

Board Report

2025 Annual General Meeting

Presented on behalf of the Board by Julieanne Mollet

Welcome to the 22nd Annual General Meeting of TBNZ.

The last twelve months seem to have flown by once again!

We're seeing a number of people travelling internationally this year. So far, we have attended the TBA Junior Nationals, Masters & Presidents Shield in Melbourne and Youth World Cup in Sweden. With great performances in these.

Coming up we have teams travelling to the World Senior Champs in both the Senior and Grand Senior divisions. We have several New Zealanders who have been selected to participate at the ANC Champs (in both Junior and Open levels) as well as an Aotearoa team put together by Manukau. We anticipate sending a team to the TBA50 event and are watching with bated breath to see whether we get an invitation to the Combined World Champs in Hong Kong. IBF have informed us that it's likely not all qualifying countries will be attending and that we could be extended an invite. We wish our athletes well and look forward to following their performances and supporting from afar.

The TBNZ Hall of Fame continues to grow, recognising the contributions and achievements of Koia Shannon, Dianne Collier, Mark Young and Lorraine (Lorry) Williams for the 2024 cohort. There was a great celebration of their achievements at the presentations held and was great to see some of these people come from afar in order to receive their awards. Thank you once again to the committee who assisted with making these selections. We are in the process of finalising presentations for the 2025 inductees so they will be announced in due course, along with the timing of the presentations.

Keep your thinking caps on and submit any nominations for 2026 if there is someone you know who has significantly contributed to the sport - either as an athlete or within the administration areas. Nomination forms are available on the website and can be submitted at any time.

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsor centres for their ongoing support and partnership. These centres play a vital role in sustaining and growing the sport of Tenpin Bowling across New Zealand. Unfortunately, we are facing a decline in the number of sport centres nationwide. This reduction presents real challenges for the development and accessibility of our sport, impacting everything from training opportunities to competition venues. Despite these difficulties, we remain committed to working closely with our existing centres. Their contribution is invaluable, and we encourage the bowling community to support their local centres wherever they can.

Since the last AGM, Stephen Penney's term as CEO has come to an end. Steve played a key role in advancing our sport, creating valuable opportunities for youth development and strengthening the Katipo brand. His leadership made a lasting impact and we are grateful for his contributions. At present, TBNZ is operating without a CEO, with the Board stepping in to fulfill this role. While we are doing our best to manage the day-to-day operations, this arrangement is far from ideal. It limits our ability to focus on our primary responsibility—governing and guiding the strategic direction of TBNZ. Without someone in the CEO position, it is challenging to build on the strong foundation Steve established. Filling this role remains a priority so we can continue moving the sport forward.

Many thanks to the Management Team for your dedication and hard work in overseeing the daily operations of TBNZ. It's not always an easy or visible role, but your contributions are valued and make a real difference. We're grateful for all that you do!

The Board continues to meet the requirement to meet at least 3 times a year. Outside of this the Board keeps in regular contact via email and Zoom meetings as necessary – particularly at present while maintaining the CEO role.

I would also like to extend my personal thanks to my fellow Board members for their continued dedication and commitment to our organisation. This year, Brodie and Clare have chosen not to reapply for the Board due to personal circumstances. We thank them both for their time and valuable contributions.

Our sport is run entirely by dedicated volunteers who generously give their time to support and promote Tenpin Bowling. Their ongoing commitment and efforts are appreciated. We'd love to see more members get involved—fresh faces bring new perspectives and can work alongside our current team. If you are keen to contribute, we encourage you to reach out and get involved!

Julianne Mollet
Chair
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