

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. WILL BE HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "WAL YOUNG HOUSE", ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM.**

## **BUSINESS**

- a. The roll of attendance shall be recorded for all Annual General Meetings by the Secretary.**
- b. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held during the year.**
- c. Consideration of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report.**
- d. Declaration of ballot for Officers and Permanent Sub-Committees and advising of calling for nominations to fill any vacancies.**
- e. Appointment of Auditor who shall be a Registered Practicing Accountant.**
- f. Business of which due notice has been given.**

## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.

### PATRONS

1898-1908	J. SCHOLEY
1908-1925	L. ARNOTT
1925-1927	A. SNEDDON
1927-1934	J. MACKIE
1934-1957	W.E. CLEGG
1958-1983	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E
1984-	<u>LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE</u>
	(1984 Ald. J. Cummings A.M.)
	(1985 Administrator)
	(1986-1995 Cr. J. McNaughton)
	(1995-1999 Cr. G. Heys)
	(1999-2012 Cr. J. Tate)
	(2012-2013 Cr. J. McCloy)
	(2013- Cr. N. Nelmes)
	<u>MAYOR OF LAKE MACQUARIE</u>
	(1984-87 Ald. G. Pasterfield)
	(1987-91 Ald. I. Welsh)
	(1991-93 Ald. D. Carley)
	(1993-2004 Cr. J. Kilpatrick O.A.M.)
	(2004-2012 Cr. G. Piper)
	(2012-2016 Cr. J. Harrison)
	(2016- Cr. K. Fraser)

### PRESIDENTS

1898-1926	F. GARDNER
1926-1927	J. CLAYTON
1927-1932	H.T. HARDYMAN
1932-1938	R.G. KILGOUR
1938-1940	J.A. GOW
1940-1942	M. CHARLTON
1942-1946	J.W. EDGAR
1946-1950	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1950-1951	S. FLOWERS
1951-1955	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1955-1957	F.K. McLEOD
1957-1958	W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.
1958-1960	G.H. EBBOTT
1960-1964	F.R. BRENT
1964-1967	R.J. SIMMONS
1967-1971	H.W. GILLARD A.M.
1971-1975	R. GARSIDE
1975-1978	W.W.L. CARSON
1978-1981	G.A. FRASER
1981-1984	T. MURPHY O.A.M.
1984-1987	W.R. EATHER
1987-1990	R.P. PITMAN
1990-1993	F.J. NEAT
1993-1996	L.W. PARROTT O.A.M.
1996-1997	F.J. NEAT
1997-2007	L.W. PARROTT O.A.M.
2007-	J.T. SMITH O.A.M.

### HON. SECRETARIES

1898-1901	W.C. FOSKETT	1907-1912	R.G. KILGOUR
1901-1904	B. PHILLIPS	1912-1913	G. BLACKSTONE
1904-1905	A. TIMBURY	1913-1938	W. WALLACE
1905-1906	C.E.F. PACKER	1938-1957	R.W. COTTERILL
1906-1907	R.P. WELLS		

### SECRETARIES

1957-1979	B.D. RICHARDSON O.A.M.	1983-1988	T.W. MAHER
1979-1983	L.C. BARRETT	1988-	D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

### HON. TREASURERS

1898-1901	W.C. FOSKETT	1926-1930	J.E. MARSHALL
1901-1904	B. PHILLIPS	1930-1931	J.W. TICKELL
1904-1905	A. TIMBURY	1931-1949	G.H. WINSOR
1905-1906	C.E.F. PACKER	1949-1966	W.H. CHANNON
1906-1907	R.P. WELLS	1966-1974	A.J. SOMERVILLE
1907-1912	R.G. KILGOUR	1974-1976	N. GAMBLE
1912-1914	J. O'MARA	1976-1984	A.J. REES
1914-1926	G.W. MULVEY		

### TREASURERS

1984-1986	G.W. SUTHERLAND	2001-2012	A.C. WRIGHT
1986-1989	L.J. CORKE	2012-	D.G. WELLS
1989-2001	G.J. RODGERS		

### LIFE MEMBERS

1956	* W.E. YOUNG O.B.E.	1985	* G.A. FRASER	1995	* A.J. COULTON
1957	* W.E. CLEGG	1986	* J.S. CHAMBERLAIN	1995	* B.R. OWEN
1957	* R.W. COTTERILL	1987	W.R. EATHER	1999	* A. McLAGAN
1962	* C.L. FIRKIN	1987	T. MURPHY O.A.M.	1999	* L.W. PARROTT O.A.M.
1965	* F.K. McLEOD	1987	* G. HAMILTON	2000	* W.B. O'TOOLE
1965	* W.H. CHANNON	1988	* L.J. CORKE	2001	* B.J. WINN
1969	* J. LOW	1989	* J.N. DAVIS	2002	* B.G. SALTER
1973	* A.J. SOMERVILLE	1989	* J.A. HITCHCOCK	2004	* R.E. CAMPBELL
1980	* H.W. GILLARD A.M.	1990	* N.D. WYBORN	2012	J.T. SMITH O.A.M.
1980	* R. GARSIDE	1991	* N.I. BRAYE	2012	L.S. COULTON
1985	* W.W.L. CARSON	1991	* A.J. REES	2015	D.A. SKINNER

