

JOINT UNIFICATION UPDATE

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To: All Club's and Bowlers

From: Women's Bowls NSW and Bowls NSW

Date: 31st March 2021

Re: Unification roadshow complete – update on voting process and key timelines

Following our final member information session at St Mary's RSL on Monday evening, we are pleased to announce the completion of the Unification Roadshow. This has undoubtedly been the sport's largest consultation process in New South Wales, including 30 presentations in 34 working days. This has enabled us to engage with representatives from 330 Clubs and approximately 2000 bowlers across all Districts and Zones.

If you missed the roadshows, you will find a copy of the roadshow presentation on our respective websites. It has been a privilege to meet with members and share the work completed to date, discuss the benefits of the unification model, and importantly answer questions from the bowls community.

Overall, the feedback received through the roadshow process was overwhelmingly positive and recognises that now is the right time for unification in New South Wales.

The Unification Vote

With the roadshow now complete, it is time to look towards the upcoming vote.

Over the coming weeks, all clubs and bowlers will receive a Member Information Pack (MIP). The purpose of the MIP will be to provide transparent communication between both our Associations and the bowls community to ensure Members can make an informed decision regarding the future of the sport in New South Wales.

The MIP will contain the notice of the Special General Meeting and Special Resolutions, and will also include a link to the Constitution of the new entity, which members are welcome to review and provide feedback on.

Clubs will then be required to call and hold an SGM in accordance with their respective Constitutions for voting within 35 days of receiving the MIP and notice of the SGM. The outcome of the Club's vote will be cast online by the Club Secretary for WBNSW Clubs (details outlined in the MIP) and via the Zones for BNSW Clubs.

Draft Timeline For The Coming Weeks

The following **draft timeline** has been provided to assist Clubs, Districts, Regions and Zones with their own planning processes.

Clubs will be formally notified of these dates initially through email, along with the notice of meeting and MIP on April 16 (or thereabouts).

- **April 7** – Draft Constitution circulated to Zones, Districts and Clubs for feedback
- **April 16** – Member Information Pack (MIP) distributed to all Clubs and bowlers.
- **April 23** – Notice of all Club General Meeting's must be distributed by the Club Secretary.

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- **May 30** – Club votes must be received.
 - BNSW: The vote by the Club Secretary must be completed and submitted to the Zone.
 - WBNSW: The electronic vote by the Club Secretary must be received by midnight May 30th.
- **May 31** – WBNSW and BNSW SGM and final vote day.

Please note that these dates may be subject to slight changes. Up until the vote we will be distributing regular communication updates to ensure members are kept informed of any updates.

Finally, a reminder that we continue to welcome any questions you may have throughout the unification process and these can be submitted to unification@bowlsnsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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