

Hi *IFName!*, welcome to the 21st edition of 'One Up/One Down' the newsletter of the Melbourne Bowling Club for the 2017-18 season, keeping you up to date with what is happening around the club.

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Pennant resumes this Saturday -correction

Please note correction to the last newsletter. Division 2 is in fact playing Elsternwick Park 1 away.

Pennant returns on **Saturday 13th January** after the Christmas New Year break. Wash those uniforms, clean the bowls and be ready to take on the opposition on Saturday. Practice is also a must do especially on Thursdays. The match committee is keen to see everyone down practising .

Premier Division at **home** against ladder leaders Altona

Division 2 is **away** playing Elsternwick Park 1

Division 4 is at **home** playing Hampton 2

Division 5 is **away** playing Parkdale 2

Go Dee's

BV proposed changes to pennant for 2018-19

BV Competitive Participation Sub-committee (CPSC) has briefed the regions about a proposal for change to the pennant competition for 2018-19. At this stage it is a proposal and has not been approved for implementation.

Members of the board would welcome members views on the proposed changes.

The sub-committee's brief was to consider the following in their deliberations.

- Monitor social, economic & sporting changes to ensure BV's competitions are appealing & relevant.
- Introduce more flexibility into BV's competitions to attract new bowlers, as well as retain current bowlers [*2016 DHHS paper titled 'Adapt or Die' – New thinking, less rigor, inclusiveness*]
- Grow competitor numbers to retain current Federal Govt Tier status [*like Netball*]
- Review past Pennant surveys & suggest improvements to BV's competitions based on feedback.
- Find ways to convert the 100,000+ bowlers currently playing 'socially' 4+ times per year into Pennant players. (*BA Census 2015/16*)

Proposed key changes for next season

- **New 7 week Two Bowl Triples Pennant competition** (*preceding the 14 week Fours competition*)
- **New 14 week Two Bowl Fours Pennant competition.** (*commencing later & ending later excl. Premier League*)
- **All Sections reduced to 8 Sides** (*excl. Premier League increasing competitiveness & reducing travel*)

Proposed dates 7 week triples competition

2018

Round 1	1 September
Round 2	8 September
Round 3	15 September
Round 4	22 September
Round 5	6 October
Round 6	13 October
Round 7	20 October
Section Final	27 October [1 vs 2 only]
Quarter Finals	28 October
Semi Finals	3 November
Grand Final	4 November

Proposed dates 14 week fours competition

2018

Round 1	10 November
Round 2	24 November
Round 3	1 December
Round 4	8 December
Round 5	15 December

2019

Round 6	12 January
Round 7	19 January
Round 8	27 January
Round 9	2 February
Round 10	9 February
Round 11	16 February
Round 12	23 February
Round 13	2 March
Round 14	16 March
Section Final	23 March [1 vs 2 only]
Quarter Finals	24 March
Semi Finals	30 March
Grand Final	31 March

How structural changes would be implemented for fours competition

Premier League [10 Sides]

Bottom two teams relegated to Division 1

Division 1 [48 Sides] (6 sections of 8 sides)

2017/18 Grand Finalists promoted to Premier League

No teams relegated this year

All 2017/2018 Division 2 Section Winners promoted

For the finals each Section's top team (6) + next two best teams (on points) to play finals.

Division 2 [64 Sides] (8 sections of 8 sides)

All 2017/18 Section winners promoted to Division 1.

All Division 3 Section winners promoted to Division 2

Bottom two 2017/18 teams within each Section relegated.

Divisions 3 - 8 [64 Sides] (8 sections of 8 sides)

All 2017/18 Section winners promoted to Division 2. All Division 4

Section winners promoted.

Bottom two 2017/18 teams within each Section relegated.

Cited benefits from proposed change are:

- More flexible competition structures & more opportunities to play in Finals.
- Increased opportunity to play more than 18 weeks plus finals if preferred.
- Two Bowl Triples can replace practice matches & aligns with BV's Play Bowls Month [October].
- Older players can remain in our sport longer.

- Clubs will be 'open for business' for longer & Club events can start earlier.
- Eight Side Sections will be more competitive with potentially less travel.
- Access to more Government funding if we can have more participants.

Editor's general comments on the proposed changes

- If the same number of players were to play next season (ignoring the prospect of growth as a result of changes) there will be a shuffle down effect of sides in the lower divisions beyond the normal relegation process and a possibility of 10 divisions being created.
- The potential benefit of less travel is correct to the extent that sides will only have to travel 7 times in a season rather than 9 times.
- As there are still 8 sections in a division (except for Div 1) the spread of sides over a whole division will potentially remain the same and so the maximum distance for the longest trip in a season to be travelled to an opposition side will not necessarily change. For example Melbourne may still have to travel to the Dandenong Club
- The structure of finals does not vary significantly from the current system.

Ron Cross 2BT is still taking registrations

Two bowl triples is a great day of bowls. The open tournament on the 21st January at Melbourne is named in honour of Ron Cross a member who contributed tirelessly to the successful running of the club over many years.

The tournament committee encourages members to enter sides in this event to ensure the success and be part of the celebration of what it is to be a member of such an iconic bowls club.

If you have contacts at other clubs we encourage you to enter with them or get them to enter their own sides.

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Ron Cross Two Bowl Triples tournament

Sunday 21 January 2018 at 10:00am

The day will consist of 3 games of 14 ends

The winner will be determined by the most games won and shots up.

Prize money

Winners \$600

Runners up \$240

Best of each game \$60*

(* not being either the overall winner or runner up)

Entries close at 11:59pm Tuesday 16 January 2018

(unless fully subscribed prior to that date)

Entry fee is \$60 per team.

Tournament director: Ewen Wilson (0423 424 185)

email: tournament@melbournebowlingclub.com

phone: (03) 95105321

How to enter:

To enter directly via online [click here](#)

(When entering online you will receive immediate confirmation of your entry.)

Alternatively fill out the following form below.

Team organiser:

Email:

mobile phone:

other phone:

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composite team Yes/No if No club:

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Are there any dietary requirements for the members of your
team?

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Payment by credit card, cheque or money order or cash on the day.
Please make cheques or money orders payable to Melbourne Bowling Club Inc and
send to: Ron Cross 2BT, PO Box 1054 Windsor 3181.

Credit card Visa() M/card () Card No:

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Expiry date: . . / . . Name on card:

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