

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 12th January 2026 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Grant Hassall (President & Chairman), Robert Wolfe, Chris Commane, Val McEldowney, Kevin Gray, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer).

APOLOGIES: Dean File, Kristin Stampa. It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Chris Commane that the apologies be accepted. **CARRIED**

MINUTES: Moved by Chris Commane/Robert Wolfe that the minutes of the board meeting held on 17th November 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Successful Grant – Grassroots Trust Central – National Intercentre
Successful Grant – Aotearoa Gaming Trust – Office Rent and Power
TSB Term Investments Notice – rolled over
Inglewood Date for Tournament from 28th November to 28th April
Opunake Date for Surf Inn Tournament – 25th April
New Plymouth Date for Men’s Tournament – 3rd December
Chris O’Dea – Limited Mobility
Bowls NZ – Limited Mobility
Enquiry – NPBHS Youth Bowls
Inglewood BC Letter – Changes to Tournament Programme
Bowls NZ - SKY TV Coverage of the Men’ Open Final.
Bowls NZ – Parajacks team at National Intercentre
Bowls NZ – Conditions of Play National Intercentre
Greenkeepers Tournament Flyer
Kevin Gray sponsorship of Women’s Open Prizemoney
Request for flights to Napier – Senior Men’s Octagonal
Invitation to Peter Tennent – The Devon Hotel Taranaki Open Fours

Outwards: Lion Foundation Accountability
Sponsors Reports
Invitation to Mayor – Opening of the ‘Open’
Letter to Craig Murray – No Smoking Policy
High Performance Committee Letter to Centres –
- Response to Bowls Manawatu Proposal of eliminating the Junior Hexagonal
Awakino BC – Liquor License and Responsibilities
Vacancy – Taranaki Men’s Development Side Manager
Monthly Centre Managers/Secretaries Meeting and Notes
Hosting Agreements to Clubs – Open Fours
Inspection of Guest Houses for Open.
Letter to Paritutu – reception & storage of Bowls Taranaki Youth Bowls for use.

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Kevin Gray/Val McEldowney

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that the financial statements for November and December be approved.

CARRIED

Kevin Gray was thanked for his sponsorship towards the Women's Prizes for the 'Open'.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Nothing to Report.

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that a luncheon thanking volunteers and sponsors be held on Finals Day for the Men's 'Open'.

CARRIED

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Grant Hassall that Bowls Taranaki apply to the Major Event Fund of Venture Taranaki for \$10,000+GST to help with the costs of hosting The Devon Hotel Taranaki Men's and Women's Open Fours in 2027.

CARRIED

b) Greens

Green Assessments for the 'Open' had been done and overall the standard of greens was very good. Some ongoing maintenance and further work is required in preparing greens for the 'Open' and the Greens Advisory Panel are monitoring this closely.

It was discussed that Greenkeepers are to prepare greens at the start of the day for Centre play, and if greens are required to be watered or rolled during the day then that is to be left solely with the jurisdiction of the greenkeeper.

c) Events

A discussion was held around Interclub. Conditions of play to remain the same for deciding a winner. Match points, then points differential, then points scored and then head to head between clubs. This aligns with Bowls New Zealand's Conditions of Play for the National Interclub.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that when a green is being used for a Centre event, then no other club events can be used on that green. This reaffirms a resolution previously passed.

CARRIED

d) High Performance

Players are willing to contribute for their own flights and a sponsor had been found to cover the balance of the costs of flying to Napier for the Men's Octagonal. It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Val McEldowney that Bowls Taranaki approve in this instance the Men's Side flying to Napier, as it is cost-neutral for the Board.

CARRIED

e) Youth

Our Youth Challenge Cup for All Players, Families and Friends will be played on the 9th of March 2026. Optional Triples with 1 player under the age of 21. 1pm Start. Entries to the Centre Office.

It was noted that Cole Drinnan, the rangatahi lead from Bowls New Zealand, who recently visited, has since moved on to a coaching role with another sport.

f) Membership/Club Engagement

Clubs must re-register with the Incorporated Society before the 5 April 2026 or they will no longer be considered an Incorporated Society (A Club). Grant Hassall to engage with clubs who have yet to re-register.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tournament Dates

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray, that Inglewood's request to reschedule their Tournament from 28th November to 28th April, 2026 be accepted. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray, that Opunake's request to move their Under 8's Surf Inn Tournament to Sunday, 25th April, 2026 be accepted. **CARRIED**

It was noted that Manaia had their ANZAC Tournament on the same day however they have no objection to the new date being used.

Players with Limited Mobility

A discussion was had around accommodating players with limited mobility. It was resolved that Bowls Taranaki would soon seek further advice from Bowls New Zealand on the matter and that Board Members would discuss with their buddy clubs on whether clubs are fully compliant to accommodate players with a wheelchair or mobility scooter.

Clubs and Greenkeepers would retain the right to close any greens because of overhead conditions in which any player whether abled or disabled might be in danger of damaging the green.

It was noted that for members who have limited mobility that Club's should consider investing in a bowling arm, for players to try out and have a go with a bowling arm before they purchase one. This may help to protect greens and extend the enjoyment of players who are wanting to continue playing the sport but might have difficulties because of limited mobility with delivering a bowl.

Letter from Inglewood BC

A letter to be drafted in response to Inglewood BC clarifying what dates Clubs can use for their club championships. The suggestion of extending the playing programme and playing the Champion of Champion events towards the end of May to be put to clubs at our AGM.

The meeting was closed at 11.45am.

Next Meeting: Monday 2 March 2026 at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall