

# BOWLS REVIEW

## FACTSHEET



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## Strategic Review of Bowls in the ACT

**The ACT Government, in partnership with Bowls ACT, commissioned the *Strategic Review of Bowls in the ACT* to assist with future planning considerations for the sport.**

The review was undertaken by RSM and involved extensive consultation with the sector, including licenced clubs, independent bowling clubs and members.

The ACT Government partnered with Bowls ACT to look at how clubs can continue to provide this fantastic sport to their members, now and into the future.

The review highlights the importance of lawn bowls within the community and provides a number of recommendations to help increase participation rates, rebuild clubs' revenue base and improve the quality of facilities across Canberra.

### Next steps

The ACT Government will continue to engage with and local clubs as we work through the recommendations in the report and finalise a government response in the coming months.

**The ACT Government is committed to supporting bowls to continue to thrive in Canberra and will provide \$60,000 to Bowls ACT to support clubs to begin to implement the recommendations.**

### Bowls ACT position statement

Bowls ACT is excited to see the Strategic Review of Bowls in the ACT highlight the importance of the sport within the ACT community. Bowls ACT agrees wholeheartedly that to not have lawn bowls available to the community would severely diminish the recreational and sporting opportunities available in Canberra.

Bowls ACT believes that the recommendations outlined within the report will serve well as a base for change in the bowls community. The recommendations outlined reflect a need for significant culture change within the sport that is based off an evidential approach and the opinions of stakeholders within the community. The sport faces a combination of factors impacting its future direction and the non-biased approach to the review gives the community a chance to recognise the importance of these factors.

Bowls ACT looks forward to discussing with its members and community how to implement the recommendations outlined in the review in the most appropriate manner for each of the clubs within the ACT and extending the reach of the review to clubs and communities in NSW.

### For further information

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