\* Deceased

# NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.

*(Inaugurated 1898)  
(Affiliated with the RNSWBAA)*

## OFFICE BEARERS SEASON 2016-2017

### PATRONS:

LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE -- CR. N. NELMES  
MAYOR OF LAKE MACQUARIE -- CR. K. FRASER

### PRESIDENT:

J.T. SMITH O.A.M.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS:

T.J. BLOW, K.C. BUCKLEE, B.O. CARLING, D.A. GILDAY,  
W.E. MASSON, K.L. REARDEN, D.L. ROWE

**TREASURER:** D.G. WELLS

**STATE COUNCILLOR ZONE 2:** B.O. CARLING

### SUB-COMMITTEES:

#### ADVISORY:

B.O. CARLING, Chairman;  
C. GLASS, J. LIEB, K.L. REARDEN, D.M. REID, M.F. RIGBY

#### COACHING:

W.E. MASSON, Chairman;  
J.G. BILBY

#### GREENS:

D.G. CARROLL, Chairman; J.G. BILBY, B. COOKE,  
L.J. NOWLAN, M.G. PURCELL

#### JUNIOR:

J. STOKES, Chairman;  
M. BAUS, D. CROCKFORD, T. CROCKFORD, M. DOW

#### MATCH:

D.A. GILDAY, Chairman; M.J. ABROOK, P. BROCKBANK, x I. LEAN,  
D.L. ROWE, W.E. SHIPLEY, D.A. SKINNER, L. SUCH

#### MEMBERSHIP

C. GLASS, Chairman; E.J. MILTON, D.M. REID

#### SELECTION:

T.J. BLOW, Chairman;  
M. BEESLEY, P. BROCKBANK, D.A. GILDAY, I. MACRAE

#### UMPIRES:

K.C. BUCKLEE, Chairman; R. ASHWORTH, x G. BAXTER, J.G. BILBY, W.E. MASSON, M.F. RIGBY,  
x T. STOCKS, B. TREDINNICK

#### DELEGATE TO RNSWBAA:

J.T. SMITH O.A.M.

#### SECRETARY:

D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

In the last 12 months we have seen recognition given to the following bowlers:

- Bob Fishlock (Lambton B.C.) became the 17<sup>th</sup> Inductee into the John Young Bowls NSW Hall of Fame.
- Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) was awarded the NSW Junior Female Bowler of the Year.
- Molly Wilton (Raymond Terrace) was awarded the NSW Most Improved Female Bowler of the Year.

Our bowlers also maintained a good standard of performance with the following achievements:

- Zone 2 won the State Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship.
- Michael Beesley (Beresfield) and Wayne Lambourne (Windale/Gateshead) represented NSW in the Australian Senior Sides Championship.
- Bill Wiltshire (Kahibah) was Runner-Up in the Australian Open Senior Pairs.
- The Zone 2 Junior 7-a-Side Team was Runner-Up in the State Championship.
- Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace) was selected to represent NSW in the State Under 25 Side.
- Zone 2 won the U25 Challenge Series played at Raymond Terrace B.C.
- City v Country Representatives were Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace), Lennon Scott (Raymond Terrace), Daniel Hill (Mayfield West), Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace) and Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace).

Zone 2 continued to have a positive impact into the administration level of Bowls NSW. Duncan Tait (Hamilton North) continued in his role on the Board, Milton Rigby (Charlestown) was elected as Chairman of the State Umpires Committee and Warren Shipley (Beresfield) was elected to the State Match Committee.

The Annual Bowler of the Year and Delegates Xmas Night was conducted for the first time at Charlestown Bowling Club and we thank the Club for hosting the event.

Winners of each of the major awards were:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Bowler of the Year        | Jarrold Duncan (Alder Park)     |
| • Junior Bowler of Year     | Mitchell Bellingham ( Wallsend) |
| • Senior Bowler of the Year | Michael Beesley (Beresfield)    |
| • Encouragement Award       | Logan Brown (Kotara)            |
| • Coach of the Year         | John Matthew (Bar Beach)        |

The State No. 1 Grade Pennant Final Series was hosted by Nelson Bay Bowling Club in its usual fine fashion and the completion of the Club's renovations was done just in time to showcase the clubs to its many visitors. Raymond Terrace Bowling Club also continued with its usual good work with the staging of the Bowls NSW State Rookies Singles and Pairs Finals weekend.

As with every year we mourn the passing of people who have served our Association well. This year was no exception with the loss of Bart Richardson OAM who served as the Association Secretary from 1957 to 1979 and Life Member Danny O'Toole a long-serving member of the NDBA Match Committee (28 years) and Manager of the NDBA Representative Side (9 Years).

My thanks to all Clubs who have invited the NDBA to attend Annual General Meetings, Pennant Unfurlings, Anniversaries and Presentation Nights during the year. Your hospitality has been greatly appreciated and the invitation allows us to maintain a solid link between your club and the Association. Congratulations to Adamstown on celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

A special word of thanks to Treasurer Don Wells, members of the Executive & Sub-Committees for their time & work in conducting the affairs of the Association.

