

## Q44 What can the Ovens and Murray do better in terms of the sport of Lawn Bowls?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More promotion	3/20/2018 11:23 PM
2	More and better promotion of bowls	3/20/2018 11:09 PM
3	Take our sport to all clubs. Re top players visiting. Get rid of those who have been on committees for too long, changes are needed.	3/20/2018 10:39 PM
4	Have better inspection of Greens. Some are not up to scratch.	3/18/2018 4:30 PM
5	Juniors involved. Should use more clubs to play Group games, not just the same 2, Corowa Civic, Wodonga, Rutherglen. Get more clubs involved.	3/18/2018 4:20 PM
6	Run and sponsor events at the smaller clubs (less than 50 members)	3/18/2018 3:59 PM
7	Nothing, you are doing a great job	3/18/2018 3:38 PM
8	Revert back to Ladies and Men's teams`	3/18/2018 3:30 PM
9	Make sure teams do not have too far to travel even if a middle distance bowling lawn is used.	3/18/2018 3:14 PM
10	inspect greens that are deemed to be not up to standard and make a ruling on them.	3/13/2018 10:37 PM
11	More decisive leadership on relevant issues (Example: weather etc)	3/12/2018 8:29 PM
12	Saturday Pennant at 10.00am	3/12/2018 8:15 PM
13	Listen to the clubs, especially the small clubs	3/12/2018 7:51 PM
14	Check all Greens are up to scratch	3/12/2018 7:08 PM
15	Better communication prior to roll up	3/12/2018 6:37 PM
16	A difficult question in the current sporting world. This survey is a good start to gain ideas	3/7/2018 3:21 PM
17	Offer coaching clinics	3/6/2018 7:26 PM
18	Change to 21 ends with no break in play. 2 bowl Triples is good as is sets play. We need to pace it up as sticking with the current format is to slow for todays type of sports.	3/6/2018 6:08 PM
19	Are we over govern by bowls vic. can we make it more simple for smaller clubs	3/6/2018 4:35 PM
20	More promotion and look after smaller clubs better. Be more flexible in starting times if both clubs agree.	3/4/2018 12:03 PM
21	be more proactive and be seen to be doing more to support local clubs	3/3/2018 9:56 PM
22	As previously mentioned:- 1. Fix the heat rule to be consistent with the rest of the state. 2. Ensure clubs are aware midweek and weekend pennant are 'open' competitions and thus BV Rule 10 must be adhered to . (No discrimination and no 'only allowing men to play lead or second' or similar arrangements.)	3/2/2018 10:01 PM
23	I believe that the season should start later and finish later. Autumn is our best season for bowls and our finals are being finalised in the first weekend of autumn. Other Victorian associations play on both Australia Day and Labour Day. If you were to change the format to 2 bowl triples you would be able to play more ends due to a quicker game. Also being flexible with weather forecasts and make a decision early in the week I have been involved in the Albury and District the past 2 seasons and we have had a number of games commence at 10am and the decision has been made early in the week so regardless of what happens with the weather the games still go ahead at 10am	3/2/2018 8:57 AM
24	Drop to 21 ends and triples in lower grades	2/28/2018 4:11 PM
25	Pennant should be only 2 full rounds Finals should be on neutral greens,with smaller clubs having chance to host. O&m reps not needed in lower grades	2/26/2018 6:49 PM
26	Assist small club	2/25/2018 11:48 PM
27	Drop back to 21 ends and get rid of stopping for afternoon Tea	2/25/2018 4:46 PM

28	Fine tune the heat policy. Play same rules for finals as fixture games I.e 60/45/30 rule.	2/25/2018 4:40 PM
29	ladies only in a1 side Tuesday pennant	2/25/2018 1:30 PM
30	Promote some of the clubs in the North East with the big games i. e Open Vic games, State Games especially if their greens are of good standard.	2/24/2018 7:23 PM
31	Committed to stand and make strong decisions	2/23/2018 2:06 PM
32	regular inspection of greens with the aim of having good greens at all clubs	2/23/2018 1:50 PM
