

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. WILL BE HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "WAL YOUNG HOUSE", ON THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.45 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.**
 - Declaration of ballot for Life Member.**
 - Voting on Amendments to Constitution.**

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.
2007-2019	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.	1988-2018	D.J. BROAD O.A.M.
1979-1983	L.C. BARRETT	2018-	D.A. GILDAY
1983-1988	T.W. MAHER		

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 RNSWB A)*

OFFICE BEARERS SEASON 2017-2018

PATRONS:

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

PRESIDENT:

J.T. SMITH O.A.M.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

M.J. BEESLEY, T.J. BLOW, K.C. BUCKLEE, B.O. CARLING, D.A. GILDAY,
K.L. REARDEN, D.L. ROWE

TREASURER: D.G. WELLS

STATE COUNCILLOR ZONE 2: B.O. CARLING

SUB-COMMITTEES:

ADVISORY:

B.O. CARLING, Chairman;
J.G. BILBY, 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,
L.J. NOWLAN

JUNIOR:

J. STOKES, Chairman;
D. CROCKFORD, T.M. CROCKFORD, R.I. GARDNER, T.J. MALONE, J. WOLFE

MATCH:

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

MEMBERSHIP

C. GLASS, Chairman; D.M. REID

SELECTION:

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

UMPIRES:

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

DELEGATE TO RNSWB A:

J.T. SMITH O.A.M.

SECRETARY:

D.J. BROAD O.A.M.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

The retirement of our long serving Secretary Denis Broad OAM after 31 years of service to Zone 2 is the most important issue facing the Association. Denis has been the linchpin of so many activities and organization in his term of office and his shoes will be difficult to fill. Hopefully the granting of Life Membership at our Annual General Meeting will be a small part of the debt that we owe to him.

During the past 12 months Zone 2 sides and individuals achieved the following:

- Mark Spratford and Geoff Prisk (Nelson Bay) won the Bowls NSW State President's Pairs.
- Beresfield were runners-up in the State No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant.
- Nelson Bay won the Men's Gold Division of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge
- Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) was runner-up in the State Junior Pairs, a semi-finalist in the Australian Junior Fours and Singles, represented Bowls NSW at CHS level and was a nominee for Bowls NSW Junior Bowler of the Year.
- Kate Matthews (Raymond Terrace) partnered Lachlan to be runner-up in the State Junior Pairs and also represented Bowls NSW against CHS.
- Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace) won the Grand Slam of Zone 2 Junior Titles. He also received a HSSSA Blue, represented CHS against Bowls NSW and was selected in the Bowls NSW 2nd Tier Junior Squad.
- Michael Beesley (Beresfield) and Wayne Lambourne (Windale/Gateshead) were selected in Bowls NSW State Senior Side.
- Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace), Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace), Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace) and Daniel Hill (Charlestown) represented Country in the City V Country Series.

Our thanks to our Zone 2 members who are involved in administrative roles at Bowls NSW. Duncan Tait (Hamilton North) continues on the Board, Milton Rigby (Charlestown) is Chairman of the State Umpires Committee and Warren Shipley (Beresfield) is on the State Match Committee.

Our Association Clubs played an important role in staging events and functions:

- Raymond Terrace hosted the Annual Bowler of the Year and Delegates Night with the following major awards being presented:

• Bowler of the Year	- Terry Antram (Soldiers Point)
• Junior Bowler of the Year	- Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace)
• Senior Bowler of the Year	- Michael Beesley (Beresfield)
• Encouragement Award	- Geoff Prisk (Nelson Bay)
• Coach of the Year	- Stan Wrzeczycki (New Lambton)

- Soldiers Point and Fingal Bay jointly hosted the State No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant Finals play-offs.
- Raymond Terrace hosted the Interstate Test Series between NSW and Queensland.
- Lambton hosted the Annual Series between Zone 2 and ACT

Unfortunately each year brings with it the demise of bowlers who have served the NDBA, their clubs and bowls in general. The loss of Bob Fishlock certainly saddened the bowling community. His election to the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame in 2017 spoke volumes of his contribution in so many areas, with coaching probably being his greatest forte. As well the recent passing of Trevor Aitchison who served on the NDBA Match Committee and as a Bowls Co-ordinator in 3 clubs was felt deeply by all in the NDBA.

