



Croquet Victoria Council Meeting
held Monday 20 October 2025 via Zoom

1 Attendance

1.1 Present:

1.1.1 Directors:

Kate Patrick (President), Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt (Secretary/NEDCA), Claire Keating (Treasurer), Ian Potter (Member/Murray Valley), Robin Russell (Member - part meeting), Pat Smith (Member/Ballarat & District), Rita Jenkins (Member), Treesh Reeve (Bayside), Wayne Worlidge (EMCA), Janelle Morris (Geelong), Tom Lacey (Gippsland), Joan Loorham (Goldfields - part meeting), Trish Pedrotti (Goulburn Valley), Damien Kennedy (NDCA), Terry Manwaring (SEMCA), Russell Worland (SWCA), Kevin Beard (WMCMA- part meeting), Kelly Walker (Wimmera).

1.1.2 Observers:

Minn Stewart (Elsternwick).

1.2 Apologies:

Damien Hadfield (NDCA), Rachel Cousins (Wimmera), Stephen Forster (Vice-President).

2 Opening/Declaration of Interest

The President opened the meeting at 9.30 am with an Acknowledgement of Country and Respect for Indigenous Elders, past, present and emerging.

No Director declared an interest in any Agenda Items.

3 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

Council Meeting held 17 September 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record'.

<https://croquetvic.asn.au/minutes/20250917Council.pdf>

Resolved 'that the Minutes of the Croquet Victoria Council Meeting held 17 September 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record'.

4 Adoption of Financial Report:

Attached as Annex A

Resolved 'that the Financial Report be adopted'.

4.1 Business Arising from Financial Report:

The Treasurer advised that:

- a bookkeeper was now engaged
- the first payment under the Development Initiative program has been made
- Treasurer querying Greater Western Water invoices when received, previous write off of \$4,000.00
- Finance Sub-Committee policies will be reviewed and tabled at the November Council Meeting.

5 Consent Items

5.1 President's Report:

Attached as Annex B

5.2 Secretary's Report: including correspondence

Attached as Annex C

5.3 Under21 Coordinator Report:

Attached as Annex D

5.4 VCC Sub-Committee Report:

Medical equipment and defibrillator at VCC to be checked by St Johns this year 2025 and now scheduled for yearly inspections.

External First Aid Box contents to be updated.

5.5 Child Safe Sub-Committee Report:

Attached as Annex E

5.6 Constitution Review Working Group Report:

Attached as Annex F

5.7 Sub-Committee Minutes Received and Distributed:

Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee: 9 Sept 2025

Marketing & Publicity Sub-Committee: 15 Sept 2025, 1 Oct 2025.

Child Safe Sub-Committee: 7 Oct 2025

VCC Business Plan Working Group: 15 Oct 2025

Constitution Review Working Group: 14 Oct 2025

5.8 Regional Reports:

Attached as Annex G

Resolved that Consent Items be accepted.

6 Business Arising from Consent Items

6.1 President's Report:

The President advised the meeting that Croquet Victoria has accepted the invitation to participate in activities at Government House on 26 January 2026.

6.6 Constitution Review Working Group:

The meeting was requested to consider the following and provide feedback to the Constitution Review Working Group:

- should current format of monthly Council Meetings continue?
- what criteria should be used to evaluate review?

It was noted that it is a collective responsibility to adhere to the time allotted to each Agenda Item, and those submitting Agenda Items should advise of time required to deal with their submissions.

Action Directors

9.57 am Kevin Beard joins meeting.

7 General Business

7.1 Matters for Decision:

7.1.1 Golf Croquet Regionals Guidelines Amendment:

Resolved 'that Golf Croquet Regional Guidelines be amended as below:

However, if an entry's handicap changes subsequent to qualification & nomination and within **28 days** of the Croquet Victoria golf Croquet Regionals, the entry is still eligible to play in the handicap block for which they were entered'.

Action Secretary

7.1.2 Vicsport AGM Delegate:

Resolved that Kate Patrick be Croquet Victoria's Delegate to the Vicsport 2025 Annual General Meeting'.

7.1.3 Sub-Committee Nominations:

The following nominations were endorsed:

VCC Sub-Committee - Janet Dickinson (Essendon) and Chris Grant (Ringwood)
Child Safe Sub-Committee - Graham Smith (Castlemaine).

10.10 am Joan Loorham joins meeting.

7.2 Matters for Discussion:

7.2.1 Website Manager's Position:

Payment to webmaster for services rendered to be resolved. **Action Treasurer**

Candidate to be sought prior to year-end.

Action Council Nominations Sub-Committee

7.2.2 Club Survey data to be provided as a .pdf

To be distributed as excel file to Directors in confidence.

Action President

7.2.3 Temporary Player Insurance:

Clarification of who is covered by Temporary Player Insurance to be sought from V Insurance and Croquet Australia.

Action Secretary

7.2.4 Defibrillator for Rear Shed:

Resolved that a defibrillator be purchased to be sited at the rear shed at the Victorian Croquet Centre.