The NDBA would not operate as well as it does if it were not for the reliable service that we get from the staff in the office. I would express the heartfelt thanks of all members of the Association to Secretary Denis, Louise & Fiona for all their continuing efforts for the bowls community in Zone 2.

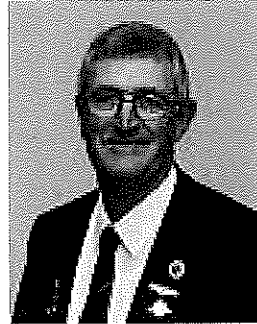
I must express my gratitude to my wife Gai for the ongoing support that she has provided to enable me to fulfil my role as President.

*John T. Smith O.A.M.  
President*

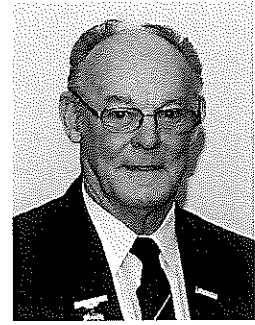
# VICE-PRESIDENTS, ZONE COUNCILLOR & SUB-COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN



VICE-PRESIDENT  
& SELECTION COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN -  
T. J. BLOW



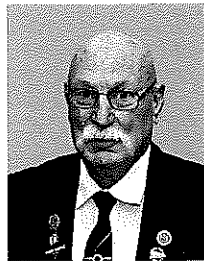
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K.C. BUCKLEE



VICE-PRESIDENT  
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COUNCILLOR -  
B.O. CARLING



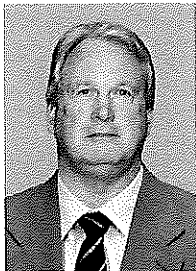
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CHAIRMAN - W.E. MASSON



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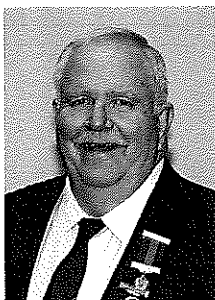
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TREASURER  
D.G. WELLS



JUNIOR COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN - J. STOKES



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN - C. GLASS



SECRETARY  
D.J. BROAD OAM

**HEREWITH A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

There are 46 affiliated clubs within the Association. As at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 (end of the NDBA financial year) there were 4766 Full and Junior Members as against 4965 in 2016.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

2016-2017 saw John Smith re-elected as the President of the Association. Vice-Presidents Terry Blow, Kevin Bucklee, Brian Carling, David Gilday, William Masson & Danny Rowe retained their positions while Keith Rearden replaced Charlie Glass. Don Wells was re-elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer.

Brian Carling was re-elected unopposed as the State Councillor for Zone 2. The Chairmen of the Permanent Sub-Committees were as follows, viz Advisory, Brian Carling; Coaching, Ted Masson; Greens, Dave Carroll; Juniors, Jason Stokes; Match, David Gilday; Membership, Charlie Glass; Selection, Terry Blow and Umpires, Kevin Bucklee.

The members of the Executive have had another extremely busy schedule throughout the year attending functions at Clubs and other Associations. On some occasions they met nine commitments on the one day, whilst on others the President was only able to fulfil all requests by enlisting the services of members from the Sub-Committee.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

The Committee welcomed back long standing member John Lieb & Keith Rearden after a short break. Both these members have contributed valuable information over the years and we look forward to their continued participation in the future. Ray Ashworth resigned due to other commitments. We thanked him for his input during the time he was on the Committee.

This period has been rather quiet as opposed to recent years. Our tasks in conjunction with the Match & Executive Committees has been the review of Advisory Pamphlets No. 6 Hosting of a District Championship/Pennant Post- Sectional Fixture/Representative Game & No 21 Duties of a Returning Officer. Both of these have been converted to a check list type document, rather than the written statements as previous.

The decision to marry the Advisory Committee & Membership Committee is beginning to work. The Membership Committee now having 4 members as opposed to 1 gives us more voices around the table to contribute their thoughts and ideas on this important task ahead for all clubs in the future.

The Duties of the Advisory Committee are listed in the "NDBA Regulations". Should a bowling member within Zone 2 be interested in joining the Sub-Committee for 2017/2018, you would be very welcome. I have enjoyed once again being the Chairman of the Committee for this reporting period and thank all the staff members at "Wal Young House" for supporting the Committee and myself during this time.

**B.O. Carling, Chairman**

**COACHING COMMITTEE:**

A highlight of the year was the very successful Coaching Seminar held at Charlestown Bowling Club on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The presenters were Chris Green from Taren Point who is a three-time No.1 Grade State Pennant winner and Michael Beaumont MBA, from Bowls NSW. The Committee intends to organize a similar Coaching Seminar in the next 12 months.

Two Club Coach Courses were held during the year, one was conducted by Allan Starrett, Bowls Australia Assessor & Presenter, and the second by Michael Beaumont. Congratulations are extended to the successful applicants and we wish them well in their new role.

I am pleased to report that John Matthew (Bar Beach) was a worthy winner of the Coach of the Year award, John does regular coaching at his club & received this award at the NDBA Presentation Night.

The Committee arranges for the Association office to forward letters to all Newcastle (Zone 2) coaches due for re-accreditation. We had a good response to these letters, with 9 coaches being re-accredited in 2016 and 2 to-date in 2017. We currently have 74 accredited coaches in Newcastle (Zone 2).

