



Minutes of Croquet Victoria Council Meeting
held Monday 15 December 2025 at Victorian Croquet Centre

1 Attendance

1.1 Present:

1.1.1 Directors:

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

1.1.2 Observers:

Minn Stewart (Elsternwick), Ross Midgley (Ivanhoe Park), Lorraine Powell (Mildura), Johnny Powell (Mildura), Maurice Ceva-al-Hewitt (Twin City).

1.2 Apologies:

Tom Lacey (Gippsland), Damien Hadfield (NDCA), Terry Manwaring (SEMCA), Rachel Cousins (Wimmera), Stephen Forster (Vice-President).

2 Opening/Declaration of Interest

The President opened the meeting at 10.30 am, acknowledging the traditional owners of land on which we meet today and paying her respects to elders past, present and emerging.

The meeting offered their condolences to Vice-President, Stephen Forster, on the death of his mother who was a strong advocate of our sport.

The Treasurer, Claire Keating, abstained from involvement in this Agenda Item 7.3.2.

3 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Council Meeting held 19 November 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record'.

<https://croquetvic.asn.au/minutes/20251119Council.pdf>

Resolved that the Minutes of the Croquet Victoria Council Meeting held 19 November 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

3.1 Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Item 6.4: The President reported that the Council Nominations Sub-Committee was communicating with a member who is in the process of securing an ABN prior to undertaking the role of Croquet Victoria Webmaster.

4 Adoption of Financial Report

Attached as Annex A

Resolved that Financial Report be adopted.

4.1 Business Arising from Financial Report:

The Treasurer spoke to the Financial Report noting that the Financial Delegation Authority Policy (listed as Agenda Item 7.1.1) will be presented to the February 2026 Council Meeting.

The 2026-2027 Draft Budget which will be tabled at the March 2026 Council Meeting for adoption.

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 State Coordinator or Ricochet Report:

Attached as Annex D

5.4 State Coordinator of Golf Croquet Handicapping Report:

Attached as Annex E

5.5 State Coordinator Under21 Report:

Attached as Annex F

5.6 Council Nominations Sub-Committee Report:

Attached as Annex G

- 5.7 **Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee Report:** Attached as Annex H
- 5.8 **Health & Safety Sub-Committee Report:** Attached as Annex I
- 5.9 **VCC Sub-Committee Report:** Attached as Annex J
- 5.10 **Sub-Committee Minutes Received and Distributed:**
- Child Safe Sub-Committee:** 13 November 2025
 - Marketing & Publicity Sub-Committee:** 9 November 2025, 3 December 2025
 - Health & Safety Sub-Committee:** 26 November 2025
 - Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee:** 4 November 2025
 - Council Nominations Sub-Committee:** 20 November 2025
- 5.11 **Regional Reports:** . Attached as Annex K
- Resolved that Consent Items be accepted.

6 Business Arising from Consent Items

6.7 Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee Report:

- 1.1 Resolved that the three proposals identified in the Report be approved in principle, pending further information including costs.
- 1.2 Resolved that meeting endorse the Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee to begin planning and delivery of 2026 Regional Workshops.

6.9 VCC Sub-Committee Report:

After discussion re budget implications, the meeting resolved that:

- the security system be upgraded
- Sub-Committee engage the BSS Group to provide a Building Report and Schedule of Works. This report will be compared to BSS Group 2020 Report.

11.10 am Robin Russell leaves meeting.

7 General Business

7.1 Matters for Decision:

7.1.1 Finance Delegations Authority:

See Item 4.1

7.1.2 Adopt Adverse Playing Conditions Policy:

Deferred until after Robin Russell rejoins meeting.

7.1.3 Assistant Appointed Officer Position Nomination:

The meeting endorsed the nomination of Pieta McLean as Assistant State Coordinator U21 Croquet.

7.2 Matters for Discussion:

7.2.1 Alternate Regional Director:

The meeting agreed that the dissemination of information to Alternate Regional Directors is the responsibility of the State Secretary, not the relevant Regional Director.

7.2.2 Constitution Review Working Group:

Deferred until after Robin Russell rejoins meeting.

7.3 Matters for Noting:

7.3.1 SRV Sport Integrity Report:

Attached as Annex M

7.3.2 Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee Club Survey Summary:

Attached as Annex N

Treesh Reeve requested Directors to consider changes they may wish to see to improve survey questions, clarity, standards prior to the Annual Club Survey being sent to clubs in January 2026.

Resolved that the next report be tabled at the June 2026 Council meeting.

Resolved that this report be shared with Croquet Australia.

11.40 am Robin Russell re-enters the meeting.

7.1.2 Adopt Amended Adverse Playing Conditions Policy:

Resolved that the amended Adverse Playing Conditions Policy be adopted.

The Sports Medicine Australia 'Sports Heat Tool' which combines ambient air temperature and relative humidity to determine heat stress risk as compiled by Ian Potter to be distributed to Directors. **Action Secretary**

Directors requested to continue to provide input into this tool by reporting comparisons with other sports to Ian Potter.

The meeting noted that any final decision to continue or cease play at any event was up to the event organisers and players.

7.2.2 Constitution Review Working Group:

The meeting recommended that the Constitution Review Working Group address the following:

- appropriate changes to the Constitution to formalise monthly Council meeting format, with abolition of separate Committee of Management
- review of current federated governance structure (State, Region and Club)
- rationalisation of Constitution.

8 Other Business

8.1 Other Matters:

8.1.1 Administrators Phone:

Robin Russell, who is currently receiving forwarded calls from the Administration phone, will continue to do so for a second week, suggesting that roster be for two-week turnaround.

8.1.2 Council Meeting Format:

Resolved that:

- January Council Meetings be abandoned
- Online platform meetings begin at 6.30 pm on a regular day of the week every month (excluding January)
- face-to-face meetings to remain third Monday of June and December - unless change agreed prior - 2026 AGM Monday 15 June 2026, December 2026 Council Meeting Monday 14 December 2026,
- Directors to advise preferred day of the week for online meetings.

Action Secretary

8.2 Meeting Recap:

- Council meeting format/schedule discussed
- Council endorsed further work to develop live-streaming proposal.
- Face-to-face meetings to remain on third Monday of June and December
- Strategic Plan Implementation Roadshows approved
- Amended Adverse Playing Conditions Policy adopted

9 Close Meeting 12.31 pm

10 Next Meetings

The list below will be updated once regular day of the week for zoom meetings is decided.

2026

February	Monday	16	Council	6.30 pm Zoom
March			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
April			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
May			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
June	Monday	15	Council Face to Face at Cairnlea	
July			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
August			Council	6.30 pm Zoom

September			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
October			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
November			Council	6.30 pm Zoom
December	Monday	14	Council Face to Face at Cairnlea	

Annex A	Financial Report
Annex B	President's Report
Annex C	Secretary's Report
Annex D	State Coordinator of Ricochet Report
Annex E	State Coordinator of Handicapping - Golf Croquet
Annex F	State Coordinator U21 Report
Annex G	Council Nominations Sub-Committee Report
Annex H	Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee Report
Annex I	Health & Safety Sub-Committee Report
Annex J	VCC Sub-Committee Report
Annex K	Regional Reports
Annex L	Constitution Review Working Group Report
Annex M	SRV Sport Integrity Report
Annex N	Strategic Plan Implementation Club Survey Summary

FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

The following financial reports are attached:

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

Key points to note:

The Net Operating result at the end of November is \$272,195 compared to budget of \$23,693 and \$110,155 last year. The overall result, including positive Investment market movement, is \$611,632 compared to budget of \$83,693 and \$382,391 this time last year.

Income

- a) The JB Were investment portfolio income YTD is \$354,982 compared to budget of \$160k and \$163k last year.
- b) VCA and ACA Affiliation fees are in line budget.
- c) ACA Courts hire is lower than budget due partly to timing in billing and partly to lower numbers in some tournaments.
- d) The unrealised gain on the Investment portfolio YTD is \$339,436, down \$48k for the month but still much higher than expected for the year to date.

Expenses

- a) MYOB and Admin support and Committees continue to be lower than budget.
- b) YTD spend on development initiatives of \$2.1k is below budget.
- c) The webmaster expense of \$30k has been included in operating expenses as agreed by Council.
- d) Differences in other expenses are mainly due to timing.

Balance Sheet

- e) Net Assets at 30 November were \$10,054,117 compared to \$9,660,866 at November last year. The movement in Net Assets for the eight months is an increase of \$611,632.
- f) Accounts Receivable is mainly Brimbank Club contribution fees and CA Court Hire fees.
- g) See attachment for summary pages of the JB Were portfolio at 30 November showing the value of \$6,231,212 an increase of \$622k since the end of March.

Cash Outlook

The operating bank account is \$77k at month end. As approved at the last meeting we drew down \$40k from the Investment portfolio.

Other

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

Claire Keating
Honorary Treasurer
5 December 2025

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Profit & Loss vs Budget and Prior Year

