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BY-LAW 1 THE BOARD & GOVERNANCE

1.1 GENERAL

- 1.1.1 The Board is responsible for providing the governance of the Millicent Bowling Club and for overseeing its operations and well-being. Much of its day to day work will be delegated to, and carried out by, permanent sub-committees who will always keep the Board informed of plans, decisions taken and events.
- 1.1.2 The Board and its sub-committees will govern the Club for the benefit of members in accordance with the Club rules (Constitution).
- 1.1.3 Board members, in carrying out their duties, shall:
- a) Act honestly, independently and with due diligence in all decision making
 - b) Ensure that the resources of the Club are efficiently and effectively managed to fulfill the purposes of the Club.
 - c) Contribute to the Club's business plans.
- 1.1.4 Board meetings will be held monthly and will be open to any Club member to observe. Only elected Board members may speak at Board meetings unless the Board invites input from outside its number.
- 1.1.5 Only elected Board members may vote on the deliberations of the Board.
- 1.1.6 A copy of the minutes of Board meetings will be posted on the Club notice board for the information of members
- 1.1.7 No By-law may conflict with the Constitution. This set of rules (By-laws) is a working document that may serve to clarify the Constitution or may provide additional guidance on Club structure or operating or member practices.
- 1.1.8 The following permanent sub-committees exist to carry out on behalf of the Board of Management the day-to-day operations/administration of the Millicent Bowling Club Incorporated:
- a) Tournament Sub-committee
 - b) Social/Fundraising/ Catering Sub-committee
 - c) Finance Sub-committee
 - d) Greens Sub-committee
- 1.1.9 Men's meetings and women's meetings chaired by the appropriate Vice Presidents will be conducted each September, December and March and on other occasions as needed. Time will be allocated at each of these meetings for the Club President, Tournament Sub-committee, any other sub-committees and selectors to have input in their portfolios. These meetings are a major means of formal communication within the Club. Minutes will be kept by the Tournament Secretary (or nominee) and a copy will be posted on the notice board.
- 1.1.10 All decisions taken by sub-committees are subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has absolute power to overrule any decision made by any sub-committee.

- 1.1.11 The Board will receive funds from sub-committees and approve and monitor expenditure as necessary.
- 1.1.12 Sub-committees will present reports to the Board of Management at each meeting of the Board in a manner and format approved by the Board.
- 1.1.13 All positions on permanent sub-committees shall be filled by ballot at the Club's AGM
- 1.1.14 Nominations for all positions on these sub-committees shall be in writing on the appropriate forms, signed by the candidate, proposer and seconder and lodged with the Administrative Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for the Club's AGM.
- 1.1.15 All positions falling vacant shall be advised to members by the Administrative Secretary by the placing of vacancy notices and nomination forms on the notice board at least 28 days prior to the Club's AGM.
- 1.1.16 All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.
- 1.1.17 There shall be no restriction on any full member from holding dual office.
- 1.1.18 Sub-committee positions can only be held by full members of the Club.
- 1.1.19 In the event of less than the required number of members being nominated for sub-committee positions, the vacancies may be filled by calling for nominations from the floor at the AGM. If still insufficient numbers are received to fill the available positions, the Board of Management shall fill these positions by appointment as soon after the AGM as possible. In the event that a greater number of candidates nominate for positions than there are positions available, a secret ballot will be held at the AGM to fill the positions. The Club President will appoint two (2) scrutineers from the floor to carry out the election and count the votes. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to that position. Once a result has been achieved, voting slips will be destroyed.
- 1.1.20 If, following a ballot to fill sub-committee vacancies, a tie exists; the President shall draw lots to determine the successful person.
- 1.1.21 Standing orders will apply for the conduct of sub-committee meetings, as per the constitution.
- 1.1.22 All sub-committees will operate within the word and spirit of the Club Constitution, taking particular note of Section 37.

1.2 TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.2.1 The Tournament Sub-committee is responsible for organising and running Club tournament days, Club championship events, setting of handicaps for handicap events and gaining and organising sponsorship.
- 1.2.2 The Tournament Sub-committee will appoint two (2) members consisting of one (1) male and one (1) female to the Sponsorship Sub-committee (in conjunction with one (1) member of the Night Bowls Sub-committee and a member of the Board of Management) to gain sponsorships for the Club.
- 1.2.3 At the first meeting of the Tournament Sub-committee will appoint:
- Deputy Director (of the opposite gender to the Director)
 - Tournament Treasurer
 - Tournament Secretary
 - Two (2) Sponsorship Sub-committee members
- Any person may hold multiple positions on the Tournament Sub-committee.
- 1.2.4 Formal meetings of Tournament Sub-committee members will be held at least four (4) times during the year to plan, organise and review tournament activities.
- 1.2.5 The Tournament Director, or his/her nominee in their absence, will present monthly reports to the Board of Management in a format and manner required by the Board, but will at the very least include a financial report and information re those tournament events planned in the near future and those conducted since the last Board meeting and any significant issues arising from these events.
- 1.2.6 Within policies set by the whole Tournament Sub-committee and approved by the Board of Management, the Director and (4) Male Sub-committee members are to organise and run men's tournament, championship and handicap events.
- 1.2.7 Within policies set by the whole Tournament Sub-committee and approved by the Board of Management, the Director and four (4) Female Sub-committee members are to organise and run women's tournament, championship and handicap events.
- 1.2.8 The Tournament Sub-committee in conjunction with the Night Bowls Sub-committee shall be responsible for the purchasing of trophies and the banking of Green fees.
- 1.2.9 The Night Bowls Sub-committee will organise and be responsible for the running of the Night Bowls competition.
- 1.2.10 The Tournament Sub-committee will ensure that there is a member identified to provide liaison with the Social, Fundraising, Catering Sub-committee. It will be this person's responsibility to communicate identified needs and requests between each of these sub-committees.
- 1.2.11 The Tournament Sub-committee will cause correct financial accounts, books and records to be kept.