We are grateful for the invitation from all clubs to their Annual General Meeting, Presentation Nights, Pennant Unfurlings and Special functions. Your hospitality and friendship has been most appreciated and helps to build the relationship between the NDBA and your club.

To the Association Executive, especially our Treasurer Don Wells, and all members of our Sub-Committees we express our gratitude to you for the sacrifices you make to assist with the maintaining of the organization of the Association.

Our hardworking staff of Denis, Louise & Fiona must be given full credit for the manner in which they complete the tasks that are so important to our bowling community and the organization of the day to day running of the office.

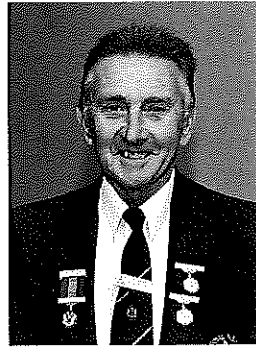
Last but not least to my wife Gai for the enduring patience and support she provides to have enabled me to maintain my role as President.

*John T. Smith OAM
President*

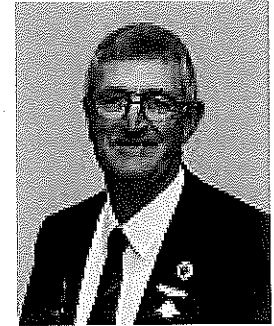
VICE-PRESIDENTS, ZONE COUNCILLOR & SUB-COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN



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



VICE-PRESIDENT
M.J. BEESLEY



VICE-PRESIDENT
& UMPIRES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN -
K.C. BUCKLEE



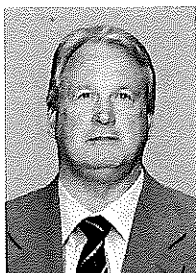
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& ZONE 2 STATE COUNCILLOR
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B.O. CARLING



VICE-PRESIDENT
& MATCH COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN -
D.A. GILDAY



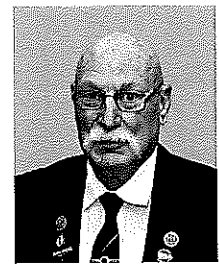
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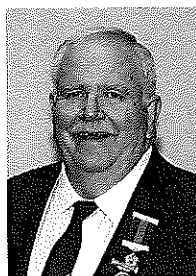
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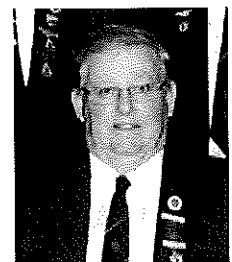
COACHING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN - W.E. MASSON



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 30th JUNE, 2018**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

There are 47 affiliated clubs within the Association. As at 31st March, 2018 (end of the NDBA financial year) there were 4748 Full and Junior Members as against 4766 in 2017.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

2017-2018 saw John Smith re-elected as the President of the Association. Vice-Presidents Terry Blow, Kevin Bucklee, Brian Carling, David Gilday, Keith Rearden & Danny Rowe retained their positions while Michael Beesley replaced Ted Masson. 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 eight 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-Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

All Advisory Committee Members were re-elected to the Committee at the 2017 elections. Due to a lack of requests for assistance from clubs the Committee decided to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Advisory Committee meet bi-monthly. This recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee.

In March, 2018 the Committee upgraded Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.26 – Duties of a Pennant Side Manager & Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.17 – Guide for Club Selectors to the 2018 requirements.

