

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Monday, 13th July 2026

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.00 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Graham Munro, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani, Sue Morgan Succession Recruits – Craig Anderson, Peter Morgan	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	Apologies: Dean Stubley, Steve Raymond	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Sue Morgan Seconded: Graham Munro Circulated minutes of meeting held on 1 st June 2026, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried	
3)	Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters	
a)	Occupational Health and Safety – Paul	(i) There have been three incidents this month: - Vermont South Bowler reached forward to pick up bowl and fell onto knees. Needed assistance to stand. Not injured. Driven home at end of day. No OHS deficiency. - Blackburn Bowler suffered vertigo while bowling. Went down onto hands and knees then laid down in prone position on green. Once vertigo passed, was wheelchaired to clubroom. No OHS deficiency. - Vermont South Bowler was in clubhouse when he dropped his cup and collapsed. Subsequently had a drink of water, got up but collapsed again. Ambulance called and taken to hospital. Followed up by wellbeing team. Described as low heart beat event. Back home now and played bowls today. (ii) Acid has been purchased to address past incident. Paul to meet with Ken, hopefully this Thursday. (iii) Moving the defibrillator to a more accessible area for both greens. The VSC has suggested that a lockable waterproof case be positioned between both greens. Paul to talk to Ken regarding this as VSC responsible for the purchase of this item.
b)	Pennant – John	(i) Meeting of the selection panels was held on 29th June. (ii) Registration Day for every member wanting to play Pennant will be on 15th August. (iii) Pennant starts - Saturday, 17th October, Tuesday, 20th October

		(iv) Date for Opening of the Season will be held on Saturday, 10th October with all players and dignitaries to be invited. Mal, Leanne, Derek and Ron to select teams for practice match afterwards. (v) Goals and Strategies Meeting to be held on Monday, 27th July at 9.30 am. (vi) Practice games to be organised by John for Tuesdays and Ross for Saturdays. Ross has organised three teams away at Glen Waverly on Saturday, 12th September, 4 teams away at Rosanna on Saturday, 19th September and an internal practice game on 25th September. The Croydon Ladies Challenge is to be held on Sunday, 27th September at Croydon and an internal practice game will be held on Saturday, 3rd October. (vii) The same assessment cards will be used as last year. John to organise. (viii) Live scoring to commence this season for Saturday, Div. 1, 2 & 3 and Tuesday, Div 1 & 2. (ix) Team Captains to be nominated along with Team Managers. To be discussed at the Goals and Strategies meeting. (x) From 1st September greens to run North to South. (xi) The first hour of Registration Day is for players to discuss the position they would like to play along with things the selectors need to know when selecting them. • Everybody to be given the Selection Policy on the day. • Duty Rink, rostering of RSAs and Dim Sim roster to be discussed. • A Power Play game to be held after the meeting. (xii) Bowls Australia have issued a document on how to assess players which the selectors will be referring to this season to be more specific about a player's performance. Could also include four questions to ask the skip re a player's performance ie. what went well, what didn't go well. Committee to come up with 4 questions to be included. Anne to collate. Need to continuously improve the selection process. (xiii) Dates of Opening of the Season and practice games to be published in eNews. (xiv) More umpires are needed. John to talk to Jim Baker.
c)	Social Bowls	(i) Balmoral Cup has completed after a very successful season with very happy sponsors after Balmoral had a win. Balmoral are more than likely to be on board again next year. (ii) Wednesday social bowls is been played in Scroungers format (100 Up) which has been going very well. (iii) Saturday social bowls is still going well in same format. Committee discussed the flexibility of the Saturday format. It is up to the convenors how they run the format of their nominated social bowls day in consultation with the players. (iv) Barefoot Bowls to run on a Friday night from 13th November to 11th December this year and then from 15th January to 19th February next year.
d)	Tournament – Matt	(i) Croydon Ladies Challenge to be held on Sunday, 27th September. (ii) Ladies Day to be on Saturday, 3rd April 2027.
e)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	(i) Club Championships – discussed the proposal of events received from the championship sub-committee. Di to get back to Graeme with proposed changes.
f)	Corporate – Rhona/Leanne	(i) Phil to organise a meeting of the new RSAs.