Each month the Committee approves an article presented by Committeeman John Bilby entitled Coaching Showcase for each edition of "On the Green". We would like to acknowledge the continued assistance of the "On the Green" magazine which provides support for our coaches & bowlers alike.

I would express to NDBA Secretary Denis Broad the thanks of the Committee members for his immeasurable guidance and support during the year.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to fellow Committee Member John Bilby for his assistance and support during my third year as Chairman.

**W.E. (Ted) Masson, Chairman**

#### **GREENS COMMITTEE:**

It is with great pleasure I submit to you my report of the NDBA Greens Committee.

Again this year the Greens Committee have carried out four inspections on all greens in our Zone. The results of our inspections have been very pleasing, with the majority of Clubs having not only good bowling greens, but exceptionally good surrounds and gardens. This is something that I am certain helps to make your Club successful and attractive to visitors. Unfortunately some Clubs have to rely on voluntary labour. To you people I really commend the work that you are doing for your Club and bowling members, congratulations. Currently, we have a total of 97 greens. An interesting statistic is that of the 97 greens inspected, 60 are grass and 37 are synthetic.

I would like to thank this years Greens Committee headed by Chairman Dave Carroll, and the Committee Members of John Bilby, Brian Cooke, Les Nowlan & Mick Purcell. To all of you along with Dave Carroll, I would take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and assistance throughout the year.

To all the Clubs, greenkeepers and staff I again take this opportunity to thank you for the support and assistance shown to myself and all Greens Committee Members. Your support really makes our inspections simple and easy to conduct.

**D.A. Gilday, Match Committee Chairman**

#### **JUNIOR COMMITTEE:**

Our NDBA Juniors have had a successful year through hard work and hours of training. This year's annual report will proudly acknowledge the achievements of individuals and teams throughout the 2016/17 season.

Our juniors have performed exceptionally well and have been recognized by both our State and National Selectors. Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) has continued to represent NSW in the U18 girl's squad and NSW side. Our boys, have been represented with Mitch Bellingham (Wallsend), Connor Freeman and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) in the NSW Boys Squads. Australian Selectors elevated Kate Matthews into the Australian Under 18 Squad.

The NSW State Seven-A-Side held at West Dubbo saw us match the efforts of the previous year, coming second in the overall. The Pairs team of Jamie Dow (Kahibah) and Jayden Robinson (Raymond Terrace) won Gold in the Individual event.

In other achievements, Kate Matthews was acknowledged at the RNSWBA presentation evening as the NSW State Female Junior Bowler of the year. Kate Matthews also received a CHS Blues Award for her sporting achievements and Kate Matthews won the Under 18 Junior Golden Nugget at Tweed Heads.

The Committee is very pleased with the running of both the Under 18 and Under 25 District Championships. The Championships have created a great interest amongst the players, spectators and general bowls followers. Our winners of the 18 years to 25 year's District Championships were:

- Singles: Brendan Wilkinson (Boolaroo)
- Pairs: Jesse Herbert (Raymond Terrace) & Nick Evans (Lambton)
- Triples: Adrian Solomons (Raymond Terrace), Tom Crockford (Cardiff) & Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace)

Congratulations to our Junior District Championship winners this year:

- Singles: Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace)
- Pairs: Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) & Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace)
- Triples: Kaleb Austin (Soldiers Point), Jamie Dow (Kahibah) & Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace)
- Fours: Zach Nicholls (Raymond Terrace), Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace), Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) & Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace)

The Under 25 Challenge has continued in its 10<sup>th</sup> year. Special thanks to host club Raymond Terrace. In the last 12 months there has seen a slight decrease in our numbers in our junior sessions. I would like to thank Raymond Terrace Bowling Club as host and sponsor of the NDBA Junior program. I would additionally like



to thank the following clubs that hosted junior District events, Kahibah Bowling Club, Cardiff Bowling Club and Valentine Bowling Club.

Through the support of the NDBA Executives and through my Committee i am pleased to say that we are looking forward to a successful 2017/18 and continue the skill growth and development of our squad and its participants.

**J. Stokes, Chairman**

### **MATCH COMMITTEE:**

It is with great pleasure I submit to you my report of the NDBA Match Committee as Chairman.

Many people should be aware of the mechanics of such a Committee which runs 12 months of the year, dealing with all aspects of bowling and programming of events to keep our great game bowling along. I would therefore like to start to thank the many people who keep these wheels in motion whether they be in the firing line day in day out or the many that work behind the scenes.

Firstly a special thank you to Secretary Denis and the office staff of Louise and Fiona whose work is second to none in fielding questions and performing all the day to day tasks from the front firing line.

Secondly, to my Committee of: Mick Abrook, Phillip Brockbank, Danny Rowe, Warren Shipley, Des Skinner & Lee Such. I would also like to express my appreciation to John Smith who continued in a co-opted member role.

Thirdly, to all the members of the Executive and Management Committees and the many club officials who have hosted events on behalf of the NDBA to all of you we say thank you. Along with our pennant result recorders Pam Stamford and John Smith who gave up their time on Saturday afternoons to answer the phones and to get all the pennant results and place them on the internet website for your viewing.