33	call off games when extreme heat is predicted the day before like the rest of the state do	2/22/2018 11:16 AM
34	Focus on youth by partnering with a Sponsor/s to conduct school programmes.	2/21/2018 9:08 PM
35	make sure all state games are on the best greens available	2/21/2018 3:30 PM
36	Maybe the association could consider a men's only pennant competition. Possibly during the idea of another pennant competition from April/May as mentioned earlier in the survey.	2/21/2018 1:23 PM
37	Fairer rules for inclement weather	2/21/2018 1:04 PM
38	play on grass	2/21/2018 12:06 PM
39	listen to the clubs and be open to change	2/21/2018 8:32 AM
40	Operate an effective Facebook page.	2/20/2018 8:05 PM
41	Publish results in local press. Also supply more news items.	2/20/2018 4:19 PM
42	Games for Years 7 to 12 in schools	2/20/2018 3:46 PM
43	Oversee the control of the quality of grass greens by the clubs	2/20/2018 1:58 AM
44	N/A	2/19/2018 4:36 PM
45	visit the smaller clubs	2/19/2018 4:12 PM
46	Forget grades Divisions only	2/19/2018 11:39 AM
47	A representative could visit all clubs a couple of times a year.	2/19/2018 10:50 AM
48	Incentives for new bowlers eg subsidies to set up with all the gear and uniforms.	2/19/2018 9:58 AM
49	Change the starting times due to our warm climate	2/19/2018 9:51 AM
50	We must get some form of junior bowls going.	2/18/2018 8:59 PM
51	Each club should have the chance to host finals	2/18/2018 8:21 PM
52	keep going like you are now	2/18/2018 8:01 PM
53	Encourage the development of more qualified umpires.	2/18/2018 1:57 PM
54	Should only play teams in the boundaries between Hume hwy & Murray river	2/18/2018 12:49 PM
55	Advertise and publicise	2/18/2018 12:28 PM
56	Better coverage of bowls in Border Mail.albury bowls gets more coverage.	2/18/2018 10:09 AM
57	promote changes which encourage the recruitment of new bowlers	2/18/2018 9:22 AM
58	When it is clear games will be affected by the heat/rain rule cancel all games as some clubs play to their advantage.	2/17/2018 10:01 PM
59	Promote the game more	2/17/2018 10:59 AM
60	make sure that the greens at each club are up to standard	2/17/2018 9:47 AM
61	Promoting the game more (newspaper write ups, WIN news etc.)	2/16/2018 10:30 AM
62	????????????????????	2/15/2018 10:40 PM
63	Ovens and Murray should Promote our Area Better	2/15/2018 10:12 PM
64	If you finish on top have a home final	2/15/2018 9:55 PM
65	Provide etiquette training for all clubs	2/15/2018 3:37 PM
66	listen to the clubs and have open discussion/ voting before making changes.	2/15/2018 3:04 PM
67	Junior development. Coaching at club and elite levels. Club administration support. Greens development.	2/15/2018 2:58 PM
68	Monitor A grade Saturday bowlers playing B grade midweek pennant so unfair to small clubs.	2/14/2018 7:21 PM

69	More promotion bowls	2/14/2018 3:11 PM
70	Cancel bowls if heat is predicted early in the week for a real hot day	2/14/2018 12:37 PM
71	Improve consistency regarding the heat rule by using the Bureau of Meteorology temperature instead of an archaic thermometer in a box. The BOM is updated every 10 minutes.	2/13/2018 8:49 PM
72	Support Clubs who are applying for grants to improve facilities	2/13/2018 8:18 PM
73	More surveys to give both clubs and members more involvement in the Regions decisions.	2/13/2018 8:11 PM
74	television promotion	2/13/2018 6:55 PM
75	There needs to be a turnover of members of committees and board. Anyone can stay too long in a role and become complacent or resistant to change. Communication and openness is improving but I think there is still a way to go.	2/13/2018 6:45 PM
76	Play the same rules as rest of state. eg Play full number of ends. 100 for 16 players 75 for 12 players.	2/13/2018 5:53 PM
77	Bowls were better when under separate umbrella's	2/13/2018 5:16 PM
78	Get down off your high horse and listen to the smaller country clubs more often.	2/13/2018 4:55 PM
79	See below.	2/13/2018 4:21 PM
