

# Bellarine District Ladies Bowling Association Inc

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PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
2010-11	A Payne	2007-11	B Weir	2009-11	G Grigg
2008-10	E Berry	1999-07	S Donnison	2008-09	T Collier
2006-08	V Izzard	1995-99	P Smith	1981-08	E Webster
2004-06	E Suffield	1985-95	M Bryant		
2002-04	J Reeman	1981-85	B Bailey		
2000-02	B Sanderson			<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	
1998-00	K Gray			1995	M Bryant
1998	P Kenneday			1994	D Caddy
1996-98	D Fordyce			1992	E Webster
1994-96	E Rodgers				
1992-94	E Wright				
1990-92	D Caddy				
1988-90	N Henry				
1986-88	R Roberts				
1984-86	E Hando				
1982-84	J Whitehead				
1981-82	L Hutchinson				

Originally Clubs in the Bellarine District were included in Geelong District Ladies' Bowling Association. During 1980 discussions were held resulting in a division into two Districts. Following the GDLBA Annual General Meeting at Eastern Park Bowling Club on 2 June, 1981, the Bellarine District Ladies' Bowling Association was formed with eleven Clubs, namely Anglesea, Barwon Heads, Clifton Springs, Drysdale, Leopold Sportsman's, Ocean Grove, Pt Lonsdale, Portarlington, Queenscliff, St Leonards and Torquay. There were 864 members in the new District.

At the inaugural meeting chaired by VLBA President Kath Tenny, also held at Eastern Park Bowling Club on 2 June 1981; a ballot was conducted and the following Executive Committee members were elected:

President	Lilla Hutchinson, Drysdale
Senior Vice President	Jess Whitehead, Anglesea
Junior Vice President	Ev Hando, Torquay
Secretary Treasurer	Betty Bailey, St Leonards
Competition Committee	Jess Whitehead, Anglesea (Chair)
	Elaine Webster, Torquay
	Ev Hando, Torquay
	Edna Harris, Ocean Grove
	Esme Roberts, Clifton Springs
	Carol Zaroni, Queenscliff
General Committee	Joan Allen, Barwon Heads
	Melva Ash, Leopold Sportsman's
	Audrey Croasdale, Portarlington
	Mavis White, St Leonards
	Norma Willey, Clifton Springs

All clubs have had representatives on the Executive Committee over the years. The longest serving members are Elaine Webster, Muriel Bryant, Val Cook and Dawn Caddy.

The first Executive and Delegates meetings were held on 4 June 1981, when it was decided that executive and delegates meetings would be held on the third Monday of each month at Barwon Heads RSL Clubrooms. It was also decided that the colours would be blue and gold and fees would be Capitation 30 cents, Pennant \$3.00 per side and Fixture Books 40 cents each.

These meetings were held at Barwon Heads RSL until April 1984. They were then transferred to Ocean Grove

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Bowling Club, and except for between August 1993 and October 1997, when they were held at Ocean Grove Tennis Clubrooms, have been held there ever since.

The first District Opening of the Season was held on 22 September 1981 at Drysdale, the home Club of the President. Eight members from each Club and our Group Councilor, Edie Boyes, were invited to attend. Each year the Opening of the Season has been held at the home Club of the President in her first year in office. When she serves a second term it is held at one of the other Clubs, drawn by ballot.

## **Membership**

From our starting membership of 864 it increased each year to 1082 in 1989-90 but since then it has decreased to 718 in 2005-06 with February 2011 standing at 720 with 65 males.

## **Pennant**

In 1981-82 forty sides were entered in the Pennant competition and the winners were:

A 1	Ocean Grove
A2	Clifton Springs
B1	Ocean Grove
B2	Portarlington
C 1	Portarlington

Pennants, made by Mai Shea of St Leonards Bowling Club, were presented at the end of the season. It was decided that these pennants would be perpetual and only held by the winning Club for the year, but Clubs would also receive a small pennant to keep. Later these small pennants were replaced by shields, and the large pennants are no longer used.

All clubs have won pennants over the years with the top pennant being won by Ocean Grove 10 times, Portarlington 10 times, Torquay 3 times and Clifton Springs and Queenscliff once each. Ocean Grove and Queenscliff both won group finals and represented Group 2 in the state finals. In 2002-03 Ocean Grove were State runners up.

## **State and District Championships**

All State Championships have been contested and District Championships played in 'A' and 'B' Divisions. Results in 1981-82 were:

State Singles	Joan Green (St Leonards)	39 entries
State Pairs	Ethel Polley, Dorothy Brown (Leopold)	45 entries
State Fours	Floss Rice, Monica Meagher, Lois Muir, Elaine Webster (Torquay)	24 entries
District 'A' Singles	Elsie Perrett (St Leonards)	82 entries A & B
District 'A' Pairs	Ivy Hourn, Alice Betts (Portarlington)	76 entries A & B
District 'A' Fours	Muriel Stokes, Grace Scott, Ethel Polly Dorothy Brown (Leopold)	58 entries A & B
District 'B' Singles	Doris Fordyce (Ocean Grove)	
District 'B' Pairs	Josie Buyel, Nell Martingdale (Portarlington)	
District 'B' Fours	Marcia Nunan, Alma Benjamin, Sadie Ruby, Freda Aitken (Ocean Grove)	

The first District Champion was Jean Spalding from Portarlington.