As you may know, the Committee upgrades the Association Constitution & Regulations every five years. The Regulations can be changed by the Executive Committee as required at any time, the proposed changes to the Constitution will be presented and voted on at the Association Annual General Meeting in July. A Circular was issued to clubs in June detailing the proposed changes.

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 2018/2019 season, you would be very welcome. I have enjoyed once again being the Chairman for this reporting period and thank all the staff members at "Wal Young House" for supporting the Committee and myself during this period.

B.O. Carling, Chairman

COACHING COMMITTEE:

The highlights of the year was a successful Coaching Seminar held at Charlestown Bowling Club on Friday, 16th February, 2018 and a Bowlers Arm Seminar held on Monday, 25th September, 2017 at New Lambton Bowling Club. The Coaching Seminar was conducted by Steve Glasson, Australian National Team Lawn Bowls Coach, David Holt, England International Lawn & Indoor Bowler & David Cameron, Bowls NSW Coaching Committee Member. The Bowlers Arm Seminar was well conducted by Allan Starrett, Level 1 National Coach.

Two Club Coach Courses were held during the year, one at Raymond Terrace & one at Toronto Workers, with both courses being run by David Cameron, Bowls Australia Assessor & Presenter. Congratulation are extended to the successful applicants and we wish them well in their new role.

I am pleased to report that Stan Wrzeczycki (New Lambton) was a worthy winner of the Coach of the Year Award. Stan does regular coaching at his club & received his 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-accréditation. We had a good response to these letters, with 50% of the coaches due for re-accréditation in 2017 being re-accrédited. This year letters have been forwarded to 18 coaches due for re-accréditation & we hope the majority will decided to re-accrédit, as we currently have only 82 accrédited 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 fourth 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 98 greens. An interesting statistic is that of the 98 greens inspected, 58 are grass and 40 are synthetic.

I would like to thank this years Greens Committee headed by Chairman Dave Carroll, and the Committee of John Bilby & Les Nowlan. 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. A special word of thanks to former Committee Members Brian Cooke & Mick Purcell, who did seek re-election, for their support over many years.

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 Juniors have had an awesome year through the hard work, dedication and hours of training. This year's annual report will proudly acknowledge the achievements of individuals and teams throughout the 2017/18 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. Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) also made the step up, gaining selection in the U18 boys side. Connor Freeman, retained his spot in the NSW Boys Squads.

The NSW State Seven-a-Side held at West Dubbo saw us drop a spot on the previous two years, coming third in the overall. The Fours team of Zach Nicholls, Brendan Stokes, Connor Freeman and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) won Gold in the Individual events.

At the State Championships, Kate Matthews and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) came runner up in the pairs and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) was defeated in the State Semi Final of the singles.

The Committee is very pleased with the running of both 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: Josh Bell (East Maitland)

Pairs: Shaun Richards (Raymond Terrace) & Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace)

Triples: Jarrod Fiddes (Wangi), Braye Dare (Wangi) & Nick Cowburn (Wangi)

Congratulations to our Junior District Championship winners this year:

Singles: Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace)

Pairs: Zach Nicholls (Raymond Terrace) & Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace)

Triples: Zach Nicholls (Raymond Terrace), Blair Soars (Raymond Terrace) & Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace)

Fours: Zach Nicholls (Raymond Terrace), Cody Ross (Raymond Terrace), Blair Soars (Raymond Terrace) & Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace)

The Under 25 Challenge has continued in its 11th year. Special thanks to host club Raymond Terrace. 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 2018/19 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, Mick Beesley, 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 give 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.

Due to the later start of the Saturday & Mid-Week Pennant Competition in 2018, winners are not available at the time of print.