April 2025 To November 2025

	April to Nov	YTD Budgeted	\$ Difference	Last Year	\$ Difference
INCOME					
JBWERE	\$354,982.56	\$163,000.00	\$191,982.56	\$163,636.74	\$191,345.82
VCA AFFILIATIONS	\$98,090.89	\$98,254.55	(\$163.66)	\$97,381.88	\$709.01
ACA AFFILIATIONS/INSURANCE	\$106,472.76	\$106,000.00	\$472.76	\$95,072.68	\$11,400.08
MERCHANDISE/PENNANT	\$1,538.02	\$1,350.00	\$188.02	\$2,771.79	(\$1,233.77)
TOURNAMENTS	\$7,287.81	\$6,430.00	\$857.81	\$7,831.46	(\$543.65)
CATERING/BAR	\$1,672.24	\$3,000.00	(\$1,327.76)	\$3,840.32	(\$2,168.08)
PREMISES/COURTS/RENT	\$15,282.38	\$21,800.00	(\$6,517.62)	\$18,542.65	(\$3,260.27)
BEQUESTS/DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.00	(\$1,045.00)
GRANTS	\$10,483.11	\$8,400.00	\$2,083.11	\$22,702.36	(\$12,219.25)
Total INCOME	\$595,809.77	\$408,234.55	\$187,575.22	\$412,824.88	\$182,984.89
Gross Profit	\$595,809.77	\$408,234.55	\$187,575.22	\$412,824.88	\$182,984.89
EXPENSES					
ACA AFFILIATIONS/INSURANCE	\$108,709.09	\$106,000.00	\$2,709.09	\$97,298.18	\$11,410.91
ADMINISTRATION VCA	\$58,805.35	\$49,402.00	\$9,403.35	\$29,762.98	\$29,042.37
COMMITTEES	\$2,848.09	\$23,300.00	(\$20,451.91)	\$2,907.58	(\$59.49)
COUNCIL/COM travel	\$1,152.77	\$1,100.00	\$52.77	\$1,279.24	(\$126.47)
GRANTS	\$10,136.68	\$8,000.00	\$2,136.68	\$24,406.78	(\$14,270.10)
UNDER 21S SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,059.04	\$1,500.00	(\$440.96)	\$872.82	\$186.22
TOURNAMENTS	\$4,075.34	\$4,600.00	(\$524.66)	\$4,788.53	(\$713.19)
MERCHANDISE/PENNANT	\$1,670.89	\$2,400.00	(\$729.11)	\$3,217.55	(\$1,546.66)
VCC BUILDING	\$102,661.20	\$129,698.00	(\$27,036.80)	\$97,563.09	\$5,098.11
CATERING/BAR	\$384.55	\$2,400.00	(\$2,015.45)	\$1,108.19	(\$723.64)
VCC COURTS	\$24,201.82	\$47,550.00	(\$23,348.18)	\$31,919.42	(\$7,717.60)
STATE TEAMS G & A	\$7,909.09	\$8,590.91	(\$681.82)	\$7,545.46	\$363.63
Total EXPENSES	\$323,613.91	\$384,540.91	(\$60,927.00)	\$302,669.82	\$20,944.09
Operating Profit	\$272,195.86	\$23,693.64	\$248,502.22	\$110,155.06	\$162,040.80
OTHER INCOME					
Realised fair value gains(losses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,841.41	(\$1,841.41)
Unrealised fair value gains(losses)	\$339,436.66	\$60,000.00	\$279,436.66	\$270,394.75	\$69,041.91
Total OTHER INCOME	\$339,436.66	\$60,000.00	\$279,436.66	\$272,236.16	\$67,200.50
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$611,632.52	\$83,693.64	\$527,938.88	\$382,391.22	\$229,241.30

Balance Sheet

As of November 2025

ABN: 91 903 271 264

Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Bendigo	\$66,205.87	
Bendigo - Grants Account	\$17,402.10	
Holding	-\$587.25	
Total Bank Accounts		\$83,020.72
Petty Cash Float		\$100.00
Total Current Assets		\$83,120.72
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable		\$10,028.93
Total Accounts Receivable		\$10,028.93
JBWERE - Investment A/c		\$6,231,212.93
Fixed Assets		
Cairnlea - Land and site works at cost	\$1,980,368.00	
Building at cost	\$3,331,836.00	
Accumulated depreciation	-\$1,614,099.00	
Plant & Equipment		
Plant and Equipment	\$225,708.58	
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$174,323.98	
Total Plant & Equipment		\$51,384.60
Total Fixed Assets		\$3,749,489.60
Total Assets		\$10,073,852.18
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$3,095.46	
Total Current Liabilities		\$3,095.46
Tax Payable		
GST Collected	\$4,609.94	
GST Paid	-\$4,172.99	
Total Tax Payable		\$436.95
Grant Liabilities		
Grants Received in Advance	\$16,202.10	
Total Grant Liabilities		\$16,202.10
Total Liabilities		\$19,734.51
Net Assets		\$10,054,117.67
Equity		
Reserves		
General Reserve	\$7,703,572.44	
Asset Revaluation Reserve	\$967,044.58	
Retained Earnings	\$724,004.05	
Current Earnings	\$611,632.52	
Special Funds		\$47,864.08
Total Equity		\$10,054,117.67

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Portfolio valuation

As at 30 Nov 2025

Net portfolio value \$6,231,212.93

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	28,341.82	1.00	28,341.82	1.00	28,341.82	0.45%	-	949.45	3.35%
Totals				28,341.82		28,341.82	0.45%	-	949.45	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	1.0389	103,889.10	1.67%	304.10	7,220.29	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	1.0086	100,857.00	1.62%	446.00	5,204.22	5.16%
+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	1.0599	105,988.50	1.7%	871.50	6,825.66	6.44%
+MBL0230A	Macquarie Bank Ltd FRN 3MBBSW+1.85% Callable 20/02/2030 Matures 20/02/2035	100,000	1.0217	102,168.00	1.0197	101,975.00	1.64%	-193.00	5,598.43	5.49%
+NAB1131A	National Australia Bank Ltd Subordinated bonds FRN	100,000	1.0297	102,965.33	1.0142	101,421.90	1.63%	-1,543.43	5,750.62	5.67%
+QBE1028A	QBE Insurance Group Ltd FRN 3MBBSW+2.55% Callable 26/10/2028 Matures 26/10/2038	100,000	1.0155	101,549.00	1.0389	103,888.50	1.67%	2,339.50	6,285.25	6.05%
ETL0019AU	PIMCO GLOBAL CREDIT W	264,489.1571	0.9894	261,689.53	0.9149	241,981.13	3.88%	-19,708.40	11,590.90	4.79%
HOW0052AU	KAPSTREAM ABSOLUTE RETURN INCOME	227,608.2593	1.1903	270,930.65	1.1854	269,806.83	4.33%	-1,123.82	12,923.75	4.79%
IOF0046AU	JANUS HENDERSON AUSTRALIAN FXD INTST	258,095.3384	1.016	262,236.21	0.9958	257,011.34	4.12%	-5,224.87	12,310.84	4.79%
SUBD	VANECK AUSTRALIAN SUBORDINATED DEBT ETF	16,140	24.8998	401,882.40	25.28	408,019.20	6.55%	6,136.80	22,849.08	5.6%
Totals				1,812,534.12		1,794,838.50	28.81%	-17,695.62	96,559.04	5.38%
Real Assets										
GLIN	ISHARES FTSE GBL INFRASTRUCTURE (AUD HEDGED) ETF	4,100	29.3422	120,302.95	29.27	120,007.00	1.93%	-295.95	3,480.20	2.9%
GLPR	ISHARES FTSE GBL PROPERTY EX AUS (AUD HEDGED) ETF	3,000	26.69	80,070.00	26.83	80,490.00	1.29%	420.00	2,953.98	3.67%
IOF0184AU	RESOLUTION CAPITAL GBL PPTY SECS UH SII	60,309.0841	1.3265	80,000.00	1.3782	83,117.98	1.33%	3,117.98	2,959.00	3.56%
PIM6769AU	ATLAS INFRASTRUCTURE AUST FDR FD - UNHGD	69,573.2839	1.7248	120,000.00	1.7852	124,202.23	1.99%	4,202.23	4,421.60	3.56%
Totals				400,372.95		407,817.21	6.54%	7,444.26	13,814.78	3.39%
Equity - Domestic										
AMC	AMCOR PLC CDI 1:1 FOREIGN EXEMPT NYSE	4,620	15.99	73,873.80	13.09	60,475.80	0.97%	-13,398.00	3,755.55	6.21%

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Portfolio valuation

As at 30 Nov 2025

Net portfolio value \$6,231,212.93 continued

Asset		Quantity	Avg unit cost \$	Actual cost \$	Unit price \$	Market value \$	Portfolio weight %	Gain/loss \$	Est income ^(a) \$	Est yield ^(b) %
Equity - Domestic										
APA	APA GROUP FULLY PAID UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	5,430	9.2454	50,202.54	9.26	50,281.80	0.81%	79.26	3,172.78	6.31%
ARG	ARGO INVESTMENTS LIMITED FPO	10,056	6.7512	67,889.79	9.03	90,805.68	1.46%	22,915.89	3,314.41	3.65%
BFL0004AU	BENNELONG EX-20 AUSTRALIAN EQUITIES	62,082.1394	2.094	130,000.00	2.1439	133,097.90	2.14%	3,097.90	5,976.10	4.49%
BHP	BHP GROUP LIMITED FPO	3,310	17.4187	57,656.06	41.67	137,927.70	2.21%	80,271.64	5,861.93	4.25%
BXB	BRAMBLES LIMITED FPO	3,230	10.38	33,527.40	24.06	77,713.80	1.25%	44,186.40	2,292.56	2.95%
CBA	COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. FPO	840	38.64	32,457.60	152.51	128,108.40	2.06%	95,650.80	4,227.58	3.3%
COL	COLES GROUP LIMITED. FPO	2,840	17.56	49,870.40	22.32	63,388.80	1.02%	13,518.40	2,320.03	3.66%
CSL	CSL LIMITED FPO	384	283.7748	108,969.54	186.30	71,539.20	1.15%	-37,430.34	1,902.94	2.66%
HOW0020AU	WAVESTONE AUSTRALIAN SHARE	111,351.6857	1.6151	179,842.12	2.744	305,549.03	4.9%	125,706.91	13,719.15	4.49%
IAG	INSURANCE AUSTRALIA GROUP LIMITED FPO	7,420	5.24	38,880.80	7.76	57,579.20	0.92%	18,698.40	2,435.60	4.23%
MQG	MACQUARIE GROUP LIMITED FPO	500	89.13	44,565.00	197.04	98,520.00	1.58%	53,955.00	3,753.61	3.81%
NAB	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED FPO	2,740	21.9148	60,046.42	40.10	109,874.00	1.76%	49,827.58	4,680.63	4.26%
RGN	REGION GROUP FULLY PAID UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	25,450	1.4396	36,638.93	2.39	60,825.50	0.98%	24,186.57	3,637.36	5.98%
RIO	RIO TINTO LIMITED FPO	870	28.29	24,612.30	132.28	115,083.60	1.85%	90,471.30	5,431.95	4.72%
RMD	RESMED INC CDI 10:1 FOREIGN EXEMPT NYSE	1,720	29.20	50,224.00	39.31	67,613.20	1.09%	17,389.20	669.37	0.99%
TCL	TRANSURBAN GROUP FULLY PAID ORDINARY/UNITS STAPLED SECURITIES	7,870	11.5539	90,929.07	14.93	117,499.10	1.89%	26,570.03	5,522.46	4.7%
TLS	TELSTRA GROUP LIMITED FPO	14,250	3.4615	49,326.92	4.92	70,110.00	1.13%	20,783.08	2,909.57	4.15%
WBC	WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION FPO	3,940	16.8645	66,446.05	37.59	148,104.60	2.38%	81,658.55	6,190.77	4.18%
WDS	WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD FPO	598	29.76	17,796.48	24.93	14,908.14	0.24%	-2,888.34	629.12	4.22%
WES	WESFARMERS LIMITED FPO	1,450	10.8919	15,793.31	81.88	118,726.00	1.91%	102,932.69	3,276.84	2.76%
Totals				1,279,548.53		2,097,731.45	33.7%	818,182.92	85,680.31	4.08%
Equity - International										
IHVV	ISHARES S&P 500 AUD HEDGED ETF	7,020	38.3974	269,550.00	62.08	435,801.60	6.99%	166,251.60	3,486.41	0.8%
MAQ0464AU	ARROWSTREET GLOBAL EQUITY FUND	245,645.7609	1.2805	314,551.46	1.6478	404,775.08	6.5%	90,223.62	7,528.82	1.86%
MAQ0557AU	WALTER SCOTT GLOBAL EQUITY HEDGED	317,044.0084	1.0079	319,539.89	1.0014	317,487.87	5.1%	-2,052.02	5,905.27	1.86%
MAQ8746AU	IFP GLOBAL FRANCHISE II (H) (WHOLSL) W	133,440.9926	1.3574	181,128.02	1.4435	192,622.07	3.09%	11,494.05	3,582.77	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	128,799.79	1.8274	235,368.58	4.2068	541,834.96	8.7%	306,466.38	10,078.13	1.86%
Totals				1,320,138.00		1,892,521.66	30.38%	572,383.66	30,581.40	1.62%