Action Health and Safety Sub-Committee

Resolved that free defibrillator training be offered to members who frequently attend the Victorian Croquet Centre.

Resolved that First Aid Level 1 training be offered to individuals nominated by the Tournament & Fixtures Sub-Committee and the VCC Sub-Committee.

7.2.5 Croquet Australia Event Calendar Review:

The meeting discussed the changes to the national event calendar and the progress of preparations towards hosting the 2026 Golf Croquet Gold Medal, 2026 Golf Croquet Men & Women's Championships and the 2026 Interstate Shield at the Victorian Croquet Centre and satellite clubs.

11.00 am Robin Russell leaves meeting.

11.02 am Joan Loorham leaves meeting.

7.2.6 Sub-Committee/Working Group Submissions (windfall):

Sub-Committees/Working Groups are to submit ideas for projects aligned with Current Strategic Plan purposes and not currently funded in the Budget to the Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee for consideration.

7.2.8 Child Safe Sub-Committee Terms of Reference Amendment:

Resolved to accept the amendment to the Child Safe Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

Action Secretary

8 Other Business

8.1 Other Matters:

Current stock of Croquet Rule Books held at the Victorian Croquet Centre to be forwarded to Wayne Worlidge for distribution as orders arrive. **Action Treasurer**

Requests for soil testing received from clubs who have not previously taken up the offer approved. **Action Ian Potter**

8.2 Meeting Recap:

- Council Meeting schedule evaluated
- Sub-Committee nominations endorsed
- Defibrillator to be purchased for rear shed
- Defibrillator and Level 1 First Aid training to be offered
- payment to Webmaster discussed
- clarification to be sought for Temporary Member Insurance
- preparations underway for 2026 national events being hosted in Victoria.

9 Close Meeting 11.39 am

10 Next Meetings

November	Wednesday	19	Council	Zoom
December	Monday	15	Council Face to Face at Cairnlea	
2026				
January	Wednesday	21	Council	Zoom
February	Monday	16	Council	Zoom
March	Wednesday	18	Council	Zoom
April	Monday	13	Council	Zoom
May	Wednesday	20		
June	Monday	15	Council	Zoom
July	Wednesday	15		
August	Monday	17	Council	Zoom
September	Wednesday	16		
October	Monday	19	Council	Zoom
November	Wednesday	18		
December	Monday	21	Council	Zoom

Annex A	Financial Report
Annex B	President's Report
Annex C	Secretary's Report
Annex D	Under21 Coordinator's Report
Annex E	Child Safe Sub-Committee Report
Annex F	Constitution Review Working Group Report
Annex G	Regional Reports

**Annex A to
Croquet Victoria Council Meeting Minutes
20 October 2025**

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

The following financial reports are attached:

- Summary Profit and loss for six months ended 30 September 2025 against prior year and budget
- Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2025
- JBWere Monthly report Summary September 2025

Key points to note:

The Net Operating result at the end of September is \$318,152 compared to budget of \$52,863 and \$123,003 last year. The overall result, including positive Investment market movement, is \$674,041 compared to budget of \$97,863 and \$211,934 this time last year.

Income

- a) The JB Were investment portfolio income YTD is \$338,499, compared to budget of \$127k and \$146,419 last year. As reported previously, JBWere has paid us a remediation amount of \$160,498. This is in addition to Trust Income this year being significantly higher than budget and last year.
- b) VCA Affiliation fees are \$5k below budget. There are still some final adjustments which should come through in October, including for Brimbank Club, which reduce most of this shortfall.
- c) The unrealised gain on the Investment portfolio YTD is \$355,889 continuing to be much higher than expected given market uncertainty.

Expenses

- a) MYOB and Admin support and Committees continue to be lower than budget.
- b) The first payment from the Development Initiatives Fund was made during the month to Drysdale Croquet Club.
- c) Differences in other expenses are mainly due to timing.

Balance Sheet

- d) Net Assets at 30 September were \$10,116,526 compared to \$9,490,409 at September last year. The movement in Net Assets for the six months is an increase of \$674,041.
- e) Accounts Receivable is mainly affiliation fees still outstanding.
- f) See attachment for summary pages of the JB Were portfolio at 30 September showing the value of \$6,282,247 an increase of \$673k since the end of March.
- g) GST net payable reflects GST on Affiliation fees.

Cash Outlook

The operating bank account is \$67k at month end. There is no foreseeable need to draw any amounts from the Investment portfolio in the next couple of months.

Other

The Finance sub-committee has not met since the last Finance report.

