

Zone 5 - Moving Towards 2016

Open Letter

The following information is for all Clubs within the Southern Tablelands (STDBA) and Nepean (NDBA) District Bowling Associations.

As all Clubs within Zone 5 would, by now, be aware, there has been a move by Bowls NSW to reconfigure the current Zone boundaries within NSW. This includes the formation of the new Zone 5, which will incorporate all Clubs within the STDBA and NDBA, to become an included Zone of the Sydney Metropolitan area. This change will be put in place from the 1st January 2016.

To facilitate this process an Interim Committee, comprising of three representatives from the STDBA and NDBA plus the current Zone 5 State Councillor, has now had a number of meetings in consultation with Bowls NSW to progress the necessary requirements and structure of the administration to run the new Zone.

To date a Constitution, Regulations and Bowls program has now been drafted. In addition to this a complete review of the financial situation with a draft budget for the 2016 year has also been completed. In accordance with both District constitutions, it is anticipated that the balance of both Districts finances will be passed over to the new Zone 5 as a 'like Body with similar objectives'. This will place the new Zone and its Members in a strong position to move forward into 2016 and beyond. Already, due to the new Zone, a decision was made to reduce the annual fees for all Members for the 2015 / 2016 District / Zone membership fee.

At the respective Annual General Meetings of each District in September, NDBA on the 7th and the STDBA on the 9th, delegates will consider relevant motions to dissolve both individual districts and adopt a new Zone 5 Constitution under the Associations Incorporation Act. This motion will also outline transitional arrangements to form an Interim Committee, who will be responsible for undertaking preparations for the start of the 2016 bowling season, and carrying out all duties required by legislation to establish and operate as a Committee of an Incorporated entity from 1st January 2016 until the election of a new Committee at the first AGM of the Zone.

A formal process will be carried out at the Zone 5 AGM to clear the way for the other three Districts in the current Zone 5 to relocate to the Zone of their choice.

As with any change it is understood that some may feel that this change is not in their best interests. This may appear to be the case on an individual basis but the big picture for all within the current Zone 5 is that it is a progressive step to help our sport survive long into the future. Especially the new Zone 5. We hope that most will see this positively and work together to make the new Zone 5 a strong and successful Association.

There are a number of benefits from the beginning;

- Less travel
- The consolidation of administration across both current Districts into one
- Significant savings in administration costs

It is hoped that this letter gives the relevant information to the new Zone 5 as it currently stands. Should you have any queries please feel free to send them to your relevant District Secretary.