

Board Report
2026 Annual General Meeting
Presented on behalf of the Board by Julieanne Mollet

Welcome to the 23rd Annual General Meeting of TBNZ.

It's hard to believe another year has come around already. As always, it's been a busy one for our sport.

While there's always plenty happening on the lanes, the Board has also spent time looking at how we can continue improving the way we support our members, our national teams and the volunteers who make our sport possible. From developing new resources for our national teams through to investing in coach development and reviewing our international programmes, many of those initiatives are beginning to come together and will continue to develop over the coming year.

We've once again had a number of bowlers representing New Zealand internationally over the past year. Our athletes have travelled to Australia, Sweden, the USA and Malaysia to compete across a range of events from junior through to senior level and it's always exciting to see New Zealand represented on the world stage. A huge congratulations must go to Ben Pettit, who once again came home with a bronze medal at the World Youth Championships. To achieve that on the world stage for the second consecutive championships is something pretty special and something we should all be proud of. Congratulations also to all of our athletes, coaches and managers who have represented New Zealand over the past year. We also wish those teams and individuals travelling later this year all the very best and look forward to following their performances.

I'd also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of South Pacific Bowling, whose sponsorship has continued to make a real difference to our Youth Programme. Their support has enabled our Youth Squad to come together for training camps throughout the year in preparation for international competition. In addition, their sponsorship of our National Youth Championships continues to provide valuable support for one of our premier youth events. We greatly appreciate their commitment to developing the next generation of New Zealand bowlers.

Over the past year the Board has spent some time looking at ways we can better support our national teams. One of the outcomes has been the development of a Team Managers Handbook and a New Zealand Team Member Agreement. These resources have been developed to provide greater clarity around roles, responsibilities and expectations, while ensuring a more consistent approach across all of our representative teams.

We're also going to be reviewing our TBNZ team trips once they're completed and seeking feedback from the athletes, coaches and managers who travelled. Every trip teaches us something, and by taking the time to look at what worked well and what could be done better, we can continue improving the experience for future teams.

We're also pleased to have been successful in obtaining funding to help develop our New Zealand coaches. Our coaches play a huge part in the success of our athletes and this funding will allow us to continue building and supporting our coaching pathway. We're looking forward to seeing this programme come together over the next year.

The TBNZ Hall of Fame continues to recognise those people who have made a significant contribution to our sport, both on and off the lanes. If you know someone who deserves to be

recognised, I'd encourage you to put together a nomination. It's important we continue acknowledging the people who have helped shape our sport.

I'd also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of our sponsor centres. Their continued support plays a huge part in allowing TBNZ to deliver tournaments and programmes throughout the country and we encourage everyone to continue supporting their local centres wherever possible.

The Board continues to operate without a CEO in place. While I have taken on much of the day-to-day operational workload, with support from the other Board members where required, this isn't an ideal long-term arrangement. While this has allowed TBNZ to continue operating effectively, it reduces the Board's ability to focus solely on its governance role and the strategic direction of TBNZ.

As with so many roles within our sport, the CEO position is voluntary and requires a significant commitment. We'd really love to hear from anyone who feels they may be able to contribute in this role. Having someone willing to step into this position remains a priority and it would allow the Board to return its full focus to governing and continuing to develop the sport.

Our Management Team has also continued to put in an incredible amount of work behind the scenes to keep everything running, particularly while the CEO position remains vacant. Much of what they do isn't always visible to the membership, but it certainly doesn't go unnoticed by the Board. Thank you all for the time, effort and commitment you continue to put into TBNZ.

The Board has continued to meet throughout the year and has met the requirements of the Constitution. In addition to our formal meetings, we continue to keep in regular contact via email and online meetings as required to ensure matters are dealt with promptly as they arise.

This year also sees Fred Housham stepping down from the Board. Fred has given a great deal of his time to TBNZ and we'd like to sincerely thank him for his contribution and wish him all the very best for the future.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow Board members, our Management Team, tournament organisers, coaches, managers, volunteers and everyone else who continues to give up their time for our sport. Tenpin Bowling New Zealand relies entirely on volunteers and we're fortunate to have so many passionate people willing to help. We'd always love to see a few more people get involved, so if you have some time to give, please don't hesitate to put your hand up.

Thank you for your continued support of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand.

Julieanne Mollet

Chair

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