- The first of our District Championships for 2018, the District Major Pairs, State President's and Senior Pairs have now been completed. The final of the District Major Pairs was played on Sunday, 11th February, 2018. Congratulations to the team of Jason Stokes & Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Craig Eades & Jarrod Duncan (Alder Park) 20-18 in the final. The Final of the District Senior Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, 11th February, 2018. Congratulations to the team of Wayne Marsh & Robert Atkins (Charlestown) on defeating Kel Frame & Eddy Mulder (Cardiff) 19-14 in the final. The Final of the State President's Pairs Championship was played on Saturday, 10th February, 2018. Congratulations to the team of Brian Mordue & Paul Jenkins (Cardiff) on defeating Ian Percival & Stuart Fogarty (Charlestown) 31- 13.
- The Second of our District Championships for 2018, the District Triples, was completed with the final being played on Saturday, 24th February, 2018. Congratulations to the team of Chris Willingham, David King & Daniel Hill (Charlestown) on defeating Adrian Solomons, Shaun Richards & Hayden Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace) 23-14.
- The next Championship was the District Fours Championship with the Final being played on Saturday 10th March 2018. Congratulations to the team of Ian Lean, Jason Stokes, Lennon Scott & Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Sean Cairns, Gary Randall, Hayden Bojkowski & Eric Ryan (Raymond Terrace) 24-6 in the decider.
- The final of the District Major Singles Championship was held on Sunday, 8th April, 2018. Congratulations to Eric Ryan (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Shannon Rowe (Windale Gateshead) 31-16.
- The final of the State Senior Singles Championship was played on Saturday, 14th April, 2018. Congratulations to Frank Leslie (Beresfield) on defeating Wayne Marsh (Charlestown) 31-16.
- The final of the State President's Singles Championship was played on Sunday, 8th April, 2018. Congratulations to Glenn Mellare (Catherine Hill Bay) downing David Hall (Nelson Bay) 31- 30 in a thrilling match.

A big thank you to the clubs that hosted & sponsored the respective Championships, namely Nelson Bay the District Pairs, Charlestown the State President's Pairs, Beresfield the Senior Pairs, Soldiers Point the Triples, Wallsend the District Fours, Raymond Terrace the Major Singles & Senior Singles & Windale/Gateshead the

State President's Singles Championship. Also to all the other clubs, who hosted the earlier rounds please accept our gratitude.

2017 Three Threes winners were:
 Number 1 Grade Raymond Terrace
 Number 2 Grade Raymond Terrace
 Number 3 Grade East Maitland No. 1

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

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

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

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 Gulgong BC, on 24TH & 25TH June, 2017.

Zone 2	lost	72 – 78	Zone 15	
Zone 2	lost	67 – 80	Zone 16	
Zone 2	lost	65 – 66	Zone 4	Zone 16 won.

Inter-Zone with Zones 2, 5, 12 & 13 at Charlestown BC on 15TH & 16TH July, 2017.

Zone 2	won	61 – 53	Zone 12	
Zone 2	lost	72 – 79	Zone 13	
Zone 2	won	82 – 48	Zone 5	Zone 16 won

Inter-Zone (Pat Geary Memorial Shield), with Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15 at Soldiers Pt BC on 12TH & 13TH August, 2017.

Zone 2	won	78 – 72	Zone 14	
Zone 2	won	87 – 68	Zone 6	
Zone 2	lost	62 – 87	Zone 15	Zone 15 won.

NDBA Reserves verse U25's at Raymond Terrace BC on Friday 27TH August, 2017.

Reserves	won	77 – 61	U25's	Reserves won
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State Inter-Zone Sides Championship at Forster BC, 9TH & 10TH September, 2017.

Zone 2	won	83 – 49	Zone 5	
Zone 2	lost	58 – 67	Zone 15	
Zone 2	won	66 – 63	Zone 1	

Zone 13 defeated Zone 15 in Semi-Final.

Zone 12 defeated Zone 13 in Final.

Inter-Zone verse Hunter at East Cessnock BC, 29TH October 2017.

Zone 2	won	150 – 95	Hunter	Zone 2 won
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Inter-Zone (U25's & U18's) with Zone 10 at Raymond Terrace BC, 3RD December, 2017.