- 1.2.12 The Tournament Sub-committee will authorise all expenditure and bank all moneys received for bowling activities, in keeping with systems developed by the Board of Management.
- 1.2.13 The Tournament Sub-committee shall keep records of Club events as an historical record of achievements in the Club's history.
- 1.2.14 The Tournament Sub-committee shall maintain the currency of all honour boards on display in the Clubrooms.
- 1.2.15 The Tournament Sub-committee will actively promote participation of members in our own events, as well as promote and facilitate members' participation in higher level competitions, including state events, champion of champion events and representative events at association, regional and state level. They shall keep members informed of coming events and forward player nominations to the appropriate association, regional or state organising body.
- 1.2.16 The Tournament Sub-committee will organise the season's program, seek sponsorship for, and have a program book ready and available for members at the beginning of each new season. It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Sub-committee to consult with both the men's and women's selectors in gaining pennant competition dates in the compilation of the program for the coming season.
- 1.2.17 A Minute book will be kept by the Tournament Secretary to document and maintain a record of Tournament Sub-committee decisions that are made and the dates submitted to and approved by the Board of Management.

1.3 NIGHT BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.3.1 The Night Bowls Competition is to be run by the Club on a weekly basis for a determined season under the auspices of the Night Bowls Sub-committee.
- 1.3.2 The duties in running the competition will be the responsibility of the Night Bowls Sub-committee consisting of a Director and at least four (4) members of the Club appointed at the AGM. The Director shall give reports to the Board of Management prior to the start of the competition for approval of the program and at the end of the competition.
 - 11.2 a) The Night Bowls Sub-committee is to be responsible for trophies and prizes.
 - 11.2 b) The Night Bowls Sub-committee will appoint one (1) member to the Sponsorship Sub-committee.
- 1.3.3 Green fees from the Night Competition to be given to the Tournament Sub-committee for banking into the Club account.
- 1.3.4 Night bowlers (other than existing Club members) to be registered with the Club as restricted members as per rule 15 of the Club constitution.
- 1.3.5 The membership fees will be decided by the AGM as part of the membership fees structure.
- 1.3.6 Membership fees paid by the Restricted Members will be paid to the Club Treasurer for banking in the Club account. The Board of Management will ensure that these members are registered with Bowls SA as per the membership list supplied by the Club Treasurer in conjunction with the Night Bowls Sub-committee.
- 1.3.7 Green fees and prizes awarded for the competition to be recommended by the Night Bowls Sub and approved by the Board of Management.

1.4 SPONSORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.4.1 The Sponsorship Sub-committee will be made up of two (2) members nominated by the Tournament Committee (one (1) male and one (1) female), one (1) member nominated by the Night Bowls Committee and a Board member.
- 1.4.2 The responsibilities of the Sponsorship Sub-committee is to seek new sponsors with the Club's current sponsors and to maintain the 'Current Sponsor's Register'. The Board member invites sponsors to specific events.

1.4.3 The Sponsorship Sub-committee shall maintain the currency of all Sponsor Board: in the Clubrooms.

1.4.4 At the Millicent Bowls Club Inc. we value the contribution made to our Club by our sponsors. We understand and welcome the fact that each sponsor is expecting to gain business from the members of our Club for their sponsorship investment. We therefore give an undertaking to our sponsors that we will promote their businesses to our members, visitors and the public at large.

1.4.5 Each sponsor will receive a tax invoice and letter setting out the benefits of the level of sponsorship they have elected to provide. In addition the Club is committed to using sponsors for any commercial work required in their area of expertise, subject to competitive quotes and factors such as the urgency of the project. We plan to seek sponsorship at the following levels:

1.4.5 ***Level 1 Naming Sponsor \$1000***

Each of our three greens is available for naming rights.

All of the benefits accruing to a Gold Sponsor will also accrue to the naming sponsor but in addition, naming rights for one of the greens will be purchased for the season. The sponsor may have a sign provided at their cost which the Club will display in a prominent position for each green. This sign will be displayed for no further cost for as long as they remain a Naming Sponsor of our Club.

Level 2 - \$500 plus Gold Sponsor

At this level the sponsor will be entitled to have their name mounted on our sponsors' board in our 'gold' section. For an additional once only payment of \$100 a sign, they may hang a sign provided at their cost in one of our shelters and / or in a designated area in our Clubrooms. These signs may continue to be displayed free of any further charge for as long as the sponsor remains a gold sponsor of our Club.

The gold sponsor will be nominated for at least one (1) week of our summer season as the 'sponsor of the week.' The sponsor of the week will have their business and its goods/services drawn to the attention of members and visitors at the Club during that week.

Level 3 - \$200 - \$499 Silver Sponsor

At this level the sponsor will be entitled to have their name mounted on our sponsors' board in our 'silver' section. For an additional once only payment of \$100 a sign, they may hang a sign provided at their cost in one of our shelters and / or in a designated area in our Clubrooms. This sign may remain there free of any further charge for as long as they remain a silver sponsor of our Club.

