



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



BOWLS ACT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 27 May 2025 at 5:30pm
Weston Creek Bowling Club

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by President**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of 9 April 2024**
- 4. Presidents Report**
- 5. Executive Officer's Report**
- 6. Director's Reports**
 - a. Match**
 - b. Juniors**
 - c. Digital**
 - d. Representative**
 - e. Affiliations**
 - f. Governance**
 - g. Recruitment**
- 7. Receipt of the Audited Statement of Accounts**
- 8. Special Resolutions (If Applicable):**
- 9. Notice of Motions:**
- 10. Election of Board Members**
- 11. Close**



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Ruth Moore and Jamie Smith awarded winners of the 2024 Nationals Mixed Pairs event



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, Bowls ACT would like to thank all our participating Clubs, Members, Volunteers and Sponsors throughout the 2024/25 season, for without your support the sport of Bowls could not continue to grow.

With the departure of our Executive Officer, Nick Hind, we have had to deal with some challenges in the last quarter of the year and I would like to thank all the Board members that helped and contributed to keep Bowls ACT operating. I would also like to thank Bowls Australia for their help and support during this time. And a special mention must go to Harvey McAlister for the extra effort he has put in during our staff shortage.

The Bowls ACT board has been pretty stable throughout the year, with only 1 resignation in Paul McAlister in February this year. I would personally like to thank Paul and his commitment to the sport, the board, and the Juniors. Without such members the sport could not operate.

BowlsLink usage is continuing to grow with more members and clubs engaging with the system than ever before helping provide consistent and regular communications along with social media which allows us to better disperse information as well as collect feedback.

Bowls ACT encourages members to ensure their BowlsLink accounts are updated with correct email addresses and contact information, so they don't miss any important information.

Some key highlights for the year were:

- Bowls ACT received the Ministers Award for Innovation – Graded Reserve Championship – well done to Nick for this proposal and thank you to everyone that has embraced this new championship.
- Australian Championships
 - GOLD MEDALS for the Mixed Pairs, Jamie Smith and Ruth Moore
 - BRONZE MEDALS for Men's Triples, Wes Falconer, Sean Robertson and Mac McLean.
- Australian Sides – Open, Seniors, Juniors and Para.
 - Pleasing and improving results all around.
 - Senior Women beating an unbeaten VIC side for over 6 years!
- Pennant Sides
 - Once again, our Pennant season grows year upon year!



- Junior Membership continues to grow
 - A special mention must go to Yass Bowling Club and Matthew Styles for the unwavering support and commitment to our Juniors.
 - Junior BPL – Well done to the team and your accomplishments during our first ever entry into the BPL.
- BACT Emerging and State Based Jackaroo Squads
 - Chloe Morrison retains her position in the Emerging Jackaroo Squad.
 - Harvey McAlister retains his position in the State Based Jackaroo Squad alongside A J Roberts, Jodie Marshall and also thrilled for some of our Juniors in the Squad.

BACT is committed to further developing options to be able to live stream BACT and Club events with the aim to increase visibility and access to our sport. There will also be a strong focus on governance process and documentation to ensure all responsibilities are being fulfilled.

We look forward to continuing to develop programs and initiatives that will help Bowls ACT develop greater awareness of our sport while supporting the clubs and members that remain an integral part.

Kind Regards,

Dianne Marquet
Bowls ACT President.



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EXECUTIVE REPORT

Firstly, I wish to express my appreciation for the confidence and trust that the Bowls ACT Board has bestowed upon me by appointing me as your new Executive Officer. It is abundantly evident that Nick Hind delivered an exceptional level of service and devotion to the organisation, and I hope I will be able to perform my duties in this role to a similar standard. Thanks to those of you who have welcomed me and assisted me with my induction. Due to being so new in the role, I have turned to Nick's Executive Reports that he presented to each meeting in order to provide a 2024 snapshot. I hope this offers an insight into his performance and achievements during 2024.

January

- The Operations Assistant role was advertised and filled, Harvey McAlister being the successful candidate who commenced on 22 January. Harvey made an immediate impact with his role focused on BowlsLink, member communications and Website/Socials/Email.
- Bowls ACT remained in Category 3 ACT S&R sport which had funding reduced from \$45,000pa down to \$35,000. Our categorisation/funding is fixed and will not change again until 2027.

February

- Nick attended the BA all-staff conference 5 - 8 Feb and the CEO's conference & BCAG/SCB on 14 - 16 Feb. The CEOs meeting and SCB were largely strategic in nature, with governance an area of primary focus.
- Nationals was confirmed at the Gold Coast/Tweed Heads region. BA instituted a fee of \$350 per attendee (player/coach/manager) to offset event and flight costs (previously absorbed by BA), to be charged on top of any player contributions for transfers and accommodation.
- Nick also commenced work on the affiliation review working paper.

March and April

- Belconnen Bowling Club hosted the Pennant Grand Final weekend on 27 & 28 April. The club were excellent hosts and can be commended for the well-run event. Thanks to Board directors Gayle Young, Paul McAlister & Neil Seaman for their assistance with the running of the event and to Harvey McAlister for his support. Live streaming was well received.
- ACT Junior Championships were highly successful with 20 juniors competing across 2.5 days at Yass Bowling Club. The club can be proud of the environment which they are creating for juniors to play and the sport can be encouraged by the high standard of play from the competitors.
- Neil Seaman & Marcia Douch became new Board Members.

May

- ACT singles completed without too much trouble despite the weather.
- The resignation from the Board of Chloe Morrison was received and while disappointing, she was acknowledged for offering great service.

June

- With the successful completion of the ACT Singles and the deferment of NvS, this month was quiet in terms of ACT events, giving Nick & Harvey a chance to spend some time cleaning out the office.
- Bowls ACT was successful with a grant submission of \$19k for glow bowls which were purchased through our clothing sponsors, West Coast Bowls.



