

Cunningham District Management Committee have made the decision to follow the advice of our National Body in connection with District controlled Bowls. We encourage Member Clubs to follow the advice of our National Body, however we acknowledge that Clubs and their members are free to make their own decisions. This article and the links contained in it is posted to assist you in your decision making.

Graham Lewis - Cunningham District President.

Message from Bowls Australia CEO, Neil Dalrymple.

I felt it was important to post a message on behalf of Bowls Australia (BA) following the release of our advice on Wednesday recommending the immediate suspension of all bowls events as a result of coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Whilst some Clubs across Australia have chosen to ignore this advice and have continued to stage events, we believe that the health and safety of our Bowls community, encompassing players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, officials and spectators is paramount to the decision to issue this advice, as many of these groups typically belong to demographics that are especially susceptible to the effects of the virus.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (comprising all state and territory Chief Health Officers and is chaired by the Australian Chief Medical Officer) states that participants should not attend and participate in Community Sport if they:

- Have travelled internationally or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the preceding 14 days; or
- Are at a high risk including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions.

Source: <https://www.health.gov.au/.../australian-health-protection-pr...>

It is important to highlight that Bowls is not alone in recommending the suspension of grassroots competitions, with similar positions advised from the AFL, Cricket, Football (soccer), Rugby and Tennis, to name a few.

As Covid-19 remains a rapidly changing and evolving global situation, BA and the STAs will continue to work with the relevant government authorities and will provide the Bowls community with new and updated information as it comes to hand.

BA and the STAs are determined to be part of the whole-of-community response to slow the spread of this virus and safeguard the health and wellbeing of bowls community – and in doing so, help the broader community and our health systems to cope during this difficult period.

BA, the STAs and especially our Regional Bowls Managers are available to assist clubs through this difficult time. The entire Bowls industry will be impacted by this crisis and it will be important to channel our energies into the recovery in the months to come.

<https://www.bowls.com.au/club.../regional-bowls-managers-rbms/>

A statement from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) about coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) coronavirus (COVID-19) statement on 17 March 2020

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