

President's Report

Zone Meeting 8 October 2018

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to help on the various standing Committees. As mentioned last meeting we still have a few positions vacant (including 2 Executive Committee positions) and we would welcome further volunteers to fill these positions. Please approach me if you are interested or require any further information about what is involved in undertaking these roles.

The new Committees have already been active, including the Selection Committee which recently completed the task of selecting a team to represent the Zone in the Over 70's Inter-zone competition to be held later this month. The team consists of a number of players who have not had the opportunity to represent the Zone in the past together with some experienced representatives. Congratulations to all the players chosen and to those who took place in the trials that were held to select the team. Best wishes to the team. I know they will proudly represent the Zone at the competition.

The Zone was represented by a number of players at the recent State Championships and State Champion of Champions. Whilst we did not win any of these events, we can be very proud of their efforts, including Runners-up in the State Fours (Belrose – Linton, Franklin, Blackburn and Rawlings); Semi-Finalists in the State Triples (Harbord – Smith, Alexander and Warder) and Semi-Finalists in the Champion of Champion Pairs (Mona Vale – Cleaver and Clark). Congratulations to all the players who earned the right to participate in these events. I am sure it would have been an experience to treasure.

Thank you to Phil Lewis and his team at Lindfield Rollers for running a great event (the Roseville Shield) recently. Despite the weather leading up to the event, the rain abated just in time to allow the day to proceed without interruption. Thank you to all the Clubs who sent a team to the event. It was great to see the Clubs coming together to network and compete against one another in a friendly atmosphere. Congratulations to the West Pymble team who won the competition on the day, closely followed by Harbord as runners-up.

The Zone Executive is keen to find other ways to bring the member Clubs and their respective members together and this will be an important part of our planning for 2018/19. Work has already commenced, under the stewardship of Dennis Taylor and members of the Selection and Match Committees, to hold a tournament for new bowlers across the Zone early in 2019.

Further information on some ideas to keep members involved and engaged are included in a message that I placed on the Zone website in September. I would encourage you to read this message and provide feedback to me or the other members of the Zone Executive on any of the ideas proposed.

Finally, congratulations to Bob Moran in obtaining Zone 9 Life Membership. His tireless support of the Zone over his many years of service is greatly appreciated and an inspiration to the rest of us who also have either taken on roles or may be interested in taking on roles of supporting and promoting the great game of lawn bowls both within Zone 9 and more broadly.

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8th October 2018