Claire Keating
Honorary Treasurer
17 October 2025

Victorian Croquet Association Inc. Profit & Loss vs Budget and Prior Year April 2025 To September 2025					
	Selected Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference	Last Year	\$ Difference
INCOME					
JBWERE	\$338,499.95	\$127,000.00	\$211,499.95	\$146,419.91	\$192,080.04
VCA AFFILIATIONS	\$92,986.35	\$98,254.55	(\$5,268.20)	\$97,795.53	(\$4,809.18)
ACA AFFILIATIONS/INSURANCE	\$106,163.66	\$106,000.00	\$163.66	\$95,498.13	\$10,665.53
MERCHANDISE/PENNANT	\$928.96	\$1,000.00	(\$71.04)	\$1,623.61	(\$694.65)
TOURNAMENTS	\$4,356.14	\$4,000.00	\$356.14	\$4,295.24	\$60.90
CATERING/BAR	\$795.80	\$800.00	(\$4.20)	\$1,014.19	(\$218.39)
PREMISES/COURTS/RENT	\$10,977.68	\$10,950.00	\$27.68	\$10,456.36	\$521.32
BEQUESTS/DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.00	(\$1,045.00)
GRANTS	\$4,577.57	\$4,400.00	\$177.57	\$19,546.78	(\$14,969.21)
Total INCOME	\$559,286.11	\$352,404.55	\$206,881.56	\$377,694.75	\$181,591.36
Gross Profit	\$559,286.11	\$352,404.55	\$206,881.56	\$377,694.75	\$181,591.36
EXPENSES					
ACA AFFILIATIONS/INSURANCE	\$108,709.09	\$106,000.00	\$2,709.09	\$97,298.18	\$11,410.91
ADMINISTRATION VCA	\$16,938.80	\$24,914.00	(\$7,975.20)	\$19,661.71	(\$2,722.91)
COMMITTEES	\$2,753.09	\$13,400.00	(\$10,646.91)	\$1,804.84	\$948.25
COUNCIL/COM travel	\$1,152.77	\$1,100.00	\$52.77	\$1,063.16	\$89.61
GRANTS	\$7,839.06	\$4,000.00	\$3,839.06	\$23,574.96	(\$15,735.90)
UNDER 21S SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,059.04	\$1,500.00	(\$440.96)	\$872.82	\$186.22
TOURNAMENTS	\$3,804.79	\$2,200.00	\$1,604.79	\$3,867.26	(\$62.47)
MERCHANDISE/PENNANT	\$1,249.80	\$1,900.00	(\$650.20)	\$3,217.55	(\$1,967.75)
VCC BUILDING	\$69,932.87	\$101,286.00	(\$31,353.13)	\$79,052.49	(\$9,119.62)
CATERING/BAR	\$205.91	\$1,600.00	(\$1,394.09)	\$305.77	(\$99.86)
VCC COURTS	\$20,488.61	\$33,050.00	(\$12,561.39)	\$16,427.07	\$4,061.54
STATE TEAMS G & A	\$7,000.00	\$8,590.91	(\$1,590.91)	\$7,545.46	(\$545.46)
Total EXPENSES	\$241,133.83	\$299,540.91	(\$58,407.08)	\$254,691.27	(\$13,557.44)
Operating Profit	\$318,152.28	\$52,863.64	\$265,288.64	\$123,003.48	\$195,148.80
OTHER INCOME					
Realised fair value gains(losses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,841.41	(\$1,841.41)
Unrealised fair value gains(losses)	\$355,889.18	\$45,000.00	\$310,889.18	\$87,089.39	\$268,799.79
Total OTHER INCOME	\$355,889.18	\$45,000.00	\$310,889.18	\$88,930.80	\$266,958.38
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$674,041.46	\$97,863.64	\$576,177.82	\$211,934.28	\$462,107.18

Balance Sheet

As of September 2025

ABN: 91 903 271 264

Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Bendigo	\$66,903.91	
Bendigo - Grants Account	\$10,034.91	
Holding	-\$587.25	
Total Bank Accounts	\$76,351.57	
Petty Cash Float	\$100.00	
Total Current Assets		\$76,451.57
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	\$14,736.48	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$14,736.48
JBWERE - Investment A/c		\$6,282,247.34
Fixed Assets		
Cairnlea - Land and site works at cost		
Building at cost	\$1,980,368.00	
Accumulated depreciation	\$3,331,836.00	
Plant & Equipment	-\$1,600,157.00	
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment	\$225,708.58	
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$174,323.98	
Total Plant & Equipment	\$51,384.60	
Total Fixed Assets		\$3,763,431.60
Total Assets		\$10,136,866.99
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$4,394.00	
Total Current Liabilities		\$4,394.00
Tax Payable		
GST Collected	\$20,984.10	
GST Paid	-\$15,072.63	
Total Tax Payable		\$5,911.47
Grant Liabilities		
Grants Received in Advance	\$10,034.91	
Total Grant Liabilities		\$10,034.91
Total Liabilities		\$20,340.38
Net Assets		\$10,116,526.61
Equity		
Reserves		
General Reserve	\$7,703,572.44	
Asset Revaluation Reserve	\$967,044.58	
Retained Earnings	\$724,004.05	
Current Earnings	\$674,041.46	
Special Funds		\$47,864.08
Total Equity		\$10,116,526.61