80	REDUCE COSTS FOR SMALL COUNTRY CLUBS WITH FEWER MEMBERS COMPARED TO THE LARGE CLUBS WHICH ARE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR GREENS AND CLUB ROOMS AND PROVIDE VOLUNTARY HELP MORE EASILY FROM THEIR EXTENSIVE MEMBERSHIPS.	2/13/2018 3:41 PM
81	Reduce pennant to 21 ends for both midweek and weekend	2/13/2018 3:29 PM
82	14 weeks per year is a short season. A smaller secondary season may get other players involved especially if out of hottest months.	2/13/2018 12:29 PM
83	Assist struggling clubs. More media coverage in local area. (Television,radio, bill boards.) May need media guru. Find sponsorship for our region (state champions,rep sides) to assist in travell and accommodation expenses.	2/13/2018 9:28 AM
84	Revert back to single gender pennant	2/12/2018 7:37 PM
85	Play State events at different venues	2/12/2018 7:02 PM
86	Organise district coaching clinics with visiting coaches	2/12/2018 6:24 PM
87	Revise weekend Pennant along Lines suggested	2/12/2018 6:07 PM
88	give all bowlers a chance to represent the ovens and murray not just members from the bigger clubs	2/12/2018 5:35 PM
89	?	2/12/2018 5:31 PM
90	Some clubs have very bad greens. Can O&M somehow give them advice to help them. (Swanpool)	2/12/2018 5:20 PM
91	No Comment, insufficient experience.	2/12/2018 4:25 PM
92	To promote bowls to the public and shools	2/12/2018 3:10 PM
93	Be more professional	2/12/2018 2:14 PM
94	Continue to survey it's members as our society is changing day to day. Shorten the pennant season. Offer 2 bowl triples to all B and C grade divisions	2/12/2018 2:07 PM
95	have three types of pennant. men only. ladies only. or mixed.	2/12/2018 10:44 AM
96	Promotion of the sport.	2/12/2018 10:11 AM
97	Reintroduce ladies bowls	2/12/2018 9:04 AM
98	Undercover venues	2/12/2018 8:44 AM
99	Promote men only and ladies only Pennant Offer all 3 forms of pennant, men ladies and mixed and the clubs choose which to enter	2/12/2018 8:30 AM
100	not going to bad	2/12/2018 8:13 AM
101	Encourage more younger people to play Have a mid week night pennant comp for beginner players	2/11/2018 9:13 PM
102	do more to get junior players	2/11/2018 7:55 PM

103	Introduction of more twilight/night games in divisions 1 and 2 as it's a great opportunity for clubs to make money and players from lesser grades/other clubs to watch our regions best bowlers.	2/11/2018 7:05 PM
104	GET ALL CLUBS TO USE ELECTRONIC RESULTS AS SOON AS GAME FINISHES	2/11/2018 6:43 PM
105	Select best neutral greens for finals , not always corowa civic. Travel with cars today not an issue	2/11/2018 5:43 PM
106	take group games/championship games to more venues, not keeping them at the same one or two---spread our great game around the region	2/11/2018 5:03 PM
107	Advertise for new bowlers	2/11/2018 4:39 PM
108	More rapid and efficient completion of pennant draw and avoid having all teams away and all home on given days	2/11/2018 4:12 PM
109	Not sure	2/11/2018 4:07 PM
110	Give more financial support for participants of region bowls. Uniforms should be available for purchase. Wear them with honour not have them locked up in a cupboard.	2/11/2018 3:56 PM
111	be prepared to listen to clubs and bowlers the giving of certificates to those who play in state events such as runner ups as it is an accomplishment to get ghat far	2/11/2018 3:42 PM
112	Support players financially that win through to state playoffs. Even if it is \$100 per player per event.	2/11/2018 3:05 PM
113	keep fees down and try to increase communication to members i.e.. magazine	2/11/2018 2:59 PM
114	Get a decent pennant committee which can show a duty of care to the players regarding the idiot heat rules	2/11/2018 2:14 PM
115	Promote Junior Bowlers	2/11/2018 1:34 PM
116	Haven't been involved long enough to answer this question.	2/11/2018 1:33 PM
117	Start earlier, more pennant comps matches	2/11/2018 12:36 PM
118	Promote junior bowls	2/11/2018 11:43 AM
