgrave Country Club)
Laws & Umpiring Committee	Doug Whorlow (Chairman - Glen Waverley) Gordon Baker (Yarra Glen)
Night Pennant Committee	Garry Pickering (Chairman – Heatherdale) Arthur Coghlan (Heatherdale)
Region Sides	
Men	Barry Ferguson (Chairman – Croydon) John Dixon (Side Manager – Croydon) Ed Benetti (Mulgrave Country Club)
Women	Maria Giramondo (Side Manager – Eastwood Golf) Barry Ferguson (Coach – Croydon) Karen Morgan (Lilydale) Ruth Phillips (Heathmont)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another successful season comes to a close and we look forward to next season with hope and anticipation.

We are very grateful to those Clubs who assisted us with venues, officials, umpires and markers throughout the season. I also have to congratulate you on the high standard of greens provided which contributed to a number of exciting finishes with quality bowling a feature. Probably the highlight of the season was the men and women's Champion of Champions Finals held at Croydon Bowls Club where we were privileged to witness two magnificent games in front of a large group of vocal supporters. It certainly ensured a great atmosphere on the night.

We should also thank our amazing group of umpires led by Doug Whorlow and Gordon Baker for their leadership throughout the season and the support given to us by all those umpires who officiated at our championship events. Your contribution is much appreciated.

Congratulations to all our championship winners. It was pleasing to see some new names amongst the winners which is an indication of the depth of talent in our region.

We were thrilled to see thirteen different Clubs represented in the winner's circle from sixteen events completed. On the downside we were unable to hold the Under 25's this season owing to lack of entries. Hopefully we can resurrect it next season.

2018/19 saw overall participation numbers for both men and women up 7.3% on last season. It's important to continue to promote these events strongly throughout the Region to ensure we are able to provide viable and challenging competition for participants. It is also the pathway to Champions week and potential selection in representative teams. If we can maintain and hopefully increase participation numbers in these events it will help keep entry fees at current levels going forward.

We need to acknowledge the achievements of the following Eastern Ranges Region bowlers who achieved State representation:

- Jessica Wallace (Lilydale) was a member of the successful Victorian Women's side;
- Renee Hoffman (Lilydale) Victorian Women's Under 25 Side;
- Amity Bickley (Mulgrave Country Club) Victorian Under 18 Side;
- Lucas Protopapas (Ringwood) Victorian Multi Disability Side; and
- Patty Whorlow (Glen Waverley) Victorian Women's Over 60 Side.

We would also like to congratulate Patty on her appointment as a selector for the Victorian side.

Another highlight was the performance of Lilydale combination Josh Sanders, Johnny Sanders and Troy Stafford who, having won the State Title last season, went on to reach the Final in the National Triples Championships at Merimbula in early December where they finished a creditable second.

State Champions Week was held in Bendigo again this season where we were well represented with three of our participants/teams playing finals with a number of others reaching the quarter final stage.

The highlight of the week was the performance of Jessica Wallace and Josh Sanders (Lilydale) in winning the State Mixed Pairs Championship. They will now represent Victoria in the National Finals at Merimbula next December.

Vicki Smith (Lilydale) performed brilliantly to reach the final of the Women's Singles and in a tight contest lost narrowly to Kylie Whitehead (Wodonga) a multiple champion in this event and state representative.

Isabella Hosken (Mulgrave Country Club) reached the final of the Girls Under 18 Singles and after a slow start fought her way back into the game to lose by a very small margin. Showed great determination.

We achieved sound results in both the Men and Women's Region Side Championships at Traralgon and Murray Downs respectively. Both sides were very competitive with the men finishing third overall with 4 wins and the women fifth after a number of very close contests that saw them win 2 games and draw 2 with two losses of 1 and 3 shots respectively. I am confident both teams have the potential to be State Champions in the next year or two.

A highlight from both sides was the excellent team spirit and camaraderie that existed. I am sure this was a major factor in our strong performances.

I would also like to remind Clubs of the importance of maintaining accurate participation records. It is essential for local Council, State and National Government support going forward.