Level 4 - \$100 - \$199 Green Sponsor

At this level the sponsor will be entitled to have their name mounted on our general sponsors' board in our 'green' section. For an additional once only payment of \$100, they may hang a sign provided at their cost in one of our shelters. This sign may remain there free of any further charge for as long as they remain a green sponsor of our Club.

Level 5 Yellow Sponsor - Amounts of less than \$100

At this level, general sponsors will be entitled to have their name mounted on our general sponsors' board.

1.5 SOCIAL / FUNDRAISING / CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.5.1 The Social/ Fundraising/ Catering Sub-committee is responsible for organising the social, fundraising and catering activities within the Club. The main functions of this sub-committee are to raise funds for the Club, to provide opportunities for social activities of its members and to provide catering services for Club functions.
- 1.5.2 The Sub-committee will consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairpersons, Secretary, a Treasurer and six (6) Sub-committee Members.
The election of officers and members of the Sub-committee will be done at the March meeting of the ladies prior to the AGM. A list of the successful candidates is to be submitted to the Club AGM for ratification.
Any positions not filled at the AGM may be filled by appointment by the Board of Management.
- 1.5.3 Reports of activities, financial decisions and transactions, plans and progress will be furnished by the Chairperson to all Board Meetings in the manner and format required by the Board.
- 1.5.4 The Sub-committee will make submissions to the Finance Sub-committee re matters of income and expenditure within their areas of authority.
- 1.5.5 The Sub-committee will cause correct financial accounts, books and records to be kept. If a cheque account is operated a statement must be prepared for the Board Treasurer to present to the auditor at the end of the year.
- 1.5.6 A Minute book will be kept to maintain a record of major decisions that are made.
- 1.5.7 The Sub-committee will authorise all expenditure and bank all moneys received for catering/fundraising activities, subject always to the approval of The Board.
- 1.5.8 A Bank Deposit Book for the Club Cheque Account is used to deposit all monies. All purchases of less than \$1000 are approved by the Sub-committee and goods and services charged to Bowling Club Accounts at local businesses. Payments are made by the Administrative Treasurer and the books are maintained by the Administrative Treasurer.
- 1.5.9 The Social, Fundraising, Catering Sub-committee will liaise with other Sub-committees, particularly the Tournament Sub-committee re catering arrangements for tournament and other bowls days. Note By-Law 1.2.9

1.6 FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.6.1 The Finance Sub-committee will be comprised of:
- a) Club President
 - b) Female and male Vice Presidents
 - c) Administrative Treasurer
 - d) Administrative Secretary
 - e) One (1) elected Club Member
- 1.6.2 The role of the Finance Sub-committee is advisory only, and is to:
- a) Seek submissions on income and expenditure from Sub-committees and Club individuals re the framing of the coming year's budget.
 - b) To frame a budget for the Club for the coming year, which they will submit to The Board recommending that the Board present this budget to the members for approval at the Club AGM as the Club's budget for the coming year. This budget will contain recommendations for both expenditure and income, including members' subscriptions.
 - c) To monitor both income and expenditure by meeting quarterly in the first week of August, November, February and May.
- 1.6.3 The Finance Sub-committee will make recommendations to The Board re savings and investments and monitor their progress.
- 1.6.4 The Finance Sub-committee will make recommendations to The Board re Greens and Capital Investment savings plans for replacement and maintenance of Greens and Club Equipment.
- 1.6.5 The Finance Sub-committee will investigate additional sources of income such as Government Grants.

1.7 GREENS SUB-COMMITTEE

- 1.7.1 The Board of Management shall elect a Greens Sub-committee who shall be responsible for overseeing the maintenance and presentation of the Club's greens, grounds and surrounds. The Sub-committee will work collaboratively with the Greenkeeper, however the final decisions on work to be done always reside with the Greens Sub-committee.
- 1.7.2 It shall be composed of at least two (2) members and no more than three (3), 1 of whom shall be the Greens Manager and the other(s), the Assistant Greens Managers(s).
- 1.7.3 The Board will appoint a Greenkeeper/Grounds Person (not necessarily a Club member).
- 1.7.4 The Sub-committee shall supervise and be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the Greenkeeper/Grounds Person. This will involve developing and monitoring a work program for the Greenkeeper/Grounds Person including:
 - a) Preparation of greens for regular competition and practice including grooming, rolling, sweeping, etc.
 - b) Marking rinks clearly and regularly.
 - c) Regularly changing direction of play and staggering of greens used in order to cause greens to wear evenly.
 - d) Watering of greens and surrounds as necessary.
 - e) Mowing and gardening as required.
- 1.7.5 Develop procedures for the safe storage and use of chemicals including pesticides, fungicides and herbicides.
- 1.7.6 The Sub-committee shall organise working bees/work rosters as necessary to assist the Greenkeeper/Grounds Person.
- 1.7.7 Oversee the maintenance of the Club's equipment for carrying out the above responsibilities.
- 1.7.8 Keep the Board informed by providing reports to each Board meeting so that Board members are kept informed of the progress and any problems being experienced in this portfolio.
- 1.7.9 Ensure that the outside area of the Club is a safe environment for members and visitors to enjoy.
- 1.7.10 Prepare and present submissions to the Finance Sub-committee for the purchase of equipment and expenditure on outside facilities.
- 1.7.11 Decide in consultation with the Greenkeeper/Grounds Person which greens are to be handed over to the Tournament Sub-committee for tournament and social competition, or selectors in the case of pennant competition, and in which direction play will be conducted.
- 1.7.12 The Sub-committee will work closely with the Tournament Sub-committee and each will keep the other informed of tournament dates and requirements well in advance.