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As at 30 Nov 2025

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Net portfolio value \$6,231,212.93 continued

Asset	Quantity	Avg unit cost \$	Actual cost \$	Unit price \$	Market value \$	Portfolio weight %	Gain/loss \$	Est income ^(a) \$	Est yield ^(b) %
Portfolio totals			4,840,935.42		6,221,250.64	99.88%	1,380,315.22	227,584.98	3.66%
Income declared but not paid			8,367.29		8,367.29	0.13%			
Unsettled transactions			1,595.00		1,595.00	0.03%	-		
Net portfolio totals			4,850,897.71		6,231,212.93	100%	1,380,315.22	227,584.98	3.65%

(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.

Important Notice: The Portfolio valuation does not disclose liabilities as at the end of quarter that are associated with partly paid securities. Any liabilities at end of quarter will be separately notified to you in writing, if applicable and any such notice will form part of this report. For further information, contact your JBWere Adviser.

Total portfolio value represents the aggregate of the Market value of assets in your portfolio. Net portfolio value represents your Total portfolio value after any receivables (including but not limited to income declared but not paid) and payables have been taken into account.

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 October, I have

- Continued to press for useful information from the government GamePlan governance site. It's a concern that this is still not available.
- Attended Vicsport's monthly state sport information briefings
- Attended the Vicsport Annual General Meeting
- Attended the presentation of a Croquet Australia Hall of Fame certificate for Agnes Morrison to the Chair of MCC Croquet and the President of Elwood Croquet Club
- Attended a Vicsport workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, with Treesh Reeve. We will be required to have DEI policies in place to qualify for the next round of government funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria.
- Met with the liaison team from Sport and Recreation Victoria to discuss our draft update on our Together More Active grant. Our report has now been accepted and we have received the next tranche of funding.

2. Governance

Supported the Nominations Sub-Committee in encouraging members to stand for vacant positions. As indicated in Tom's report, we are optimistic about two immediate positions, but there are other vacancies, and all appointed positions are due to be considered by Council next June. This is a continuing issue which still needs involvement from all Directors.

Worked with Treesh Reeve to prepare a summary of club responses to the 2025 Annual Club Survey (see separate report). This is a big job which it would be good to share with others.

Forwarded the Croquet Victoria mobile phone as agreed at the November Council meeting.

3. Liaising with Croquet Australia and other states

I convened the first of our Presidents' meetings with new Managing Director Chris Bannerman. We have agreed to pass round responsibility for chairing and for taking notes. Next chair will be the President Croquet Queensland, who is following up my note to Chris Bannerman with the action items from our last meeting.

I attended a meeting of Presidents at short notice to hear the background to a last minute change in the Croquet Australia Selection Policy, re-worded to enable the International Selection Committee to consider players who would not otherwise have qualified for selection in the MacRob team.

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 (1), VCC subcommittee (1), Golf Croquet Selection (1), Marketing and Publicity (2), Tournaments and Fixtures (1), the Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee (4), the Child Safe Sub-Committee (2), Finance (1) and the Nominations Sub-Committee (2). I also attended an update meeting re RevSport.

Matters discussed at these meetings include:

Development of new initiatives

- Initiatives which might be supported by Croquet Victoria's recent windfall, specifically equipment and training to support live streaming
- Achieving access and equity in relation to Council membership
- Process for developing Croquet Victoria's next Strategic Plan
- Regional roadshows in 2026
- Supporting clubs in identifying and tackling safety requirements
- Possible extension of referee training program
- 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
- Strategies for developing junior croquet

Kate Patrick
13 December 2025

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Croquet Victoria Membership

3075 (4 December 2025)

Tournaments Awaiting Results

Nine Association Croquet Tournaments completed awaiting results.
Eight Golf Croquet Tournaments completed awaiting results.

Director Training

Four Directors yet to complete Bullying & Harassment online module.
Six Alternate Directors yet to complete Bullying & Harassment online module.
Two Directors yet to complete a Governance module (The Start Line or Step-In Step-Up).
Five Alternate Directors yet to complete Governance online module.

Croquet Rule Books

A6 version of Golf Croquet Rules - now with Wayne Worlidge.
A5 Version of Golf Croquet Rules - 54 remaining.
Association Croquet and Ricochet Croquet stock will be with Wayne Worlidge after December meeting.

Merchandise

Frequent enquiries for ball markers and scoring clips.

Play by the Rules

16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

<https://www.facebook.com/playbytherules/posts/pfbid02Xzwr7jAfqgP2nVt2qiZfHCKaHB4sgC3z9H3tZpKg7ri66eypmcP4VGrXFaVjL3JWl>

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

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 December Council Meeting	
In - Email	
20 Nov 2025	Liquor Control Victoria - information pack
	Good Sports Registration (VCC) renewed
2 Dec 2025	Sec Cc'd - Croquet Australia meeting to discuss Amended Selection Policy Documentation
	ASIC - renewal of business name - Croquet Victoria
Various	VCC utility invoices, Vicsport eBulletins, Croquet Australia event flyers/position vacancies/newsletter, Gateball emails, Appointed Officer nominations, Sub-Committee Nominations, queries about Development Initiative, A5 Golf Croquet Rule Book orders, Notification of WWCC clearances
Out Email	
Various	distribution of eBulletins, distribution of national event flyers, requests for information from regions and clubs to migrate to revSport.

STATE COORDINATOR OF RICOCHET REPORT

Whilst the number of entries was very small it was pleasing to host the Australian 2025 Ricochet Doubles and Singles Championships at the Victorian Croquet Centre, 4-12 August 2025. Negotiations are underway to host a State Championship in 2026.

Positives:

Camaraderie amongst the players was a highlight. New Zealand entries made welcome. Enthusiasm for the Ricochet Croquet code evident at the event. Very lively discussion about the current Ricochet Rules which are due for review next year. Having the Tournament Manager and Tournament Referee accommodated on site meant that the venue was ready by 7.15 am each morning for practice.

Social media posts each day. Reposted by Croquet New South Wales.

<https://www.facebook.com/Croquet.Victoria>

Results input to Croquet Scores as games finished.

Doubles

<https://croquetscores.com/2025/rc/australia-ricochet-doubles/competition/semi-finals>

Singles

<https://croquetscores.com/2025/rc/australia-ricochet-singles/competition/singles-semi-finals>

Negatives:

Winter in Melbourne is perhaps not the right scheduling of the event. If it is Victoria's turn to host this national event, choose a regional centre with four or five courts. Somewhere with accommodation close by.



Australian 2025 Ricochet Doubles Championship Winners: Kevin Beard (Brunswick) and Owen Dickinson (Essendon) with Tournament Referee, Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt.



Australian 2025 Ricochet Singles Champion: Owen Dickinson (Essendon) with Tournament Manager, Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt and Tournament Referee, Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt.

Feedback is that Ricochet is being taken up by more clubs.

I have contributed to the redrafting of the Ricochet Rules at a national level- rules clarification and simplifying language and have responded to email and phone queries about the rules.

I have included a short section on Ricochet handicapping when delivering handicapping workshops.

Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt State Coordinator of Ricochet

STATE COORDINATOR OF HANDICAPPING - Golf Croquet

Since taking on the position of State Coordinator of Golf Croquet Handicapping in 2022 I have delivered ten handicapping workshops. These have been funded from the Together More Active grant program.

I have delivered Handicapping Workshops at the following clubs since my Annual Report contribution in June 2025.

Yarrowonga 23 June 2025

Fifteen attendees from eight clubs.



Drouin 27 August 2025

Fifteen attendees.



Village Glen 1 September 2025

Eight attendees from four clubs.

Proposed workshops for 2026

Wonthaggi 24 February 2026 (confirmed), Horsham 9 February 2026 (tbc) and Eastern Park - in discussion.

At most workshops majority of discussion is about how to set an initial handicap, who has the right to make a non-automatic change to a player's handicap and the role of the Handicapper at the different levels, Club, Tournament, State and National.

Maurice Cevaall-Hewitt
State Coordinator of Handicapping - Golf Croquet

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 ten 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 is offering these clubs support via a Zoom meeting in January 2026.

2. Victorian championship

The national Gold and Silver Under 21 Medal competition has been suspended by Croquet Australia. In place of the Bronze Medal competition which was scheduled for the first weekend in December, Croquet Victoria ran the inaugural Under 21 Golf Croquet Singles Championship. Four players entered, two from Golden Square and two from Portland (formerly from Casterton). They played a Best of Three over the two days. Competition between the top two players was very tight: they went to 1:1 and entered the third game on the same handicap and index. The final game went to hoop 13. The winner was Michael McLean from Golden Square, defeating James Wombwell from Portland. Many thanks to Graham Smith for his refereeing, Pieta McLean for managing the BBQ, and all the players. Despite the low numbers it was a positive and enjoyable event.