I would like to record my appreciation to my hardworking Committee over the past twelve months. With the exception of our Finance Director Richard Sluggett all of us were new to the position and needed to get up to speed quickly in our new roles.

Richard has continued to maintain strong control of the Region finances and ensures income is received in a timely manner and expenses are closely monitored.

Richard Sanzin stepped into the Secretary's role and has been a tower of strength in maintaining communications with all our Clubs and keeping them up to date with relevant information as well as organising Board and Delegates Meetings during the year.

Tony Anderson took on the very important role of Region Greens Director and I must commend him for his commitment to the role and the conscientious manner in which he has completed the time consuming and exacting tasks associated to his role. Tony has also recently been appointed to the Bowls Victoria Greens Committee.

John Dixon and Barbara Keenan for their roles in liaising and working with the Region Match Committee Chairman Ian Hosken, to ensure a successful season for our Championship Program. John has recently been appointed by the Board to represent Eastern Ranges on the newly established Metropolitan Pennant Committee.

A big thank you to our Vice President Maria Giramondo who took to the position with great enthusiasm and ably filled in for me when required throughout the season. Maria also took on the role of Team Manager for the Women's Region side and her assistance with this was much appreciated.

Eastern Eagles continues to go from strength to strength under the stewardship of Laurie Browell and Ian Hosken with many fine young players being produced.

Going forward I would encourage all Clubs to attend delegates meetings to ensure they are up to date with Region happenings and to contribute to the effective operation of our region.

Barry Ferguson
President

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OPERATING PERIOD 1 MAY 2018 to 30 APRIL 2019

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Receipts

BV Region Sides Contribution	\$3,100.00	
Eastern Eagles	\$4,395.00	
Regional Accommodation & Gear	\$240.00	
Regional Levy @ \$4 per member	\$14,468.00	
State Championship Event Entries @ \$10 per entry	\$7,875.00	
Term Deposit Interest & Return	\$1,404.92	
Total Receipts	\$31,482.92	\$31,482.92

Expenditure

Bank fees	\$0.00	
Computer & Website	\$463.91	
Club Subsidy -Cham/ship events	\$3,170.00	
Consumer Affairs Victoria	\$56.90	
Eastern Eagles	\$9,469.50	
Green Travelling expenses	\$656.54	
Insurance	\$991.60	
Ladies Only	\$316.04	
Opening Night	\$736.15	
Post Office Box Rental	\$130.00	
Postage & Stationary	\$312.22	
Region - Bowls Victoria	\$1,604.00	
Region Accommodation	\$7,126.00	
Region Sides expenses	\$1,428.87	
Regional clothing	\$2,035.00	
State Cham/ship Prize Money	\$4,800.00	
Trophies, Gifts & Presentations	\$400.90	
Miscellaneous	\$60.00	
Total Expenditure	\$33,757.63	\$33,757.63

Total Receipts over Expenditure **-\$2,274.71**

**EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2019**

ASSETS

Term Deposit	Invested to 22 April 2020 @ 2.6%	\$15,000.00
Inventory ERBR Uniforms		\$7,061.76
Cash at Bank		\$7,884.47
Total Assets		<u>\$29,946.23</u>

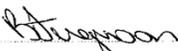
LIABILITIES

Opening Members Equity		\$31,679.75
Closing Members Equity		-\$2,274.71
Cash difference		\$541.19
Total Liabilities		<u>\$29,946.23</u>

Note: While the above accounts reveal expenses in excess of income for the period, it should be noted that the Region had advanced monies for Junior Regional Development to the Eastern Ranges. The Balance of the Advance now sits at \$3,337.23 as at 30 April 2019, and will be returned in due course.

Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Inc

In the opinion of the Executive of the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Incorporated, and as set out in the attached Financial Statements, comprising a Balance Sheet and a Receipts and Expenditure Statement, are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 30 April 2019.


Barry Ferguson, President, ERBR Inc
7 May 2019


Richard Sluggett, Treasurer, ERBR Inc
7 May 2019

Audit Report

I have examined the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Financial Statements comprising a Balance Sheet and a Receipts and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019. This was undertaken by sample of the material and review of the accounting procedures maintained by the Region during the period. Based on this sample and review, in my opinion the Statements present a true and a fair view of the accounts for this period. This is not an audit or a review for the purposes of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, but merely an independent check and verification of the accounts as presented and therefore should not be seen as being in accord with those legislative obligations.


