



**Media Release – May 2021**

**Members Vote 'YES' for Unification of Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW.**

The members of New South Wales Women's Bowling Association Incorporated and Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Limited have voted to merge their two associations into one new entity, which will be known as Bowls New South Wales Limited.

In recognition of the significance of this process both associations held their Special General Meetings at the same time and location to hear the independent returning officer announce the result of the state-wide vote by members and clubs.

In the most progressive decision for the sport in NSW, the returning officer announced that the members of both Women's Bowls NSW and Bowls NSW have voted YES for unification.

The Presidents on behalf of both Boards expressed great appreciation to the members, club administrators, and volunteers from across the state for the significant amount of work and positive energy that has contributed to this milestone.

The outcome was commended by the President of Women's Bowls NSW, Pam Andrich, who expressed her appreciation to those in attendance and bowlers across the state.

*"The merger provides the foundation for success and a long-term sustainable and vibrant administration,"* commented Pam Andrich.

Matthew Goodwin, President of Bowls New South Wales, further endorsed this sentiment. *"This merger is the first step in securing the long-term future of our sport in NSW, it is now vital that the new board move forward and act on the issues that are important to our bowling community."*

The new entity, Bowls New South Wales Limited, will commence operations from the 31 May 2021, and the first appointed Board has met for the first time to set the wheels of progress in motion. Immediately after the historic YES vote for unification the new Board set upon delivering the vision for a new entity.

*"We will lead and enable the growth, success and sustainability of the sport for all current and future bowlers in NSW."*

At the Board meeting Matthew Goodwin was duly elected the new Chair, and will be supported by Pam Andrich as Deputy Chair

Bowls New South Wales looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with our members and partners to deliver positive outcomes for every community where bowls is played.

Matthew Goodwin  
Chair  
Bowls New South Wales Limited

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Deputy Chair  
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