



## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE NO.9 AUGUST 2017**

**Greetings!**

**LATE NEWS: Scorecards can be picked up from Bowls SA from Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Aug.**

**1. AGM Salisbury Bowling Club 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

A well represented meeting with a number of extra people as observers.

A special welcome to all the new Presidents.

**2. Executive Committee Elections.** The following were elected for two years.

**Vice President:** Peter Walter

**Committee:** Steve Franks; Bob Scholefield and Lesley Slattery.

Thanks to Anne Phillips who has been with the formation of the MBA since the early meetings with Regional Councillors.

**3. Constitution.** The new constitution was passed. In the future all official positions will be elected from within the Executive Committee.

**4. Three Year Plan.** To avoid ad hoc decisions being made annually, we are seeking to draw up a plan for the development of Metro Bowls. All clubs are asked to consider the future, consult with their members and be prepared to bring their ideas in mid- January to our next meeting. Plenty of notice!

**5. Meetings.** We are suggesting three meetings a year for the MBA:

**January 2018-** A review meeting for open discussion and gathering of ideas for the following season. This will be held somewhere in the southern area.

March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the closing date for all proposals.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM MBA.** This will be the regular time in the future.

**September** Presenting the structure for the 2018-19 season.

**6. Pennant Changes.** The main item discussed was the change from 25 to 21 ends. Nine clubs expressed their concerns about this decision.

**7. Team APP.** Team App is a free addition to your smart phone apps - team app has a feature that allows rapid distribution of news, information, results etc. from an administrator and also sharing from user to all other users - clubs are encouraged to have some key communicators add the Metro bowls team app to their phone so that we can see how useful it might be.

Information is on the MBA Web pages, **under "Sponsors & Associates" – click the Team App icon**

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- 8. Pennant Draw.** This should be out early next week. On Sunday we outlined the process that M&P follows to create the draw and the efforts taken to accommodate all the requests from clubs. You can be assured the committee did their best to meet your requirements.
- 9. Marquee Games.** There will be a separate memo regarding the application for Marquee games once the draw has been distributed.
- 10. Conditions of Play.** The COP should be out early next week.
- 11. Bowls SA moving to Holdfast Bay BC.** As Bowls SA will be moving to a new home it would be appreciated if clubs can arrange for their scorecards to be collected as soon as possible from Bowls SA from 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- 12. Member Protection Policy.** We have been writing extensive documents covering By- Laws and a "Complaints, Protests, Hearings and Appeals Policy". All clubs are encouraged to review the Bowls SA Member Protection policy and adopt the policy or a variation to suit their situation.
- 13. Decision making document.** There are several important documents being sent in conjunction with this update.
- 14. Finals.** There will be more clubs involved this year with 26 finals extending to Div.5 on Saturday! More details later.

The new season is very close! Best wishes to all clubs and may your hopes and plans come to fruition!

Good bowling and above all else-**ENJOY!**

Ron Mitchell  
President.