		(ii) Craig has looked into a mic stand but will look further into a general purpose rostrum mic. Craig to follow up and advise at next meeting. (iii) Mobility Store is using our office for a two day meeting on Wednesday, 22nd and Thursday, 23rd July. Spiro to clean up the office before the Wednesday. (iv) Viv Bennett's 90th Birthday celebration to be held at the club on Sunday, July 26th (v) Blackburn Cycling Club is holding a function on Saturday, 5th September. (vi) Catherine Chan is holding a 60th birthday function on Friday, 11th September. (vii) Whitehorse Boys Choir have booked Saturday, 19th September and need 3 hours sole use of the clubroom. Top green and tennis club room will have to be used for social bowls that day. (viii) VSC Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, 4th October. (ix) Keyton will be holding a meeting all day on Monday, 12th October. (x) Mobility Store is holding an OT seminar on Friday, 30th October. (xi) Mobility Store Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 20th November (xii) Vermont South Secondary College Christmas Party is to be held on Friday, 27th November. (xiii) Coles Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 11th December. (xiv) Steve Gatt's Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, 13th December. (xv) Highvale Secondary College is holding their Christmas Party on Thursday, 17th December for 100 people and includes barefoot bowls. (xvi) Rapid Labels holding a function on Friday, 18th December. (xvii) Barefoot Bowls structure handbook is available. All involved to read. Di will arrange copies.
g)	Facilities/Greens – Paul/Di	(i) Facilities – Because of the number of applications the closure date of the grant we applied for was brought forward to 13th July, with our application only just being lodged in time. It is unlikely at this stage that we will receive any funds from the grant but we are requesting VSC to allocate funds so that some form of shelter can be built for the coming season. (ii) Greens - Grooming and scarifying machine discovered to have worn bearing and misaligned drive pulleys. Two new bearings fitted and pulleys realigned by Greens team. (iii) Subsequently groomed upper and lower green. (iv) Greens team has elderly members that can no longer use the heavy petrol driven vacuum machine. Need to explore lighter, likely battery powered, alternatives. (v) Waiting on James to fit new watering system pressure switch. Not required until summer. (vi) Understand concreter has been onsite to quote on cracked concrete repairs. Confirmation and feedback required from VSC. Di to check. (vii) Crack in base on western side of lower green becoming noticeable. Two reports received since last committee meeting. When north-south play resumes, the rinks will be set up towards the eastern side of green to avoid damaged area. No further action needed at this time but repair in say 2 years should be included in financial budget. Paul to do summary and then again in 6 months time. (viii) Develop Business Case for LED Lights: We have already explored the effectiveness of lighting on top green. Action VSC ongoing.
h)	Membership - Di	(i) Membership is now 191 – 18 new members since the AGM. (ii) 4 new members this week – A 90 year old from Victoria Grange, Sean Cathie has transferred from Mitcham, Craig Wells from Dandenong and Cliff Wigney returning to VS from Doncaster.

i)	Catering - Pam	(i) Sale of soup and hot dogs went well at the BPL.
j)	Social Club	(i) The following events have been organised, noting Christmas in July was cancelled due to lack of interest: - Everly Brothers and Roy Orbison at The Round – Friday, 17th July - Footy Pie Night – Friday, 24th July - Movie Night – Sunday, 2nd August (Devil Wears Prada) - Trivia Night – Friday, 28th August (TBC) - Christmas Party – Sunday, 6th December
k)	Finance/VSC	(i) Graham has offered to take on the role from Phil of collecting, balancing and banking the money that comes in.
l)	Housekeeping	(i) There was an issue with the biscuit boxes being empty on Thursday.
m)	Wellbeing	(i) Jock Halley is recovering well from pneumonia but now has a back issue. (ii) Gillian Horlock broke her arm after a fall. (iii) Graeme Buntrock had a fall and as a result went to hospital for tests. No serious damage detected but their holiday was delayed. (iv) John O'Brien has had a knee replacement and managing okay. (v) Paul Drew's mother passed away on 25 th June. (vi) Derek Hale is fine after collapsing at the club. He is back on the green. .
n)	Chairperson's Report	(i) Matters discussed noted previously.
o)	ERBR Minutes	(i) There has been no meeting. (ii) We have been asked to host regional championships. Graeme to check if the ERBR dates will fit in with our club championships. Happy to host events if they fit in with our calendar.
p)	Correspondence In/Out	(i) Letter received from Noel Bennett. (ii) Thank you note received from Keith Horlock.
4)	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
a)	Roving Reporter	(i) Nothing to Report. Roving Reporter is away roving at present.
b)	Website	(i) Has progressed a little with concept of web page hopefully available this week. (ii) Rob Sharpe has left the group as he feels the website is a VSC matter. (iii) Aim to have the website up and running by the start of pennant season. (iv) Looking at Boronia and Mulgrave websites for ideas. They are both very good sites.

c)	Action Plan	(i) Committee to come up with suggestions for improvement in the bowls section, to go into the Action Plan. Forward to Anne before next meeting.
d)	Clubmap 12 Month Health Check Summary	(i) To be carried over to next committee meeting.
e)	Bowls Member Handbook	(i) All suggestions from Graeme for changes to the Handbook accepted.
f)	Over 80's Tournament	(i) Ken and Grahame to go ahead with organising this tournament. To fit in with our and ERBR championships schedule.

5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone for their contribution.

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 3rd August 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 10.15 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____