July

- Nick attended the National Sports Convention in Melbourne. This was a valuable opportunity to meet with Bowls ACT and industry partners and learn from other sports.
- BACT also formally appointed two new directors and welcomed Wayne Woods (replacing Chloe Morrison until 2025 AGM) and Ruth Moore (term until 2026 AGM).
- The delayed North v South trial was finally completed and was a positive experience for all involved.
- Juniors competed at the NSW 7-a-side with highlights being a silver in the Fours with strong performances from all players.
- Ray Watt agreed to be a part of the Finance, Risk, Audit Committee.
- Bowls ACT was invited to be the 12th franchise for the Junior BPL in February 2025.

August

- Bowls ACT events including Champion of Champions, Invitational Singles and Mid-Week Pennant commenced.
- Nick commended the representative committee for their efforts and planning.
- Mid-Week Pennant Women's competition grew to 18 sides (from 15) and the Men's competition grew to 10 teams (from 8) which allowed for a two-grade competition.
- Charles Smith announced his departure from the Match Committee and was acknowledged for his contribution.
- Champion of Champion Singles was Live-Streamed.
- Bowls Australia indicated that they would be willing to assist with a constitutional review following the adoption of the National Integrity Framework, as it was identified that the BACT constitution and policies are no longer consistent with the NIF.
- Nick also voiced concern with additional tasks and functions across his employment brief and their capability to be adequately delivered by a single employee.

September

- Nick attended CEO Meetings (BCAG 1 & 2) in Sydney alongside the SCB meeting.
- The invitational singles was again won by Garry Charker who showed a superb display in really challenging conditions at QBC. The event was live-streamed with excellent viewership on the Sunday, highlighting the value of a 'Wild-Card' player like Jimmy Reynolds provided a national audience.
- Nick also attended the BowlsLink conference in Melbourne which saw some national alignment in processes.
- With the support of, and thanks to, Belconnen for the provision of bowls and for providing the venue and volunteers, Bowls ACT hosted the 2024 Uni-Nationals at Canberra North/The RUC with four universities competing.
- Nick also met with the umpires committee to determine best practices for accreditation. Wayne Woods has come on as board liaison to coaching & umpiring and was thanked for his contributions.
- The meetings with BA paved the way for further discussions around strategic direction with board and key BA staff meeting Tuesday 1 October at Queanbeyan Bowls Club.
- The finance, Audit & Risk committee also met for the first time to plan the 2025 budget



October

- Nick submitted his resignation, thanking past and present Board and committee members for their ongoing support and assistance. He provided a concise update of status of projects, programs and events as well as a do-list at that point in time.
- Efforts were focused on ensuring the remainder of the year's events could be completed.
- Nationals were completed with our teams obtaining good results.

Nick requested I acknowledge that he wished to commend the Bowls ACT Board, staff and membership, all who can be proud of what has been achieved in the region with the support of clubs, members, committees and volunteers to deliver the sport in such a professional manner.

I will close by again thanking the membership, executives, committees, volunteers and all who engage in our clubs and our sport. I trust that all Bowls ACT members share my optimism for the future of our sport and take every opportunity to get involved!

Paul Gilbert
Executive Officer



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WEEKEND PENNANT 2024

2024 saw 46 teams contest the ACT Weekend Pennant Season across 7 grades with a home and away season played in great spirit overall with over 550 players on the green each weekend as well as hundreds more supporting, volunteering or just enjoying the hospitality at their club!

The 2024 Pennant Grand Final Weekend was hosted by Belconnen Bowling Club who must be commended for their hospitality and preparations of their facilities and greens for the event. The club thoroughly deserved to host the Grand Final Weekend which was enhanced with the help of Boyd "Happy Bowler" Dumbrell and CSE Broadcasting by livestreaming the Grade 2 and Grade 1 Grand Finals.

To all who played, umpired, managed, coached, provided hospitality or in any way volunteered or supported across the 2024 Pennant Season, we appreciate your involvement and commitment to our sport.

Grade One	
Winners	Runners Up
Canberra	Weston Creek

Grade Two	
Winners	Runners Up
Yass	Crookwell

Grade Three	
Winners	Runners Up
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial	Yass

Grade Four	
Winners	Runners Up
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial	Crookwell

Grade Five	
Winners	Runners Up
Canberra	Goulburn Railway

Grade Six	
Winners	Runners Up
Yass	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial

Grade Seven	
Winners	Runners Up
Bungendore	Yass



BOWLS ACT MIDWEEK PENNANT 2024

Following a successful 2023 season, the Midweek Pennant Season grew again in 2024. The Women's Midweek competition saw 18 teams split across 3 Grades, whilst the Men's Midweek competition saw 10 teams split across 2 Grades, seeing over 200 bowlers on the greens each week competing for their club and developing their skills.

Women's Grade One	
Winners	Runners Up
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial	Queanbeyan

Women's Grade Two	
Winners	Runners Up
Goulburn Railway	Belconnen

Women's Grade Three	
Winners	Runners Up
Weston Creek	Tuggeranong Vikings

Men's Grade One	
Winners	Runners Up
Yass	Tuggeranong Vikings

Men's Grade Two	
Winners	Runners Up
Queanbeyan	Belconnen



BOWLS ACT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

The Bowls ACT Championships grew in 2024, with the introduction of a new stream of competition in the Open Graded Reserve Championships, being played alongside the existing State Championships. From the State Championships, the winners qualify for “The Nationals” in Queensland, where the ACT were successful in claiming a Gold Medal with Ruth Moore and Jamie Smith winning the Mixed Pairs, whilst Wes Falconer, Sean Robertson and Mac McLean were able to claim a Bronze Medal in the Men's Triples. Congratulations to everyone who competed in 2024!