Zone 2	won	92 – 87	Zone 10	
Zone 2	won	97 – 72	Zone 10	
Zone 2	won	189 -- 159	Zone 10	Zone 2 won overall

Three Test Series Zone 2 verse ACT at Lambton BC on 20TH & 21ST January, 2018.

Zone 2	won	77 – 63	ACT
Zone 2	won	94 – 61	ACT

Zone 2 won 88 – 74 ACT Zone 2 won

The "Rodney Robards Memorial Shield" Zone 2 verse Hunter District at Kurri Kurri BC, 2 rinks each of Open, Seniors & U25's, on Friday 8TH February, 2018.

Zone 2 won 106 - 83 Hunter. Zone 2 won.

Zone 2 Seniors verse Zones 15 at The Entrance BC on 6TH March, 2018.

Zone 2 won 76 - 52 Zone 15B.
Zone 2 won 79 - 52 Zone 15A.

Zones 2 Reserve Side verse Zones 6 & 15 at Hexham BC on 6TH May, 2018, consisting of 4 rinks of Reserves & 2 rinks of U18's

Zone 2A won 115 – 90 Zone 6
Zone 2B won 122 - 80 Zone 15
Zone 2A won 121 - 67 Zone 15
Zone 2B lost 94 - 109 Zone 6.

State Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship at Figgy BC on 15TH – 17TH May, 2018.

Zone 2 lost 1 - 9 52 – 63 Zone 16.
Zone 2 won 9 - 1 72 – 43 Zone 3.
Zone 2 lost 0 - 10 43 – 68 Zone 10.

Zone 10 won Section

T.J. Blow, Chairman

UMPIRES COMMITTEE:

With another year gone and still changes being made to the way things are being done. I am pleased to report that at long last we now have five members of our Committee fully qualified as presenters and assessors and with the assistance of our other Committee members we will be able to keep our Zone umpires up to date, plus accrediting new umpires so clubs can always have umpires to cover pennant and club games.

I thank the members of the Umpires Committee for their 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 or have come back onto our Committee and to our Secretary and Chairman of State Umpires Milton Rigby for the support that he has given me through this year, which has personally been a very stressful year.

I must thank President John Smith and Secretary Denis Broad for their support for both myself and my Committee. The loss of Denis is going to be one that will be hard to fill, also I would like to thank our ladies in the office Louise and Fiona for their support and friendly smiles.

Lastly to our Zone umpires that give up 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, when no male umpires are there to do the job.

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

K.C. Bucklee, Chairman

MATTARA COMMITTEE:

The Host Clubs for our 57th Mattara Carnival were Wallsend (Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles and Restricted Singles) and Charlestown (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 950 bowlers over all events.

The winners of the events for 2017 were:

Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles	- Michael Brown (Beresfield)
Restricted Singles	- Terry Phillips (Windale/Gateshead)
Frank Neat Memorial Triples	- Les Pyke, Greg Solomons, Martin Ball (Windale/Gateshead)
Mens Open Fours	- Jim McDonald, Craig Eades, Scott Thoroughgood (Lambton) & Jarrod Duncan (Alder Park)
Mens Open Pairs	- Anthony Ellercamp & Daniel Hill (Mayfield West)
Mens Restricted Pairs	- Stephen Mansfield & Paul Robertson (Windale/Gateshead)
Mixed Pairs	- Donna Mulder & Harley Ryan (Raymond Terrace)

The two host clubs for the 2018 Carnival will be Wallsend (Singles) and Cardiff (Traditional).

We anticipate another successful 11 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:

The year was highlighted by a Goodwill Visit to the Nepean District Bowling Association on the 8th & 9th July, 2017. A party of forty-four mixed bowlers led by District President, John Smith played bowls at St. Mary's RSL & Blacktown Workers Bowling Clubs, with both clubs being the perfect hosts.