119	Promote bowls in schools	2/11/2018 11:35 AM
120	Make the rules pertaining to both mid week and weekend pennant the same, I.E the heat rule.	2/11/2018 11:12 AM
121	Start season later it is ridiculous to finish in Feb when greens are actually at there best in March /April	2/11/2018 10:29 AM
122	Revert to single gender bowls.	2/11/2018 10:29 AM
123	Funding players who win state events, group sides, state sides and Australian sides. Support players who represent our region to attract more participation.	2/10/2018 11:24 PM
124	Promote more etiquette among players, promote more sun safe facilities (maybe an annual award). Promote more umpires to qualify. Promote bowls for beginners-stress to clubs to allow new bowlers to not have to have a club uniform until their second season or they start playing pennant.	2/10/2018 10:47 PM
125	????	2/10/2018 5:57 PM
126	Allow delegates to make decisions .	2/10/2018 5:09 PM
127	Be in charge. Not leave it up to the clubs to decide.	2/10/2018 4:40 PM
128	Fairer representation of Clubs at Group level ie Selectors need to look at all clubs not the traditional power houses	2/10/2018 10:22 AM
129	look after the smaller unrepresented clubs	2/10/2018 10:17 AM
130	Marketing/promotion of the game.	2/10/2018 9:31 AM
131	Find that magic lantern	2/10/2018 8:35 AM
132	More younger aged tournaments, e.g. under 30	2/9/2018 10:18 PM
133	Assist the smaller clubs within the region	2/9/2018 10:06 PM
134	Don't know	2/9/2018 8:06 PM
135	Introduce penalties to ensure that heat rules in pennant are properly administered by those responsible on game days.	2/9/2018 7:05 PM
136	Encourage younger bowlers	2/9/2018 6:36 PM

137	Reduce affiliation fee	2/9/2018 5:29 PM
138	Listen to smaller clubs	2/9/2018 5:17 PM
139	Better publicity/ border mail	2/9/2018 5:00 PM
140	Get more people to go into schools to get youngsters into the sport.	2/9/2018 4:13 PM
141	communication	2/9/2018 3:51 PM
142	Needs more media coverage	2/9/2018 2:40 PM
143	Play finals important events on the best greens and get up with the times	2/9/2018 1:58 PM
144	include all clubs not just one or two	2/9/2018 1:32 PM
145	Reconstruct the clubs in the league.	2/9/2018 1:26 PM
146	Assisting and attending the smaller clubs within the region	2/9/2018 12:56 PM
147	Duty of care should be thought of at all times.re temperature the day before pennant and cancel if the temperature exceeds the regulations in the O& M rules	2/9/2018 10:57 AM
148	Encourage more people to get involved.	2/9/2018 10:35 AM
149	Promotion through advertising, newspaper articles, TV coverage etc. High school promotion as a district would be a major benefit.	2/9/2018 10:02 AM
150	no club should have 2 teams in the same division	2/9/2018 9:54 AM
151	Listen to what the clubs say	2/9/2018 9:40 AM
152	Set a 5 to 10 year strategic plan in place as to how we can progress the game going forward	2/9/2018 9:20 AM
153	Promotion of Bowls.	2/9/2018 9:19 AM
154	Seriously consider men & ladies different pennant compositions on mid week & weekends Example : offer men's only & women's only pennant on a week day & weekends	2/9/2018 8:09 AM
155	Promote large bowls events in our region, in the towns and clubs that can facilitate and host premier events	2/9/2018 4:46 AM
156	Listen to all members	2/8/2018 10:56 PM
157	Promote a school based competition like pennant. May be extra curricular for after school time. e.g 5pm start and finish by 8.30pm.	2/8/2018 10:16 PM
158	Have women only pennant on Thursday and men only pennant on Saturday	2/8/2018 9:24 PM
159	Get some money out of bowls vic. for country clubs	2/8/2018 8:27 PM
160	Season Start after Christmas	2/8/2018 8:14 PM
161	transparency in decision making	2/8/2018 7:45 PM
162	More coaching clinics	2/8/2018 7:03 PM
163	Have a well known sportsperson (other than a bowler) around 30-50 yo to be a Bowls ambassador to encourage more people to take up bowls so it's not seen as a sport for older players.	2/8/2018 6:45 PM