	Winners	Runners Up
Women's Singles	Chloe Morisson (TV)	Leanne Birch (QRSLM)
Women's Pairs	Kristen Steele (WC) Chloe Morrison (TV)	Jill Cornish Nicole Mengel (Bel)
Women's Triples	Sandra Warren Penny Auld Mandy Stitt (QBN)	Leanne Birch Julie Hancock Kelli Cartledge (QRSLM)
Women's Fours	Penny Auld Lind Toohey Gayle Young Lorraine Donney (QBN)	Catherine Hunt Telara Edwards Debra Schoemaker Julie Hancock (QRSLM)

	Winners	Runners Up
Men's Singles	Matthew Sargeant (Can)	Jamie Smith (Can)
Men's Pairs	Alan Monfries Michael Bielski (WC)	Harvey McAlister Sean Robertson (QBN)
Men's Triples	Wes Falconer (Can) Joel McInnes (QRSLM) Mac McLean (WC)	Richard Lawson (Can) Andrew Ashlin & (TV) Jamie Smith (Can)
Men's Fours	Tony Barry David Pruss Shane Ordelman David (Benny) Hill (TV)	Anthony McCudden Rick Christy Tim Grownow Anthony Maher (Bung)

	Winners	Runners Up
Mixed Pairs	Ruth Moore (QRSLM) Jamie Smith (WC)	Jess Hogan (WC) Matthew Sargeant (Can)

	Winners	Runners Up
Junior Singles	Toby Penyu (Yass)	Jordan Strugiss (GR)
Junior Pairs	Brayden Noonan (Bel) Jordan Sturgiss (GR)	Sam McGuigan Tom Penyu (Yass)



BOWLS ACT CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 2024

	Winners	Runners Up
Women's Singles	Chloe Morrison (TV)	Gina Dowley (CN)
Women's Pairs	Marilyn McInnes Chloe Morrison (TV)	Sharon Blandy Gina Dowley (CN)
Women's Triples	Sue Lalor Kelli Cartledge Ruth Moore (QRSLM)	Annette Tye Jenny Clout Chloe Morrison (TV)
Women's Fours	Mary Nicholl Andrea Brighenti Kathy Elliott Mandy Stitt (QBN)	Helen Bush Gabbie Besgrove Sharon Harmer Margaret Bacchetto (Yass)

	Winners	Runners Up
Men's Singles	Hayden Ward (GR)	Anthony Maher (Bung)
Men's Pairs	Shane Murton (sub) Andrew Ashlin (TV)	Richard Lawson Jamie Smith (Can)
Men's Triples	Allan Morgan Richard Lawson Jamie Smith (Can)	Darren Walsh Brock Edwards Joel McInnes (QRSLM)
Men's Fours	Jamie Dunn Matthew Waters Michael Penyu (sub) Andrew Maher (Yass)	Scott Hayman Ron Grainger Paul Johnson Jason Albrighton (GR)

BOWLS ACT GRADED RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

	Winners	Runners Up
Singles	Robert Swale (Bel)*	John McInnes (TV)
Pairs	Helen Bush Jodie Penyu (Yass)	Edith Rice Fiona Fleming (GR)
Triples	Judith Bird Tracey Hughes Lyn Grigg (CN)	Bruce Williams Michelle Malzard Danny Brighenti (QBN)
Fours	Michelle Malzard John Vincent Danny Brighenti Greg Bateman (QBN)	Kevin Hogan Tanya Fitzgerald Judith Van Gerven Michael Brown (WC)
Mixed Pairs	Carina Martin (Yass) Neil Seaman (and CWL)	Sally Winter Jeff Dean (TV)



DIRECTOR REPORTS

MATCH COMMITTEE – MARCIA DOUCH & RUTH MOORE

The 2024 season has been a successful year for Bowls ACT characterised by competitive play, outstanding achievements, and community spirit. The Match Committee is proud to have successfully overseen the organisation and delivery of all Bowls ACT competitions, creating an enjoyable and inclusive experience for all players.

We extend our gratitude to the Bowls ACT staff, club administrators, volunteers, and players who contributed to the success of the 2024 season. In particular, we would like to thank all the clubs that hosted events and championships throughout the year. These efforts contribute significantly to the ongoing development and promotion of bowls within the ACT region.

Members

The Match Committee's members for 2024 included Charles Smith, Will Penny, Ian Drysdale, Alex Tonkin, Marcia Douch, Nathan Savino, Catherine Hunt and Ruth Moore.

Participation and Competitions

Participation levels across all events showed encouraging growth in 2024, with new events being exceptionally well supported and established events maintaining strong participation. This ongoing enthusiasm highlights the dedication and commitment of our bowling community.

Competition	Format	No of players
ACT State Championships	Men's and Women's Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours - Open, Over 60's, Graded Reserve and Champion of Champions; Mixed Pairs - Open and Graded Reserve; Men's and Women's Rookie Singles.	1,345
ACT Events	Men's and Women's ACT Invitational Singles and ACT Indoor Singles Qualifier; Doran Bowl; BPL Cup ACT State Qualifying and Final.	249
ACT Pennant	Weekend Pennant Grades 1 to 7; Mid-Week Pennant Men Grades 1 and 2 and Women Grades 1 to 3.	1,348
ACT Juniors	Singles and Pairs Junior Carnival; Junior BPL Cup ACT State Final.	52



Core Responsibilities

Throughout the year, our core responsibilities included:

- Ensuring accurate interpretation and application of the Conditions of Play.
- Responding to club enquiries regarding the Conditions of Play.
- Reviewing and refining the 2025 Conditions of Play.
- Verifying player eligibility in accordance with the Conditions of Play.
- Contributing to the planning and development of the Calendar of Events.
- Providing strategic advice and recommendations to the Board and the Executive Officer regarding ACT Pennant and Championship Events.
- Overseeing the organisation of Bowls ACT Events and Championships.

Achievements and Highlights

Key accomplishments and highlights from the year include:

- Successful completion of all ACT championships, events and pennant competitions.
- Launch of the Graded Reserve Championships.
- Recognition of Bowls ACT with the 2024 Canberra Sports Award for the Ministers Award for Innovation, celebrating the innovative Graded Reserve Open Gender Championships.

Sponsors

The Match Committee acknowledges and thanks our generous sponsors for 2024: Reborn Renovations, Greenline, Agent Team and West Coast Bowls. Their invaluable support helped make this season successful.

Looking Ahead

While 2024 has been a year of many successes, the Match Committee remains committed to identifying and addressing opportunities for improvement. These include optimising championship and event scheduling to enhance participation and tackling barriers to involvement at all levels. By addressing these challenges proactively, we aim to continue growing and enriching the sport.