In State Championships there have been an average of 150 entries per year, however the number of entries have been below that average since 2000/2001.

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In District Championships played in 'A' and 'B' Divisions, the average number of entries was 235 but the number of entries since 1995/96 has been below that average with only 130 in 2005/06.

In State Championships our members have had some success, reaching the last eight of the Country Section a few times, and in 1991/92 Margaret McLarty was runner-up in the Country Section of the State Singles. In 1992/93 the Portarlington team of Dawn Hollingsworth, Alice Betts, Margaret McLarty and Mary Chatfield (S) were runners-up in the State Fours. In 1994/95 Mary Chatfield was equal third in Champion of Champions. In 1997/98 the Portarlington team of Margaret Holt, Dawn Hollingsworth, Alice Betts and Mary Chatfield (S) were runners-up in the State Fours. In 1993/94 Mary Chatfield and Margaret McLarty were selected to play in the State side.

Sandra Tillson was invited to trial in the State Squad while a member of Ocean Grove, Victoria Webb-Taylor, also a member of Ocean Grove, played in the State Junior Squad and in Australian Under 25 team.

In 1988/89 Edna Harris, Val Cook, Gwen Goldsmith and Lesla Maslen of Ocean Grove were runners-up in the Kolotex Glomesh Tournament. In 1988/89 we were balloted to play for the Madge Williams Country Charity Shield when we raised \$960 for Geelong Hospital Day Stay Care Centre. The winners of the Shield were Alys Phillips, Unis Boak, Joan Ryan and Elaine Webster (S) of Torquay, and the runners-up were Betty Bates, Joan Tennant, Jan Hackett and Phyllis Dowsett (S) of Leopold Sportsman's Club.

## **Inter Association Matches**

Group games between Bellarine, Colac and Geelong have been played each year, and have been won by Bellarine 10 times. From 1981/82 to 1995/96 a competition between Bellarine and Geelong in memory of Rene Wright, a former Secretary of the GDLBA, was played and won by Bellarine seven times. In 1985/86 an 'A' Grade competition between Bellarine and Ballarat was commenced. This was won by Ballarat for the first two years, but since then Bellarine has won 15 times. In 1992/93 a 'B' Grade event between Bellarine and Ballarat commenced, but Bellarine has not been quite so successful in this one, having won eight times.

## **Presentation Day**

Presentation Day has been held every year at:

1982	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
1983 - 1994	Parks Hall, Portarlington
1995	The Springs, Clifton Springs
1996	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
1997 - 2000	Leopold Sportsman's Club
2001 - 2002	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
2003 - 2005	Portarlington Bowling Club
2006	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
2007	Clifton Springs Bowling Club
2008	St. Leonards Bowling Club
2009	Drysdale Bowling Club
2010	Leopold Sportsman's Club
2011	Portarlington Bowling Club

## **Life Members**

In April 1992, the first Life Membership of the BDLBA was granted to Elaine Webster from Torquay, followed in September 1994, by Dawn Caddy from Queenscliff and Muriel Bryant from Drysdale in December 1995.

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## Umpires

The first tutorials for National Umpires commenced in September 1986 and eight members were accredited in February 1987. A Group Deputy Umpires Panel was formed with Jess Whitehead as Chair. Other members of the Panel from Bellarine District were Lesla Maslen and Elaine Webster. Later Helen Dornauf also became a member of the Panel. Jess Whitehead continued as Chair until 1994 when Elaine Webster took over this position. Anne Brown became Chair of the District Umpires Panel in 2005 followed by Marg Reing in 2010.

## Coaching

When Coaching was taken over by the VLBA in 1997/98 Laura Johnson and Marlene Sutton from Clifton Springs became members of the Group Coaching Panel. Deirdrie Gourlay from Anglesea was Chair of Bellarine District Coaching Panel in 2011.

## Executive Day

Each year the Executives from each club play for a tray donated by Lucy King from Anglesea. The tray has been won by all clubs except Clifton Springs and Ocean Grove. St Leonards has won it 4 times.

## Veterans' Day

A special day for Veterans has been held each year. All Veterans in the District are invited to attend and our Group Councilor presents badges to new Super Veterans. All new Super Veterans and Veterans are presented with a small gift by our President.

## Charity

Over the past 30 years we have raised \$43,000.97 for VLBA charities, \$32,000.73 for Cottage by the Sea, \$18,489.63 for Karingal, \$344.88 for Bushfire Appeal, \$960.00 for Geelong Hospital Day Care Centre and \$690.00 for Blind Bowlers, a total of **\$95,486.21**

## Visits

In 1984/85 we had our first Official Visit from the VLBA, followed by another in 1989/90. The three Councilors visited all Clubs in the District, and were most helpful in answering members questions. In 1985/86 we commenced visits between us and other Country Districts, and these have continued each year since that date. Visits have been:

1985/86 & 1986/87	Gippsland	1987/88 & 1988/89	Sunraysia
1989/90 & 1990/91	Central Wimmera	1991/92 & 1992/93	South Gippsland
1993/94 & 1994/95	Murray Valley	1995/96 & 1996/97	North Central
1997/98 & 1998/99	Mountain Valley	1999/00 & 2000/01	Central Murray
2002/03 & 2003/04	North Eastern	2004/05 & 2005/06	Sunraysia
2006/07	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	2007/08 & 2008/09	Northern District