



minutes

112th AGM of Bowls Auckland Inc

Saturday 26 July 2025 10.00am
Mt Eden Bowls Club

1. Present

Board Members

Helen Blick (President), Tere Brunton (Vice President), Ian Dee (Chair), Craig Pryor, Karl Andersen.

Life Members

Graeme Bennett, Kevin Hickland (Patron), Jeanette Sinclair, and Gary Fleming.

Club Delegates

Rohan Bignell (Auckland Bowling Club), Graham Farley (Balmoral), Garry Hawks (Bridge Park), Gerard Hulst (Carlton Cornwall), Ian Fisher (East Tamaki), Shona Hewitt (Epsom), Alan Brooks (Glendowie), Tony Lumb (Henderson), Brian Jago (Howick), Jim Jericevich (Kohimarama), Gary Cotton (Mangere), Charles Tapper (Maraetai), Nathan Haturini (Mt Albert), Donna Cross (Mt Eden), Mike Bradshaw (New Lynn), Chris Stone (Oratia), Tere Brunton (Pakuranga), Murray Cotter (Papatoetoe), Chris Dearsley (Piha), Dave Windler (Pringle Park), Damian Beullens (Pt Chevalier), Murray Lander (Remuera), Gavin Brown (Royal Oak), Sue Smith (St Heliers), Taffy Davies (Te Atatu), Karl Andersen (Titirangi), John Ross (Waiheke).

Observers

Peter Blick (Carlton Cornwall), John Boddy (Epsom), John Clark (Papatoetoe), Lesley McLinden (Royal Oak), Izania Downie (Mt Albert), Jill Compton (Kohimarama), John Slater (Blue Waters Community Trust) and Marlene Castle.

Bowls Auckland Staff

Roz Murray, Leah Chan, Michael Anderson, and Dean Bartlett.

Welcome

Roz Murray opened the meeting with a Karakia.

The President welcomed all attendees and thanked all clubs for their efforts and dedication over the 2024/25 year.

It was confirmed with 27 delegates in attendance that a quorum was present and so the 112th AGM of Bowls Auckland could proceed.

Obituaries

A moment's silence was held for those members that had passed away in the last year.

2. Apologies

Michael Fock (Board Member), Rikki Swannell (Board Member), Les Eagleton (Howick), Catherine Bien (St Heliers), Brendon Walton (Bowls Auckland) Greame Scott (Auckland Bowling Club), Mike Galloway (Royal Oak).

Recommendation:

That the apologies be accepted.

Moved Graham Farley | Balmoral Bowling Club

Seconded Ian Fisher | East Tamaki Bowling Club

Motion Carried

3. Notification of any items of General Business

No items of General Business.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM

Recommendation

That the minutes of Bowls Auckland 111th AGM meeting held on 27 July 2024 to be confirmed as a true and correct record with noted amendment.

Moved Ian Dee | Board Member

Seconded Brian Jago | Howick Bowling Club

Motion Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the AGM

Nil

6. Presentation of Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30 April 2025

The CEO presented the Annual Report, including President, Chair, and CEO reports.

- Thanked and acknowledged all clubs including their leadership teams, volunteers, umpires, greenkeepers, staff and everyone involved in the delivery of bowls, and clubs.
- Thanked and acknowledged all Bowls Auckland funding or commercial partners including Blue Waters Community Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, Molecheck, Taylor Bowls New Zealand, Jarden Limited and Shade Systems for their continued support.
- Thanked and acknowledged all those involved in putting together the 2024/25 Annual Report which is a fantastic read, and available on the Bowls Auckland website.
- Overall, the four big picture key performance indicators have all experienced year on year increases including membership numbers, engagement / growth numbers, digital footprint, and investment capital.
- Bowls Auckland re-committed to its Strategy including retaining the strategic intent of supporting clubs to be the heart of their community.