Looking ahead, the Match Committee aims to build on the successes of 2024, further enriching the experience for our bowling members and fostering the continued growth of bowls within the ACT and surrounding districts.

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DIGITAL – GAYLE YOUNG

I have looked at the Bowls ACT website and made updates where necessary to reflect all links.

Thanks to Nick Hind and club organisers, I have updated and improved the 'Club Events' page with chronologically maintained digital access to flyers, which I have advertised to clubs and players alike and had good feedback from members. The website is still popular amongst members who don't use Facebook to find information, so it is vital that we keep this current.

I have collated spread sheets to reflect the 'Honour Boards' and have brought the boards up to date, but would like members to check and respond to any inaccuracies, mainly initials of players who may have duplicate surnames. Thanks to those who have contributed to boards so far.

I have enjoyed assisting clubs with their own websites, which are provided through Bowls Australia for free, and have had a minor software interface change. Club webmasters have adapted well with this change. There are a couple of clubs who have not taken advantage of this service and opportunity, and I will endeavour to see if they have a member who is willing to take on the responsibility for their club. As Bowlslink becomes the primary source of results and entry into club and ACT championships it is good to see the number of members who, after a little instruction, have been proactive with the use of Bowlslink.

REPRESENTATIVE – RUTH MOORE

Representative and Coaching Committee

The establishment of the Representative and Coaching Committee this year marked a significant step forward for the Bowls ACT Representative Program. This initiative enabled greater collaboration, unity, and productive discussion between the Men's and Women's representative teams.

The Committee emphasised growth and inclusivity through:

- Training programs led by experienced coaches.
- Mentoring and skill development opportunities to support emerging talent.
- A focus on developing younger talented bowlers across the ACT and surrounding regions by providing valuable opportunities to gain representation experience.

The Committee extends thanks to all players, coaches, managers, supporters and volunteers for their efforts and dedication to ensuring the continued success of the Bowls ACT Representative Program.



Overview of Achievements

This year was filled with outstanding achievements across all levels of representation in the sport and Bowls ACT celebrates the outstanding efforts of our players. Throughout 2024, Bowls ACT representative players displayed remarkable talent, determination and sportsmanship across local, state, and national competitions. From regional tournaments to national championships, our players showcased their dedication, resulting in numerous accolades across various competitions and events.

ACT Players Shine in Jackaroo Squads

Bowls ACT proudly acknowledges the outstanding achievements of Chloe Morrison, Flynn O'Shaughnessy and Harvey McAlister who earned places in the prestigious Jackaroo Squads for 2024:

- Chloe Morrison retained her position in the Right at Home Emerging Jackaroos.
- Flynn O'Shaughnessy continued in the Right at Home Pathway Jackaroos.
- Harvey McAlister debuted in the Right at Home Pathways Jackaroos.

Chloe Morrison further demonstrated her exceptional talent as a member of the Australian Emerging Jackaroos. Her remarkable achievements include:

- Securing a gold medal with the Red Team at the Bowls Australia National Development Series held at Club Tweed.
- Winning gold and silver medals in the Women's Triples and Fours, respectively, as part of the Australian Performance Pathway team at the World Bowls Series Oceania Challenge in New Zealand.

October 2024 saw the launch of State-Based Jackaroos Academies, taking the place of the former Pathways Squad. Congratulations to the following ACT players who were named in the 2025 ACT/NSW State Based Jackaroo Academy players:

- Jodie Marshall
- Harvey McAlister
- Toby Penyu
- Alexander Robert
- Jordan Sturgiss

National events and competitions

In 2024 Bowls ACT showcased strong representation in major national events including the:

- Australian Championships.
- Australian Sides Championships.
- Australian Senior Sides Championships.
- Australian Under 18 Championships.
- Australian Champion of Champions.
- Australian Indoor Championships.
- Australian Open.
- BPL Cup National Final.
- School Sport Australia 18 & Under Championships.



Medal Highlights

Bowls ACT celebrates the following medallists:

- Flynn O'Shaughnessy: Silver – Men's Pairs, Australian Open.
- Wes Falconer, Sean Robertson and Mac Mclean: Bronze – Men's Triples, Australian Championships.
- Ruth Moore and Jamie Smith: Gold – Mixed Pairs, Australian Championships.

Australian National Sides Championships

Despite adversity and last-minute changes, our Open and Over 60s Men's and Women's teams represented Bowls ACT with professionalism and tenacity at the Open and Senior National Sides Championships in Tweed Heads. The Representative and Coaching Committee commends several remarkable rink victories which were achieved against stronger Australian states. We took pride in seeing our talented bowlers rise to the challenge of competing at a higher level while proudly representing Bowls ACT. Both the Men's and Women's Open teams finished seventh and the Men's and Women's Over 60s teams finished sixth.

A special thanks goes out to all our managers, coaches and supporters who travelled to Tweed Heads. Our managers demonstrated exceptional dedication and care, while our coaches were proactive, offering attentive support, valuable insights, and experienced guidance to players when needed, while our supporters cheered loudly from the sidelines.

Australian Under 18 Championships

Our junior players demonstrated commendable dedication and competitive spirit in the Championships, which earned them high praise from other State and Territory competitors, managers and coaches. Special thanks to Bowls ACT Junior Coach Matt Styles, whose exceptional contributions and efforts have been instrumental in fostering the growth of our junior players.

Australian Open

Bowls ACT players demonstrated impressive participation in the Australian Open, with a remarkable 110 entries, with 36 players advancing to the knockout stages.

Challenges and Future Opportunities

While 2024 was a successful year, challenges such as resource allocation and funding remain. The Committee is committed to addressing these obstacles in collaboration with Bowls ACT and stakeholders, ensuring even greater opportunities for our representatives in the future.

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to 2025, the Bowls ACT Representative and Coaching Committee is committed to building on the progress made in 2024. Together, we will continue to nurture talent, strengthen our programs, and enhance the representative experience to ensure Bowls ACT remains a driving force in the sport.



