



Metro Bowls Association

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE NO.1 JANUARY 2017

Greetings!

Our inaugural meeting last Sunday 15th Jan. was very successful with 42 clubs present. To those unable to come we hope you will be represented next time as there are important matters on the horizon, such as capitation, that all clubs will need to be fully informed about to make decisions. President updates will be sent to you regularly as well as flyers regarding meetings and **our AGM-date to be decided.**

The current Match and Programme committee with Jeff Allan as Chair will complete the current season. In March we will advertise for the new MBA Match and Programme committee to work with us towards the 2017-18 season. **We will take over all metro pennant matters from Tues April 4th.**

At the meeting the clubs gave us feedback regarding the current season and the future. The feedback is attached. Any further comments please them send to Ron Mulliner as soon as possible: metrobowls@bigpond.com

Budget. Previously your club has paid \$3 per member, on top of capitation, to Bowls SA for running the pennant competition and \$75 per team for nominations. A draft budget will be circulated and all clubs will be involved in approving the fees. **We can assure you your club will pay less than in the past!**

There are significant issues facing all clubs and we have further information since last Sunday.

CAPITATION. Currently seven clubs have entered into an agreement with Bowls SA to trial a new format for capitation where they pay a once off fee which is agreed to by both parties. Bowls Australia is moving towards a scheme like this and it now appears that we in SA will have the chance to take up the model for the next financial year. **Capitation will be a topic at our next meeting. Date to be confirmed.**

There was a good article about capitation in the **Bowls Plus magazine Sept. 2016 p15**

Falling memberships, financial viability and amalgamations are all critical matters confronting many of our clubs. The organization and delivery of sport is becoming more challenging. Higher expectations from members and government authorities; complex policies requiring constant awareness; computer skills taken for granted; extensive re-accreditation requirements to be fulfilled; continuing pressures on a reducing number of volunteers all lead to increasing demands on club officials like yourselves to cope!

Last Sunday we invited clubs to come with positive ideas and leave the negativity of the past behind. We as an association of all metropolitan clubs have a unique opportunity to develop a powerful organization directly representing the member clubs. We will consult with various groups about the future of bowls. **The first consultation meeting will be with female reps from clubs to talk about Thursday bowls.**

Fri 17th Feb at Lockleys 10am-12 noon. Flyer to follow.

Late news! From the end of Jan. clubs will need to contact Ron Mulliner for 50 and 8 badges.

We look forward to working with you and your club!

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