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Portfolio valuation

As at 30 Sep 2025

Net portfolio value \$6,282,247.34

Asset		Quantity	Avg unit cost \$	Actual cost \$	Unit price \$	Market value \$	Portfolio weight %	Gain/loss \$	Est income ^(a) \$	Est yield ^(b) %
Cash										
JBWCA	JBWere Cash Account	456,481.39	1.00	456,481.39	1.00	456,481.39	7.27%	-	15,292.13	3.35%
Totals				456,481.39		456,481.39	7.27%	-	15,292.13	3.35%
Credit										
+ALD0327A	Ampol Ltd Subordinated bonds FRN 3MBBSW+3.4% Callable 19/03/2027 Matures 2/12/2081	100,000	1.0358	103,585.00	1.0277	102,766.20	1.64%	-818.80	7,142.25	6.95%
+BOQ0726A	Bank of Queensland Ltd Subordinated bonds FRN 3MBBSW+1.6% Callable 29/07/2026 Matures 29/07/2031	100,000	1.0041	100,411.00	1.0139	101,387.70	1.61%	976.70	5,373.55	5.3%
+HNZ1030A	ANZ Holdings New Zealand Ltd FRN 3MBBSW+2.95% Callable 18/10/2030 Matures 18/10/2030	100,000	1.0512	105,117.00	1.0701	107,014.60	1.7%	1,897.60	7,095.07	6.63%
+MBL0230A	Macquarie Bank Ltd FRN 3MBBSW+1.85% Callable 20/02/2030 Matures 20/02/2035	100,000	1.0217	102,168.00	1.024	102,400.90	1.63%	232.90	5,550.13	5.42%
+NAB1131A	National Australia Bank Ltd Subordinated bonds FRN	100,000	1.0297	102,965.33	1.0209	102,090.00	1.63%	-875.33	5,727.25	5.61%
+QBE1028A	QBE Insurance Group Ltd FRN 3MBBSW+2.55% Callable 26/10/2028 Matures 26/10/2038	100,000	1.0155	101,549.00	1.0451	104,513.50	1.66%	2,964.50	6,532.09	6.25%
ETL0019AU	PIMCO GLOBAL CREDIT W	264,489.1571	0.9894	261,689.53	0.9121	241,240.56	3.84%	-20,448.97	11,555.42	4.79%
HOW0052AU	KAPSTREAM ABSOLUTE RETURN INCOME	227,608.2593	1.1903	270,930.65	1.1864	270,034.44	4.3%	-896.21	12,934.65	4.79%
IOF0046AU	JANUS HENDERSON AUSTRALIAN FXD INTST	258,095.3384	1.016	262,236.21	1.0006	258,250.20	4.11%	-3,986.01	12,370.18	4.79%
SUBD	VANECK AUSTRALIAN SUBORDINATED DEBT ETF	16,140	24.8998	401,882.40	25.32	408,664.80	6.51%	6,782.40	23,334.76	5.71%
Totals				1,812,534.12		1,798,362.90	28.63%	-14,171.22	97,615.35	5.43%
Equity - Domestic										
AMC	AMCOR PLC CDI 1:1 FOREIGN EXEMPT NYSE	4,620	15.99	73,873.80	12.29	56,779.80	0.9%	-17,094.00	3,707.72	6.53%
APA	APA GROUP FULLY PAID UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	5,430	9.2454	50,202.54	8.88	48,218.40	0.77%	-1,984.14	3,167.95	6.57%
ARG	ARGO INVESTMENTS LIMITED FPO	10,056	6.7512	67,889.79	9.31	93,621.36	1.49%	25,731.57	3,314.20	3.54%
BFL0004AU	BENNELONG EX-20 AUSTRALIAN EQUITIES	62,082.1394	2.094	130,000.00	2.3831	147,947.95	2.36%	17,947.95	6,642.86	4.49%
BHP	BHP GROUP LIMITED FPO	3,310	17.4187	57,656.06	42.53	140,774.30	2.24%	83,118.24	5,419.81	3.85%
BXB	BRAMBLES LIMITED FPO	3,230	10.38	33,527.40	24.80	80,104.00	1.28%	46,576.60	2,258.93	2.82%
CBA	COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. FPO	840	38.64	32,457.60	166.90	140,196.00	2.23%	107,738.40	4,247.94	3.03%
COL	COLES GROUP LIMITED. FPO	2,840	17.56	49,870.40	23.29	66,143.60	1.05%	16,273.20	2,295.18	3.47%
CSL	CSL LIMITED FPO	384	283.7748	108,969.54	198.20	76,108.80	1.21%	-32,860.74	1,849.44	2.43%

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Victorian Croquet Association Inc - PMA