Clubs engaging with schools were invited to encourage interested players to attend VCC for a social doubles day on Sunday 7 December. There was some interest in this but not enough for it to proceed. The possibility of such an event will be canvassed with clubs in January 2026.

3. National events

It is not yet clear whether the national Under 21 Doubles event will proceed. However, Victoria is well represented in the Under 21 Singles which will take place in Hobart in January.

4. 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, and Pieta McLean, who has been encouraging players to participate in competition and in particular to attend the national championships. Pieta's nomination for Assistant Under 21 Coordinator is on the agenda of this Council meeting.

Kate Patrick
13 December 2025

**Annex G to
Croquet Victoria Council Meeting Minutes
15 December 2025**

Report from Nominations subcommittee:

The Nominations Subcommittee will report more fully to the February Council meeting; however, following its two meetings in November it believes an update on some positions is important to share now.

Webmaster: Colin Clark has agreed to accept the role of Webmaster. Some engagement opportunities are being considered by Colin (forming a company, being an employee through Croquet Australia), with Croquet Victoria and CA exploring shared services model. This will need to be worked through by suitably placed members of Council.

Treasurer: As noted previously, approaches have been made to an individual who is looking at ways they can divest themselves of other croquet commitments, thus enabling them to take on this role. A decision is expected sometime between the writing of this report and the December Council meeting.

Vacant substantive roles: The Coordinator AC and Coordinator GC roles remain vacant. Will Council members please consider who may be suitably experienced to take on these important roles, and contact the Convenor of this subcommittee with names and contact details.

Coordinator Under 21: This role is currently managed by Kate Patrick, however we are looking to fill the role with someone else. Again, if Council members know of suitable people, please contact the Convenor of this subcommittee. Pieta McLean from Golden Square has agreed to be nominated as Assistant Coordinator Under 21.

Assistant Coordinator Ricochet: As ricochet is still developing, the State Coordinator Ricochet (Maurice) has stated that having the Assistant role filled is not necessary at this stage.

Mallet News: A Queenscliff player has expressed interest in a layout role, but this will depend on time commitments. Approaches have also been made to other croquet members seeking their involvement in producing a regular newsletter to members.

Tom Lacey
Convenor, Nominations Subcommittee
Director, Gippsland Croquet Association
thomas.g.lacey@gmail.com
5 December 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Sub-Committee/Working Group Submissions (windfall):

Background

The October meeting of council resolved that 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.

Update:

Three proposals have been identified

- M&P sub-Committee are developing a proposal for equipment to enable live Streaming of Events
- Rules for Golf Croquet Workshops Following interest from other regions in the planned Ballarat Workshops John van will be asked to develop a program of
- Consultative Regional Workshops (Strategic Planning) As reported at the November meeting of Council SPiSC wishes to extend an invitation to all regions to participate in Consultative Workshops. Some workshops are a requirement of our TMA Gant funding

Recommendations

1.1 Council approves all three projects in principle pending further information on details including costs.

1.2 Council authorises SPiSC to begin planning and implementing Regional Workshops.

2. Annual Club Survey

SPiSC is preparing an analysis of the results of the 2025 Survey which will be presented to Council for information as a late paper.

Health & Safety Sub-Committee Report

Background

Objective and Scope

- 1 *The HSC will develop and maintain policies and facilitate actions necessary to protect the health and safety of CV members, facilities and activities, including in the areas of adverse playing conditions and first aid. The HSC will also provide a forum through which regions, clubs and members can raise matters of concern for free and respectful discussion.*
- 2 *HSC will develop policies and guidelines consistent with relevant policies and guidelines issued by Croquet Australia.*
- 3 *HSC is responsible for maintaining and developing relevant CV policies, including:*
 - *Adverse Playing Conditions (there is also a Croquet Australia version of this).*
 - *Anti-Doping Policy and VCC First Aid Policy*
- 4 *HSC is responsible for development of policies to ensure safety of Victorian Croquet Centre employees, volunteers, players and visitors.*
- 5 *HSC will not deal with matters of Child Safety which are within the scope of a separate sub-committee.*

The Health and Safety sub-committee has met twice since our September 2025 Report covering the following topics:

- **Adverse Playing Conditions policy** with consultation from Tournament & Fixtures sub-committee – The DRAFT Policy is submitted for Council approval at the December Council Meeting.
- **Croquet Australia guidance on facility safety inspections.**

It was noted the absence of Electrical Testing and Tagging, Storage on Hazard Chemical Signage, Material Data Sheets and Chemical Register.

 1. Further consultation via the October Secretaries Meeting was sought. The Health and Safety Subcommittee will write to advise Croquet Australia to update their Facility Safety Inspection Checklist for clubs.
 2. This is being followed up with the VCC Subcommittee to provide an update of the above records and inspections at Cairnlea.
- **Second Heart Defibrillator**

This was approved at the September Council Meeting for the rear shed.
- **Budget submissions 2026/2027 draft**

Health and Safety Sub-committee has prepared a draft 2026/2027 budget submission to provide to the VCC sub-committee for Equipment supplies and T & F for First Aid training as these items will fall under their sub-committee budgets going forward for action.

All these efforts aim to enhance the visibility and engagement with the sport.

VCC Sub-Committee Report

Progress on Maintenance Tasks - Oct to Dec 2025 (Items have been completed unless otherwise stated)

Health and Safety

- Installed foam corner protectors on the protruding concrete beside the steps linking the Clubhouse to the Courts
- Covered a trip hazard associated with folding doors in the Clubhouse with non-slip tape
- Update of Hazardous Chemical Signage, Material Data Sheets and Chemical Register at VCC – planned
- Electrical Testing and Tagging – planned
- First Aid Kits checked and updated
- Second Defibrillator for Back Shed area – ordered
- First Aid Training for VCC volunteers – planned
- Storage Cupboard under the Stairs – at design stage

Building

- Fire Safety Equipment serviced by Blaze Fire Services
- Air Conditioners serviced by Bonney Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Controls for the Air Conditioners in the Clubroom area moved from the Bar area
- Replacement of Solar Inverter by Trione Energy
- Repair of faulty Urinal by Total Plumbing
- Rectification of Electrical Fault in Office Area by NC Electrics
- Repair of Sliding Doors by Budget Doors – parts ordered
- Passenger Lift repaired and phone installed – further repairs under discussion
- Hot Water is unreliable - troubleshooting the problem
- Storage for chairs in BBQ area – comparing options
- Updating the Security System – quote ready for approval
- Cool room fan cleaned and floor/shelves bleached to inhibit mould

Playing Area

- Repair of Shelters – no luck getting quotes yet

Five Year Plan

- Building Report and Schedule of Works by BSS Group – Quote ready for approval

Northern District Croquet Association Report

December 2025

Membership numbers are remaining steady at a region total of 171. Quarry Hill has 54 members and continues to attract new ones. Macedon Ranges, with 35 members, has lost a few members through relocation and illness. Golden Square is a success story with 22 members after very low numbers several years ago. Numbers at Kyneton (32) and Maldon (28) remain healthy.

Quarry Hill reported good attendance through winter, holding regular soup and bun days that were successful for socialising and fundraising. A footy colours day was held on the Grand Final Day holiday in September. Gateball sessions have been held on Thursday afternoons. Quarry Hill hosted its annual GC singles tournament from 14th to 19th October with winners: Division 1 - Richard Parkes (Williamstown), Division 2 – Michael McLean (Golden Square) and Division 3 – Adrian Pike (Ballarat Western).

Quarry Hill continues to be a regional hub for AC with a small band of enthusiastic players turning up at each session. Quarry Hill entered a team in the AC Goulburn Valley Pennant and were the winners – the grand final team being Bernie Lacey, Lois Kirk, Chris Eiffert and Bruce Shaw. An AC tournament for Division 3 and 4 players was held at Quarry Hill on 11th and 12th October. Kyneton's Damian Hadfield won Croquet Victoria's AC Tregallas Trophy for players in handicap ranges 6-10.

Kyneton is preparing for the club's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2026. Kyneton ran a Come and Try activity for school children during the July holidays, with 4 sessions run over 2 weeks. Unfortunately the Kyneton Daffodil Festival Come & Try day was cancelled due to rain. Kyneton has held social days with Golden Square, Macedon Ranges, Castlemaine and Quarry Hill. Another successful Kyneton Hi & Low Doubles Tournament was held on Friday 26 September with Ian Potter (Boort) and Lynne Breen (Golden Square) the winners. Kyneton also welcomed players from around the state to a GC Social Day on 8 October.

Maldon celebrated its centenary with social events in March and April 2025. The club's only surviving Life Member, Mrs Lillian Long attended a centenary lunch and spoke of her memories of the club. Sadly Mrs Long passed away several months later. Coaching of Maldon Primary School students was run over a 5 week period in October and November.

Macedon Ranges held its annual social day in March. The club is planning to have lots of fun days and introduce friends and family to croquet.

NDCA ran an autumn pennant competition this year. Two Division 1-2 Quarry Hill teams contested the final with Chris Eiffert and Gayle Deary defeating Col Scott and Bernie Lacey. Kyneton's Margaret Parker and Deb Bosman won the Division 3 title defeating Maldon's Gary Dykes and Rod Bennett. Quarry Hill, Maldon and Kyneton entered teams in Divisions 2 and 3 of Goldfields region's spring pennant competition.

Kyneton has commenced work on upgrading of toilets and mallet room (\$17K) with plans for painting clubhouse, fence and shelters. Macedon Ranges report that their lawns have improved a lot with some help from Eynesbury Golf Club. Quarry Hill have recently undertaken lawn scarification works.



Goulburn Valley Croquet Association Inc.

ACN: 0018125W
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REGIONAL REPORT 2025

The GVCA currently has 307 members, being 11 more than last year.

The GVCA has a very pro-active media officer who has written and photographed articles in local newspapers and a slot on local TV with filmed croquet events and results from the region.

The GVCA website is also ably run by 2 members.

The inter-school GC tournament could not be held this year due to organising problems. Schools were unable to agree on a common date. It is in the planning stages for next year with Shepparton running the event.

GVCA events for the 2024-25 season:

AC singles tournament held at Rich River

GC singles tournament held at Deniliquin

AC Champion of Champions held at Rich River

GC Champion of Champions held at Rich River

AC pennant with the final held at Shepparton (Quarry Hill joined us for the pennant season)

GC pennant with the final held at Numurkah

The GVCA has taken part in an inter-regional challenge against NEDCA winning for the 6th consecutive year.

