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## **An update from Women's Bowls NSW**

Hi everyone,

The last few weeks have certainly seen some unsettling and strange times for our bowls family. I for one am looking forward to my kids not 'helping' me with my work while I work from home!

We wanted to give you a quick update on your Association, and while we are not necessarily enjoying our great game on the green, your Board and staff have been working hard to ensure that when it is safe to do so we can return to playing without too much disruption.

### **Events**

First of all, thank you to the districts who have provided the office with details of where they are up to with their events. This has provided us with a better understanding of a timeline we can try and put in place once things can return to some sort of normality.

Following on from Bowls Australia's announcement regarding the 2020 Australian Championships and Australian Champion of Champions, we are hopeful of being able to run our State Championships and State Champion of Champion Singles later in the year.

We are also hopeful of still being able to run our State Pennants Finals towards the back end of the year. Rest assured, we are working hard to try and bring these events to you and whilst we all want clarity around when the game will return, this area of work is constantly changing.

### **Affiliation Fees**

We have had several enquiries in the office regarding the affiliation fees. It has been decided WBNSW will not be sending out annual returns or affiliation fee invoices until such a time that clubs are open again.

### **WBNSW Staff**

Although our Mascot office is closed, our full-time and part-time staff are continuing to work on the roll out of club and district websites, continuing updates via our social media, including The Roll Up newsletter, Clubhouse News, and the WBNSW website, processing refunds for our cancelled state events, updating of policies and procedures, addressing member calls and emails, and sorting timelines for our state events and how they could look with any COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place.

While we are all working from home, I encourage you to please continue to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

### **COVID-19**

Our WBNSW website and Facebook page has continuous updates and resources and we encourage you to jump on our COVID-19 frequently asked question and updates pages (these pages are located on our website).

We thank you for your patience, understanding and ongoing efforts as the planning continues to evolve, and we look forward to being able to provide a more definitive update to you in the coming weeks.

Regards,

**Anne Johns**  
**General Manager**