

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office on the 27th August 2026 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed the Board Members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (President), Grant Hassall (Chairman & Vice-President), Chris Commene, Dean File, Kevin Gray, Neville Nodder, Ian Lewis (Exec. Officer).

APOLOGIES: Kevin Gledhill. It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Chris Commene that the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

MINUTES: Moved by Chris Commene/Neville Nodder that the minutes of the board meeting held on 9th July, 2026 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

INTERESTS: It was advised by Grant Hassall that he had accepted an invitation to join a steering committee looking into an artificial turf and cover at Fitzroy Bowling Club. There was no issue raised with this by the board and he is appointed as an individual and not as a member representing Bowls Taranaki.

MATTERS ARISING: Neville Nodder has been added to the Match Committee for the 2026-27 season. Neville will also look to be the Board's representative with Fitzroy. Dean File will look after the Patea, Tower and Hawera Park clubs.

OBJECTIVES FOR SEASON: The meeting agreed that the following items were objectives for the coming season

- Youth group – increasing the profile of our sport to youth players
- Finances – securing more sponsorship and funding
- Club engagement – working with buddy clubs to strengthen their position and assist in membership retention and recruitment; and assisting with facilities
- Board Southern Division representation – find a suitable person to join the Board

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Successful grant application - Four Winds – pre-season representative play
 Budgets - Octagonal and Junior Hexagonal
 Conditions of play and draw– National Under 26s
 Letter from Greenkeepers Ass. – confirmation of Greenkeepers Tournament
 Expression of interest – Kerri Cottell travel agent
 Bowls New Zealand AGM Notice
 Report from Women's Selector – Taranaki v Whanganui
 Report from Under 26s Manager (Jimmy Quay)
 Draft – Taranaki Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan

Outwards: Grant Application to Four Winds – pre-season representative play
 Grant Accountability for Grassroots Trust Central
 Grant Application to Toi Foundation – Annual and Event Grant
 Stratford-Avon Bowling Club – Letter of Affiliation
 Inglewood Bowling Club – Letter of Affiliation
 Letter to Bowls North Harbour – Taranaki Open Fours Dates

Letter to West End – Lunches for Centre events
 Letters to all Clubs – Youth Liaison with Youth Committee
 National Youth Meeting – Attendance
 Centre Secretaries/Managers Meeting with Bowls NZ
 Conditions of Play – Junior Hexagonal
 Vic Blance Challenge sent to Clubs
 Under 26s free coaching session advertising
 Coaches Association coaching session flyer to clubs

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.
 Moved by Kevin Gray/Dean File.

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Dean File/Chris Commane that the financial statements for July be approved.

CARRIED

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Neville Nodder that Bowls Taranaki apply to the Four Winds Foundation for the amount of \$10,000 exc. GST towards salary for the position of the Executive Officer.

CARRIED

HEALTH AND SAFETY: No health and safety issues in the office were noted.

REPORTS

a) Administration, Finance and Marketing

It was moved by Neville Nodder/Dean File that Bowls Taranaki authorise Ian Lewis and Grant Hassall to apply on behalf of Bowls Taranaki to the Aotearoa Gaming Trust for the amount of \$3150 exc. GST for the rent of the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office for the period from the 1st of January to 30th of June 2027.

CARRIED

We welcome onboard Taranaki By-Products Limited as a sponsor for our Champion of Champion events and The Waimate Hotel as sponsor for the Junior Bowls3Five.

A template had been sought from Bowls New Zealand for clubs to adopt as Club Regulations. Once approved by the board the template regulations will be sent to Clubs to either adopt or add to their current regulations.

b) Greens

Ian Lewis has discussed with Keith Sampson selection of some early season greens. Green inspections are planned for late October once greens are open and have had time to be prepared.

c) Events

Our Under 26s side had recently competed in the National Under 26 tournament in Wellington. A report had been circulated from Jimmy Quay and Ian Lewis. It was noted that our Under 26s selected players should be included in any High Performance training. Feedback from this recently completed event is to be given to the controlling body for next year's event.

d) High Performance

A pre-season fixture for Senior and Junior sides against Whanganui had been held for the first time. If Whanganui accept to play again next season, Taranaki to offer

to pay for all lunches, catering and venue hire, Whanganui to pay for their accommodation and travel. Numbers in each squad to be confirmed ahead of time.