164	More communication a Facebook page would be good.	2/8/2018 6:41 PM
165	More bet ter greens	2/8/2018 6:23 PM
166	Pick the strongest and best suited teams for O&M representative games.	2/8/2018 6:05 PM
167	Pennant needs to be reduced in ends played. Leaving home at 11am and getting home at 8 pm is too long a day.	2/8/2018 5:56 PM
168	Regular contact with members, as opposed to delegates.	2/8/2018 5:50 PM
169	Remove all bias in decision making particularly on Wet/hot days	2/8/2018 5:31 PM
170	Due to the hot summers in this region Pennant fixtures should start earlier & perhaps shorten the season,particularly in some divisions where players are older.	2/8/2018 5:19 PM
171	try and promote younger players	2/8/2018 5:16 PM
172	act on the majority of this survey	2/8/2018 5:09 PM
173	I have only ben playing in the O&M for 6 months so it is hard for me to say.	2/8/2018 4:56 PM
174	Conduct regular umpire courses including renewal of umpiring accreditation	2/8/2018 4:40 PM

175	use bom in area heat rule	2/8/2018 4:24 PM
176	play games in closer areas not 4 hours apart for travel, Meetings could be held alternately between Wodonga and Wangaratta	2/8/2018 4:07 PM
177	Continue to examine the domestic regulations in relation to changing times and to change accordingly.	2/8/2018 4:03 PM
178	Look at changing the boundaries of our area. I feel its a bit to large. Travel time is a worry when most of the players are getting on a bit. Also a few different tournaments( ie major/ minors or handicapped singles. Same players seem to win everything. Mind you don't know when they could be scheduled.	2/8/2018 4:00 PM
179	Advertising and promotions	2/8/2018 3:50 PM
180	Satisfied	2/8/2018 3:39 PM
181	Communication	2/8/2018 3:31 PM
182	Attract more younger players, despite the overall reluctance of older players	2/8/2018 3:13 PM
183	Consistent decisions not chop and change re the inclement weather this season pennant called off the the next time inclement weather left it to the clubs go off what the BOM site predicts LEAVEL PLAYING FIELD THATS ALL WE ASK NOT SOME PLAYING AND OTHERS NOT this system can no be abused as all games are off no argument	2/8/2018 3:04 PM
184	More night games	2/8/2018 2:52 PM
185	Support small clubs and their tournaments	2/8/2018 2:46 PM
186	Promote the sport better through commercial outlets ie radio, tv & newspapers in the region. Promote team orientation & fellowship (not just for older generation).	2/8/2018 2:44 PM
187	Give more consideration to the travel distance when putting clubs in a geographic division.	2/8/2018 2:34 PM
188	Promotion through TV, Radio & Newspaper	2/8/2018 2:14 PM
189	Reduce travel by setting grades 3 and below on locality.	2/8/2018 2:12 PM
190	Stand up and be stronge decision	2/8/2018 1:59 PM
191	taking group games to other area's instead of the same every year	2/8/2018 1:50 PM
192	Communication is always the key.	2/8/2018 1:48 PM
193	Provide ruling over weather extremes so that if one game is not played because of extreme weather the entire district comp is cancelled.	2/8/2018 1:47 PM
194	Cut the fees from higher bowls establishments	2/8/2018 1:45 PM
195	Promote Region events in relatively close regional locations to maximise entries before say semi finals and finals. Try to maximise publicity of the game separate to the efforts of individual Clubs. Maybe with the help of Bowls Vic attempt to promote school Pennant at least on the major towns but open to all.	2/8/2018 1:45 PM
196	Promote younger players into the game of bowls	2/8/2018 1:24 PM
197	Assist clubs to remain solvent, provide training to secretaries (especially web data entry, be more encompassing (too many clubs on the boundaries being neglected), Share around State events, Split region into four sections for State Events (Section Play), General Meetings need to be rotated between Wangaratta and Wodonga, provide access to an expert Greens panel.	2/8/2018 12:58 PM