BY-LAW 2 PORTFOLIO POSITIONS

2.1 GENERAL

The following portfolio positions will be filled each year to ensure the smooth running of particular areas of Club administration.

- a) Bar manager
- b) House Chairman
- c) Club Coach
- d) Umpires Director
- e) Publicity Officer
- f) Selectors (men)
- g) Selectors (women)
- h) Selectors (open gender)

2.1 a) BAR MANAGER

The Bar Manager will be responsible for the management and running of the bar/club shop. Duties will include:

- a) Ordering trading stock
- b) Supervision of maintenance of equipment, including fridges
- c) Organising bar rosters as necessary
- d) Overseeing of cash control
- e) Change control
- f) Banking
- g) Liaison with Treasurer re banking, invoicing and stock payments
- h) Reporting as required to The Board
- i) Preparing budget submissions to Finance Sub-committee as required

2.1 b) HOUSE CHAIRMAN

The House Chairman is responsible for the maintenance of the Clubrooms and equipment contained within. Duties will include

- a) Carrying out repairs and improvements as needed.
- b) Organising for specialist repairs as necessary, i.e. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and glazing.
- c) Reporting as required to the Board.
- d) Preparing submissions to Finance Sub-committee re budget planning

2.1 c) CLUB COACH

Duties will include:

- a) Organising coaching clinics/sessions
- b) Being available to individuals as required
- c) Reporting as required to the Board.
- d) Liaising with Tournament Sub-committee as necessary
- e) Development of a Youth Development Program

2.1 d) UMPIRING DIRECTOR

Duties will include:

- a) Arranging umpiring courses for members
- b) Promulgating new rules etc. to members
- c) Maintaining umpires/measurers equipment as necessary
- d) Reporting as required to the Board.
- e) Liaising with Tournament Sub-committee as necessary

2.1 e) PUBLICITY OFFICER(S)

Duties will include:

- a) Promotion of the Club through the media but may delegate certain aspects to other Club members eg pennant reports, night bowls.
- b) Ensuring a record is kept of significant Club activities

2.1 f) SELECTORS (MEN)

Four (4) selectors to be elected at the March Men's Meeting.

Duties will include:

- a) Responsible for the selection of the men's pennant teams to optimise each team's chances of winning a pennant
- b) Electing a Chair of Selectors who will act as coordinator.
- c) Arranging a day and time for selectors to choose teams for the coming week's pennant competition.
- d) Ensuring that the teams are written on the pennant notice board as early in the week as possible.
- e) Notifying the SE Times of the selected teams for publication in Thursday's edition.
- f) At the beginning of the season organising at least two (2) pennant practices.
- g) The Chair of Selectors should organise two (2) or three (3) meetings of players during the pennant season to enable discussion re any aspect of pennant competition.
- h) Assistant Selectors are nominated from and elected by teams not represented in the selector group (often Division 3, 4 or 5). This should happen after the teams are picked for the first game and before the game is played when possible.
- i) Assistant Selectors look after pull-outs in cooperation with the duty selector for the week.
- j) The selectors will work a 'Duty Roster' each week for one (1) responsible person to do the ringing around.

If a selector is aware he will be absent from a meeting then the Chair of Selectors should seek a proxy for that meeting.

2.1 g) SELECTORS (LADIES)

Three (3) selectors to be elected at the March Women's Meeting.

Duties will include:

- a) Responsible for the selection of the women's pennant teams to optimise each team's chances of winning a pennant
- b) Elect a Chair of Selectors as soon as possible
- c) Choose day and time for the regular pennant selection process
- d) Ensure the teams are on the pennant noticeboard immediately after their meeting and ensure the teams are in the SE Times for Thursday.
- e) At the beginning of the season organise at least two (2) pennant practices.
- f) The Chair of Selectors should organise two (2) or three (3) meetings during the pennant season to discuss performance. The Secretary of the Board shall be advised of these meetings in sufficient time for the members to be notified by the Secretary.
- g) The selectors will consult with the skippers of each team to provide information for the selection process.
- h) The Chair of Selectors will do the ringing around when necessary to fill last minute changes.
- i) If a selector is aware she will be absent from a meeting then the Chair of Selectors should seek a proxy for that meeting.

2.1 h) SELECTORS (OPEN GENDER)

Two (2) selectors to be elected at a meeting of the "Full time" participants on Opening Day.

Duties will include:

- a) Responsible for the selection of the Wednesday Open Gender Pennant Teams. They should choose from the 'full time' players first and attempt to give everyone a chance to participate. The Board recommends that the selectors endeavour to achieve a gender balance in the team.
- b) Choose day and time for the regular pennant selection process
- c) Ensure the teams are on the pennant noticeboard immediately after their meeting and ensure the teams are in the SE Times for Tuesday.
- d) At the beginning of the season organise at least one (1) pennant practice.
- e) The selectors should organise two (2) or three (3) meetings during the pennant season to discuss performance. The Secretary of the Board shall be advised of these meetings in sufficient time for the members to be notified by the Secretary.
- f) The selectors will consult with the skippers of each team to provide information for the selection process.
- g) The selectors should develop a roster to do the ringing around when necessary to fill last minute changes.
- h) If a selector is aware he/she will be absent from a meeting then either a proxy can be obtained or the meeting time changed if practical.

BY-LAW 3 AGM ELECTIONS

The following positions will be filled at the AGM, as required by our Constitution.