The Saturday Pennant winners for 2017 are listed as follows:

Newcastle/Hunter State No.1 Grade Conference qualifiers: Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point & Maitland City

Grade 1: Raymond Terrace  
 Grade 2: Windale/Gateshead  
 Grade 3: Wangi  
 Grade 4: Raymond Terrace  
 Grade 5: Beresfield  
 Grade 6: Nelson Bay  
 Grade 7: Soldiers Point 1

To all these sides we wish you good fortunes at the upcoming State Pennant playoffs.

The Mid-Week Pennant winners for 2017 are listed as follows:

Grade 1: Soldiers Point  
 Grade 2: Raymond Terrace  
 Grade 3: Adamstown  
 Grade 4: Wallsend  
 Grade 5: Windale/Gateshead

- The first of our District Championships for 2017, the District Fours was completed on Sunday, 5th February 2017. Congratulations to the team of Les Pyke, Steve Wilson, Bruce Bull & Wayne Lambourne (Windale/Gateshead) on defeating Chris Edmonds, Shannon Gittoes, Blake Signal & Richard Girvan (Nelson Bay) 23/14 in the final.
- The final of our second District Championships for 2017, the District Triples was played on Sunday, 19th February 2017. Congratulations to the team of Shane Soper, David Wayland & Warren Shipley (Beresfield) on defeating Daniel Clarke, Terry Antram & Lee Such (Soldiers Point) 22 -18 in a keenly contested match.
- The Final of the District Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Congratulations to Brian Bateman & Terry Antram (Soldiers Point) on defeating Jason Stokes & Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) 27/23 in the Final.
- The Final of the District Senior Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Congratulations to Michael Brown & Michael Beesley (Beresfield) on downing Ross Brodbeck & Darryl McKinnon (Charlestown) 29/12 in the decider. The rain delayed final of the State President's Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and congratulations to Mark Spratford & Geoff Prisk (Nelson Bay) on defeating Ray Bennett & Malcolm Adams (Beresfield) 21/15 in the Final.

A big thank you to the clubs that hosted & sponsored the respective Championships, namely Raymond Terrace the District Fours, Nelson Bay the District Pairs, Hamilton North the State Presidents Pairs & Beresfield the Senior Pairs. Also to all the other clubs, who hosted the earlier rounds please accept our gratitude.

- 2016 Three Three's winners were:
  - Number 1 Grade - Raymond Terrace
  - Number 2 Grade - Raymond Terrace
  - Number 3 Grade - Fingal Bay (2) defeated Fingal Bay (1) in the Final

Some Interesting Aspects in the Saturday Pennant were:

- No. 1 Grade Raymond Terrace won their fourth consecutive No.1 Grade flag
- No. 2 Grade Windale Gateshead broke a 29 year No.2 Grade drought
- No. 3 Grade Wangi first 3 Grade flag win
- No. 4 Grade Raymond Terrace completed the No.1/No.4 Grade double
- No. 5 Grade Beresfield first 5 Grade flag since 1989
- No. 6 Grade Nelson Bay won its second No.6 Grade flag in 5 years
- No. 7 Grade Soldiers Point inaugural No.7 Grade flag success

Some Interesting Aspects Were in the Mid-Week Pennant

- ❖ No. 1 Grade Soldiers Point first No.1 Grade win since 2007
- ❖ No. 2 Grade Raymond Terrace inaugural No.2 Grade flag win
- ❖ No. 3 Grade Adamstown first flag in Grade 3 since 1975
- ❖ No. 4 Grade Wallsend last won Grade 4 in 2005
- ❖ No. 5 Grade Windale/Gateshead won its second No.5 Grade in 4 years

The Charity Shields contested during the 2017 pennant season were won by:

- Ralph Cotterill Memorial Shield - Raymond Terrace No.1 Grade
- Albert Smith Memorial Shield - Raymond Terrace No.4 Grade
- Pepper Memorial Shield - Teralba No.6 Grade

- The final of the Champion of Club Champions Singles Championship was played on Sunday, 18th September, 2016 at Water Board Bowling Club. Congratulations to Jarrod Duncan (Alder Park) on defeating Lee Such (Soldiers Point) 31 -27 in the final.
  - The final of the Champion of Club Champions Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, 9th October, 2016 at Lambton Bowling Club. Congratulations to Michael Abel & Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Craig Eades & Jarrod Duncan (Alder Park) 22 -11 in the final.
  - The last of our Championships for 2016 that being the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship Final was played on Sunday, 30th October, 2016 at Alder Park Bowling Club. Congratulations to John Harvey, Tony Atcheson, Anthony Ellercamp & Shane Soper (Mayfield West) on defeating Kasimier Sroka, Tim Lucas, Tony Randall & Gary Randall (Raymond Terrace) 25 to 15 in the final and a big thank you to Water Board, Lambton & Alder Park for the respective Hosting of the Champions of Club Champions Championships.
  - Last year's Zone 2 Section of the 2016 Bowls NSW Rookies Pairs Championships was played on Saturday, 17th & Sunday, 18th September, 2016 at Lambton Bowling Club. A word of well done to Simon Jones & Ken Shelswell (Bar Beach) on downing Peter Schremmer & Scott Rainbow (Raymond Terrace) 12/9 in the Final.
  - Last year's Zone 2 Section of the 2016 NSW Rookies Singles Championships was played on Saturday, 27th & Sunday, 28th August, 2016 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Corey Atkins (Charlestown) defeating Stephen Ansell (Kahibah) 17/10 in the Final.
- The year to come will still be full of challenges for the Match Committee at both Zone and State level and we are confident that we can continue to provide a good service for the bowlers of Zone 2.

