

George Vayonitis Bowls Australia Volunteer of the Year

GEORGE VAYONITIS gets a lot of satisfaction from helping others.

Mr Vayonitis has been an integral part of the Australian Open tournament, which is one of the biggest bowls events in the southern hemisphere, for many years.

And for his efforts, the 66-year-old Vermont South man and member of the Vermont South Bowling Club was named the Bowls Australia Volunteer of the Year, in recognition of his tireless work at the Australian Open bowls tournament.

His role involves managing hundreds of volunteers at the tournament.

He ensures that volunteers, players and officials have a positive experience at the biggest event on the national bowls calendar.

“I get a lot of satisfaction from helping,” Mr Vayonitis said.

“I like to do whatever I can to help Bowls Australia run this beautiful tournament.

“Sporting clubs can’t survive without volunteers.

Mr Vayonitis has been a keen sportsman all of his life.

He now bowls socially and competitively for the Vermont South Bowls Club three times a week.

He said the club was also thrilled with his win.

“They just loved it. Everyone is very appreciative. It has been a very happy occasion,” he said