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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs
Re: State Match Forum - Outcomes

Bowls NSW President Barry Watkins thanked all those who had made themselves available to attend forum on behalf of their members. Michael Harvey, Chair of the State Match Committee, led discussion of agenda items in order to take direction of forum back to State Match Committee. All information and perspectives shared and voted upon.

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

- **State Pennants Finals – Playing Day**

State Match Committee received submissions to change playing times for the State Pennant finals. The forum considered pros and cons of remaining with the same timing or changing to the suggested playing timetable.

The forum overwhelmingly supported the proposal to have State Pennant finals playing timetable amended to:

Friday 1.00pm –	Sectional Play, Round 1
Saturday 9.00am –	Sectional Play, Round 2
Saturday 1.00pm –	Sectional Play, Round 3
Sunday 9.00am –	Semi Finals
Sunday 1.00pm –	Finals

- **Grade 1 State Pennant Finals Format**

The forum considered whether to continue forward with the current system of open draws or whether to adopt the proposal to segregate the Grade 1 State Pennants finals into a Country group and a Metropolitan group, the champions of each group playing off for State Champion title.

The forum found overwhelmingly in favour of continuing with the open draw system.

State Pennants finals in Grade 1 will be in similar format to 2016 with the sides to contest the State finals series qualifying through their conference.

- **2017-18 Conditions of Play**

The forum received information on the draft 2017-18 Conditions of Play. Changes for 2017-2108 Conditions of Play generally minor, with a view to enhance clarity.

The forum found in favour of supporting players whose nominated club is other than in NSW competing in NSW State Pennants, and voted against a motion to have the number of these players restricted to 2 per Club.

The Board is grateful to all forum attendees and their contribution to a vigorous discussion. The draft 2017-2018 Conditions of Play will now go forward to the Board meeting in November for ratification.

Greg Helm
Chief Executive Officer