- The only structural change to the Strategy was to introduce a new value 'Innovation' which has been introduced to encourage future focussed thinking and initiatives.
- Thanked all board members, and staff noting that the consistency created at both levels is not only positive for Bowls Auckland but provides continuity for clubs.
- Acknowledged the tremendous work clubs are doing to engage with their communities, resulting in the below year on year membership numbers.
 - Total membership Increase of 15%.
 - Social membership increase of 68%.
 - First Year membership increase of 9%.
 - Slight decreases in full and limited playing memberships.
- Engagement / Growth numbers continue to increase with significant gains made in twilight, casual participation (one-day events i.e., corporate bookings) and rangatahi / youth.
- The above presents an excellent opportunity for clubs and bowls in Auckland to continue to adapt membership categories and general offerings to the changing wants and needs of Aucklanders.
- Centre Events experienced year on year growth with entries up 5% and total participants up 7%.
- A new Performance Strategy was introduced which among other initiatives, saw the enhancement of the octagonal tournament concept, with two additional events delivered.
- Representative teams enjoyed success on the green, including winning all regional tournaments, with both the men's and women's teams making post-section at Intercentre, and the men claiming a silver medal.
- Looking ahead, Bowls Auckland will continue to focus on the three pillars in its Strategy, being capability, clubs and connection.

7. Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2025

The CEO presented the financial report.

- Ended the financial year with a net profit of over \$60,000 which is an improvement from the prior year whilst growing the Kimberley Investment Fund balance which are two key metrics, and highlights Bowls Auckland's strong financial position.
- The budget, therefore, profit and loss statement are led by the Strategy, with investment in key areas such as capability, clubs, and connection.
- To better support clubs in addition to the respective Rawhiti and Avondale funds, a new expense line was introduced 'Club General'.
- There were significant differences in Centre Events income and expenses brought about by timing of events, and an increase in prize money for selected tournaments.
- In addition to the extra prize money, a player travel subsidy allowance to support those club players who win through to a club national pathway event was introduced.
- There was no activator hired during the financial year, which saw a reduction in expenditure in youth, pleasingly, the initiatives were delivered in-house, whilst still increasing numbers.
- Thanked and acknowledged the Incredible contribution the Blue Waters Community Trust has had on the bowling community and noted that it no longer holds a gambling license due to the closure of its only venue.
- Thanked and acknowledged the Rawhiti Fund Committee, which is nearing the end of its 10-year lifespan, and is due to wind down in October 2025. Over this time 31 clubs have received grants totalling over \$5 million.
- Thanked and acknowledged the Avondale Fund Committee who in their first year granted or distributed over \$200,000 to six clubs.

- Bowls Auckland are keenly aware of the changes in the funding landscape brought about by the pending closure (temporarily or permanently) of Blue Waters Community Trust, and the Rawhiti Fund, both on clubs, and Bowls Auckland.
- Bowls Auckland has established a Financial Strategy that seeks to overcome these challenges by safeguarding and growing capital investments whilst support Bowls Auckland operations and club investment.
- It is planned that a new fund will be established to support clubs. It is envisioned that this will open before the end of 2025 subject to changes in the current constitution.
- For Bowls Auckland, it is planned that revenue is created to replace Blue Waters Community Trust income through various ways including, maximising all grant funders (outside Blue Waters), increasing commercial partnerships, better maximising capital funds enabling them to grow whilst being utilised to partly support Bowls Auckland's operations.
- Further to diversify revenue streams for Bowls Auckland and clubs it is planned that a Foundation be launched in 2025.

There was a question from the floor regarding the Avondale Fund, it was clarified that currently there is \$1 million in the covered green fund, and no funds have been allocated yet.

There was a question from the floor regarding usage of covered greens, it was clarified that Bowls Auckland encourages clubs with covered greens to open them to neighbouring clubs.

Bowls Auckland Patron, Kevin Hickland, congratulated the staff and Board at Bowls Auckland for maintaining a healthy financial situation and growing the sport in Auckland. He moved a motion of thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work done and acknowledged the significant contributions made by everyone involved.

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report/s and Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2025 be received.

Moved: Ian Dee | Board Member

Seconded: Craig Pryor | Board Member

Motion Carried

8. Election of President and Vice President

The Chair confirmed that in accordance with clause 18.3 Term of Office, Helen Blick (President) and Tere Brunton (Vice President) have completed year one of a two-year term, therefore remain in their respective roles.