3.1 BOARD POSITIONS

- a) President
- b) Administrative Secretary
- c) Administrative Treasurer
- d) Two (2) Vice Presidents, 1 of whom is female and 1 of whom is male
- e) Two (2) or more Board members, subject to the decision of the AGM.

All Board positions are for a term of one (1) year. Members are eligible for re-election.

The following positions will be filled at the AGM, as required by these rules.

3.2 TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

- a) Tournament Director (1 year)
- b) 4 male Members (2 year terms alternately, casual vacancies are filled for the remainder of the outgoing member's term.)
- c) 4 female Members (2 year terms alternately, casual vacancies are filled for the remainder of the outgoing member's term.)

In any 1 year, two (2) male members and two (2) female members and the Director are required to be filled at the AGM.

At the first meeting of the Tournament Sub-committee the positions of Deputy Director, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by and from within the Sub-committee.

3.3 NIGHT BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE

- a) Director
- b) Four (4) Committee Members

All positions are two (2) year terms.

3.4 SOCIAL, FUNDRAISING, CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE

- a) Chairperson, Senior Vice Chairperson, Junior Vice Chairperson
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Six (6) Committee Members

All positions are one (1) year terms. These positions may be elected prior to the AGM by a separate meeting of the Ladies but confirmed at the AGM with a single motion.

3.5 PORTFOLIO POSITIONS

- a) House Chairman
- b) Bar Manager
- c) Umpires Director
- d) Club Coach
- e) Publicity Officer

3.6 FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

One (1) elected Club Member for a term of 1 year.

(Board President, Male and Female Vice Presidents, Board Secretary and Board Treasurer are automatically on this Sub-committee.)

3.7 AUDITOR

elected at the AGM as per Constitution

BY-LAW 4 SHORT-TERM (AD HOC) COMMITTEES

- 4.1 The Administrative Board may form Ad hoc Sub-committees to achieve a specific task, and to provide advice to the Board.
- 4.2 All such Ad hoc Sub-committees will be chaired by one (1) nominated member of the Board.
- 4.3 Members with expertise/interest in the area of the Ad hoc Sub-committee's tasks may be appointed to the Sub-committee.
- 4.4 Ad hoc Sub-committees are able to seek advice from sources outside the Club, if they feel it appropriate.
- 4.5 No expense or contract may be entered into by Ad hoc Sub-committees. This is a responsibility of the Board of Management only.
- 4.6 Ad hoc Sub-committees shall be given:
 - a) Clear instructions as to their task
 - b) Definitive time in which to carry out their task
 - c) Instructions regarding form and manner of the expected report to the Board.
- 4.7 As soon as its report has been presented, the Ad hoc Sub-committee is automatically disbanded.

BY-LAW 5 UNIFORMS

- 5.1 Ladies' Club uniform to be a white shirt with a green collar and vertical green stripes down the right side of the shirt, our club logo on the left side and Bowls Australia logo on the right and bottle green skirts/slacks displaying the Bowls Australia logo.

Men's Club uniform to be a white shirt with green and yellow vertical stripes on the right side of the shirt, green collar, the Bowls Australia logo on the right side and our club logo on the left side and, from the commencement of 2014-2015 Pennant Season, bottle green trousers displaying the Bowls Australia logo.

- 5.2 The Club uniform must be worn by members when participating in Pennants and Club Championships except:
- a) in preliminary rounds of Club Championships when players arrange their own match, time and date, neat casual clothes may be worn.
 - b) subject to the uniform rules applicable to Pennants, new bowlers are given three (3) months to arrange for a Club uniform but are asked to approximate the uniform as soon as practicable.

Neat, casual clothes are acceptable for 'casual/social' days and for practice.

- 5.3 For Night Bowls, flat shoes must be worn on the green although bare feet, or feet in socks, will be allowed. Regular bowlers are required to use approved shoes at all times on the green. At the beginning of each season the Night Bowlers will be reminded of the footwear requirements and skippers asked to ensure requirements are met.

BY-LAW 6 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Further to the Constitution the membership bowling rights of the various classifications will be:

6.1 FULL AND LIFE MEMBERS

Full and Life Members may participate in all bowling activities of the Club and access the greens at all times subject to green availability as outlined in the Constitution or determined by the Greens Sub-Committee. They may participate in social events and represent the Club in pennant, tournament, association, regional and state competitions. They are eligible to compete in Club championships. They enjoy reciprocal playing rights in tournaments at other clubs.

6.2 SOCIAL BOWLER MEMBERS

Associate / Social Members may play in social competition in their own home club only. They may only play Pennants as described in Rule 9.3 of the Constitution. They may not participate in Club championship or sponsored tournament events. They may not participate in association, regional or state events and are ineligible to enter Club championships. They do not enjoy reciprocal rights at other clubs.

6.3 SOCIAL NON-BOWLER MEMBERS

May not play bowls but may access the bar facilities and take part in non-bowling social events.

6.4 JUNIOR OR STUDENT MEMBERS

As per Full Members

6.5 RESTRICTED MEMBERS

See Rule 15 of the Constitution.

Restricted Members are entitled to such privileges as the Board determines from time to time and may only participate in casual or 'night bowls' competitions, or events specifically designated for Restricted Players. Examples of such events are the 'Night Bowlers versus Bowlers Challenge' and 'Legacy Day'. Restricted Members may practice when they wish at no cost but only when the greens are not required by other membership classifications.