Portfolio valuation

As at 30 Sep 2025

Net portfolio value \$6,282,247.34 continued

Asset		Quantity	Avg unit cost \$	Actual cost \$	Unit price \$	Market value \$	Portfolio weight %	Gain/loss \$	Est income ^(a) \$	Est yield ^(b) %
Equity - Domestic										
HOW0020AU	WAVESTONE AUSTRALIAN SHARE	111,351.6857	1.6151	179,842.12	2.837	315,904.73	5.03%	136,062.61	14,184.12	4.49%
IAG	INSURANCE AUSTRALIA GROUP LIMITED FPO	7,420	5.24	38,880.80	8.20	60,844.00	0.97%	21,963.20	2,391.17	3.93%
MQG	MACQUARIE GROUP LIMITED FPO	500	89.13	44,565.00	219.33	109,665.00	1.75%	65,100.00	3,717.64	3.39%
NAB	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED FPO	2,740	21.9148	60,046.42	44.15	120,971.00	1.93%	60,924.58	4,717.87	3.9%
RGN	REGION GROUP FULLY PAID UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	25,450	1.4396	36,638.93	2.39	60,825.50	0.97%	24,186.57	3,637.36	5.98%
RIO	RIO TINTO LIMITED FPO	870	28.29	24,612.30	122.03	106,166.10	1.69%	81,553.80	4,745.62	4.47%
RMD	RESMED INC CDI 10:1 FOREIGN EXEMPT NYSE	1,720	29.20	50,224.00	41.03	70,571.60	1.12%	20,347.60	663.37	0.94%
TCL	TRANSURBAN GROUP FULLY PAID ORDINARY/UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	7,870	11.5539	90,929.07	13.80	108,606.00	1.73%	17,676.93	5,506.32	5.07%
TLS	TELSTRA GROUP LIMITED FPO	14,250	3.4615	49,326.92	4.82	68,685.00	1.09%	19,358.08	2,877.90	4.19%
WBC	WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION FPO	3,940	16.8645	66,446.05	38.97	153,541.80	2.44%	87,095.75	6,157.03	4.01%
WDS	WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD FPO	598	29.76	17,796.48	23.03	13,771.94	0.22%	-4,024.54	667.94	4.85%
WES	WESFARMERS LIMITED FPO	1,450	11.9919	17,388.31	92.02	133,429.00	2.12%	116,040.69	3,455.81	2.59%
Totals				1,281,143.53		2,172,875.88	34.59%	891,732.35	85,626.18	3.94%
Equity - International										
IHVV	ISHARES S&P 500 AUD HEDGED ETF	7,020	38.3974	269,550.00	60.69	426,043.80	6.78%	156,493.80	3,493.56	0.82%
MAQ0464AU	ARROWSTREET GLOBAL EQUITY FUND	245,280.7567	1.28	313,963.07	1.5995	392,326.57	6.25%	78,363.50	7,297.27	1.86%
MAQ0557AU	WALTER SCOTT GLOBAL EQUITY HEDGED	316,609.5028	1.0079	319,105.43	0.9949	314,994.79	5.01%	-4,110.64	5,858.90	1.86%
MAQ8746AU	IFP GLOBAL FRANCHISE II (H) (WHOLSL) W	133,440.9926	1.3574	181,128.02	1.4426	192,501.98	3.06%	11,373.96	3,580.54	1.86%
PLA0002AU	PLATINUM INTERNATIONAL FUND	0.04	1.25	0.05	2.00	0.08	-	0.03	-	1.86%
VAN0003AU	VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL SHARES INDEX	128,478.54	1.8218	234,062.68	4.0741	523,434.42	8.33%	289,371.74	9,735.88	1.86%
Totals				1,317,809.25		1,849,301.64	29.43%	531,492.39	29,966.15	1.62%
Portfolio totals				4,867,968.29		6,277,021.81	99.92%	1,409,053.52	228,499.81	3.64%
Income declared but not paid				5,225.53		5,225.53	0.08%			
Net portfolio totals				4,873,193.82		6,282,247.34	100%	1,409,053.52	228,499.81	3.64%

(a) Estimated income

This estimation is based on historical returns and should not be regarded as an accurate indication of future earnings.

(b) Estimated yield percentage

The estimated yield is the estimated income as a percentage of the market value.

President's report

BACKGROUND

Under the by-laws, the president is required to represent and promote mallet sports in all its forms throughout Victoria, to chair meetings of Council and CoM, and to attend meetings of sub-committees and working groups *ex officio*. Under the Constitution, the Committee of Management reports to Council via the President, but for the time being the Committee of Management is not meeting.

UPDATE

1. Promoting and representing mallet sports

Since my last formal report in August, I have

- Attended Vicsport's monthly state sport information briefings
- Continued to press for useful information from the government GamePlan governance site. This is now being carried forward for us by our contact at Sport and Recreation Victoria.
- Attended the Ballarat DCA Regional Season Opening at Ballarat, the Brighton CC Season Opening at Brighton, and the Carnival of Croquet at VCC

2. Governance

Supported the Nominations Sub-Committee in encouraging members to stand for vacant positions. This is a continuing issue which still needs involvement from all Directors.

Liaised with the recently appointed Coordinators for AC Refereeing and for Coaching.

3. Liaising with Croquet Australia and other states

I continue to attend the Presidents' meetings. Following the retirement of Sue Gliddon as CEO, a new Managing Director Chris Bannerman will be meeting with us.

4. Attendance at meetings

Since the June meeting of Council I have attended the following meetings *ex officio*: Ad hoc GC Regionals meeting; VCC Business Plan (2), VCC subcommittee (1), the Game Plan group (3), Marketing and Publicity (3, including a Zoom meeting with Alison Maugham of Croquet England), Tournaments and Fixtures (2), the Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee (1), the Child Safe Sub-Committee (1), and Health and Safety (1). Kevin Beard attended the AC Selectors Subcommittee on my behalf.