9. The confirmation of any appointments to the Bowls Auckland Board

In accordance with Clause 19.8 Term of Office for Board Members it was confirmed by the Chair that Ian Dee, Michael Feek and Craig Pryor had completed a two-year term and retire by rotation.

All retiring members are seeking re-election.

Applications for positions on the Bowls Auckland Board had been received and in accordance with Clause 19.5 applications for Bowls Auckland Board. The selection panel recommended the following be appointed to the Bowls Auckland Board for a two-year term:

- Ian Dee
- Michael Feek
- Craig Pryor

Recommendation:

That Ian Dee, Michael Feek and Craig Pryor be appointed as Board Directors for a two-year term.

Moved: David Windler | Pringle Park
 Seconded: Sue Smith | St Heliers
Motion Carried

The members of the Bowls Auckland Board are now:

President – Helen Blick, **Vice President** – Tere Brunton

Independent Board Members – Ian Dee, Michael Feek, Craig Pryor, Rikki Swanell and Karl Andersen.

10. The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members

Patron

In accordance with Clause 18.4 of the Constitution, Kevin Hickland was approved for a two-year term as Patron at the 2024 AGM. As Kevin has completed one year, he will continue as Patron for a second.

Honorary Life member

In accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Constitution the Bowls Auckland Board recommend the awarding of Honorary Life membership to Michael Galloway for exceptional service to bowls in Auckland.

Sadly, Michael was not in attendance due to a family bereavement and was recorded as an apology.

Taffy Davies (Te Atatu) raised a question regarding the nomination, subsequently the Chair invited Gary Fleming (Life Member) to speak to it in full.

Gary Fleming (Life Member) highlighted the following regarding Michael's contribution.

- Has been a greenkeeper within Auckland for other 30 years, providing his expert services to at least six clubs through this time.
- He is an active member of the Auckland and North Harbour Greenkeepers Association, and current President.
- Is the most decorated Auckland Centre Event winner, with 23 titles.
- Has claimed nine national titles.
- Has represented Bowls Auckland including being part of the men's side who won the 2022 Intercentre.
- Has represented New Zealand including being part of the team who competed at the Commonwealth Games in 2022.
- Has won Bowls Auckland Player of the Year on five occasions and Bowls New Zealand Player of the Year in 2021.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Bowls Auckland recommend that Michael Galloway be appointed as Life Member for exceptional service to the sport of bowls.

Moved: Ian Dee | Board Member

Seconded: Tere Brunton | Pakuranga

Motion Carried

11. The election of a person to the Selection Panel

In accordance with Clause 19.3 of the Constitution stipulates that the selection panel established to recommend suitable candidates for appointment to the Bowls Auckland Board by the Delegates at the AGM is made up of:

- The President of Bowls Auckland or his/her nominee.
- A person appointed by the Bowls Auckland Board.
- And a person elected by the Delegates at the AGM.

Recommendation:

That Graeme Bennett be reappointed as Club Delegate on the Selection Panel.

Moved Sue Smith | St Heliers

Seconded John Ross | Waiheke

Motion Carried

12. Fixing the Membership Fee (for the foreseeable future) payable by Clubs to Bowls Auckland, having regard to the recommendation of the Bowls Auckland Board

In accordance with Clause 14.8 of the Constitution each year the membership fee shall increase by the rate of inflation as recorded by the CPI at March which was 2.5%.

In accordance with Clause 14.1C the Board has set the membership fee at an increase of 2.5%.

13. Fixing the maximum annual Honoraria payable by Auckland Bowls to the Auckland Bowls Board Members in accordance with 20.9 (Honoraria), only if a change to the current amount is being recommended by the Auckland Bowls Board

The Board recommended no change to increase the maximum; therefore, it remains the same.

14. Considering and determining any notices of motion received which propose alterations to the Constitution.

No motions have been received.

15. Considering and making recommendations to the Bowls Auckland Board as a result of any notices of motion received (not related to altering the Constitution)

No motions have been received.

16. Items of General Business as notified

With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.56am

Chairperson.....

Date.....25/7/26