

## **President's Report**

Zone Meeting 11 March 2019

I hope all Clubs had an enjoyable start to the Pennant season which kicked off on the weekend. Thanks to the Zone Match Committee and Zone Secretary for all their work in the lead up to the pennants and for assisting the Clubs where required.

The Zone Executive was very pleased to learn that the event for new bowlers held on Wednesday 27 February at Harbord Bowling Club was extremely well supported and conducted. We have received a number of complimentary remarks from the new bowlers about this event and we look forward to making it a regular feature of our annual bowls calendar. Again, thanks to all the volunteers on the various Zone Committees and throughout the Zone for arranging this event.

The willingness of volunteers to step up and help out has been a key feature of the lawn bowls communities since inception. I know that in today's fast paced and busy world it is becoming more difficult to find people with time to volunteer their services but every little bit helps. As one of our strategic issues, I would like us to explore how we can better recognise volunteers for the excellent job that they do. Any thoughts that members have would be gratefully received by myself and the Executive.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank Ian Kimmorley and Bob Paterson from Lindfield Rollers for agreeing to assist researching ways that we can better communicate across the Zone (Zone Newsletter, re-designed website etc.). I look forward to sharing the outcome of their research once it is complete.

The Zone Fours competitions were completed recently and I would like to congratulate all the finalists. After exciting and tense competition, the worthy winners on the day were teams from North Sydney (Open), Belrose (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.

In closing, I wish all Clubs the very best for the Pennant Season.

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