Matters discussed at these meetings include:

Development of new initiatives

- Initiatives which might be supported by Croquet Victoria's recent windfall: possibly a defibrillator and wheelchair for the VCC; equipment and training to support live streaming; recognition of the work done by the webmaster around the move to RevSport
- Achieving access and equity in relation to Council membership
- Process for developing Croquet Victoria's next Strategic Plan
- Preparing for the Interstate Shield to be held in Melbourne in 2026

Business as usual

- Maintenance and safety requirements at the Victorian Croquet Centre
- Challenges in working to the Government Child Safe Standards
- Assessing progress against the indicators in our Together More Active plan

I also met with the Webmaster to discuss (a) requirements for appointing a successor in his position and (b) impending issues in the implementation of RevSport.

Kate Patrick
12 October 2025

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Croquet Victoria Membership

3038 (11 October 2025)

Tournaments Awaiting Results

Four Association Croquet Tournaments await results.

Director Training

Four Directors yet to complete Bullying & Harassment online module.

Seven Alternate Directors yet to complete Bullying & Harassment online module.

Three Directors yet to complete a Governance module (The Start Line or Step-In Step-Up).

Six Alternate Directors yet to complete Governance online module.

A5 Version of Golf Croquet Rules

71 remaining.

Regional Reports to Council 2025/2026 - yearly report to be included in Annual Report

15 December 2025	GVCA, NDCA, Murray Valley
16 February 2026	WMCMA
20 April 2026	SEMCA, NEDCA, Gippsland, SWCA
17 August 2026	EMCVA, Bayside
19 October 2026	Ballarat, Geelong, Goldfields, Wimmera
14 December 2026	GVCA, NDCA, Murray Valley



Secretary

Correspondence October Council Meeting	
In - Email	
5 Sept 2025	Australian Sports Commission - Club Diagnostic Launch
18 Sept 2025	Croquet Australia - seeking nominations to Hall of Fame
29 Sept 2025	Croquet Australia - appointment of General Manager
	Croquet Australia - Events Calendar Review
30 Sept 2025	Drysdale Croquet Club - Development Initiative invoices
1 Oct 2025	SRV - request for TMA activities progress report
2 Oct 2025	Bayside - advice of new Executive and Bayside's President's Report
6 Oct 2025	Sec Cc'd - SRV - response to Game Plan anomalies and program design
9 Oct 2025	Croquet Australia GM - update regarding 2026 Under21 at Sandy Bay
Various	VCC utility invoices, Vicsport eBulletins, Croquet Australia event flyers/position vacancies/newsletter, Gateball emails, Sub-Committee Nominations, queries about Development Initiative, follow up emails to Development Initiative submissions, A5 Golf Croquet Rule Book orders.
Out Email	
11 Sept 2025	Sec Cc'd - Croquet Australia Administrator - revSport onboarding summary
	Croquet Australia - Croquet Victoria Webmaster Job Description for possible Shared Service arrangement
30 Sept 2025	Australian Sports Commission - Game Plan anomalies
2 Oct 2025	Strathbogie Shire Sports Strategy - supporting Goulburn Valley responses
4 Oct 2025	Sec Cc'd - Under21 players in Victoria- advise of changes to national event schedule and flow on to state scheduling of Under 21 events
6 Oct 2025	Sec Cc'd - Under21's - impact of changes to Under21 - other state contacts
	Sec Cc'd - Croquet Australia Chair - impact of changes to Under21 national event.
Various	distribution of eBulletins, distribution of national event flyers, requests for information from regions and clubs to migrate to revSport.

Under 21 Coordinator report

BACKGROUND

The task of the State Coordinator of Under 21 Croquet is to create and deliver a state program aimed at people under the age of 21 that will encourage, nurture and develop players in the sport of croquet. This paper provides a brief update on events since my last report.

UPDATE

1. Current Under 21 membership and support

Currently fourteen affiliated members from nine clubs have been registered as aged under 21, plus there is at least one affiliated junior who has not been registered as under 21.

According to this year's annual club survey, clubs in every region are engaging with schools. Thirty-one clubs reported that they were definitely running a schools program this year, and thirteen said they plan to do so. The Child Safe sub-committee plans to contact these clubs and check how they are going.

2. Coaching activity

On the first Saturday of the September holidays, all our under 21 players were invited to participate in a Croquet Day Out at the Victorian Croquet Centre. The number registering was low. In the end three 17 year old members participated, from three widely dispersed clubs. They played doubles with some more experienced players and singles against each other. Many thanks to all the players who contributed to this. Despite the low numbers it was a positive and enjoyable event.

3. National events

There have recently been some changes in the suite of national Under 21 events as from January 2026. Some of the changes that were initially announced have now been modified following feedback from Croquet Victoria members and their parents. The upshot is that:

- Croquet Australia has suspended the national Under 21 Gold and Silver Medal competition, which means that state Bronze competitions will no longer be required. Croquet Victoria's Bronze will be re-badged as a State Under 21 Singles Championship.
- The national Under 21 Doubles will run if there are sufficient entries. I have advised families of this.
- The dates of the national Under 21 events next January have been amended to fit within the window of the previously advertised Under 21 Singles. This means that families that have already booked travel and accommodation will not need to change their bookings.