JUNIORS – PAUL McALISTER

2024/2025 achievements by Bowls ACT junior bowlers.

Junior Interzone Dubbo 7 A-Side

In July 2024 ACT competed in the NSW Interzone Junior 7 A-Side tournament at Club Dubbo. In Singles the ACT was represented by Toby Penyu (Yass BC). On Saturday, Toby's campaign started with a loss to NSW Under 25 Representative Tom Rich, the eventual silver medallist. Toby showed his resilience and was able to bounce back in the final sectional game, defeating Zone 15s Sam Griffiths 21-9. Toby finished second in his section, meaning that he would play off for 5th to 8th on Sunday. He started Sunday where he left off on Saturday, defeating Zone 9s Riley Scott-Branagan 21-9. In the 5th place playoff game, Toby was able to make it three wins in a row, this time defeating the Pathway Jackaroo Reese Finn-Young 21-14, securing 5th place in the process.

The ACT was represented in the pairs by Goulburn Railway's Jordan Sturgiss and Canberra's William Lopez. The duo's campaign started with a loss to the Zone 10 pairing of Lily Kirk and Sam Rich. Both boys bounced back in their second game, but it wasn't enough as the Zone 15 pairing of Henry Ly and Oscar Hide managed to get the better of the ACT pair by 9 shots. Jordan and Will came back on Sunday with a fire in their bellies and used it to full effect, as they defeated the Zone 8 pairing of Shakiya Murray and Steven Houting by 1 shot. The boys were playing off for 9th and they came agonisingly close, but the Zone 5 pairing of Chelsea Renouf and Cody McClaren prevailed by 1 shot, meaning that the ACT duo finished 10th overall. The fours squad for the ACT consisted of Sam McGuigan from Yass, Telara-Ann Edwards from Queanbeyan RSL, Brayden Noonan from Belconnen and veteran junior Tom Penyu from Yass. The fours were dominant in their first game, defeating Zone 10 27 to 5 but their dominance didn't stop there as they won their second game 22-8 over Zone 15. With the squad topping their section, they had qualified for the 1st to 4th playoffs on Sunday.

They picked up where they left off on Sunday, with a comprehensive 18-7 shot win over Zone 16, booking a spot in the Gold Medal Match. In a tight affair, the ACT team fell just short, losing by 7 shots to Zone 3 but bringing home the first medal for the ACT at our third visit to the Interzone Junior 7 A-Side tournament.

2024 Bowls Australia Junior Nationals

In October at Club Tweed the ACT Junior squad took on the rising stars of Australian bowls at the 2024 Nationals.

In the Boys section Toby Penyu played singles and pairs. Toby joined forces with Goulburn Railway's Jordan Sturgis in the pairs. Whilst the triples team consisted of Logan Waters, Sam McGuigan and Brayden Noonan with Jordan joining the boys for the Fours.



Telara Edwards joined forces with the WA Girls team and built on a strong showing at the 2023 Championships. Telara played in the singles discipline as well as skipping the triples. A highlight was the girls triples game which was livestreamed and resulted in a win to the composite ACT/WA side against a strong Victorian combination.

The Bowls ACT State Junior Carnival was held at the end of January 2025 with the Junior Capital Pairs and the ACT Junior Singles. The junior BPL was held in Moama in February 2025 alongside of the Bowls Premier League.

Junior Carnival

The Junior Carnival consisted of the Junior Capital Pairs and the ACT Junior Singles.

In the Capital Pairs, it was the Waters Brothers from Yass, Harry and Logan, who took out the top spot by a singular shot. They finished unbeaten from their three games with a positive margin of +34. Second place went to the pairing of Annabel Teague from Merrylands and Jordan Sturgiss of Goulburn Railway. They also finished undefeated after their three games with a positive margin of +33. It should be noted that Annabel is now playing for the Merrylands BC in Sydney and has gained selection in the Metro Northwest Open Women's side.

In the ACT Junior Singles, the final was a re-match of last year, with Toby Penyu of Yass coming up against Jordan Sturgiss of Goulburn Railway. Both made it through their semis with Toby accounting for Harry Waters 21-18 and Jordan defeating Logan Waters 21-9. Toby was able to get the better of Jordan in a high-quality affair. Toby managed to win with a final score of 21-17, a valiant effort by both juniors.

Junior BPL

The junior BPL was held in Moama in February 2025 alongside of the Bowls Premier League.

Our Junior BPL Team, The Capital Phoenix, took part in the inaugural Junior BPL Challenge held at Moama in February. Our team of Alicia Murphy, Logan Waters and Tom Penyu had a strong section to compete against, with the juniors of teams such as the Sydney Lions, and eventual winners Melbourne Pulse. The week was highlighted with a win against the Moama Steamers juniors, claiming the first set 8-2 and drawing the second set 4 all.

I think that gaining ACT participation in the Bowls NSW Junior 7 A-Side tournament has been an important step in our junior development and I look forward to seeing the U25 cohort also develop further.

This is my final write up for the Annual Report as my time on the BACT Board has come to an end. Thank you to all supporters of junior bowls within the region especially the Yass Bowling Club who have shown that junior development can be achieved by clubs, the coaches and managers who have assisted me during the last few years and finally to all the junior bowlers who have been part of the program and who continue to develop into the bowlers of the future.



ACCREDITATIONS – WAYNE WOODS

In 2024 we had 4 new accreditations for markers. We also had 4 new accreditations for measurers.

And we also had 14 reaccreditations for umpires. We have requested that the Operations Assistant create a central database for BACT. Bill Rush will send him all the info to add to that soon.

There was 1 new coach and 4 reaccreditations for coaches in 2024.

GOVERNANCE – NEIL SEAMAN

In the cut-throat world of sports relying on grants and government funding, it is crucially important that even community sporting groups can display gold star governance. This standard of governance ensures that sporting organizations, including Bowls ACT, can maintain credibility, secure funding, and continue to thrive. Governance in sport is the framework and culture within which a sports body sets policy, delivers strategic objectives, engages with stakeholders, monitors performance, evaluates and manages risk, and reports to constituents on activities and progress.

