

INFORMATION EVENING – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Dear Club Bowls member

As an Asquith Club Bowls member or Life members, you are entitled to under the present Constitution, vote on any special resolution to amend the Clubs present Constitution.

There are numerous changes being proposed to make changes to the present constitution aimed as follows

1. To bring it into line with best practice and the requirements of the Corporations Act, Liquor Act and Registered Clubs Act (RCA).
2. Bowling members will need to be members of the Club for at least two years before they can
 - (a) attend and vote at all meetings and on all resolutions, including special resolutions to amend the Constitution; and
 - (b) stand for and be elected to the Board.
3. The introduction of the category of Dual Bowling Member. This category has existed at the Club for some time and is for those Bowling members who are Bowling members of another club and nominate that other bowling club as their home club for the purposes of their Bowls registration in New South Wales.
Dual Bowling members, as is currently the case, have the rights of all Bowling members apart from the right to participate in pennants and championship.
4. Change the rights of the Social members so that Social members who have been members of the Club for at least five (5) years will have the ability to
 - (a) attend and vote at all meetings and on all resolutions, including special resolutions to amend the Constitution; and
 - (b) stand for and be elected to the Board.

Currently, the number of Bowling members of the Club is 220 and the number of Social members is 2,316 as of 10 September 2024. This represents Social members comprising 91 percentage of members of the Club. Having regard to this, the Board is keen to broaden the eligibility requirements for full participation in the Club by way of being able to vote on resolutions, attend meetings and stand for and be elected to the Board.

However, as a requirement for Social members, only Social members who have been members of the Club for at least five (5) years will have these rights.

5. Finally, the Special Resolution proposes to create a new category of non-voting Social membership. This will be a different form of Social membership, where members who do not wish to pay an annual subscription can still join the Club as now permitted under the registered Clubs Act but will have no voting rights.
Non-Voting Social; members will only be entitled to the social privileges and advantages of the Club as determined by the Board.

Non-voting Social members are not entitled to

- a) attend and vote at Annual General Meetings and general meetings of the Club, unless the Registered Clubs Act or Gaming machines Act provides that all ordinary members can vote on a resolution.

- b) nominate for and be elected to hold office on the Board.
- c) vote in the election of the Board.
- d) vote on any special resolution to amend the Constitution.

An Information evening will be held for club members entitled to attend and vote on the Special Resolution, on **Tuesday 1st October from 6.30pm**. The aim of the meeting is to simply provide members entitled to vote with information on the changes and answer any questions you may have.

For your information procedural matters in relation to the Special resolution are as follows

1. To be passed, a Special Resolution must receive votes in favour from three quarters (75%) of those members who, being eligible to do so, vote in person on the Special Resolution at the meeting.
2. The Special Resolutions should be read in conjunction with the notes which follow the Special Resolutions.
3. Only Life members (who were previously Bowls members) and financial Bowls members are entitled to vote on the Special Resolutions.
4. Under the Registered Clubs Act:
 - i. members who are employees of the Club are not entitled to vote.
 - ii. proxy voting is prohibited.
5. Amendments to a Special Resolution (other than minor typographical corrections which do not change the substance or effect of the Special Resolution) will not be permitted from the floor of the meeting.
6. The Board of the Club recommend the Special Resolutions to members.

A copy of the clubs present Constitution, proposed Constitution and the Special Resolution will be available to be read on the Club Website from Wednesday 25 September.

For your further Information, the Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 20th October 2024 at 9:30am as per the Notice Attached.

All financial members (Bowling and Social) of Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 20th October 2024, at 9:30am**.

Financial Social members are not entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting as outlined in Clause 22(d) (i) of the Club's Constitution.

Notice of the 51st Annual General Meeting will go up on the Clubs Notice Board and Club Website, on Wednesday 25 September and Club Website.

Greg Edwards
Chief Executive Officer
For and On Behalf of the Board of Directors
Asquith Bowling & Recreation Club Limited
Dated 10 September 2024