4. Victorian Under 21 Championship, Saturday/Sunday 6/7 December

I hope that this will attract enough participants to warrant a two-day event. If not we may organise some additional activities on the Sunday, and invite non-members to participate.

5. Support for Under 21 Coordinator

I would particularly like to thank Graham Smith who has been actively contacting clubs and families and providing support for juniors.

Kate Patrick
11 October 2025

**Annex E to
Croquet Victoria Council Meeting Minutes
20 October 2025**

REPORT – Child Safe Sub Committee – From Russell Worland

The Sub Committee convened on October 7th and would advise as follows;

1. The Convenor (pro tem) is Kate Patrick. This will be reviewed early in 2026
2. The Secretary is Russell Worland
3. The Terms of Reference of the Child Safe Sub Committee (CSSC) were reviewed. Council last approved the Terms of Reference in early 2025. The Sub Committee seeks amendment as follows being the inclusion of a new clause being Clause 11 requiring that the CSSC report to Council after each meeting of the CSSC
4. The Terms of Reference set the minimum membership of the CSSC at 4 persons. Current membership is 3 persons (Kate Patrick, Joan Loorham, Russell Worland). Graham Smith is to be invited to nominate to the Sub Committee
5. The work program of the CSSC is to be developed over October and November with consultation to be discussed with the Secretary CV and details to be furnished to the December meeting of Council.



**Annex F to
Croquet Victoria Council Meeting Minutes
20 October 2025**

**Constitution Review Working Group - Update on Progress
October 2025**

1. The Structural Experiment

At its meeting on 24 February 2025, the Working Group (WG) considered that an experimental organisational reform might be implemented before embarking on any work to amend the constitution. The idea is:

- Council meetings to be held monthly
- Committee of Management meetings suspended

This would enable Council members to directly assess how Croquet Victoria (CV) might operate without a Committee of Management, while not requiring any formal changes to the constitution. After a period (say, six months), the WG could solicit feedback, assess, and develop possible constitutional changes for Council review.

The experiment is designed to determine whether abolition of the Committee of Management, with monthly meetings of the Council, would be an effective solution for the primary constitutional and governance issues identified by the WG and endorsed by Council: inefficiency because of overlap / duplication and the disempowering of Council, which is, constitutionally, the prime decision making body of CV.

The concept was reviewed by the March meeting of the Committee of Management and the April meeting of Council. It is currently being implemented.

The WG is now of the view that a review should be undertaken in the next quarter, once another CoM / Council cycle is completed, and requests that Directors:

- (a) Reflect on how the experimental structure is working in order to provide considered feedback when the review is undertaken
- (b) Consider what criteria should be used for evaluation in the review and send any thoughts through to the WG

2. Other Working Groupm Activities

The WG has been considering the Charter and Code of Conduct and has concluded that further work on the Charter should only be undertaken once the two key structural issues are resolved ie CoM / Council and Federation of Regions vs Federation of Clubs.

There are currently two different Codes of Conduct in Croquet Australia (CA) documentation. The WG intends to clarify whether the objective of CA is to have a single Code of Coduct, if so which one, and whether CV should develop its own Code or adopt the CA Code of Conduct.

Once the CoM / Council review is completed work will focus on the Regions / Clubs issue.

Treesh Reeve, Convenor

**Annex G to
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Minutes 20 October 2025**

Wimmera Region Report October 2025

The Wimmera has now been reduced to just 2 clubs, Dimboola and Horsham with Casterton now just playing social croquet amongst themselves. I believe the two younger competitive players have moved to Portland.

Wimmera continues to hold annual singles and doubles championships, and the pennant season is currently underway, 4 teams from Horsham and one from Dimboola. There is also an Autumn mixed competition held from April to May which is more of a social event. Teams are a combination of Horsham and Dimboola players.

This year Charles Rees stood down as president with Rachel Cousins elected as the incoming president. Donna Frost remains secretary and Robyn Goodwin as Treasurer.

Both Wimmera, Dimboola and Horsham joined the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly this year, it is a non for profit organisation dedicated to supporting the growth, development and promotion of sport and recreation at the grassroots level in the Wimmera region. They have been helpful in advertising the Horsham Come and Try day held during seniors week, help with self-reporting tax, and have interesting workshops. The Horsham club secretary attended the Child safety session held at the end of September.

Dimboola

Dimboola Croquet Club had 26 players at the beginning of the year but has lost 7 players (5 to relocating and 2 passing) at the time of report there are 19 players.

The code played is Golf Croquet.

There are no junior players.

The club is in reasonable financial condition.

The court has been scarified and is in reasonable condition. Maintenance is left to one member (volunteer). The club participated in the soil testing which was on offer and have implemented recommended treatment.

The club has a good relationship with the council, paying no rates.