The 2025 Bowls ACT strategic plan highlighted several key areas essential for achieving effective governance and operational excellence. Among these were governance and operating models, people and partnerships, innovation, insights, and technology. These strategic focal points are designed to enhance the overall functioning of Bowls ACT and to align with its vision and purpose.

The vision for Bowls in the Capital Region is for all members of the community to connect with Bowls during their lifetime. This inclusive vision emphasizes the importance of making the sport accessible and enjoyable for everyone. To support this, the purpose of Bowls ACT is to help member clubs.

CONNECT MORE PEOPLE TO BOWLS – IN MORE WAYS – MORE OFTEN. This mission underscores the commitment to increasing participation and engagement in the sport.

Bowls ACT's positioning statement, "Strong clubs = strong future," recognizes that the strength and vitality of individual clubs are crucial to the positive future of Bowls in the Capital Region. This approach ensures that resources and support are directed towards building robust club structures and fostering sustainable growth. Strong clubs serve as the foundation for a thriving bowling community, capable of attracting new members and retaining existing ones.

Effective governance requires transparency, accountability, and responsibility in the activities undertaken and resources expended. It emphasizes engaging with stakeholders, including athletes, administrators, and supporters. Governance in sport involves evaluating and managing risks within the organization, ensuring that all potential threats are identified and mitigated.



ACT Bowls is committed to helping member bowling clubs recognize and remove barriers that exist purely due to out-of-date governance. This commitment is crucial for maintaining the relevance and effectiveness of the organization's operations. By addressing governance issues, ACT Bowls aims to create a more inclusive and fair sporting environment for all participants.

I have recently attended a conference on risk management in sport hosted by the ACT Sport and Recreation. This conference underscored the importance of robust risk management practices in maintaining the integrity and sustainability of sports organizations. Effective risk management involves identifying potential risks, assessing their impact, and implementing strategies to mitigate them. This proactive approach helps organizations avoid crises and maintain smooth operations.

Good governance practices are vital for the effective and efficient operations of any sporting organization. Strong governance fosters integrity and trust in the sport industry, creating an environment where athletes and administrators can thrive. Some key elements of good governance include:

- **Strong Leadership:** Effective governance requires strong leadership that can guide the organization towards achieving its strategic objectives.
- **Integrity and Good Judgment:** Integrity and good judgment are essential in decision-making processes, ensuring that actions taken are in the best interest of the organization and its stakeholders.
- **Transparency:** Transparency in decision-making and operations is crucial for building trust and accountability. Open communication and clear reporting help stakeholders stay informed and engaged.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Engaging with stakeholders, including athletes, administrators, and supporters, ensures that diverse perspectives are considered and that the organization's actions are aligned with the needs and expectations of its community.
- **Risk Management:** Evaluating and managing risks within the organization helps prevent potential issues from escalating and ensures that the organization can navigate challenges effectively.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensuring fair and inclusive sporting environments at all levels is essential for promoting diversity and equal opportunities within the sport.

Innovation and technology play a significant role in modernizing governance practices and enhancing the overall efficiency of sports organizations. Bowls ACT recognizes the importance of leveraging technology to streamline operations, improve communication, and enhance the member experience. By embracing innovative solutions, Bowls ACT can stay ahead of industry trends and continue to provide high-quality services to its members.

In conclusion, governance in lawn bowls in the ACT is a multifaceted framework that encompasses strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, risk management, and the use of technology. Effective governance practices are essential for maintaining the integrity and sustainability of the sport, ensuring that it remains accessible and enjoyable for all members of the community. Bowls ACT's commitment to strong governance and its strategic focus on building robust clubs, fostering innovation, and promoting inclusivity are key to securing a bright future for the sport in the Capital Region.



By adhering to these principles and continuously striving for excellence, Bowls ACT can create a thriving bowling community where everyone can connect with the sport and experience its many benefits. Whether through transparent decision-making, effective risk management, or the use of cutting-edge technology, Bowls ACT is dedicated to supporting its member clubs and ensuring that lawn bowls remains a beloved and enduring sport for generations to come.

RECRUITMENT – NEIL SEAMAN

Detailed in the last Strategic Plan the BOWLS ACT purpose was to support our member clubs to:

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This purpose forms the backbone for....

Recruitment in Bowls and Bowls in the ACT.

There is a trend in the ACT of declining playing membership numbers over the past decade, indeed membership numbers have declined by approximately 40% in the past 10 years. However, there is a concurrent rise in social bowls participation.

Bowls ACT and the registered bowling clubs within the ACT have devised several strategies aimed at enhancing the accessibility and appeal of lawn bowls. Embracing innovation, they have introduced various playing formats that cater to different preferences and skill levels, ensuring that everyone can find their niche within the sport. Examples of this include the implementation of the graded reserves competition.

Lawn bowls in general has seen a resurgence, through a variety of innovative approaches and community engagement initiatives, such as twilight, social, junior, and business house competitions.

However, one of the key challenges facing Bowls ACT is converting social lawn bowlers into committed club members and competitive pennant lawn bowlers. To address this, a multifaceted approach has been undertaken.

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Firstly, Bowls ACT has focused on bridging the gap between casual participation and club membership. This will be achieved through targeted mentorship programs, where experienced players guide newcomers through the intricacies of the sport, fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging deeper engagement.



Additionally, Bowls ACT has enhanced the visibility of competitive bowling by organizing showcase events and tournaments that highlight the excitement and camaraderie of pennant competitions and having them available to view via livestream.

Livestreaming has become an integral part of modern sports, providing numerous benefits to both organizers and audiences. In the context of pennant lawn bowls competitions, the advantages of livestreaming extend beyond mere viewership, offering a range of benefits that can help grow the sport and increase engagement.

Livestreaming pennant lawn bowls competitions allows a wider audience to access and enjoy the sport. People who may not be able to attend matches in person due to geographical or physical limitations can still watch the games live from the comfort of their home.

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This increased accessibility can lead to a broader fan base and greater awareness of the sport.