The GVCA has entered full teams in the AC Victorian Country Regionals and the Victorian GC Regionals.

We have also run a successful Bunnings BBQ.

Trish Pedrotti

GVCA Regional Director

Club reports in alphabetical order.

Deniliquin Lawn Tennis Croquet club. 2025

Basic Information:

Code played: Golf Croquet

30 playing members

2 members play association croquet as associate members of another club.

Membership changes:

Minor reduction this year

Recruitment strategies:

Targeted word of mouth recruitment

Weekly media promotion

Facebook inclusion

Junior involvement:

Annual High School session

Coach and referee position:

Currently do not have a coach position

One member is an accredited referee.

Financial position:

Club is in a good financial position, sharing responsibilities with the Tennis club.

Court quality:

There are six croquet courts shared with tennis courts during tennis season

Courts are in a good condition sharing maintenance with the tennis club.

Green keeper has recently resigned

Advice taken from outside source.

Grants applied for:

No grants applied for during 2025

Tournament sponsorship - local business sponsorship value \$2,000

Council liaison:

Relationship with Edward River Council and local businesses is good

Meetings held at RSL club

Croquet members sit on the board of the Tennis club (mother club)

Issues affecting the club:

Ageing membership

Lack of an appointed coach

Moves are being investigated to install lights with potential for twilight sessions – increase member participation. (Positive move)

Senior member has instigated an introduction to croquet sessions for potential new members.

Volunteer engagement:

Court participation in line marking

Court preparation for tournaments and playing days

Catering commitment with Tennis Club Ute Muster fundraising activity.

Tournament management.

Catering for club functions.

Club executive commitments.

Policy and development

Adopted Child Care Policy and Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy

Adopted complaints procedure – Sport Integrity

Monthly meeting structure to include policy adoption

Attendance at GVCA meeting structure.

Notable successes:

Operating the annual Long Paddock classic tournament.

Participating in GVCA tournaments

Participating GVCA NEDCA competition

Two members playing Association Croquet as associates with other clubs

Members participate in regional social days

REGIONAL REPORT FOR ECHUCA MOAMA CROQUET CLUB 2025

MEMBERSHIP:

EMCC has 26 members and 1 Associate member. We mostly play Golf Croquet, with a few members playing Association one day a week.

Our membership has remained stable with new members joining by word of mouth or Come and Try Days. We held a Come and Try Evening with a BBQ tea which was a lot of fun and three people expressed further interest.. During the year we get a number of visitors and return visitors from other Clubs who come and enjoy a game with us.

COACH AND REFEREES:

We have one coach and one referee. This is ample for our Club as we have not run any Tournaments or Social Days this year.

FINANCES:

Our Financial position is very stable so at this stage we have no need of any fund raising.

As we hire our courts from the Echuca Tennis Club we have no control over maintenance of the Courts. However, the Tennis Club keeps them in good condition for us.

This year we applied to the Sports and Recreation Victoria for an equipment grant and was successful in securing it. This money was used to purchase 2 sets of new balls.

SPONSORSHIP:

Our uniforms are sponsored by Moama Bowling Club and The Busy bean Coffee shop sponsors us for a weekly prize.

PENNANT AND TOURNAMENTS:

Our Pennant team was very successful last year, just getting beaten in the Grand final, however this year due to illness and lack of availability we have not been able to enter a team. Hopefully this will change for next season.

Our members attend tournaments and social days regularly at other Clubs in the region, usually with some great croquet played.

Club information:

Euroa Croquet Club was established in 1906. It has two full size courts that are maintained by club members. After floods in 2022 we lost use of the Clubhouse for over a year and members worked to get the courts back to reasonable playing condition.

Membership:

Currently our membership stands at 33 gradually increasing since 2017 where our membership had dropped to below 17.

Our game days are held weekly on a Wednesday from 9-30 am to 12 noon. A couple of years ago the club started a Social evening/come and try every Friday afternoon from around 4pm onwards with drinks and nibbles afterwards.

This has been successful and has attracted 3 young players from Argentina who were working at the local horse stud and came to join us every Friday for a while. Recently a member had a relative from New Zealand staying for 6 weeks and he attended not only our Wednesday game days but also our Friday afternoons. We have held other come and try days but our Friday afternoon seems to be the most successful in attracting people for come and try and a bit of socialisation. We have gained a couple of new members who had purchased from raffles that we have held.

Games Played.

The Club plays Golf Croquet almost exclusively, a couple of our members tried Association croquet and ricochet but there wasn't enough interest from other members to continue.

We do not have junior members but annually between 3 other clubs we hold an interschool competition. Our Euroa teams have had success in this competition.

Club issues:

The club was successful in applying for a Council grant and also an Inland Rail grant.

The club has 2 teams in the GVCA pennant tournaments and usually finish in the top 4.

In 2022, 16 members from our club made a trip to Boort Croquet Club and had a most enjoyable day with their members. We have finally been able to reciprocate and will host 11 members of the Boort Croquet Club at Euroa on 8th September 2025.

At our last meeting 20.8.2025 our financial balance was \$17,199.04.

Kyabram Croquet Club. 2025.

Basic information.

29 members, 27 members play golf croquet. 2 members play association.

Membership changes.

Memberships increased, with social memberships being introduced this year giving more choices.

Talking to people about croquet / putting flyers up around town. Pictures and articles on Facebook.

Seniors come and try posters in shops.

School Involvement

Students from local and surrounding schools come and learn how to play.

Level of coaches and referees.

One player coaches AC.

Financial

Financial position is good.

Courts

2 A sized courts, 4 B sized courts

Grants Applied for

Campaspe Shire \$4,000 to replace lights. (LED)

Sport & Recreation \$1,000 Uniform rain Jackets.

Sponsorship.

Farrier Vet

Brady Electrical

Local Business donate prizes for social day raffles.

Volunteer Involvement

Upkeep of the grounds and gardens, marking lines, general maintenance.

Notable successes

Social days with full complement of 32 outside players X 4 social days

Victorian AC Womens Championship Kerri-Ann Organ (Kyabram)

Help wanted

How to get younger members

Mooroopna Croquet Club Inc Report. 2025

- Membership 59. We have had some retirements and new members keeping our membership numbers stable.
- At the start of the school year (4-6 sessions) and toward the end (4 -6 sessions) we take year 9-10 students from the Greater Shepparton Secondary College.
- One coach, Loretta Gawne. Level 1
- No referees
- Sound financial position
- Our courts are in good condition.
- John Young our publicity officer has done a great job in promoting Croquet in the Shepparton News and Win TV
- Vic Sports Grant – successful. Purchased sets of primary colour balls
- Mooroopna businesses volunteer gifts for our raffles on our social days
- We don't have any sponsors
- It is difficult to recruit members for positions on the committee, but we have many willing members who offer to help on social days, gardening and cleaning roster.
- We held a successful coaching programme with Maurice Cevaal-Hewett. 8 members took part.
- CPR Training – We had 4 members complete their training on March 25th 2025
- We ratified the Croquet Victoria document and are encouraging members to obtain a WWCC. 13 Members now have WWCC.
- We are taking part in GC Pennant but not AC this year due to lack of numbers with people being away. Only one AC social day this year. We also hold a GC Soup and Bun Day, GC Social Day, AC and GC Saint Patrick's Day and AC and GC Australia Day Social Days.
- We hold interclub tournaments such as the "Sheep Dip Cup" against Euroa and the "Causeway Challenge" against Shepparton.
- A few of our members have had successes at tournaments, John Young, Taryn Arho and Loretta Gawne – GC Regionals. Veronica Richardson AC Regionals – won Div 4 Champion of Champions. John Young, Geoff Richardson, Taryn Arho.
- Mooroopna Croquet Club celebrated their 80th birthday in May this year (one year late due to our clubrooms not being available from the floods) Past and present players were invited to an afternoon of croquet and Afternoon Tea. The Birthday Cake was cut by Life Members Beryl Gerrish, Helen Wrest and Jeanette Hall.
- All members are enjoying the social and friendly aspect of the game of croquet. A group of members take part in local club social days.

Dot Brown

Secretary

Mooroopna Croquet Club Inc

Regional Report

GOULBURN VALLEY (REGION) CROQUET ASSOCIATION – CLUB REPORT

Numurkah Croquet Club report 2025

BASIC INFO

- Number of members - **26**
- Codes played – **Association, Golf, Ricochet.**
- Movement in membership – **like many clubs we have a number of members who have not re-joined either because of ill health, moving away from the area or just no longer interested. We lost two of our stalwart Association members to ill health.**
- Juniors involvement - **N/A**
- Level of coaches and referees – **N/A**
- Financial position - **Solvent**
- Court quality - **Excellent always available for finals of Pennant.**

CLUB ISSUES

- Successful recruitment and publicity activities
- Grants applied for and received- **\$1000 from Sports Victoria for club shirts**
- New sponsorships - **N/A**
- Relationship with local council **ongoing**
- Volunteer engagement - **N/A**
- Any skills/expertise/interests that your members have that they would like to volunteer to use within your region or Croquet Victoria. - **No**

DEVELOPMENT and POLICY CHECK-IN

- Involvement in Croquet Victoria activities - **No**
- Child safe compliance - **up to date**

NOTABLE SUCCESSES

- Events held – **GVCA GC Pennant team / social day**
- Member tournament successes

ANY HELP WANTED

- Any issues the club is facing- **Dwindling numbers**
- How can Croquet Victoria, other clubs or regions help your club or region?
Attend functions

RICH RIVER CROQUET CLUB REPORT 2025

Rich River Croquet Club has currently 55 members. Play days are Golf Croquet – Tuesday and Thursday and Association Croquet - Wednesday and Saturday. The Association Croquet numbers have increased over the past two seasons. 12 members are now playing AC regularly and 2 teams have been entered in the Pennant Competition this season. Once a month, Kingball is played, which combines techniques from both codes. Regular Come and Try Days are held over the year which bring a small number of people requesting coaching. Our coaching team of Russell Smyth, Cherie Lessing and Sandra Retallick serve the club well. Sandra has great success with Moama Grammar Students who come for coaching as part of their PE Program in June. RRCC is fortunate to have a number of qualified referees in both Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. The club has 5 courts which are maintained by the RRCC Greens Managers. Once a month, the President of RRCC and the Greens Manager RRCC meet with the Golf Club team to discuss issues and maintenance. From the end of October to the end of January, the courts will be closed for resurfacing. We are in the process of organising some trips to our regional clubs over that time. Echuca Moama Croquet Club, Deniliquin and Kyabram have kindly offered to have us visit for social play.