6.6 SOCIAL NON-BOWLER MEMBERS

May not play bowls but may access the bar facilities and take part in non-bowling social events.

6.7 TEMPORARY MEMBERS

These are paid up members from other Clubs and are very welcome visitors to our Club for bowls events. Occasional practice on our greens by Temporary Members is welcome but those who require regular practice and regular participation in Club bowls are invited to join at a level that meets their needs.

BY-LAW 7 BY-LAW PROCESS

- 7.1 A copy of the Constitution and the By-Laws will be displayed on the Club notice board at all times.
- 7.2 The Board is the only authority within the Club who can enact By-laws.
- 7.3 In the development of By-Laws the Board will consult with members re changes or additions. As a minimum requirement this will involve drawing attention to a draft By-Law on the notice board on at least two occasions to significant gatherings of Club members. No By-Law will be enacted until at least 28 days has passed from the first advice to Club members.
- 7.4 The Board, after undertaking the above consultative process shall enact changes and additions to By-Laws. Board decisions are final.
- 7.5 Recommendations from members to the Board re changes and additions shall be made in writing to the Board Secretary.
- 7.6 Notwithstanding all other review processes, every other year the Board will appoint an Ad hoc Sub-committee to review the Club's By-laws to ensure that they are relevant and up to date, reflecting what happens in practice in the Club and are consistent with our Constitution and the Constitution of Bowls SA.

BY-LAW 8 REDUCED/DELAYED SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the event of financial hardship a member may negotiate time payment of the annual subscription providing the first payment is made by the due date for subscriptions.

A member may also negotiate a reduced subscription in the event of financial hardship.

A member must request the reduction in a letter to the President of the Club although personal circumstances need not be expanded upon in writing but through discussion with one of the Executive.

The President of the Club, the Club Treasurer and Club Secretary will make a majority decision on whether a reduction should be made and if so, to what degree.

The decision will remain a private matter among those involved.

Rationale:

It is understood that sometimes people go through difficult times. Our Club knows that when things get tough, people will benefit from involvement in our sport and the fellowship it brings. This will be especially so for students or the long term unemployed with families.

BY-LAW 9**MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a member of the Millicent Bowling Club you are expected to:

- *Be considerate to your fellow bowlers*
- *Encourage good sportsmanship through your own example*
- *Offer solutions to problems not criticism*
- *Encourage participation by asking new members to play in your team.*
- *Invite other bowlers, especially new ones, to sit with you or your group.*
- *Be accountable for your actions within the Club*
- *Understand that any misdemeanour by you whilst in Club uniform either away, at home or in transit is unbecoming to both you and the Club and may be the subject of disciplinary action such as temporary suspension from bowling activities*

Members will be given a copy of this By-law and a copy of Bowls Etiquette annually with the Members Programme.

BY-LAW 10 COMMUNICATION

Good communication among Club members is essential.

The following table outlines basic forms of communication but they are not meant to be the only methods used.

Task	Person responsible
Board meeting minutes to be on notice board within seven (7) days of the meeting	Club Secretary
Newsletter produced from time to time during the bowling season and at least ten (10) copies placed around tables and one (1) on the Club notice board	Club President to make sure it happens but may delegate the writing to a member of the Board.
Keep members aware of Board decisions and be a sounding board for Club members. Take member issues to Board or the appropriate person.	President, Vice President (female) and Vice President (male)
Ensure there is good consultation on matters before the Board where members may be significantly affected. For example any change to a By-law should follow good consultation practice.	President, Vice President (female) and Vice President (male)
Keep members informed prior to or after bowls games when appropriate, and when there is information to be passed.	President, Vice President (female) and Vice President (male)
Tournament Committee needs to keep its men and women bowlers informed of decisions and also to listen to member's needs and issues.	Tournament Committee identifies a woman and a man to liaise with their gender to ensure good communication. These will desirably be the Tournament Director and the Opposite Gender Vice Chair.

BY-LAW 11 MEMBER PATRONS

Senior, well-respected members of the Club may be appointed as patrons. Their role will be largely symbolic, offering respect to members who through their work and involvement in the Club deserve such recognition. A patron's day sponsored by the patrons is to be programmed each season.

The process of appointing Club patrons shall be as follows:

- 11.1 A formal meeting of either the men or the women may receive nominations from members recommending prospective Club patrons be appointed.
- 11.2 If the nominations are approved, a recommendation from these meetings is to be forwarded to the Board for determination.
- 11.3 Persons nominating prospective patrons need first to ascertain that the nominee is willing to accept nomination as a patron of the Club and then present a case to these meetings demonstrating the worthiness of their nominee to assume the role of patron. Care needs to be taken that these actions are undertaken in a sensitive manner and do not expose anyone to undue pressure or embarrassment.
- 11.4 There shall be no more than six patrons of each gender at any one time.
- 11.5 Such recommended members must exhibit the following criteria:
 - a) be generally regarded as respected senior members of the Club who have held high office during their membership.
 - b) be of good character.
- 11.6 The Board, on receiving recommendations from these meetings will consider ratifying their appointment as patrons of the Club, subject to the Board being satisfied that a sufficient case has been mounted to demonstrate that they meet the required criteria.
- 11.7 Patrons will be recognised by printing a list of their names in the Club program handbook.
- 11.8 Patrons, once elected, will remain patrons of the Club until; (a) they notify the secretary that they themselves wish to no longer continue in the role, or (b) until the Club terminates their appointment by majority vote of the Board, such termination being communicated to the patron in writing by the secretary or (c) death.