By showcasing the excitement and skill involved in pennant lawn bowls through livestreams, the sport can attract new participants. Potential players who might not have considered lawn bowls before may be inspired to give it a try after watching a livestreamed competition. This can help to reverse the trend of declining membership and bring fresh talent to the clubs.

Livestreaming provides an opportunity for clubs to engage with their community in a dynamic way. By streaming competitions, clubs can foster a sense of involvement and pride among local residents. Interactive features such as live chats and social media integration can further enhance this engagement, creating a vibrant online community around the sport.

One of the key challenges identified by Bowls ACT is converting social bowlers into competitive players. Livestreaming competitive events can showcase the thrill and camaraderie of pennant competitions, motivating social bowlers to aspire to higher levels of play. Highlighting the achievements and stories of current competitive players can also serve as an inspiration.

Livestreaming platforms often come with built-in analytics tools that provide valuable insights into viewership patterns. Clubs can use this data to understand their audience better, tailor their marketing strategies, and improve future broadcasts. This information can also be useful for attracting sponsors and demonstrating the sport's reach and engagement.

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In addition to these innovative strategies, increasing junior participation in lawn bowls is crucial for the long-term sustainability of the sport. Engaging younger generations will ensure that lawn bowls remains vibrant and relevant in the future.



To attract junior players, Bowls ACT can implement targeted outreach programs in schools and community centres, offering introductory sessions that highlight the fun and inclusive nature of lawn bowls. Youth-focused tournaments and leagues could be established to provide a competitive yet supportive environment for young players to develop their skills.

Moreover, integrating technology into coaching sessions—such as using apps to track progress and offer personalized feedback—can make the training more interactive and appealing to tech-savvy youth. Collaborations with local influencers and sports personalities to promote lawn bowls through social media can also help capture the interest of potential junior players.

By creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere for young participants, Bowls ACT can cultivate a new generation of lawn bowls enthusiasts, ensuring the sport's legacy continues to thrive.

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Flexible playing schedules will accommodate diverse lifestyles, enabling more individuals to engage in the sport regardless of their work or personal commitments. This approach can transform lawn bowls into a more accessible and appealing activity for a broader audience.

By granting members the freedom to play at their convenience, clubs can attract those who may be deterred by rigid schedules. This flexibility also benefits current players who wish to practice more frequently or participate in impromptu matches, enhancing their skills and enjoyment of the game. Additionally, members can bring friends and family to play, potentially recruiting new enthusiasts.

Integrating technology to manage bookings and provide real-time updates on available playing slots can streamline this process, making it easy and efficient for members to organize their games. This method can also help clubs monitor usage patterns and optimize the scheduling of tournaments and events, ensuring maximum participation and engagement.

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Another innovative strategy that can significantly enhance the accessibility and appeal of lawn bowls is the utilization of technology like BOWLSLINK. This digital platform can streamline various administrative and engagement aspects of the sport, making it easier for players to stay connected and informed.

BOWLSLINK allows members to effortlessly manage their memberships, register for competitions, and receive real-time updates on events and results. The convenience of having all this information at their fingertips can encourage more people to participate actively, as they can quickly find and join activities that fit into their schedules.



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By leveraging the capabilities of BOWLSLINK, Bowls ACT clubs can make lawn bowls more accessible and appealing to a wider audience.

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In summary, while there has been a notable decline in playing membership over the past decade, the concerted efforts to revitalize and diversify lawn bowls participation in the ACT are showing promising results. By continuing to innovate and adapt, Bowls ACT is well-positioned to connect more people to this cherished pastime, fostering a vibrant and inclusive community of lawn bowls enthusiasts.



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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 **DECEMBER 2024**



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board of Directors present their report on the Association for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Directors

Name	Position	Date Appointed/Reappointed
Paul McAlister	Director – Junior Development	18-Apr-23
Neil Seaman	Director	2-Apr-24
Di Marquet	President	9-Apr-24
Gayle Young	Director – Digital	9-Apr-24
Marcia Douch	Director – Match	9-Apr-24
Ruth Moore	Director – Representative	24-Jul-24
Wayne Woods	Director – Accreditations	24-Jul-24

Name	Position	Date Retired/Resigned
Matthew Styles	Past President	9-Apr-24
Chloe Morrison	Director	27-May-24

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the period have been to maintain and improve the growth of the sport of Bowls.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Financial Result

The net surplus of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2024 is \$30,124 (2023: \$26,816)

This Directors Report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director Name: Dianne Marquet

Dated: 13/05/2025

Signature: 

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION



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In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Bowls ACT Incorporated, the Directors of the Association declare that;

1. The Financial Statements and Notes are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, and give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bowls ACT Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Director Name: Dianne Marquet

Dated: 13/05/2025

Signature: 



BALANCE SHEET

Bowls ACT Incorporated
As at 31 December 2024

Account	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
Assets		
Bank		
Bowls ACT	183,922.95	175,042.79
Debit Card	1,281.75	552.09
Term Deposit	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total Bank	235,204.70	225,594.88
Current Assets		
Cash on Hand	315.00	315.00
Accounts Receivable	10,576.50	180.00
Prepayments	15,995.46	
Inventory.	23,750.23	23,374.56
Total Current Assets	50,637.19	23,869.56
Fixed Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	35,840.04	9,943.72
Less Accumulated Depreciation - PPE	(9,834.00)	(6,715.00)
Total Fixed Assets	26,006.04	3,228.72
Total Assets	311,847.93	252,693.16
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	23,199.38	0.00
Accrued Expenses	25,000.00	0.00
GST	304.96	1,675.05
Superannuation Payable	884.78	0.00
Other Creditors		300.00
Income in Advance	7,503.64	27,831.42
Total Current Liabilities	56,892.76	29,806.47
Total Liabilities	56,892.76	29,806.47
Net Assets	254,955.17	222,886.69
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	30,124.03	26,816.85
Prior Year Adjustments	19,092.84	17,148.39
Reserve	105,817.67	105,817.67
Retained Earnings	99,920.63	73,103.78
Total Equity	224,831.14	196,069.84