It was moved by Dean File/Kevin Gray that Ian Lewis and Grant Hassall be authorised to by Bowls Taranaki to apply to Grassroots Trust Central Limited for \$4912 exc. GST. towards travel, accommodation and event costs to attend the lower North Island Octagonal and Junior Hexagonal representative events.

CARRIED

It was moved by Chris Commane, seconded by Neville Nodder, that "Ian Lewis and Grant Hassall are authorised by Bowls Taranaki to apply to Pub Charity Limited for the amount of \$16,679 exc GST. towards travel and accommodation costs to represent Bowls Taranaki at the Bowls New Zealand National Intercentre 2027 in Dunedin.

CARRIED

e) Youth

A new tournament to assist in the recruitment and development of youth players is to be held on Sunday, 27th of September.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that this tournament, the Vic Blance Challenge be named after Vic Blance, who was a Bowls Taranaki Life Member, committed coach, advocate and former school principal in Taranaki.

CARRIED

Entries through our website. Each entry must have 1 player aged 21 or under in their team.

It was moved by Chris Commane/Dean File that Bowls Taranaki apply to Sport Taranaki for Tu Manawa funding for the purchase of 10 sets of size '0' bowls, carrier bags and event and volunteer expenses relating to the running of our youth bowls programme for 2026-27.

CARRIED

f) Membership/Club Engagement

Board Members had started making contact with their 'buddy' clubs ahead of the new season.

It was advised that Megan Peters had taken on the role of Southern Division Secretary. We thank Jeff Ward for his previous efforts in this role.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Kerri Cottell – Travel Agent

An approach had been made to Kerri Cottell (The Travel Studio) to see if she would be interested in putting together a group travel package for players from Australia to attend our The Devon Hotel Taranaki Men's and Women's Open Fours. Indicating some interest, Kerri is going to put together a package. Bowls Taranaki to keep in touch as to how we can assist in marketing and support for her tour group/s.

President and Secretaries Meetings

An agenda to be sent out to Clubs ahead of the meetings. Clubs to be advised of Limited Membership, Health and Safety and the wish to have an Umpire and Coach for every club.

Taranaki Sports Awards 2026

It was moved by Neville Nodder/Chris Commene that a nomination be put forward to Sport Taranaki for Kurt Smith as Sportsman of the Year, and for Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo as Sports Team of the Year. **CARRIED**

Taranaki Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan

The Taranaki Facilities Consortium working alongside Council and Sport Taranaki had distributed their draft Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan. Feedback to be provided.

Limited Membership

It was the Centre's knowledge that some Limited Members had participated in their own Clubs 'Open' (gala) tournaments last season and that the definition of Limited Membership was not well clearly defined. There was some discussion around the merits of Limited Membership.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File that 'Clubs are to nominate which of their own Club 'Open' (gala) tournaments social, casual or limited members can play in.' Otherwise Limited Members must not play in their own clubs 'Open' (gala) tournaments. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File that 'where the controlling body approves a limited, social or casual player to play in their tournament to ensure there is not a default or bye and/or that the situation warrants it, that the controlling body ensures a record and reason is kept.' **CARRIED**

Substitute forms already require a reason to be recorded for a substitution and can be used to keep these records. These records are to be held by the controlling body. Ian Lewis to update the Centre Regulations and our template for Club Regulations.

Clubs when submitting their programme for next season's handbook are to nominate which events are for social, casual and limited members (e.g. Business House or non-bowler tournaments) and these events are to be recorded in the Centre Handbook for all players.

The meeting was closed at 12.00 noon.

Next Meeting: 10.30am Thursday 8th October, 2026 at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairman: Grant Hassall