As mentioned above. RRCC is an integral part of the Rich River Golf Club which allows us to be included in their Newsletters and Christmas Activities. Croquet is often part of the Christmas break up for businesses in the district. In October, as part of Seniors month. a Twilight Event is held for members and friends. Recently, Lucinda. The Marketing Manager assisted with the poster for the Colours for Cancer Charity Day. The local paper – Riverine Herald has a weekly report on social play for both GC and AC plus a write up for the Pennant teams. When major events are held, a reporter and photographer will attend.

RRCC hosted a very successful Together More Active Player Development sessions from December to March. 12 players from Echuca Moama CC, Deniliquin CC and RRCC attended the sessions. All reported that they had increased their skills and confidence in their game. Many thanks to Maurice and Sarina for their time and expertise. We are really fortunate to have a range of players who are able to assist with clarification of the rules and on normal play days will often explain when obvious mistakes are made. Many of our players have Working with Children NSW registration but at this stage we do not have a Child Safe Champion.

Over the season RRCC has three major tournaments - the Association Croquet ANZAC Classic Singles, Rich River Golf Croquet Doubles and the Rich River Golf Croquet Singles. The Golf Croquet Social days are held in March and July with the Annual Charity Day held in late August. In house competitions are held over the year – The Golden Mallet where the winners of GC Singles monthly winners play over two days, The Vincent Shield is a High Low Draw for partners honouring Mae and Roy Vincent two stalwarts of the RRCC and the John Kelly Kingball Trophy played early in the year. Over the year there has been some really outstanding croquet played. Exciting to see 11 of the top national players play in the Augst GVCA AC Tournament as they prepared for the World Championships later this year. This year RRCC have two AC Pennant teams and one GC Pennant team playing in the GVCA Competition.

Finally, thanks must go to the Committee and members for their commitment to RRCC.

Happy Hooping

Marg Kennedy

RRCC Secretary.

Shepparton Croquet Club 2024/2025 Annual Report

As at close of financial year 31/3/2025

Members	49
Associate	4
Life Members	2 inactive 1 very active.
Social Days	Jan 2 nd Start the year with croquet
	June Solstice/Soup and Bun
	July Xmas in July
	Oct Octoberfest
	Nov GV Fruit Bowl Tournament

In 2025 we continue with the GV Fruit Bowl Tournament, and again we were able to get clubs from outside the GVCA and NEDCA, and this year's Tournament appears to have a lot of interest from around Victoria.

All Social Days have been very well attended by visiting club members, and members of our club are keen to attend other social days in the region

The Club runs 2 -3 Bunnings BBQ'S at approximately 4-month intervals for the purpose of raising funds, and in 2025 these continue with increased revenue.

We saw an increase in club membership of 9 with a loss of 4 over this time.

Again, in October our club participated in the senior's festival, which holds events held around the state. These events introduce participants to new experiences and sports to those who are interested. Most of our new members resulted from this event.

In the first half of the year the Shepparton Club hosts the year 10 students from the Grammar School, who participate over 6 weeks with two groups of approximately 20-24 students each session. Those students really enjoy their time with us (we look to the future).

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue with the interschool comp due to lack of communication between clubs involved.

The Shepparton club has 18 members with a WWCC.

We have two Golf Croquet Pennant Teams. One Golf Croquet team the Kookaburras, have reached the Grand final for 2025.

Shepparton also hosts the GVCA Champion of Champions in March.

Shepparton run 2 twilight competitions, Spring for 10 weeks , a break over the Christmas period, and Summer which is longer and moves into autumn. These are very popular competitions with members participating from around the GVCA.

Recruitment still remains mostly word of mouth, although the game is back being promoted on Win News with pennant results on a Tuesday evening. Along with regular reporting in the local paper.

Shepparton has 2 qualified umpires to assist and 1 level 1 GC coach.

The members in Shepparton are very active with volunteering when activities require with a possible 80% involvement from members.

Our court quality is excellent, thanks to our Green Keeper Bill Daunt and our Clubs greens/maintenance officer.

Shepparton has a compliant Child Safe Policy which is reviewed annually.

The Clubs running costs continue to rise and we are facing an issue with our lights as they age. It is becoming difficult to source parts and globes, these older lights cost a lot to replace and to replace the globes due to their height, is becoming prohibitive.

Total Expenditure for the maintenance of our Greens for the year ending 31st March 2025 was \$17,302. Approx. \$900 less than the year 23/24.

With an overall loss for the Club for the year of \$3407.41

Murray Valley Report to Council:

The 6 clubs in our Region are Boort, Charlton, Mildura, Red Cliffs, Swan Hill and Wycheproof. The following are responses from each club.

Boort:

- Boort Lakeside Croquet Club has 34 members – Male: 9 Female: 25. 2 members are Association players, though all play Golf Croquet.
- We have lost two members to another club and one member has gone into care.
- The has no juniors at this stage although the Boort Secondary College and Charlton College visit as part of their sport curriculum. Occasionally a member will bring a grandchild along and they join in on social day play.
- We have four members who have qualified as referees. As well as refereeing for tournaments, pennant, and social play they run regular coaching/information sessions
- The club is in a good financial position.
- The Croquet Courts are in excellent condition, however there is an ongoing threat of damage from our local corellas
- We have been successful in applying for grants of \$1000 to go towards new uniform jackets, Local Shire grant to the value of \$625 and a grant from the local Grain growers Co-op of \$2500 to help the club.
- We maintain a good relationship with the local council. All our members are fully engaged as Volunteers at the club. Voluntarily providing hospitality to the club and visitors, organising play, social days, tournaments and cleaning. Members are always willing to give a hand locally and committed to the local community in many aspects, however, not generally willing nor having the capacity to branch out wider.
- We have been involved with the Together More Active Player development workshops and court soil testing (as above)
- Child safe compliance. We have an appointed a Child Safe Officer (Delma Pappin) and are compliant with the policy.

NOTABLE SUCCESSES:

- Events held:
 - very successful Golf Croquet (March 2025) and Association Croquet (October 2025) tournaments held
 - Pennant: Boort entered two teams in the MVCA Pennant season. The count came down to hoops and Boort White pipped Boort Blue at the post by two hoops 634 to 632.
 - Social Days with other clubs – 11 of our members travelled to Euroa to participate in a social day which was a reciprocal visit; Bendigo Croquet Club visited us on Bendigo Cup Day which has become an annual event with the two clubs alternating hosting.
 - Hosting a night of family fun and croquet for players and their families who have come to Boort for the Easter Tennis Tournament.
 - Supporting school groups from Boort and Charlton schools as part of their school sports curriculum.
- The club is going well and not requiring any help in the immediate future

Charlton:

Charlton Croquet Club continues with a steady membership of 20. We play 2 sessions a week in Association Croquet and 2 in Golf Croquet all year round with an extra session for both codes in the summer when we play under lights at evening.

- Our courts are in fairly good order with a good greenkeeper looking after them. We are holding our own financially and most of our bigger maintenance is cared for by the local shire as we are on Shire property.
- We are very active in the Murray Valley Croquet Association, joining in Round Robin Days and fielding teams in Pennant Competition. We had one team in GC this year and AC played a sort of Round Robin Day instead of Pennant because of the difficulty of some towns to field a team.
- We have a comprehensive folder of policies which are reviewed regularly and have an up to date Child Safety policy even though we don't have children playing regularly. We usually have some supervised by teachers groups of school children once or twice a year to have a bit of a try at croquet.
- We held a successful Tournament that attracted entrants from many different clubs. It was held over 2 weekends so they could accommodate numbers.
- One of our members Lindsay and his wife Naomi have been competing successfully in quite a lot of State level events. Lindsay represented Victorian in a team that played in the Eire Cup in Adelaide and won the event.

Mildura:

- Mildura Croquet Club has a membership of 34 (11 Male, and 23 Female, including 2 Under 21 Males) and only play Golf Croquet. We are happy with our membership and always have new members coming along. The club has taken the position of paying the membership of the 2 new under 21 boys, as an incentive to help them.
- **Of note:** We have Stella Barnes who has recently turned 100 and is still an active player. We would be interested to see if any other members in clubs are in this unique position.
- We have 1 x level 1 coach and 1 x level 2 coach. Financially, our club is doing well and our court quality is not too bad.
- Recruitment of players is by word of mouth and we are always open to welcome any community groups. We have a good relationship with our local council and they continue to work with us.
- We have been involved with the "Together More Active Player development workshops, court soil testing"
- Child safe compliance is always present.
- We held coaching at the club and this was a large success
- 2 Players have had some successes and numbers attending tournaments are increasing
- Our club is facing the issue of SHADE AND SMALL CLUB ROOMS
- We think clubs need to be open to help when perhaps they believe all is well in their patch.

Red Cliffs:

- We have 22 members, 17 female, 5 male. Code played is Golf Croquet.
- Our membership has increased from a year ago, with no juniors. We have a Level 1 coach and no referee. Our financial position is stable

Notable Initiatives.

- We have increased the number of game days to 2 per week, now playing on a Sunday morning as well as Thursday morning.
- The club held two sessions of how to play croquet with the Red Cliffs Secondary school early in the year. The kids that participated thought it was great fun and I think our members got a lot out of it also in showing them how to play the game.
- The club has purchased a first aid cabinet to treat minor accidents. The cabinet has been hung on the wall next to the D Fib to make it visible to everyone.
- The club at the last General meeting created a new position for a Special Events and Promotions Organiser. The club has held a raffle event to help raise funds for the club and is considering holding other events to raise the club's profile in the new year.
- Over the last few months, the club has been doing a maintenance upgrade of the equipment. New peg stands have been made and the hoops and centre pegs have been painted with new transfers. The clubs' seats and seating shelters have also been getting a new paint and repair which is almost finished. The club put on a Working Bee in which most members pitched in to help.

Development and Policy.

The Level 1 coach has put together two coaching mornings for the club members during the year, with more to take place in the new year.

Successes:

- We have not held any tournaments yet but are hoping to hold and run a Round Robin event in the new year.
- No members have been away to tournaments over the past year.