PROFIT AND LOSS

Bowls ACT Incorporated
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Account	2024	2023
Trading Income		
Affiliation Fees	96,670.00	98,000.00
Courses	291.82	22.73
Entry Fees	44,416.89	40,592.29
Government Grants	54,000.00	45,000.00
Interest Income	626.70	624.99
Other Revenue	3,318.50	0.00
Player Contributions	26,194.84	28,554.55
Sales	6,247.26	5,513.21
Event Hosting Fees	3,877.28	-
Special Grants	20,327.78	1,103.85
Sponsorship	10,954.54	11,818.18
Total Trading Income	266,925.61	231,229.80
Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	23,374.56	13,329.23
Merchandise Purchases	6,585.08	15,425.40
Closing Stock	(23,750.23)	(23,374.56)
Total Cost of Sales	6,209.41	5,380.07
Gross Profit	260,716.20	225,849.73
Operating Expenses		
Accountancy & Review	1,851.82	1,589.07
Advertising	0.00	297.27
Bad Debts		4,550.00
Bank Fees	66.00	187.25
Board & Executive Expenses	293.89	-
Capitation Fees	22,374.00	23,775.73
Cleaning & waste	226.36	-
Consultants	25,000.00	0.00
Depreciation	2,828.00	2,401.00
Employment Expenses	55,074.10	62,219.88
Equipment	18.18	3,780.95
Event Expenses	5,710.66	-
Honorarium / Reimbursement	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hospitality	207.35	784.61
Insurances & Workers Compensation	10,483.84	9,166.65
Internet	1,171.39	2,459.37
Other Expenses	104.87	3,646.56
Postage	346.18	253.81
Printing and Photocopying	1,488.49	874.71
Prize Money	14,063.63	9,227.26
Rent and Electricity	9,312.30	9,781.65
Rep Support	2,545.45	1,568.19
Repairs & Maintenance	69.24	-
Representative Expenses	37,485.85	40,097.00
Stationery	206.67	0.00
Stripe fees	13.41	-
Telecoms and IT	4,285.36	3,939.22
Travel, Meals, Accommodation	6,096.71	6,686.00
Trophies/Badges/Flags	7,437.08	6,503.88
Wages and Salaries	15,583.52	0.00
Workshops	1,247.82	242.82



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Total Operating Expenses	230,592.17	199,032.88
Net Profit	30,124.03	26,816.85



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Asset Register & Depreciation Schedule Year ended 31 December 2024

Item	Date Purchase	Purchase Cost	WDV at Start of year	Current Yr Additions/ Disposals	Total	Depreciation Calculation			WDV at End of year
						Rate	Method	Amount	
New Computers	5-Sep-18	2,436	0	0	0	25	PC	0	On Hand
Printer	21-Sep-23	126	0	0	0	100	PC	0	On Hand
Desktop Charger	20-Sep-24	86	0	86	86	100	PC	86	On Hand
Items transferred from Inventory									
9 x Junior Sets	1-Jan-20	1,800	360		360	20	PC	360	0
3 Sets - Dreamline XG Surf Size 0 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	1,116	574		574	20	PC	223	351
2 Sets - Dreamline XG Sunburst Size 0 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	744	382		382	20	PC	149	233
2 Sets - Dreamline XG Surf Size 1 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	744	382		382	20	PC	149	233
3 Sets - Dreamline XG Sunburst Size 1 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	1,116	574		574	20	PC	223	351
3 Sets - Dreamline XG Surf Size 3 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	1,116	574		574	20	PC	223	351
3 Sets - Dreamline XG Sunburst Size 1 Heavy Gripped	14-Apr-22	744	383		383	20	PC	149	234
1 x Wheelchair Ramp	26-Apr-23	326	282		282	20	PC	65	217
12 x Engraved Henselite Jacks	8-May-23	273	238		238	20	PC	55	183
24 x Ad-Mat Complete	1-Feb-24	1,636	1,424		1,424	20	PC	327	1,097
3 x Wheelchair Ramps	1-Feb-24	979	0	979	979	20	PC	179	800
10 x Bowling Arms	1-Feb-24	3,490	0	3,490	3,490	20	PC	639	2,851
		16,735	5,173	4,555	9,729			2,828	6,901

Items currently held at cost

Glow Bowls 6 Rink triples pack - New	16-Jul-24	11,782
Glow Bowls 6 Rink triples pack - Old	16-Jul-24	7,091
Glow Bowls 2 Storage Tubs	20-Sep-24	71
Glow Bowls Trolley	20-Sep-24	121
Glow Bowls Charger	21-Sep-24	41
		19,105

Total Assets

	35,840
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Statement of significant accounting policies

The Directors' have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on a general-purpose financial report. The financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared from the records of the Association. They are on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs modified where applicable by the revaluation of selected non-current assets.

1.2 Income Tax

No provision has been included in the financial accounts for income tax as the Association has self-assessed as a not-for-profit (NFP) sporting organisation exempt from income tax. Under the newly introduced Australian Taxation Office requirements a 2024 Financial Year NFP self-review return has been lodged with their office.

1.3 Inventories on Hand

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Directors have determined that inventories held will relate directly to the activities of the Association and will in the main consist of representative clothing and associated apparel together with Bowls Australia manuals.

1.4 Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on a cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is calculated on a straight-line basis over the asset's determined useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

2. Income in Advance

	Grants	Funds expended 2024 FY	Balance 31 Dec 2024
ACT Government (post Strategic Review)	60,000	14,663	0
BACT Disability Program	13,200	5,665	1,083
Veterans Program	7,112	0	6,421
	80,312	20,328	7,504

As shown in the table above Bowls ACT has received several separate Funding Grants from the ACT Government. During the year total funds expended in relation to these grants was \$20,328 with a balance of funds remaining at 31 December 2024 of \$7,504.

The grant funds remaining have been identified as Income in Advance in the Financial Accounts and will be brought to account as income in the financial years when expenditures are incurred noting that the ACT Government has previously agreed to an extension of time for the activities associated with the grants to be completed.

