

# **BOWLS VICTORIA EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION – ANDREW ROSS**

## Summary of Volunteer Services

### Vermont South Bowling Club

- Club President (2 terms)
- Greens Director (7 years)
- Social Event Organiser (4 years)
- Committee member

### Region & State level

- RVBA Delegate (5 years)
- RVBA Group 13 Treasurer (3 years)
- RVBA Group 13 Secretary (2 years)
- Member of steering Committee for set-up of Eastern Ranges
- Eastern Ranges Greens Committee and Greens inspector (5 years)
- Bowls Victoria Greens Committee (3 years)
- Lawn Bowls Rep on City of Whitehorse Sports Advisory Board (6 years) including as a member of the committee that reviewed the needs of local bowling clubs, growth prospects, challenges, opportunities and also, likely amalgamations.

Andrew loves the sport and gives back to the game in a big way as demonstrated by his achievements that are summarised elsewhere in this submission. Everything Andrew does at our Club and Eastern Ranges is for the “good of bowls” either directly or indirectly.

Since joining our Club in 1994, Andrew Ross has been heavily involved as a volunteer for a variety of tasks and roles. He has taken responsibility for Club administration at the highest level. He served two terms as Club President. Not only has he represented our Club as a delegate at Regional and RVBA/Bowls Vic level, he has also served on several regional and State Committees. He has also undertaken responsibility for many major projects and responsibilities at our Club including:

- Planning and overseeing the Unification of our RVBA and VLBA sections.
- Rewriting of our Club Rules.
- Organisation of several major bowls trips involving around 80 people each time.
- Research, planning and successful management of the installation of our new synthetic green in 2014.
- He has been involved in establishing a bowls program for people with disabilities
- He is currently our Greens director and has been doing this for 7 years.

Andrew’s sunny, driven, lead-by-example disposition encourages and entuses those around him. Our Club Greens Committee and surrounds maintenance group have become reliable, hard-working, loyal teams that love what they do as a direct result of Andrew’s leadership. He has been a central figure in making our Club’s much admired facilities a sought-after venue for Regional Championship events, State Arm bowlers, State U/18 Squad practice matches and, importantly, schools and special needs bowls events.