Help and Issues

- We will require help in setting up, publicising and running the Round Robin, and other future tournaments.
- A number of players have flagged an interest in learning how to play Association Croquet. If there are any coaching programmes like the golf croquet ones, Red Cliffs and Mildura would be interested in holding a combined coaching session.

Swan Hill Lawn Tennis and Croquet:

- We have 10 Female 2 Male 1 Junior Male. All can play GC but only 4 play AC.
- Gained 2 new members from another club. It looks like we will lose 2 who are unwell and unable to play. One new member joining in the new year.
- We have one junior, who does not come very often
- New male member has been a coach and referee but has let it lapse
- The Club finances are good. The club is in the process of purchasing 2 sets of quadway hoops and associated equipment requirements
- Court quality - Excellent – We are part of the Tennis club with a full-time greenskeeper
- Child safe compliance - All policies are in conjunction with tennis club

- Have come and try days etc, they seem interested but we have trouble getting them
- back

NOTABLE SUCCESSES:

- We hold a successful annual AC winter tournament and 2 successful GC Social days per year, and participate in the Murray Valley GC Pennant
- Lois has had success in AC and GC tournaments and Darren in local AC winter tournament

Help: How to encourage people to play croquet and keep coming along

Wycheproof:

- We have 12 members (including 8 female and 4 male) with others playing socially when they can find the time, so we are hopeful of increasing membership. Members play Golf Croquet only every Wednesday and on some Saturdays.
- We have a couple of new members over recent times
- Financially, our club is going OK
- We have a new Greenskeeper and our courts are .
- The local Shire Council and our club work well together and we have a good relationship.
- Our players are very content with their croquet and are enjoying the sport.
- Thanks to Croquet VIC, we utilised the soil testing service and received excellent advice from the “Living Turf” company.

Goldfields CA Report to Croquet Victoria Council Meeting to be held on Monday 15th December at Cairnlea

Goldfields CA Report December

Goldfields CA has had to deal with many issues in 2025, but has continued to offer many opportunities for play for members.

The death of Graeme Jones, from Maryborough, in December 2024, has deprived Goldfields of much expertise. Apart from being a quality player he was instrumental in organising the training of referees and coaches, as well as running coaching programs with Peter Martyn, and other qualified referees.

Level 1 coaching is again being offered for members, and members from other associations, in early 2026 by Peter Martyn and qualified helpers.

Bendigo CC has moved from their grounds at the end of April .to the old VRI Bowls greens while their upgrade to new courts is proposed. While courts are smaller, membership has been maintained and other clubs were happy to play pennant there. Unfortunately the upgrade has not started.

Goldfields runs championships for Division 1, 2 and 3 players. Our representatives were very successful at the VCA Regionals.

GCA uses Advantage play for Handicap events.

GCA runs the Hetty Veldmann trophy for doubles play in the Association. Bendigo were successful.

This year Goldfields CA hosted the Central Victorian Challenge where doubles team from Goldfields CA and NDCA clubs competed. Maryborough were successful

Goldfields CA ran a spring pennant competition where NDCA clubs were also invited to participate.

Kyneton, Quarry Hill and Maldon joined our clubs. The winners were Division 2 Castlemaine and Division 3 Kyneton Yellow.

Unfortunately our presentation day was prevented by a Total Fire Ban.

Maryborough VRI Croquet Club Report

- Membership is on the rise with the potential of another 3-4 members.
- Our “Family Friendly Fun Nights” held on 3 Tuesdays nights in December and 3 Tuesday nights in February have created a great deal of interest among all age groups.
- The Club is committed to community involvement with participation in a number of events and hosting of Schools and volunteer groups including the Art Gallery, Library and Tourist Information volunteers. Apart from the chance of picking up a few new members these activities have certainly raised our profile in the community
- The Council has applied for funding to upgrade our club house facilities and construct long needed toilet facilities. These improvements are long overdue.
- Our lawns are slowly recovering after infestation of African Black Beetle.
- Our Club was saddened by the passing of Graeme late last year. Graeme was Captain, Referee, Coach and Treasurer. Big shoes to fill but the Club is slowly recovering

2025 Year in Review – Castlemaine Croquet Club

Castlemaine C.C. is part of the Castlemaine Bowling Club. It currently has 26 members and possibly up to 6 more ready to join in the New Year.

Castlemaine has one A-court which is used officially for GC on a Tuesday and Thursday and AC on a Wednesday. Coaching beginners regularly occurs on a Monday and a relaxed social game has begun on a Friday afternoon.

Two members have actively and enthusiastically organised some very successful PRIDE “Come and Try” days at the club with bunting, music, open bar and BBQ after play. It is believed that more new members will come through these events. The latest event will be on Sunday 14th December.

We have also had other organisations (historical society and physiotherapy organisation) ask to come along for a supervised fun event. The above events will bring in additional and welcome money for the club.

Another member, with the main responsibility of maintaining our court, has put in a lot of effort this year and has enlisted the assistance of a specialist in raising the standard of court through scarifying, spraying for beetle, ants and fungus and top dressing.

The subject of being limited to one A-court is often raised and being a part of the Bowling Club makes the prospect of us possibly moving to another venue complicated.

2025 has been a very successful year for the club.

Eaglehawk Croquet Club 2025 report.

Eaglehawk currently has 34 members many of whom play 2, 3 + times a week. Golf Croquet is played Wednesdays (club comp) & Saturdays which includes 4 free come and try days which has resulted in a number of new members. Snake in the grass is played on Mondays and proved very popular. During daylight saving twilight gc is also played on Tuesdays.

Members regularly visit other clubs for their social days and also participate in a 6 week pennant competition .

Club is in good financial position & recently purchased a new roller for courts. Weeds are an ongoing problem and courts will be scarified and worked on during holiday break. Members are always willing to pitch in. Club has applied for soil testing through croquet vic and hopefully will receive valuable information to further improve courts.

It was a busy year with 27 school group sessions including 3 secondary colleges ranging from 1 session per week for 2 weeks to 2 sessions per week for 6 weeks. A local primary school also came for 1 day. 4 coaches plus quite a few other members all with WWCC covered the sessions which have been a good source of revenue for club. 2 secondary colleges have already booked in for sessions in 2026.

A fortnightly session ran throughout year for “ Access all Abilities “ group plus their carers. These loved the sessions and showed noticeable improvement. So keen were they that they bought a mini croquet set for use indoors.

The local Probus club had their Xmas breakup at E/H club and enjoyed a game of golf croquet with members followed by a lovely spread of savoury and sweet fingerfood, resulting in the club also gaining a couple of new members.

Constitution Review Working Group Report to Council

1. Context

The Constitution Review Working Group conducted an informal survey of Council members to assess responses to the governance experiment currently under way, where Committee of Management (CoM) meetings are in abeyance, and Council meets monthly.

The responses were favourable, with only one respondent taking the view that they had not signed up for monthly meetings when agreeing to regional representation, while seven felt the monthly arrangement works well.

2. Summary of Comments

Meetings at consistent days and times in evening x 5 (7:30 not 6:30 x 1)

Two face to face meetings annually

Monthly Council works well x 7

Meeting length OK x 3

Didn't sign up for monthly meetings

3. Working Group Assessment

The Working Group (WG) is of the view that the experimental arrangement has been a success, meeting the objectives of reducing double handling and ambiguity while empowering Council enabling it to better fulfill its governance functions.

4. Points for Discussion

(a) Constitution

Adoption of the monthly Council meeting format, with abolition of a separate CoM, The WG to consider appropriate enabling changes to the constitution and to focus on the second constitutional review priority, the Federation of Regions structure, and the third priority, "good housekeeping" rationalisation of the Constitution.

(b) Meeting protocol

- Monthly Council meetings could be changed to evening times (straw poll on preferred start time 6:30 or 7:30 pm)
- Two annual face-to-face meetings to be retained
- Current agenda management practices to be retained and refined

Robin Russell

Secretary, Constitution Review Working Group

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Australia Roadshow in Victoria - Tuesday, 2/12/25 - to update the Victorian sport sector on developments and trends relating to the National Integrity Framework.

Points covered:-

- ✓ Integrity management in sport has evolved significantly in the last decade from a 'reactionary' position to essential function; NIF - currently reviewing policy. Final Antidoping Policy has been released. WADA has released a new list of substances.
- ✓ SIA has a range of supports to assist with implementation of National Integrity Framework (NIF) including education, capability building programs, grants, advice, webinars and education/e-learning; SIA started - Youth Athlete Reference Group - voice of child (6) survey will be completed by February 2026 and project 'Sport is for EveryBody' - addressing body positivity.
- ✓ The importance of consistency between culture and policies/process in demonstrating commitment to integrity;
- ✓ Approaching complaints should be underpinned by fairness, impartiality, proportionality, clear communications and strong record-keeping; Complaint Management Support; SIA has covered 105 cases/investigations this year - still dealing with unreasonable complaints but numbers have diminished.
- ✓ Consider opportunities to connect and collaborate with other sports and jurisdictions who are facing similar risks;
- ✓ Prioritise preventative action to address potential 'passive permission' of unacceptable behaviours, including those that might seem innocuous but lay the foundation for escalation;
- ✓ Seek to address issues at the lowest/local level to mitigate and minimise potential risks including escalation;

Links below are pdf copies of slides shown.

[20251202 SIA Safeguarding in Sport](#)

[20251202 SIA Managing Integrity Complaints](#)

Questions were opened to the floor when discussion commenced with a panel of three people from Little Athletics, Swimming and an SRV representative. I had the opportunity to ask -

Q: Can you assess in Complaints Management whether complainants are happy with the outcomes or is the process just too complicated. (Thank you, Sarina)

A: To date, there has not been research to quantify but anecdotally, in general, complainants have not been happy.

A key takeaway from panel - Clubs not only have policies and oversight but also create culture.

I found the presentation informative and educative and I would highly recommend a Croquet Victoria representative attending all similar events.

I have provided feedback to the organisers on the content and event.

In concluding, I thank Kate Parick and Treesh Reeve, both of whom graciously declined attending, thereby enabling me to represent Croquet Victoria.

Janelle Morris
9/12/25

**CROQUET VICTORIA
CLUB SURVEY
Results 2025**

BACKGROUND

In 2017 Croquet Victoria was funded to develop a ten year plan for croquet infrastructure across the State. All clubs provided base information on their facilities.

When the project report was submitted, Council decided to request clubs to update their information annually, to ensure that current data would be available for planning into the future.

Clubs have been given access to their responses, and each January they have been asked to update them.

