

Dear Members,

I'm pleased to share that our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) drew over 50 attendees, one-third of our club, highlighting our community's strong engagement. Given your active participation, I plan to regularly update you on our board's activities and decisions.

Our first board meeting post-AGM was held on Sunday, the 16th at 4 PM, during which we welcomed Simon Nyhof to the board. Simon has enthusiastically stepped up to be our new Centre Delegate, taking over from Stu Hurley, who has graciously served in this role for the club. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Stu for his work as our Centre Delegate. Sadly, this meeting was the first without Gaye Beattie, whom I personally wish to thank for her commitment and support for the club. Gaye has been a steadfast supporter and advisor, and her contributions have been invaluable to both myself and the board.

The Board

President:	Mark Daniels
Vice President:	Ewan Miller
Secretary:	Mila Wist
Treasurer:	Marilyn Steel
Past President:	Tom Malcolm
Board Members:	Ken Mitchell, Murray Finn, Simon Nyhof, Val Ransom

### **Board Meetings - "Ideas or Concerns"**

As President of our bowls club, my main role is to serve you and ensure smooth, efficient operations. I'm committed to listening to your concerns, fostering an inclusive environment, and promoting the sport we all love. We want to ensure every voice is heard and decisions are made transparently, helping us enhance our club while respecting all opinions.

#### **Board Meetings:**

- We meet monthly, with dates posted on the club notice board and on our website calendar.
- Meeting minutes will be published on the notice board starting from July.
- We will reserve a time slot for members to submit their ideas or concerns.

### **How to Share Your Ideas or Concerns with the Board:**

#### **For Casual Matters:**

- Feel free to approach any board member directly to discuss casual matters.

### **For Significant Changes or Ideas:**

If you wish to speak or participate actively in a board meeting, please follow this process to ensure everyone's voice is heard and valued.

1. Schedule an appointment with our secretary, Mila Wist, to present your changes or ideas at the next board meeting. You can contact her via email: [secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com).
2. We simply ask that you prepare your proposal or concern in writing to ensure all details are clear.
3. If you do not wish to be present to discuss your proposal, that is fine, but it must be submitted to the club secretary via email.

By adhering to this process, we can maintain transparency and respect all members' opinions. Your input is highly valued, will be discussed by the board, and will be documented. This approach significantly enhances visibility and ensures continuity within our club.

### **2024-25 What's Happening?**

At our first meeting, we appointed officers for the next 12 months and outlined key events for the year. Two significant points emerged: the need for more volunteers and changes related to the Incorporated Societies Act, which I'll address briefly now.

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 in New Zealand modernises the framework for incorporated societies, replacing the 1908 Act. It introduces clearer governance requirements, financial reporting standards, and dispute resolution mechanisms to enhance transparency, accountability, and management practices. To comply with these changes, our club needs to review and update our constitution accordingly.

There are approximately 24,000 societies registered under the 1908 Act that will need to re-register under the 2022 Act between 5 October 2023 and 5 April 2026. Any society that does not re-register by 5 April 2026 will no longer exist as an incorporated society.

### **What does the new act mean for our club's constitution?**

Bowls NZ has drafted a new constitution which they encourage all clubs to adopt. Our constitution was last updated in 2015 and was very well written at the time. We believe any changes will be minor. However, it's important to delve deeper into this matter, so we've formed a subcommittee consisting of myself (President), Marilyn (Treasurer), and Mila (Secretary), and we hope to co-opt specific members with the necessary skills to help us. We will keep you informed as our investigation progresses.

Thank you for supporting both myself and the club so far. If you've managed to read this entire report, I admire your focus—clearly, you've got the patience of a champion bowler!

Good bowling,

Mark Daniels  
Club President