**D.A. Gilday, Chairman**

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

This year has brought some unique challenges. Mid-way through the year Eddie Milton stood down as Chairman so he could accept a position as Club Delegate at Teralba Bowling Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eddie for all his efforts over the past few years as Chairman of the Committee.

During the 2016-2017 year we have seen a drop in numbers of full memberships, but not as significant as it has been over the last few years. This is mainly due to the efforts of our member clubs attempting to recruit new players. There is however a significant increase in participation in other forms of the game and many clubs are reaping the initial benefits of bare-foot bowls, Aloha bowls etc., and it is hoped that this will generate some new registered members to our Zone.

The Committee is currently preparing a strategy that will hopefully produce results in the short term and we look forward to working with all the clubs in this area. This will give clubs a chance to have a voice in what the Committee wants to do and how some new recruitment plans can be implemented to benefit all clubs.

On a personal note I would like to thank Eddie for continuing on with the Committee and I would also like to welcome Don Reid and Chris Turner who have volunteered to join us. Thanks must also go to Mark Whiteman B.A. Regional Bowls Manager for his valuable input into our endeavours.

**C. Glass, Chairman**

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

On behalf of the Selection Committee, we wish to thank all players who represented the NDBA/Zone 2 for the past year. They can hold their heads high with regard to their sportsmanship, friendship & the way they played all representative games in the past 12 months.

I like to thank my fellow co-selectors (Mick Beesley, Phil Brockbank, Dave Gilday & Ian Macrae) for their support & attendance at meetings & representative games.

Thank you.

Listed below is a record of all representative games for the last 12 months:

Inter-Zone with Zones 2, 4, 15 & 16 at Warilla BC, on 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> July 2016.

Zone 2 won 92 – 69 Zone 15  
 Zone 2 lost 63 – 95 Zone 16  
 Zone 2 won 91 – 45 Zone 4      Zone 16 won.

Inter-Zone with Zones 2, 5, 12 & 13 at Ashfield on 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> July 2016.

Zone 2 won 68 – 65 Zone 5  
 Zone 2 lost 52 – 63 Zone 12  
 Zone 2 won 67 – 53 Zone 13      Zone 13 won.

Inter-Zone (Pat Geary Memorial Shield), with Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15 at Halekulani BC on 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> August 2016.

Zone 2 won 124 – 85 Zone 6  
 Zone 2 won 104 – 56 Zone 14      washed out at 92 ends  
 Zone 2 won 132 – 101 Zone 15      Zone 2 won.

NDBA Reserves verse U25's at Raymond Terrace BC on Friday 14<sup>TH</sup> August 2016.

Reserves won 81 – 49 U25's      Reserves won

State Inter-Zone Sides Championship at Forster BC, 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> September 2016.

Zone 2 drew 68 – 68 Zone 12  
 Zone 2 lost 60 – 89 Zone 9  
 Zone 2 won 105 – 53 Zone 5  
 Zone 12 won section & went onto win Final.

Inter-Zone verse Hunter at Raymond Terrace BC, 28<sup>TH</sup> October 2016.

Zone 2 won 110 – 90 Hunter      Zone 2 won

Inter-Zone (U25's & U18's) with Zone 10 at Rydalmere Central BC, 4<sup>TH</sup> December 2016.

Zone 2 won 148 – 78 Zone 10  
 Zone 2 won 109 – 75 Zone 10      Zone 2 won

Three Test Series Zone 2 verse ACT at Weston Creek BC on 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2017.

Zone 2 won 77 – 61  
 Zone 2 won 96 – 70  
 Zone 2 won 94 – 74      Zone 2 won

The "Rodney Robards Memorial Shield" Zone 2 verse Hunter District at Beresfield.

2 rinks each of "Open", "U25's" & "U18's", on Friday 3<sup>RD</sup> February 2017.

Zone 2 won 114 - 93 Hunter.      Zone 2 won.

The Quadrangular Series Zone 2 Seniors verse Zones 6, & 15 at Lake Munmorah BC on 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2017.  
 Cancelled due to inclement weather

Reserve Side Challenge between Zones 2, 6 & 15 at East Maitland BC on 7<sup>TH</sup> May 2017.

Zone 2 won 72-54      Zone 6A.  
 Zone 2 won 84-49      Zone 6B.

State Senior Inter-Zone Championships at Sylvania BC on 16<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2016.

Zone 2 won 5.5 - 4.5 54 – 54 Zone 6.  
 Zone 2 won 9 - 1 56 – 47 Zone 14.  
 Zone 2 won 8.5 - 1.5 62 – 56 Zone 10.  
 Zone 2 won section.  
 Zone 2 won Semi-final 73 – 55 Zone 13.  
 Zone 2 won Final 57 – 51 Zone 12.