Anthony Allan, FCPA
Honorary Auditor
7 May 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Championship Committee

Planning for the 2018/19 Region Championships programme was delayed pending the appointment of the new ERBR Board in August 2018.

Regrettably, this delay impacted the issue of entry forms and the scheduling of events at host Clubs. Despite this inconvenience, all events were completed in a timely manner with minimal disruption to the playing schedule.

The Region scheduled 18 Championship events during the 2018/19 season. Details surrounding the winners of these events and participation rates are outlined in the Appendix at the rear of this Annual Report. In summary, events were scheduled across 14 host Clubs (2017/18 - 15 host Clubs) from a total of 472 entries (2017/18 – 456 entries). In all, 774 players participated in the various Championship events (2017/18 – 738 players).

The biggest challenge for the Committee remains the scheduling of Singles events where host Clubs need to provide markers for first round matches. The Conditions of Play for Championship events conducted in Victoria (Regulation 9) requires all singles matches to be played under 'knockout' conditions. Given this requirement, the Committee intends scheduling future singles events across multiple Clubs in an attempt to minimize demands on volunteers.

Another challenge is the availability of greens, particularly at the start of the season and in early January when many greens are closed for renovation work.

During the 2018/19 season the Committee introduced a change in how entry fees are collected. Rather than paying entry fees for each individual event, Clubs are now invoiced periodically. This streamlined approach has been positively received.

The Committee would like to thank the host Clubs, umpires, markers, venue managers and the players across the Region for supporting the Championship events programme.

Championship Committee

Greens Committee

The 2018/19 season was a busy one for the Committee. In all 29 Clubs were visited involving the assessment of 68 greens.

The standard condition of greens was predominantly of 'A' classification with a small number of 'B' gradings.

Overall the Committees role was made easier with the support of Peter Bowman, Arthur Coghlan and Andrew Ross to cover the various inspections.

The 2018/19 season did not require the timing of greens, however the Committee decided to time the greens as part of the assessment process. It should be noted that timing of greens will be reintroduced next season and this will be formally undertaken and recorded on the inspection sheets. While the timing of greens is undertaken at the start of the season, it will assist Bowls Victoria in the allocation of Clubs and Greens for pennant finals.

I would like to thank all of the Clubs' green directors and greens staff for their help and assistance during the year.

Anthony (Tony) Anderson
Chairman

Junior Development

The past 12 months have been exceptionally busy with more and more schools being involved in our great sport of Bowls. Both Primary and Secondary Schools have shown an increase in participation over this period. Over this period, approximately 4,200 students passed through this programme, but the conversion rate is minimal and this area is being worked on.

The number of under 18's wishing to participate in our great game is increasing so much so that we know of a secondary school who were going to play in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Secondary School Championship. This school sent out an expression of interest to see how many students would like participate in bowls. The teacher was very surprised to find that some 60 students were interested.

Bowls Victoria have introduced a "Safe Working with Children" policy. Anyone working or assisting with an event comprising of children aged under 18 is required to hold a Working with Children Certificate, even if they are assisting with handing out drinks on a hot day, a sausage sizzle, administering first aid etc. It is now compulsory that all are required to have a working with Children Card issued by Human Services Victoria plus complete an online course "Play by the Rules". When completed a Certificate will be issued to the applicant and a copy to be forwarded to Bowls Victoria.

EISM (Eastern Independent Schools Melbourne) competition was once again a very successful competition with Mt. Scopus joining in the competition. This was an increase in student numbers and schools.

APS (Australian Public Schools) and AGVS (Australia Grammar Schools Victoria) increased by 8 teams this year so we had to change venues from Burwood District and Balwyn North Bowls Clubs to Glen Waverley Bowls Club as they have 4 greens of which we used 3 off and left us one green to grow into. Although we were washed out one Saturday it was still a good competition with St Kevin's being the winners of the APS Competition and Camberwell Grammar being the winners of the AGVS competition. We had some 140 Students playing each week.