BY-LAW 12 LIFE MEMBERS

The process of appointing life members shall be as follows:

- 12.1 Any member may nominate another member for Life Membership by doing so in writing to the Board Secretary. The nomination must be seconded by another member.
- 12.2 Life Membership is not to be bestowed lightly. It is the highest honour that this Club can bestow on any of its members.
- 12.3 Nominations should be done in a sensitive manner and in strict confidence such that undue pressure and embarrassment are not experienced by either the nominee or those having to make decisions about the acceptance or rejection of the nomination.
- 12.4 Any nomination not submitted in confidence will be deferred for at least 12 months.
- 12.5 The nomination will be in the form of a submission presenting a case for the nominee's approval by the Board as a member deserving of the honour of Life Membership.
- 12.6 The nomination will be tabled for at least one (1) month to allow time for all members of the Board to make a carefully considered judgement of the merits of the nomination. Confidentiality must be maintained at this time.
- 12.7 The submission will address the following criteria:
 - a) The number of years of voluntary service to the Club and in which leadership positions.
 - b) The number of years of general voluntary service and in which areas of Club activities the service was rendered.
 - c) Being a senior member of distinction who clearly shows exceptional personal qualities valued by other members.
 - d) Having displayed exemplary qualities of sportsmanship.
- 12.8 A total number of votes exceeding a half plus one of the number of Board members, including absentees, is required for the Board to take the nomination further.
- 12.9 In the event that the Board approves of the nomination it will recommend to the next Club AGM that the members present at the AGM approve the Board's recommendation by majority vote and the member be so elevated to the honorary position of Life Member.
- 12.10 The Board, at its discretion, may seek clarification or further supporting documentation to assist their deliberations.
- 12.11 In the event that the nomination is rejected by the Board, the nominee cannot be recommended for Life Membership again until the following season.

- 12.12 Life Members will be publicly recognised both by having their names added to the 'Life Membership Honour Board' maintained in the Clubrooms and by having their names printed in the Club's program book.
- 12.13 Life Members will enjoy all rights of any full member with the proviso that their annual membership subscription is waived.
- 12.14 Life Members, once elected, will remain Life Members of the Club until (a) the member notifies the secretary that they no longer wish to remain a Life Member of the Club, or (b) the Board terminates the appointment by majority vote of the Board followed by a majority vote of either an AGM or a Special General Meeting of members, or (c) death.

BY-LAW 13 NEW MEMBERS

- 13.1 New members will be notified of the acceptance of their nomination for membership by the Club secretary as soon as possible after the Board's acceptance of their nomination.
- 13.2 New members will be assigned a mentor by the Board President when joining our Club.
- 13.3 Mentors will introduce new members around and help them settle in.
- 13.4 Mentors will be available to answer any questions new members may have.
- 13.5 Mentors will show new members how to get involved in Club social, pennant, tournament and championship bowls competitions.
- 13.6 New members who are also new to bowls will be introduced to the Club's coaches.
- 13.7 Mentors will assist in providing training and advice to new members and in familiarising them with the rudiments and etiquette of the game of bowls.
- 13.8 A copy of the Club's by-laws shall be loaned to new members to help them understand how the Club functions. Hard copies will be kept in the filing cabinet for this purpose.
- 13.9 New members shall be given a copy of the 'Etiquette of Bowls.
- 13.10 All members should be friendly to new members and make them feel welcome in their new Club.
- 13.11 Each new member will be notified of the acceptance of their nomination for membership by the Club secretary as soon as possible after the Board's acceptance of their nomination.
- 13.12 The respective gender vice-presidents will be responsible for the mentoring program for new players of their gender.

BY-LAW 14 GUESTS

GUESTS

Guests of Club members are welcome at social bowls. Bowlers are asked to advise the tournament committee of a guest in sufficient time to include them if possible. Bowlers may bring a non-member of a bowling club at any time when the greens are not being used to introduce them to the game with a practice session. After several social games a 'Guest' will be expected to join the Club at a membership level that matches their needs.

Sponsors who are not members of a bowling club and who sponsor an event will be official guests and may choose to play in their event. Any number beyond one (1) person is at the discretion of the tournament committee. For example a large company may wish several of its employees to participate.

BY-LAW 15 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

LENGTH OF PLAY

In Club Championship (including Handicap) events, competitors shall not be required to play more than three (3) games in a day. In addition, a competitor shall be entitled to a break of up to 15 minutes between games.

Rationale:

The Club has an obligation to look after the health and safety of players. This by-law will ensure that players will not be required to play any more than three (3) games in a day. If both players/teams unanimously agree they may choose to play more, providing however, they do so with due care for health and safety.

BY-LAW 16 HEAT POLICY

The Millicent Bowls Club accepts responsibility for providing reasonable duty of care for its members and visitors when organising and running events, tournaments and competitions. Our heat policy is a part of that duty of care.

In framing this policy, the Club assumes the following:

- a) That all participants, by entering the event / competition, have declared themselves in sufficiently good health to complete a full day's play given reasonable weather conditions. This is part of the player's duty of care to themselves and to the Club. That the Club may need to take action in the case of extreme weather events to
- b) safeguard all players from harm by such extremes.
All decisions will be based on our own thermometer readings.
- c) When an outside event (e.g. Pennants) played at our Club has a lower maximum
- d) temperature ruling than our own, the lower temperature will be the one on which decisions will be based.
In the event of a higher authority running an event at our Club (e.g. State, Region or
- e) Association) the higher authority's policy will be actioned by them. If the running of the higher authority's tournament is delegated to our Club, our Club's Heat Rule will apply.

