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**No: 23/2016**  
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**To: Zones, Districts & Clubs**  
**Re: BOWLS NSW ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE**

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Following the implementation of the new Annual Club Membership Fee structure in May, the Bowls NSW Board is pleased to report that the transition from a 'capitation based fee' has been a success.

Since May, a total of 440 Clubs have paid their Annual Fee with only 3 Clubs currently listed as unfinancial.

All Clubs are to be thanked and congratulated for their support of this new structure which is not only being adopted in NSW, but also nationally and across a number of other State and Territory Associations.

While overall registered membership numbers in NSW are down (38,716 compared to 40,896 in October 2015), it is encouraging that a total of 1674 brand new members have been registered since 1<sup>st</sup> May, which is a 5% increase on new registrations during the same period last year.

Clubs are reminded that under the new fee structure, there is no additional cost to register new members and all Clubs are urged to register all Bowling Members to ensure that we can accurately account for all participants in the sport.

Feedback indicates that Clubs in some areas remain apprehensive about registering social/casual bowls participants as there is a belief that the Club's Annual Fee will be adjusted according to any membership increase.

**The Bowls NSW Board would like to reassure all Clubs that their Annual Fee will NOT be increased or readjusted based on an increase in new member registrations. The Board has resolved that the annual fee can only be increased by more than CPI% (December to December) if approved by the members in General Meeting.**

Please refer to Circular 03/2016 for further information.

**Greg Helm**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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