Ringwood Bowls Club are very active in Junior Bowls, as they trialed the "Roll Up" program for Eastern Ranges Region. Although it was only over 4 weeks a small number of students came and participated. Ringwood have also started a Junior Scholarship program, (Free Club Membership, Club Shirt and any fees that the juniors need to pay for any competition).

This Scholarship program is a 2-year program for each Junior and in return the Juniors are expected to play in the Club Championships during this time. It has proved so successful that they now have 7 new junior members, what a great effort.

Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Under 18 Representative Squad "Eastern Eagles" continue to grow to just over 35 members. This representative Squad represent every Club in the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region. Eastern Eagles. All Clubs should be very proud of our Under 18 Representative Squad.

In the State Under 18 Championships they have had some success:

1. Kiera Powell (11 Years of Age) came 3rd in the mixed pairs.
2. Amity Bickley (13 years of age) came 3rd in the triples and Runner Up in the Pairs
3. Olivia Slade (14 years of age) came 3rd in the Female Singles
4. Isabella Hosken (17 years of age) came Runner Up in the Female Singles.

In addition, Isabella Hosken won the inaugural Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Under 18 Championship.

We thank Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Board for their very strong support for the Eastern Eagles.

Laurie Browell
Chairman

Night Pennant

Another successful Night Pennant season ended on 19th March 2019 with Ringwood winning the shield after a good battle against Mitcham.

This season saw 18 sides entered from 13 Clubs, which is two more than last year. Boronia re-joined the competition after a number of years. Both Mitcham and Ringwood have entered additional teams, MCC decided not to enter a side this year. The format remained the same as prior years with sides of 12 (4 teams of 3). The Rules and Conditions of Play also remained unchanged from prior years.

At the completion of the 14 Sectional rounds Ringwood 1 finished on top of Section 1 with 214 points, followed by Mitcham 1 with 206 points. In section 2, Mitcham 3 finished on top with 194 points, followed by Vermont South on 181 points.

The semi-finals were played at Burwood Districts on 12th March on a cool evening for the bowlers and spectators. Ringwood 1 overcame Vermont South by 12 shots (81-69) and Mitcham 3 beat Mitcham 1 by 11 shots (71-62).

The final was played at Heatherdale on the 19th March on a pleasant evening. The game saw some excellent bowls delivered by both sides. Early in the match two Ringwood rinks were able to jump out to a good lead which they were able to maintain throughout the match. While Mitcham 3 fought hard to reduce the overall gap, Ringwood 1 was able to defeat Mitcham 3 by 14 shots (92-78).

A great finish to the season with trophies being presented to all finals players. The perpetual shield was presented to Ringwood. Congratulations to Ringwood on winning the final.

The night pennant bank balance stands at \$1,860.80 as of the 27th April 2019.

We still require additional people to join the committee, so if you can assist please contact myself or Arthur Coghlan.

Garry Pickering
Chairman

Region Sides

Women's Side

The Women's State Region Sides Championship was held at Murray Downs Bowls and Country Club (Swan Hill) over the weekend of 29 – 31 March 2019.

Representing Eastern Ranges Bowls Region were:

Pam Arnot (Croydon)	Amity Bickley (Mulgrave)	Lynda Edwards (Blackburn)
Renee Hoffman (Lilydale)	Vicki Hudson (Heathmont)	Jan McGregor (Heathmont)
Dianne McLeod (Ashburton)	Karen Morgan (Lilydale)	Jan O'Regan (Lilydale)
Ruth Phillips (Heathmont)	Carol Protopapas (Ringwood)	Vicki Smith (Lilydale)
Trish Cullinane (Heathmont)		

I would like to congratulate everyone on their contribution to the team and the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves over the weekend.

