

WELCOME TO OUR NEW REGION – METRO NORTH-EAST BOWLS

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Bowls NSW is unifying administration of the sport at the Zone/District level and has created new Regions to run Bowls NSW events beyond club level throughout the State. From 1 July 2024, the men's Zone 9 and women's Districts of Manly-Warringah and North Shore will cease to operate; all clubs currently in these areas will join together in the new Metro North-East Bowls Region. Further information about Zone/District can be found on the Bowls NSW Unification website:

[Zone & District Unification \(zonedistrictunification.com.au\)](https://zonedistrictunification.com.au)

Until the second AGM, new Regions will be managed by an appointed Interim Management Committee – 3 men appointed by the Zone, plus 3 women appointed collectively by the Districts. The aim across the State is to both retain the knowledge of those with experience in the existing associations and bring new volunteers into this level of administration.

Bowls NSW requires the Committee to elect one of its members as President (Chair) and allocate roles to the other members. The Interim Management Committee of Metro North-East is:

President (chair): Gerard Parlevliet - Harbord (current President, Zone 9)
Secretary: Pat Mitchell - Dee Why (current Secretary, Manly-Warringah District)
Treasurer: Paul Brittain - Harbord
Chair of Match: Billie Maas - Belrose (current Chair of Match, North Shore District)
Vice President: Sue Hamilton - Turramurra (current President, North Shore District)
Communications & Technology: Steven Maas - Belrose

Each of these members has proven skills for their roles and are looking forward to helping our sport to move into a new era, consistent with administration of other sports across Australia.

One of their first tasks will be to appoint members of other Committees for the Region. In all committees, the Constitution of the new Regions requires us to seek gender-balance. The current Chairs of Match for Zone 9 (Bob Abdallah) and Manly-Warringah (Kate Walsh) are already working as members of the Metro North-East Region Match Committee. Other positions on Match, Selection, etc will be filled after calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably-qualified bowlers.

Bowls NSW has established email addresses for the Interim Management Committees. Email enquiries for our Region should be sent to:

Administrative matters: Region Secretary: metronortheast2@bowlsnsw.com.au
Bowls program, etc: Chair of Match: metronortheast4@bowlsnsw.com.au

(When you use the email address for the first time, your email system should convert these addresses to "Secretary metro north east ..." and "Match metro north east ..." for easier reference.

There is a lot to be done before the Region gets up and running on 1 July; meanwhile, the Chairs of Match of the current Zone and Districts have developed a co-ordinated bowling program for the 2024-25 season. This has been approved by Bowls NSW and distributed to clubs. We hope Bowls NSW will create our new website address quickly, so we can start using it for member information.