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**No:** 08/2015  
**Date:** 9<sup>h</sup> June 2015  
**To:** Clubs, Districts and Zones  
**Re:** **URGENT – Relocation of 2015 Grade 4 State Pennant Finals**

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the upcoming 2015 Grade 4 State Pennant Finals scheduled to be held at Leeton Soldiers and Narrandera Bowling Clubs have been relocated to a new venue.

The Grade 4 State Finals will now be played at **Nelson Bay Bowling Club**, (Stockton St, Nelson Bay) and **Soldiers Point Bowling Club**, 118 Soldiers Point Road, Soldiers Point who with the support of Port Stephens Council, have kindly made their club facilities and greens available to accommodate this event at short notice.

Bowls NSW became aware late last week that there was a severe shortage of accommodation available in Narrandera as a result of the Variety Club Bash event being held on the same weekend as the State Pennant Finals in August.

With a number of Zone winners in Grade 4 yet to be determined, and a number of Clubs already qualified for the finals unable to book accommodation, it was felt that in the interests of the event and all participants it would be best to relocate the Finals to a venue with adequate accommodation nearby.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this late change has caused the two host Clubs and all those attending or participating in the Grade 4 Finals, however the situation was unavoidable and beyond our control. Clubs are reminded that they may be eligible for financial assistance under the Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) Scheme, if the distance travelled to attend the event is significantly increased as a result of the relocation. For further details please visit the Bowls NSW website.

Given the unfortunate circumstances, the support and understanding of both the Leeton Soldiers and Narrandera Clubs is to be applauded and their efforts and cooperation in resolving the matter is appreciated. In turn, Bowls NSW has extended to both Clubs, an offer to host State Pennant Final in 2016 with the confirmed support of both local councils.

**DUE TO THE LIMITED TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE EVENT, ALL CLUBS PARTICPATING IN THE 2015 GRADE 4 ZONE PENNANT FINALS ARE ASKED TO MAKE ALL ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS THROUGH THE PORT STEPHENS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE ON 1800 808 900 BETWEEN 9AM and 5PM. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK THROUGH THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AS THEY UNDERSTAND WHERE ALL AVAILABLE ROOMS ARE AND WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BEST RATE.**

Any accommodation bookings which have already made in Leeton or Narrandera should be cancelled by Clubs as soon as possible. Bowls NSW is currently liaising with Leeton and Narrandera Tourism to seek their assistance in arranging full refunds for any deposits paid by Clubs who made bookings through them as a show of good faith.

If any Club requires further information or is unable to obtain a refund for a deposit paid for their accommodation, please contact the Bowls NSW Office on 9283 4555.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Helm".

Greg Helm  
Chief Executive Officer

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