5 members participated in the TMA workshop run in Horsham and thoroughly enjoyed it

Horsham Croquet Club October 2025'

This year the club was saddened at the passing of Betty Etherton and Iris Williams and Kevin Geyer who had all been great contributors to croquet, and active in maintaining the club in Horsham.

Horsham currently has 50 members, plus 2 non-playing social members, currently there are no junior players but during third term we do have school children visit as part of their sports program. The Child safety officer has made good inroads into ensuring we respond to the Child safety Standards, some areas to work on but good progress to date/.

This year three members were awarded life memberships, Donna Frost, Lyn Creasey and Jenny Pipkorn who have all contributed greatly to the club. A certificate of appreciation was also given to past member Ella Lister and was celebrated with a lovely afternoon tea and presentation.

Horsham have a core group of members who travel to outside tournaments with some success and enjoy attending them.

Members also had the chance to participate in the TMA workshop which was thoroughly enjoyed with noticeable improvement to play. Many thanks to Maurice and Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt. The club continues to hold practice sessions with drills one Wednesday every month.

The Horsham tournament will be held at the end of October and again filled up very quickly, it is 3 days with doubles, singles and high/low doubles.

Horsham holds 3 regular play days (Golf Croquet), with one day for social play and the other 2 which count towards club aggregate. Alternating every week between level play and handicapped play

The club participates in pennant at this time of year against Dimboola, and a friendly mixed competition in Autumn with Dimboola players

The club is in a good financial position. This year we received a grant from Horsham Sports and community centre that is allowing installation of a sprinkler system on a small patch of lawn between car park and courts lawn to make things easier for members.

Our courts are manged by members and we have regular assessments of our courts by agronomists and they have reported that the courts are in good condition. We have 4 courts but during the tournament we expand and are able to use the tennis courts for 4 extra courts.

The club is situated on crown land, currently we don't have a lease so are limited in regards pursuing upgrades like ensuring toilets are accessible to wheelchairs etc. the council has done some repair work for us, on the building and garden beds.

During the Christmas period we generally have 2 to 3 work groups use the facilities for xmas functions, Horsham provides the equipment and members are there to guide them through how to play, this hopefully broadens the amount of people that are aware of croquet.

The club continues to hold a Come and try day during seniors week, this year advertising supported by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly.

Rachel Cousins

Director

Wimmera Region



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GCA Report to Croquet Victoria Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 20/10/25 by Zoom

The Geelong Croquet Association covers five clubs - Belmont, Colac, Drysdale, Eastern Park and Queenscliff totalling 255 members - this is approximately 10% increase to last year and not including the 25 unaffiliated QCC Social Members.

Most members play Golf Croquet with a small percentage of Belmont, Eastern Park and Colac members playing Association Croquet. As per last year, there is currently no active promotion to raise awareness or participation by any club. Adding to the mix, unfortunately Ricochet is losing interest with last social play day actually being cancelled.

The most popular regional events are the GC Social Days - they are well patronised and supported, to the point where local members cannot enter, although member numbers are slowly increasing for competitive play. As referenced earlier, with the increase in club membership and encouragement, this has had a flow-on to increased tournament participation by members - a positive sign for the balance between competitive and social play.

All clubs are active in social media - some more than others. Currently clubs promoting 'Come and Try' Days during the Seniors Festival Month which has a positive effect raising croquet as a sport but effort is still required by some clubs to raise brand awareness within younger demographics.

The region is gearing up to the AC Open to be held on Melbourne Cup Weekend, 1-4/11/25 at Belmont and Eastern Park.

There are still insufficient referees for the area especially for Golf Croquet. Belmont does not have a GC Accredited Coach, however Colin Menzies (Drysdale and Queenscliff member), is making an impact with his Coaching Sessions at Drysdale and Queenscliff, as evidenced in tournament placegetters.

Thank you to Croquet Victoria for the providing soil testing of the lawns and the good advice and decision offered by the Soil Testers to improve and/or maintain the lawns. The Shire of Colac Otway assisted Colac with their lawns which are still having ongoing issues.

Croquet Victoria Heritage Badges were presented to all clubs and region recipients: -
Belmont - Robert Shinnars; Colac - Ruth Crabbe; Eastern Park - Carmel Terrington;
Queenscliff - Ann Drayton; GCA - Eileen Gough

Belmont requested and was offered by CV a TMA GC Novice Workshop - 3rd Session to be completed on 12-13/11/25 - this workshop was opened to the region and was well attended and received. Special thanks to Kevin Beard and supporting coaches. Eastern Park intend to schedule their TMA AC Development Workshop later in the year.

Colac has received grants from business and community service organisations which have provided them with health and sporting equipment. Drysdale were successful in obtaining funds through the CV Development Initiative Fund.

Life Memberships for 2025-26 were presented by their clubs to Gillian Horvath (Drysdale) and Tony Pye (Eastern Park).

Like most clubs motivating members to take an active role in how their club is run, is an on-going challenge. We are currently looking for a CV Alternate Director.

Janelle Morris
GCA Regional Director
20/10/25