

President's Report

Zone Meeting 11 February 2019

I hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable break over Christmas and the New Year and that any renovation of your respective bowling greens over this period is proceeding well.

After a small break, the activities of the Zone are in full swing.

Dennis Taylor has been busy ensuring that our event for new bowlers to be held on Wednesday 27 February at Harbord Bowling Club is well organised. If you haven't already done so, please encourage your new bowlers to register for this event. It is free, including lunch, and will give them the opportunity to play with some of the Zone's leading bowlers who have agreed to skip the various teams that are being put together by Dennis and the other Zone Selectors. I am sure it will be a great day. I wanted to take part but unfortunately will be interstate for work.

As you may be aware, every year we have a busy Bowls calendar and this year is no exception. This has kept Zone Secretary Mark and Bob and his Match Committee very busy and I would like to thank them all for the enormous effort they have put in to ensuring that the upcoming Pennant season starting in March and the Zone Triples and Fours events have been well run.

I am pleased to advise that we have maintained the total number of competing teams for the 2019 Pennant season and I would like to thank the Clubs for their support of this competition. I wish you all the best for the season ahead. Whilst we can't all end up the Zone Champions, we can all be winners if we play the game in the right spirit and enjoy the friendships that develop with other players both within and between Clubs.

The Zone Triples competitions were completed last Saturday and I would like to congratulate all the finalists. After exciting and tense competition, the worthy winners on the day were teams from Belrose (Open), St Ives (Seniors) and Lindfield (Reserves). I would encourage you to go to the Zone website and read the excellent coverage by Ian Glover of these three Finals.

Entries have been finalised for the Zone Fours and I am pleased to advise that entries are well up on last year. All the best to all the competitors taking part.

Finally, I am pleased to see that Forestville RSL bowlers have been given a reprieve and will continue to be able to bowl at the Club this year.

Vale Carl Perry

Over the break we learnt of the unfortunate passing of Carl Perry. Carl was a well known identity and a great supporter of bowls within Zone 9 and he gave many years of service both at Club and Zone level. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. May he Rest in Peace.

Gerard Parlevliet
President, Zone 9
11th February 2019