The annual combined NDBA Delegates Day & President/Secretaries Day was held at Warners Bay Bowling Club on Saturday, 16th September, 2017. It was a very successful day with in excess of 70 attendees.

On Sunday, 26th November, 2017, Rydalmere Central Bowling Club hosted the Royal NSW Bowling Association and Newcastle District Bowling Association Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture. Rydalmere Central Bowling Club were first class hosts and appreciation was expressed by Vince Beard, Bowls NSW President and John Smith, NDBA President. The fixture saw Bowls NSW regain the Les Parrott Memorial Shield.

The Delegates, Executive and Sub-Committees Christmas Function was held on Thursday Evening, 14th December, 2017, at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. A highlight was the presentation of the NDBA Bowler of the Year Award to Terry Antram (Soldiers Point) by Duncan Tait, Bowls NSW Director. Beresfield President Des Skinner accepted the NDBA Senior Bowler of the Year Award for Michael Beesley (Beresfield) away on holidays from NDBA/Zone 2 State Councillor/Vice-President Brian Carling. NDBA Life Member, Terry Murphy presented Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) with the Junior Bowler of the Year Award. District President, John Smith presented the Newcastle Encouragement Award to Geoff Prisk (Nelson Bay). NDBA Life Member, Des Skinner presented the Coach of the Year Award to Stan Wrzeczycki (New Lambton). 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 Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for its assistance in organizing the evening, especially Secretary/Manager Jason Stokes and the club's catering staff.

STATE REPRESENTATION /EVENTS:

Michael Beesley (Beresfield) & Wayne Lambourne (Windale/Gateshead) were members of the Bowls NSW Senior (Over 60's) State side. Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace), Daniel Hill (Charlestown), Jason Stokes (Raymond Terrace) & Haydn Bojkowski (Raymond Terrace) represented Country. Connor & Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) were selected in the Bowls NSW Top Tier Junior Squad.

VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAY:

Hexham Bowling Club hosted a combined Veterans and Super Veterans Day on Thursday, 8th March, 2018. 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 eighth time by David Lloyd Funerals.

CHARITY SHIELDS AND BOB-IN DAYS:

A total of \$2050 was collected for Charities on these days. The respective recipients were: Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service \$300; Cystic Fibrosis \$300; Newcastle Legacy \$250; 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 former Newcastle Representative players Bob Fishlock and Trevor Aitchison.

GENERAL:

The Association greatly acknowledges the support of:

- a) The following Clubs that sponsored Pennant Finals and District Championships:
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| Wallsend | - No. 1 Grade Saturday Pennant Conference spot play-off |
| | - No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant Newcastle (Zone 2) play-off |
| | - District Fours Championship |
| Hamilton North | - No.2 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| | - Champion of Club Champions Pairs Championship |
| Karuah RSL | - No.3 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| Charlestown | - No.4 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| | - State President's Pairs Championship |
| Soldiers Point | - No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| | - District Triples Championship |
| Nelson Bay | - No.6 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| | - District Pairs Championship |
| Edgeworth | - No.7 Grade Saturday Pennant play-off |
| Beresfield | - No.1 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-off |
| | - State Senior Pairs Championship |
| Raymond Terrace | - No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-off |
| | - District Major Singles Championship |
| | - State Senior Singles Championship |
| Windale/Gateshead | - No.3 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-off |
| | - State President's Singles Championship |
| | - District Minor Singles Championship |
| Water Board | - No.4 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-off |
| | - Champion of Club Champions Singles Championship |
| Adamstown | - No.5 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-off |
| Alder Park | - Champion of Club Champions Fours 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 the Naming of the No.1 Green at Bar Beach Bowling Club the Darryl Lowe Green. Darryl was a long term player & volunteer for the club & it was worthy recognition of his service.

The Association is delighted with the continued success of the Let's Play Bowls Hunter High Schools Competition. We are pleased to report that the Competition has been expanded to Primary Schools in 2018 and Competition Co-ordinator Warren Boyd is delighted with the response.