The Tournament Director and/or the umpire are the main arbiters of when to cease or suspend play due to excessive heat. In addition, the senior Board member present is empowered to intervene to ensure that the provisions of this policy are adhered to.

There shall be no right of appeal from players.

All heat policy rulings applying to both men's, women's and mixed gender under the control of external bodies are to be adhered to during matches played at our Club.

For all Championship, Tournament and Social events under our control, the following are to be observed:

- 16.1 Men and Mixed Gender / Cosmopolitan
38.0 + degrees play **MUST** be suspended until cooler conditions prevail. The official who has suspended play (Umpire, Tournament Director, or Board Member) will, with the agreement of the Tournament Director, decide when play will resume. Play must not resume until the temperature is below 38 degrees.
- 16.2 Ladies
35.0 + degrees play **MUST** be suspended until cooler conditions prevail. The official who has suspended play (Umpire, Tournament Director, or Board Member) will, with the agreement of the Tournament Director, decide when play will resume. Play must not resume until the temperature is below 35 degrees.
- 16.3 If the forecast temperature on the ABC Mt Gambier evening news for Millicent/Mt Gambier for the following day exceeds temperatures set-out in clauses **18.1** or **18.2** play for the following day may be suspended for a period of time or cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 16.4 In the event that high humidity and high heat make playing conditions dangerous, even if the temperature fails to reach temperatures set-out in clauses **18.1** or **18.2** the Tournament Director may suspend play for a period of time.
- 16.5 Players who are unable to continue playing when temperatures are lower than those above may either withdraw from the competition or gain a substitute as per the Laws of Bowls.

- 16.6 A restart to a suspended event should be made as soon as conditions become favourable.
- 16.7 In the event that it seems likely that too long a time will be required for conditions to become favourable, the Tournament Director may decide to cancel all further play and:
- a) Declare a result on the basis of games already completed, OR
 - b) Cancel the event, OR
 - c) Postpone the completion of the event to a later date

Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and not subject to appeal.

BY-LAW 17 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Millicent Bowling Club (Inc) is a health and safety conscious Club. The well-being of our members and employees is of paramount importance. The Board believes that all injuries on the Club premises are avoidable. It is also committed to a policy where every effort is directed towards preventing any avoidable deaths from health related issues on the Club premises.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Board is ultimately responsible for the implementation of this policy. At the beginning of each year the Board will appoint a Responsible Officer to whom the task of implementing the policy will be delegated, overseen by the Board. That Officer will be required to complete a "Responsible Officer's Certificate" with a recognised provider as described in Section 61 of the "South Australian Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 within three months of appointment.

POLICY DETAIL

- Club members will be encouraged to complete minimum first aid training particularly in the areas of CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), stroke, choking and heat stress.
- The Club defibrillating machine will be regularly checked and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- A suitably qualified person will be appointed to check the contents of the first aid cabinet before the opening day each year.
- The Bowls S.A. and the Club's own heat stress policies will be strictly adhered to on competition days.
- Suitable protective sun cream will always be available in both ladies and men's toilets.
- A day bed will always be available in the Clubhouse for un-well members.
- Volunteers or employees using Club machinery or dangerous chemicals will receive adequate training prior to use.
- Adequate personal protective equipment is to be available for all workers.
- Bar staff will be trained as required by the S.A. Liquor and Licensing Act 1997.
- Club machinery will be inspected and checked for safety before opening day each year.
- Material Safety Data Sheets will be available for all chemicals used in the Club and stored in the area where used.
- Firefighting equipment will be checked annually.
- Club exits will be identified with illuminated signs as required by the S.A. building codes.
- Each year before opening day the Responsible Officer accompanied by at least one (1) Club member will make an inspection of the Club grounds and buildings to identify any possible safety hazards.

- Such items to be recorded and the action to rectify them identified and responsibility to arrange rectification allocated to a Club member.
- Accidents or near misses are to be quickly investigated, recorded and steps taken promptly to prevent a recurrence
- Responsible Officer to report to Board monthly.

BY-LAW 18 HIRE OF CLUBROOM FACILITIES

All requests for hiring the Clubroom facilities will be made to the president who will maintain a diary of bookings and fees charged.

Generally our kitchen, dining room, lounge area and greens are available for hire. Bar facilities are available at normal rates but the running of the bar and all proceeds are retained by the Club in all circumstances.

BYO is never available because it contravenes the terms of our liquor license.

Any damage caused to our buildings or facilities is to be made good.

Any breakages to crockery etc. will be charged at cost of replacement.

In all cases, a fee of \$50 (or more if required) will be charged if cleaning is required.

Where an outside group is engaged to provide meals using our kitchen facilities, an extra \$100 fee will be charged.

The following rates shall apply:

Member family functions — no charge for the hire of the facilities but when food is required a quote will be provided by the catering, social, fundraising sub-committee. Bar facilities will be available at normal rates.

Non-member & commercial firms' functions - \$100 to hire the facilities. When food is required a quote will be provided by the catering, social, fundraising sub-committee.

Flying Doctor Service & Millicent Hospital — no charge.

Registered Charitable Groups - \$50

Men's Probus Club - \$3 / head — tea and biscuits provided.

Ladies' Probus Club - \$75 / meeting — own tea and biscuits.

There will be a review of prices during even number years (This bylaw set September 2012).

The President has the prerogative to vary these conditions if he/she deems it necessary.