

Rolling Along – President's Report for April

As we approach the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **June 14th**, I'd like to update everyone on a key item that will be discussed— a **special resolution to amend our constitution**.

Some of you may recall that we made constitutional changes back in 2015. While it may seem like a significant change, I want to reassure everyone that this is not an overwhelming uplift. Instead, it's a necessary update to stay compliant with the **new Incorporated Societies Act 2022**. This Act replaces the 1908 version and brings in clearer rules around governance and accountability, as well as modernises how societies are expected to operate. It's about keeping us up to date—not overhauling who we are.

The **Constitution Committee**, consisting of **Richard Gray, Gaye Beattie, Mila Wist, and myself**, has worked diligently to ensure these changes are in the best interest of the club and its future.

Copies of the proposed changes will be emailed to you shortly, and printed copies will be available in the club rooms. If neither of these options works for you, please don't hesitate to call me at **Mark 0272202786**, and I will make sure you receive a copy.

On another note, **Mila will be stepping down as Secretary**, and we'll be actively looking for someone to fill this important role. It's a great opportunity to contribute to the smooth running of the club, with a very manageable time commitment—**around 11–12 hours per month**, typically spread out like this:

- **Board Meeting – 3 hours:** Includes taking notes and helping run the meeting
- **Meeting Minutes – 2 hours**
- **Agenda for the next meeting – 2 hours**
- **Email correspondence – 1 hour**
- **Matters arising/general admin – approx. 2 to 3 hours across the month**

The **ideal candidate** is someone—man or woman—who wants to **keep their mind active and contribute to the running of the club**. You don't need to be a bowls expert; you just need to be organised, willing to learn, and enjoy working with others.

Why you'll love this role:

- Get a behind-the-scenes look at how the club operates.
- Learn and develop valuable skills.
- Improve your bowls—seriously! Just look at how many champion bowlers are on the board!

We'll provide more details ahead of the AGM, but for now, please mark the date on your calendars. Your support and participation will be crucial as we move forward with this important update.