Bowls ACT – Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Time: 5:30 pm – 8.21 pm

Location: Chifley Health & Wellbeing Hub

Chair: David Pruss (President) **MINUTES:**

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:

Present: David Pruss (President), Margaret Argue (V/P), Gayle Young, Penny Auld, Andrew Carmody, John Birch, Peter Hammond, Paul Gilbert (EO), Kate Lyttle (BowlsLink / Project Manager – part), John Beaumont (Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club – part meeting), Andrea Sheather (Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club – part meeting), Jenny Hargreaves (Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club – part meeting)

Apologies: Ruth Moore (at a funeral)

2. OPEN:

Meeting formally declared open at 5:30 pm.

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed all Directors and invited guests. Particular welcome was extended to John Beaumont, Andrea Sheather and Jenny Hargreaves who attended on behalf of Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club to present their proposed Junior Development Academy.

The Board formally noted that induction session for newly elected Directors David Pruss, Margaret Argue and Peter Hammond had been completed on 16 June 2026. Directors also noted a brief interruption caused by an emergency evacuation alarm during the opening stages of the meeting. Following confirmation that no risk existed, proceedings resumed normally.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW:

The June Board Meeting focused on participation growth, governance, digital transformation and organisational capability, with discussion centred on positioning Bowls ACT for long-term sustainability while continuing to support clubs through significant change.

The principal discussion concerned the Junior Development Academy proposal presented by representatives of Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club. Directors acknowledged the extensive planning undertaken and agreed the proposal provided a strong foundation for an ACT-wide junior participation framework. The Board supported future junior development being delivered collaboratively between Bowls ACT and interested clubs rather than through isolated club initiatives. Discussion also encompassed governance, safeguarding, school engagement, volunteer development, family participation and long-term representative pathways.

The Board also considered the ongoing evolution of Bowls Australia's digital strategy, including its re-engagement of BowlsLink as the preferred future digital platform. Directors recognised the sport is entering a significant period of digital transition and that clubs and their members will require continued education, mentoring and support. While BowlsLink implementation has improved across many ACT clubs, the Board acknowledged that stronger compliance expectations may ultimately be required to ensure consistent administration of qualifying events and player pathways.

Governance remained a key focus, with the Board reviewing progress on governance initiatives, constitutional reform, strategic planning, risk management and organisational compliance. Directors agreed many projects had now progressed from discussion to planning, with the next step, implementation.

Operationally, the Board reviewed representative activities, sponsorship opportunities, live-streaming sustainability, workforce development and club support priorities. Directors conveyed satisfaction with the organisation's current financial position and acknowledged the expanding scope of work across governance, participation, digital implementation and stakeholder engagement.

CONCISE MINUTES:
Excised (In Camera)

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9. NEXT MEETING:
Date: Thursday, 28 July 2026, 5:30pm
Location: Online / Teams

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10. CLOSE:
The President again thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them and expressed confidence and excitement to share a combined ambition for the better good and future of the sport.

Meeting closed at 8.21 pm.