



## BOARD NOMINATION FORM 2023

Name: Graham Houston

Member Club: Victor Harbor

***\*Please be advised that the information provided will be distributed to the Membership***

### **Why are you seeking a position on the Board of Bowls SA?**

I am seeking a position on the Board of Bowls SA as I believe I have the attributes and competencies to make a difference. I am a person who can look 'outside the square' make small step improvements, ensuring they are sustainable and measurable before taking the next improved step.

My skills and experience gained from private business and other sporting positions, along with various communication avenues would enable me to be a proactive participant on the Board.

### **Please describe your skills, knowledge, experience, networks and connections (in particular) any skills in the areas of legal, finance, and data analytics which would support the association.**

Please find attached my CV, identifying both business skills and Sports Administration. Business Skills included Finance strategic planning along with Legal and Law competencies when developing Policies and Procedures, negotiating long term contracts for supply of materials and warehousing / distribution facilities worldwide.

Curriculum Vitae  
Graham J Houston

45 plus years' experience in materials management with international manufacturers and distributors of automotive and building hardware components to Australian and overseas markets. The last 25 years in managerial positions. Proven procurement, planning, communication, project management, contract negotiation / management, international standard auditing, warehouse management and improvement skills, with a successful track record of developing policies and procedures resulting in cost savings, supplier development, value chain management, improved quality and customer service. Employers: 33 years Britax International – Lonsdale, S.A., United Kingdom, USA, France, Japan & India. 7 years Centor Architectural – Brisbane / Nanjing, China. 5 years Hills Industries (Orrcon Steel) – Brisbane. 5 years Fleetwood Corporation – Brisbane.

Education & Professional Development:

4 years – Australian Institute of Management 4 years – OH & S 2 years at Toyota, Japan: Lean Manufacturing Continuous Improvement – Kaizen Inventory Management – Kanban, J.I.T. 5 years Britax International in House Training: Advanced Quality Training Effective Leadership & Communication 8D Problem Solving 5 years Hills Industries: Competition and Consumer Law Sexual Harassment Prevention Bullying Prevention Privacy Law Ethics & Conduct

35 years experience in Sports Administration at Club, Association and State Level: This includes Secretary / Treasurer Clovelly Park, Glandore Oval and Port Noarlunga Tennis Clubs (15 years) Tournament Director Southern Tennis Association – 5 years. 5 years Secretary Woodpecker Tenpin Bowling League at Woodville Bowl. 3 years Full Time: Secretary Manager South Australian Hardcourt Tennis League. 5 years Combined Southern Football League Umpire. 3 years Part Time: Secretary Manager Southern Football League. 10 years Senior Commissioner Southern Football League Tribunal

Education & Professional Development: 5 years – SA Institute of Sport: Sports Management and Administration

Lawn Bowls: 2 years - Salisbury BC, Brisbane. Winner Club Pairs. 5 years – Club Helensvale, Gold Coast. Winner B Singles. 4 years – Victor Harbor BC. Winner Club Triples & Fours. 5 years – Marion BC. Played at Premier One Level. Winner Wednesday & Saturday Pennants. 12 years – Bowls Australia Accredited Umpire, Measurer and Marker. 2 years – Accredited Club Coach. 2 years – GSBA Men's Selector. Currently: Victor Harbor BC Board Member. VHBC Chairperson of Selectors – Saturday Open Gender GSBA Secretary Bowls SA Facilities Committee Member

### **Describe how you would represent the sport in SA as a whole.**

Lawn Bowls in South Australia is a sport for all ages. I would be seeking avenues and opportunities to promote the game through various communication channels. A good understanding of Bowls SA Strategic Plan and timing would be essential to develop the best representation of the sport.

**Please provide a (no more than) 200-word statement summarising the above which will be used on the election bollard form used for voting.**

Over 35 years in Sports Administration at Club, Association and State Level in Tennis, Australian Rules and Lawn Bowls has given me the opportunity to make progressive improvements in their policies, procedures and processes.

- 45 years in private business with international companies, I have a successful track record of Planning, Communication, Project Management, International Auditing (ISO), developing policies and procedures.
- In Sports and Business, both legal and finance is at the forefront when setting Strategic Plans.
- Currently, I am Secretary of Great Southern Bowling Association, proudly promoting the game of Lawn Bowls through local News papers and Radio Station. As an outcome, I was nominated in 2022 and 2023 for the Bowls SA Media Ward and successfully winning the award in 2023.
- Having played pennants in metro Adelaide and now in country Victor Harbor I have had access to a large cross section of bowlers. Understanding their concerns and communicating them to other Bowls SA board members will be a priority.