



Attention Hills Club Bowlers – Re: The Hills Bowls Club Structure

Dear Bowlers,

The Hills Club will be going through significant change over the next couple of years as the redevelopment project gains momentum. The Club is the proponent of the project, not the developer Arden, and therefore the Board will have an important governance role to play to ensure all aspects of the development is carried out in accordance with all planning conditions. The Board will also continue to govern the Club as required by the Constitution.

Accordingly, the Directors would like to see the Men's and Women's club be independent bodies in such a way that the Board is removed from any day to day management of bowls. It is envisaged that a Bowls Management Committee will be established from representatives from both clubs and liaise with the Board if and when necessary. The Board will continue to provide the greens and the maintenance of them.

It is on this basis that the Board has approved the creation of a new Hills District Men's Bowling Club. The amendments to the Constitution approved by members in 2019 gives the Board the authority to establish sub-clubs; which this new club will be.

The Board has established a project to undertake this work and has asked Uwe Bendt to manage the project. There is a mountain of work required to set up the HDMBC including writing a new Constitution and By-Laws and establishing a management committee for men's bowls. The Board will be calling on nominations for male bowlers to participate on the project committee which will make recommendations to the Board. The project committee will be seeking input from bowlers and administrators to ensure they understand, as far as possible, the views of members. Representatives from the Ladies club will also become involved in defining the workings of the Bowls Management Committee.

Once the project committee has made recommendations to the Board, and when approved by the Board, a formal vote will be taken by all men's bowling members to elect members of the HDMBC Committee.

Bowls NSW and WBNSW are currently in discussion on Unification of the two authorities. Once that matter is resolved then, and only then, can our Women's and Men's club follow suit. It is expected that the State Bodies will provide templates for The Hills to follow so as to become unified. By establishing a Men's club independent of the Board the foundation will be set for the unification process to be managed by the new Bowls Management Committee. The Board may not necessarily be involved.

The aim is to have the new Club established before the commencement of the 2021 season.

Your involvement is welcomed and indeed encouraged. Ask yourself, "How can I help my club?". Any assistance you provide must be beneficial to the club - so please put your hand up to help on the project committee.

Ken Carroll
Club Chairperson

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