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TO: ALL CLUBS

RE: Bowls ACT 2020-21 Board and Message from the President

Following the Annual General Meeting on Monday 28 September, 2020 the Bowls ACT Board met to appoint the positions of President and Vice President for 2020-21. Bowls are pleased to announce the Board positions as follows;

President

David Pruss

Vice President

Gillian Harris-Mayes

Appointed Directors

Roger Grylls (Finance)

Mark Jennings (Legal)

Directors

Jeff Bradley

Di Marquet

Matthew Styles

Marg Bachetto

David Pruss, newly elected President of the Board, would like to express the following to Bowls ACT Members;

Presidents Message to Bowls ACT affiliated Clubs and Members

I am writing to you as your newly-appointed President, an honour I am proud and humbled to accept. At the same time, I wish to highlight and remind you that all Board members are volunteers who perform to the best of their abilities to administer and support the Clubs and their members.

Decisions by the Board may at times be seen by some as incorrect, and this reflects society in general. As such, I invite nominations for Board positions in the future as this will bring fresh views, ideas, and experience which can only benefit Lawn Bowls in the ACT and all our affiliated clubs

Currently I see Board priorities as:

- 1. Review Board appointee positions,*
- 2. Review and identify Director portfolios,*
- 3. Review and document Board processes,*
- 4. Better understanding how Clubs and Bowls ACT can work together,*
- 5. Review representative policies and player contracts,*
- 6. Conduct reviews of remaining policies,*
- 7. Engage players for selection duties,*
- 8. Engage players for coaching duties, and*
- 9. Explore new opportunities for sponsorships*

As we are all aware of, our sport, and our way of life, has been, and is still under threat from the current COVID Pandemic, and with this in mind, there is no better time to show our unity and solidarity in our sport.

Bowls programmes and events have either been postponed or cancelled locally and nationally. Clubs within ACT fortunately have not closed as has been seen in other States and Territories. The Bowls ACT Board identify as a priority that everyone remains safe and well.

It is not possible predict if there will be further outbreaks (including severity), or lockdowns, however, should such an event occur, we will strive to ensure we are as prepared as possible with appropriate processes and following all legislative and health directives issued by our Federal and Local Government officials.

It has been positive to see club committees have been maintaining regular communication and contact with their membership, and I urge clubs and members to continue to do so as every form of positive contact and communication helps as we seek to minimise the effect of coronavirus quarantines and lockdowns. As part of this communication, over the coming months, I will be attempting to visit clubs and meet with Presidents and where possible club committees.

We in the ACT were relatively fortunate in being able to return to some sense of normality much quicker than expected and with this in mind I would like to assure Clubs, Bowls ACT is determined to continue to lead the revival and resurgence of our sport in the ACT region. During the year Bowls ACT introduced measures which we believe had a positive effect. These included:

- 1. Issued health advisories relating to:
 - a. Air Quality (Fire Season),*
 - b. COVID-19 (Federal and Local),*
 - c. Social distancing directives, and*
 - d. Sanitising requirements.**
- 2. Reducing the amount of affiliations fees paid by Clubs to further assist clubs and their members who may have been financially impacted.*
- 3. Return to play guidelines.*
- 4. Ensuring our Bowls programme of events was protected, of which we were pleased that the rescheduled Championships have been successfully run. Well done to everyone who participated and to those who ultimately were winners.*

In conclusion I would urge all our Clubs and members to be strong and resolute and remember you are not alone. Please accept this message as a pledge of your governing body's support to the ongoing commitment to and caretaking of our sport within Bowls ACT affiliated clubs.

*Sincerely,
David Pruss*

*President
Bowls ACT
1 October 2020*

Please join me in welcoming in the new Board for 2020-21.

Ciaran O'Rourke
Executive Officer