Although the Side did not achieve the goal of winning 6 games and reaching the final there were many positive achievements of which we should be proud. In reality the Side was only 3 or 4 shots away from winning 6 games. While the Side finished 5th overall, its performance was better than that and were probably the equal of Bendigo/Campaspe who finished second. Individual match results were:

- Draw with Bendigo/Campaspe 33 – 33
- Win over Wimmera 50 – 13
- Lost to Northern Gateway 24 – 47
- Draw with Murray Mallee 35 – 35
- Lost to Central Goulburn Murray 30 – 31
- Win over Central Victoria 34 – 32
- Lost to Peninsula Casey 30 - 33

Our three skips finished in the top 11 overall with Ruth Phillips' team achieving 6th place. I commend the leadership of our two selectors Ruth Phillips and Karen Morgan which was outstanding and was a major factor in ensuring we were a close-knit unit.

Thank you to Maria Giramondo our Team Manager who ensured all went smoothly over the weekend.

Barry Ferguson
Side Coach

Men's Side

The Men's State Region Sides Championship was held at Traralgon over the weekend of 5 – 7 April 2019.

The Sides Championships is broken into 2 sections of 8, playing 7 games commencing on the Friday afternoon with one game, Saturday 4 games and a further two games on Sunday morning. The final was held on the Sunday afternoon.

Representing Eastern Ranges Bowls Region were:

Matthew Creighton (Croydon)	Simon Jeffery (Ferntree Gully)	Matt O'Brien (Yarra Glen)
Fintan McLoughlin (Heathmont)	Mark O'Halloran (Croydon)	Josh Sanders (Lilydale)
Troy Stafford (Lilydale)	Ben Thomason (Mulgrave)	Rob Waghorn (Croydon)
Barry Ward (Croydon)	Norm Whitehead (Mulgrave)	Zac Woning (Lilydale)
Anthony Witkowski (Croydon)		

Final standings were creditable, though disappointing, with 4 wins and 3 losses to finish in 3rd place of Section A. Individual match results were:

- Lost to Ovens and Murray 36 – 42
- Lost to Strezlecki 27 – 45
- Win over Wimmera 31 – 25
- Win over Gippsland 43 – 30
- Win over Murray Mallee 32 – 23
- Lost to Sandbelt 36 - 43
- Win over Northern Gateway 32 - 25

Sandbelt went on to be beaten on an extra end to again claim the Championship.

The selectors consisting of John Dixon, Ed Benetti and Barry Ferguson were all present to witness a weekend of some excellent bowling and wish to congratulate all the Eastern Ranges side representatives on their performances over the duration of the championship. All the players selected should be proud of their performances and the way they conducted themselves on behalf of the Eastern Ranges.

John Dixon
Side Manager

APPENDIX

EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION CHAMPIONS 2018/19

Honour Board and Representation

Event	Winner	Club	No. of Entries 2018/19 (17/18)
Novice Singles - Men - Women	Stephen Hawkless Lynn Hawkless	Chirnside Park Chirnside Park	15 (9) 11 (8)
60 & Over Singles - Men - Women	Henny Cortenbach Lynda Edwards	Mulgrave CC Blackburn	69 (54) 22 (20)
60 & Over Pairs - Men - Women	Eric Markham Andrew Bell (S) Jan Delaney Gordana Baric (S)	Monbulk Mulgrave CC	39 (44) 19 (27)
Singles - Men - Women	Garry Matthews Vicki Smith	Croydon Lilydale	69 (74) 27 (29)
Pairs - Men - Women	Robert Waghorn Barry Ward (S) Renee Hoffman Vicki Smith (S)	Croydon Lilydale	39 (47) 19 (18)
Triples - Men - Women	Paul Dodd CJ Sanary Zac Woning (S) Karen Barton Karen Morgan Pat Whorlow (S)	Lilydale Composite	24 (16) 13 (11)
Fours - Men - Women	Simon Jeffery Anthony Witkowski Barry Ward Matt Creighton (S) Annie Davis Carole Riedell Dianne McLeod Liz Kortum (S)	Composite Ashburton	13 (11) 12 (7)
Mixed Pairs	Jessica Wallace Josh Sanders (S)	Lilydale	37 (38)
Champion of Champions - Men - Women	Darren Mays Carol Protopapas	Heathmont Ringwood	26 (25) 18 (18)
U18 Open Singles	Isabella Hosken	Mulgrave CC	14 (Not held)