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To; All Bowls ACT Clubs & Members

RE; Yowani Country Club

Bowls ACT wish to inform all clubs and members that notification has been received of the intention of Yowani Country Club to cease bowls operations with the move to the clubs new site and have reached out to Yowani Country Club board and management for a deeper understanding of the issues.

Bowls ACT respect there will be commercial realities behind the determination but are deeply disappointed that the history and culture of the club will be lost and are conscious of the social and sporting impacts for the residents of Northern Canberra and surrounding communities. Yowani Country Club have advised that all members will be compensated for the transition into new clubs and the club intend to create a provision of financial support which will ***"...improve the playing facilities and financial future of the [new host] club."***

Bowls ACT will continue to work with the members and executive of Yowani Bowling Club to ensure the best outcomes for our sport & membership.

Bowls ACT are aware that this news is likely to place significant strain on clubs and membership with now limited options for the northern Canberra community to access facilities and have continued dialogue with the ACT Government and facility owners to ensure the sport remains accessible to all in the capital region.

All Bowls ACT clubs are encouraged to make their facilities accessible to Yowani members in the short term while the club members and executive determine their short and long-term playing future.



Nick Hind – Bowls ACT Executive Officer