**T.J. Blow, Chairman**

#### **UMPIRES COMMITTEE:**

Once again a very challenging year for the Zone 2 Umpires Committee, with changes to the way of re-accreditation of present umpires and accreditation of new umpires.

With the fact that to become an umpire now you must first do a markers course, then measures courses & then the umpire's course.

Although I feel that there is not enough importance put into the umpires ticket this is what Bowls Australia require.

As a Committee we have spent a lot of time trying to make the course as interesting as we can without making it too drawn out and boring. In this side of things I must thank Ray Ashworth and Milton Rigby for the effort they have put into the way we present our courses.

I thank the members of the Umpires Committee for the support they have given me over the last 12 months. A special mention to those new members to the team that had their first year with us, also a special word of thanks go to our Secretary and State Representative Milton Rigby for the support that he has given me through the year. I must thank President John Smith for his support and the support of our great office staff Secretary Denis, Louise and Fiona that are always just a call away.

Lastly to our Zone umpires that give their time to officiate at all levels when required and to those new members that have joined our group of umpires I say thank you.

I also would like to thank those Ladies that give up their time to umpire on Pennants days, where no Male umpires are there to do the job.

Lastly, remember the Umpires Committee are here to assist the clubs and our fellow umpires and are always just a phone call away.

**K. Bucklee, Chairman**

#### **MATTARA COMMITTEE:**

The Host Clubs for our 56<sup>th</sup> Mattara Carnival were Wallsend (Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles and Restricted Singles) and Cardiff (Traditional Carnival).

I would like to commend both clubs for their organization and hospitality and as well to all clubs who hosted the different aspects of Sectional and Post-Sectional play. All reflected the ideal of the Mattara "Hand of Friendship".

Our thanks to the Newcastle District Women's Bowling Association who again sponsored our Open Mixed Pairs. Our Mattara Book was also well supported by both Clubs and organisations with their advertising.

We appreciate the support for the Mattara Raffle by both clubs & bowlers, plus their supporters.

The level of entries once again reflected the support for the Carnival with a total of 1072 bowlers over all events.

#### **The winners of the events for 2016 were:**

Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles	- Trevor Aitchison (Mayfield West)
Restricted Singles	- Glenn Mellare (Catherine Hill Bay)
Frank Neat Memorial Triples	- Lee Such, Jason Pietraszek, Terry Antram (Soldiers Point)
Mens Open Fours	- Mark Gauntlett and Shane Soper (Mayfield West)
	- Warren Shipley and Daniel Hill (Beresfield)
Mens Open Pairs	- Ian Lean and Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace)
Mens Restricted Pairs	- Stephen Mansfield and Paul Robertson (Windale/Gateshead)
Mixed Pairs	- Carol McCrohon (Valentine) and Michael Kedwell (Teralba)

The two Host clubs for the 2017 Carnival will be Wallsend (Singles) and Charlestown (Traditional).

We anticipate another successful 12 days of bowls and the extending of the Mattara "Hand of Friendship."

**J.T. Smith, Chairman**

#### **R.N.S.W.B.A. REPRESENTATION:**

Brian Carling was re-elected unopposed as the State Councillor for Zone 2 and represented the Association at State Council Meetings. John Smith is the Association Delegate to the RNSWBA General Committee Meetings, NDBA Umpires Committee member Milton Rigby is Chairman of the State Umpires Committee & NDBA Match Committee member Warren Shipley is a member of the State Match Committee.

#### **OFFICIAL VISITS AND FUNCTIONS:**

A party of twenty five mixed bowlers from Zone 5 (Greater Western Sydney) visited out region on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Bowls were played at Edgeworth and Kahibah Bowling Clubs, with both clubs extending outstanding Novocastrian hospitality to our guests.

The annual combined NDBA Delegates Day & President/Secretaries Day was held at Merewether Bowling Club on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. It was a very successful day with in excess of 70 attendees.

On Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, Dora Creek Workers Bowling Club hosted the Royal NSW Bowling Association and Newcastle District Bowling Association Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture. Dora Creek Workers Bowling Club were first class hosts and appreciation was expressed by Bowls NSW Finance Director Ron King and John Smith, NDBA President. The fixture saw Newcastle regain the Les Parrott Memorial Shield.

The annual match between the Executive and Sub-Committees from the Hunter and Newcastle Districts was played at New Lambton Bowling Club on Wednesday Evening, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Everyone enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

The Delegates, Executive and Sub-Committees Christmas Function was held on Thursday Evening, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, at Charlestown Bowling Club. A highlight was the presentation of the NDBA Bowler of the Year Award to Jarrod Duncan (Alder Park) by Barry Watkins, Bowls NSW President. The NDBA Senior Bowler of the Year Michael Beesley (Beresfield) received his award from Bowls NSW Director Duncan Tait. NDBA Life Member, Terry Murphy presented Mitchell Bellingham (Wallsend) with the Junior Bowler of the Year Award. District President, John Smith presented the Newcastle Encouragement Award to Logan Brown (Kotara). Cr. Kay Fraser, Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council, presented the Coach of the Year Award to John Matthew (Bar Beach). It was a great evening and attendees spoke highly of the meal and outstanding guest artist. The Association would like to express its thanks to Charlestown Bowling Club for its assistance in organizing the evening, especially Secretary/Manager Michael Gray and the club's catering staff.

