

CLUB NOWRA



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## AGM Bowls Report

Members of the Board, Management, Club Members.

Another year has gone, and the last twelve months has seen a lot of developments and achievements for our small club. Even though our bowling members have declined considerably, our little club has still been able to defy the odds and produce some exceptionally great results.

Our Ladies Grade 2, and Open Pennant Grade 6 teams both making State playoffs, which is an outstanding result. The Ladies team made the quarter finals, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. The grade 6 Open team will be competing in Yamba at the end of June. This result is made even better by the fact that a majority of the team were in the Grade 7 team which made State Playoffs last year.

In addition to this, our Men's and Ladies clubs amalgamating under the one umbrella as Club Nowra, and Zone 7 being transformed into, The South Coast Region. In general, Bowls has been undergoing a consistent transformation over the past twelve months, and even though it has at times had its challenges, our club has been able to maintain an acceptable level of consistency.

It must be said, that there has been a noticeably downturn in player participation in a number of events throughout our region. This has had a noticeable impact on our Club events as well. After looking at a number of

events at surrounding Clubs, as well as other zones. It is quite noticeable that there are similar difficulties everywhere, and not just in our area. Gone are the days of players wanting to play events for the love of the game, and this is shown by the reduction of events on offer. Although, the events that seem to hold strong are those that offer considerable prize money, and a lot of the smaller clubs are not able to compete with this. It would only take a simple idea, of different concept to potentially generate interest once again.

Even though there is no such thing as a certainty, we can only endeavor to develop and build on what we have at hand. To do this, it has to be a team effort.

Regards,

Mark Kiss (Bowls Co-Ordinator)

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