#### **STATE REPRESENTATION/EVENTS:**

Michael Beesley (Beresfield) & Wayne Lambourne (Windale/Gateshead) were members of the Senior (Over 60's) State side. Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace), Daniel Hill (Mayfield West), Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace), Lennon Scott (Raymond Terrace) & Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace) represented Country. Mitchell Bellingham (Wallsend), Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace), Connor & Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) were selected in the Bowls NSW Top Tier Junior Squad. Jamie Dow (Kahibah) was selected in the Silver Squad.

#### **VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAY:**

Kotara Bowling Club hosted a combined Veterans and Super Veterans Day on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. In excess of forty Veterans and Super Veterans enjoyed playing bowls, whilst others unable to play bowls attended for an enjoyable social day. Trophies were sponsored for the seventh time by David Lloyd Funerals

#### **CHARITY SHIELDS AND BOB-IN DAYS:**

A total of \$2100 was collected for Charities on these days. The respective recipients were: Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service \$300; Cystic Fibrosis \$300; Newcastle Legacy \$300; Weeroona Association (Wheeling and Able) \$300; Hunter Melanoma Foundation \$300; Newcastle Mater Palliative Care Unit \$200; Autistic Association of NSW \$200 and The Salvation Army \$200. Clubs winning the Charity Shields have been named in the Match Committee Report.

#### **PUBLICITY:**

Denis Broad, Association Publicity Officer, has a column in the local magazine, "On The Green", published by Colleen Mannis and Dean Nicholson. He also provides weekly articles to the Newcastle Herald. The Association and clubs receive valued support from the Newcastle Herald & Mitchell Hughes NBN Television. They provide coverage, not only of Association events, but of tournaments conducted by Clubs and to them our sincere thanks.

#### **OBITUARIES:**

The Association has again been saddened by the loss of many bowlers, who, throughout the years, had made outstanding and valuable contributions to bowls. Their names have been recorded and respects paid at the monthly Management Committee Meetings.

The Newcastle bowls fraternity was deeply saddened by the passing of NDBA Life Member Danny O'Toole, former NDBA Secretary, Bart Richardson, former NDBA Selector Kevan Crossingham and former NDBA Umpires Committee Member Morris Patrick.

#### **GENERAL:**

Newcastle District Bowling Association President John Smith was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his outstanding service to Hunter sport across lawn bowls, rugby league & cricket. Smith has been involved in the administration of the N.D.B.A. since 1986 when he was elected to the Match Committee. He served on that Committee until 2013, was elected as an NDBA Vice-President in 2002 and was elected as President in 2007, a position he still holds. He was a member of the State Match Committee from 2001 to 2014, including being Chairman from 2007 to 2014. He was Hon. Secretary of the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires Association from 1973 to 1987. He was a First Grade Rugby League referee in the 1970's & has the honour of playing the most number of representative lawn bowl games for Newcastle a total of 276 games (267 Open Side & 9 in Senior Side). He has been rewarded with Life Membership of both the N.D.B.A. and the N.D.C.U.A. In summary it was a well deserved & earned honour.

The Association gratefully acknowledges the support of:

a) The following Clubs that sponsored Pennant Finals and District Championships:

Nelson Bay	-	No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant Conference Spot Play-Off No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant Newcastle (Zone 2) Play-Off District Pairs Championship
Hamilton North	-	No.2 Grade Saturday Pennant State President's Pairs Championship
Beresfield	-	No.3 Grade Saturday Pennant No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant State Senior Pairs Championship
Lambton	-	No.4 Grade Saturday Pennant No.1 Grade Mid-Week Pennant
Soldiers Point	-	No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant District Triples Championship
Wallsend	-	No.6 Grade Saturday Pennant
Charlestown	-	No.7 Grade Saturday Pennant Champion of Club Champions Pairs Championship
Raymond Terrace	-	No.3 Grade Mid-Week Pennant District Fours Championship District Major Singles Championship
Adamstown	-	No.4 Grade Mid-Week Pennant
Water Board	-	No.5 Grade Mid-Week Pennant Champion of Club Champions Singles Championship
Kahibah	-	State Senior Singles Championship
Alder Park	-	State President's Singles Championship Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship
Swansea Workers	-	District Minor Singles Championship

b) The Newcastle District Women's Bowling Association for sponsoring the Mattara Mixed Pairs competition.

c) David Lloyd Funerals for sponsoring the Annual Super Veterans & Veterans Day.

The Association was represented at a number of major celebrations during the past twelve months. The highlights being:

- The Adamstown Bowling Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.
- The Newcastle District Women's Bowling Association 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.  
We congratulate the Officials and Members on these milestones.

Beresfield Bowling Club hosted the inaugural Open Bowling Arm Singles & Pairs Championships in February and March, 2017. The Association was delighted to receive 41 entries in the Singles and 24 entries in the Pairs. We had many players entering from outside the District, including from South West Rocks, Kew, Gwandalan, Park Beach, Newport & Newport Beach. Congratulations are extended to the respective winners Clay Parker (East Maitland) the Singles & Neil Brace (Teralba) and Mick Kedwell (Edgeworth) the Pairs.