Over time, the survey has been extended to include questions about aspects of club activity other than infrastructure. Currently it also includes questions about use of social media; access for players with a disability; and engagement with schools.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee has carriage of the survey and annually reviews the questions that are included.

Data from the survey have been used to update the Council Manual when it is revised each June.

Council was advised in September that Croquet Australia had requested access to the responses to the survey. It was agreed that this had not been flagged to clubs and could be seen as intrusive.

Accordingly, members of the Strategic Plan Implementation Sub-Committee have undertaken to analyse the survey responses. Our report is attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended

1. that Council be provided with an annual summary of the club survey data in June each year
2. that this report be forwarded to Croquet Australia in response to their request for data from the survey.

Kate Patrick (President)
Treesh Reeve (Convenor, SPISC)
13 December 2025

CROQUET VICTORIA
Club survey 2025
Results

Clubs were invited to respond to this survey in January 2025. All bar two clubs responded by June 2025, and the two missing clubs responded in 2024. These two clubs have been included, using their 2024 data.

1. Demographics

Gender

66% women, 33% men. Four players identify as Other.
All clubs answered this question.

Agegroup

Nearly 90% of members are over 65.

Agegroup	Number	% of responses
Under 21	15	1%
21-40	19	1%
41-64	278	10%
65-74	1237	43%
75 +	1345	46%

All but 2 clubs answered this question.

Players with a disability

Thirty-five clubs said play was accessible for players with a disability, and three said it was accessible to players with a walking frame. Forty-eight said play was not accessible for players with a disability.

2. Playing

Code played

Hamilton was the only club not playing Golf Croquet.

Code	Clubs	%	Players	%
Golf	85	99	2677	85
Association	51	59	372	12
Gateball	8	9	52	2
Ricochet	22	26	225	7

Visitors

Clubs reported a total of 6136 visitors in the course of 2024. The number of visitors ranged from 2 to 457. Regional clubs with the most visitors were Sale, Horsham, Bendigo and Kyabram (around 250). Metro clubs were Elwood (457), Kew (430), RnB (337) and Sandringham (200).

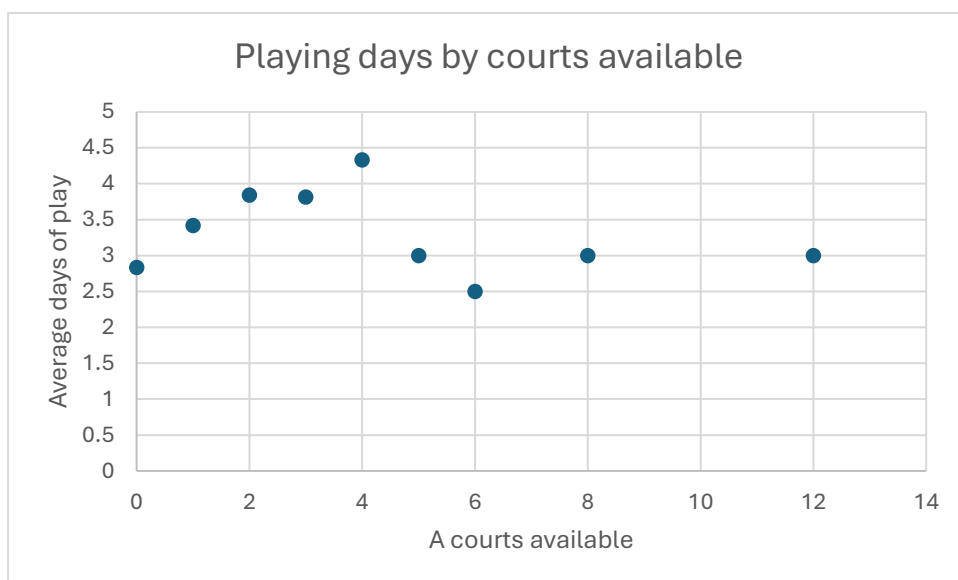
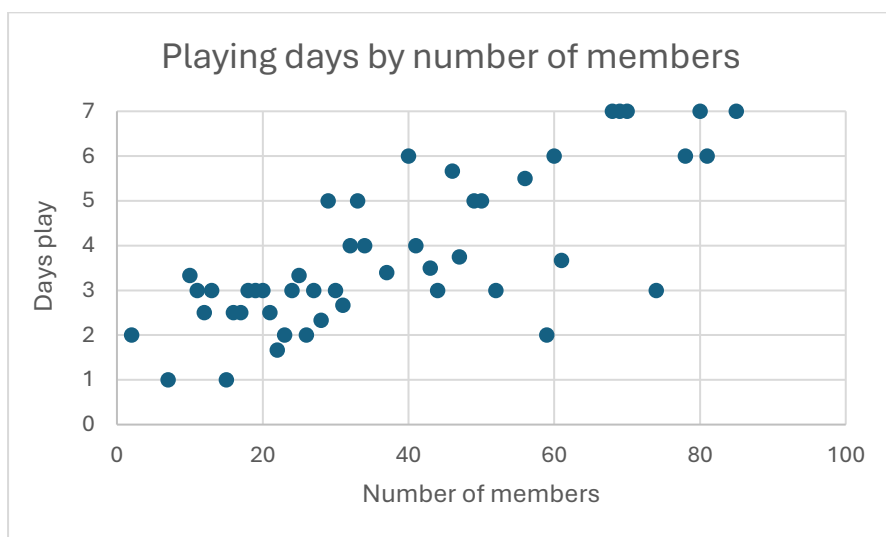
Playing Days

Clubs most commonly play two or three days a week.

Days	Metro	Regional	All clubs
1		5	5
2	1	16	17
3	6	22	28
4	3	7	10
5		10	10

6	3	4	7
7	6	2	8
Total	19	66	85

The number of playing days increases with the number of members. It is not much affected by the number of courts available.



Schools Program

31 clubs reported having a schools program and 9 clubs were planning one.

Schools Sessions

In total, the clubs with a schools program reported offering 172 sessions.

Six metro clubs offered a total of 26 sessions (12 of them at Ringwood). 24 regional clubs offered a total of 1146 sessions. The most active regional clubs were Mooroopna, Colac, Rich River, Shepparton, Warrnambool, Maryborough and Horsham, offering between 10 and 15 sessions each.

3. Courts

Number of courts

Most commonly clubs have two A courts. Sixteen clubs have lights.

Number of courts	Number of clubs	
	A courts	Lit A courts
1	12	5
2	39	6
3	16	1

4	6	4
5 plus	7	0

Courts Condition

Most clubs are reasonably satisfied with the state of their courts. Five said they were poor or very poor.

State of courts	Number of clubs		
	Metro	Regional	Total
Excellent	7	17	24
2 excellent 1 not		1	1
Excellent (4) Good (4)		1	1
Three excellent One fair		1	1
All well grassed and even		1	1
Very Good		4	4
Good	6	23	29
Improving		1	1
Average and good	1		1
Average	2	12	14
Average. 2 x B courts have been resurfaced but not playable yet	1		1
Fair		3	3
Poor	2	2	4
Very poor	1		1
Total	20	66	86

Courts Maintainer

Members are involved in lawn maintenance in about half of all clubs.

Responsibility	Clubs
Members only	28
Members plus greenkeeper or other assistance	17
Greenkeeper	25
Council or mother club	16

4. Clubhouse

Condition

Most clubs are satisfied with the condition of their clubhouse. However some say their clubhouse is too small. Four clubs do not have their own clubhouse.

Condition of clubhouse	Clubs		
	Metro	Regional	All
Excellent	6	21	27
Very good	2	6	8
Good	6	15	21
Fair/average	3	18	21
Poor or inadequate	2	3	5
No separate clubhouse	1	3	4
Total	20	66	86

Clubhouse Maintainer

Almost half the clubs report they are responsible for maintenance of their clubhouse.

Responsibility	Clubs
Members only [inc 1 paid cleaner]	40
Members plus landlord or other assistance	20
Landlord	24
No clubhouse	2
Total	86

Condition report

A minority of clubs said they have a condition report.

Condition report?	Clubs
Yes	19
No	44
Not applicable	5
Other / unsure / blank	8

Asset plan

Most clubs do not have an asset plan.

Asset plan?	Clubs
Yes	27
Landlord has this	3
No	49
Other / unsure / blank	7

Shared Facilities

Where clubs share facilities, it is mainly with tennis or bowls.

Shared facilities	Clubs		
	Metro	Regional	All
Tennis	0	12	12
Bowls	3	4	7
Other	2	4	6
Not shared	15	46	21
Total	20	66	86

5. Social Media

A majority of clubs now report some activity on social media.

On social media?	Clubs
Yes	57
Planned	8
Inactive	1
No	18
Blank	2

6. Comments

All clubs provided at least some comments in relation to the open-ended questions at the end of the survey. Many commented on more than one topic in response to the same question, so the total number of comments differs from the number of clubs.

Clubs interpreted the open-ended questions in a variety of ways. The following analysis summarises the topics which came up in response to each question and counts up answers which were similar.

Positives in past year

Most comments focused on matters to do with members: membership (35), recruitment strategies (22), competitive play (16), club morale (14) and player development (11). There were also 36 comments on facilities, and 66 comments on media (analysed separately).

Media mentions in past year

Most comments focused on local print media (61) and social media (32). There were also 7 comments on TV and radio mentions, and 6 comments on other publicity strategies.

Number of mentions in print media	Clubs
Fewer than 10 mentions	26
Regularly mentioned	16
Weekly	10
30 – 100 mentions	3

Threats to the club's existence

Four clubs did not respond to this question, one club said it was not applicable, and 35 said there were no threats.

Threats identified by the other 46 clubs included falling membership (30), lack of appropriate facilities (14) and lack of leaders (10).

Financial viability

Three clubs said they have concerns about their financial viability. While most clubs responded positively (60 said they were not concerned about their financial viability) many noted that generating income to meet costs is an ongoing effort. The high cost of lawn maintenance was noted by several clubs.

Courts and clubhouse adequate to demand?

A majority of clubs said both their courts and clubhouse were adequate to meet current demand.

Both adequate	50
Partially satisfied	30
Not satisfied	4

Other comments, including the impact of COVID?

30 clubs raised no issues.

27 replies appeared to be correcting or confirming factual information held by Croquet Victoria on club ownership (21 LGA, 3 private, 3 other bodies). These replies will be referred to the webmaster so the database can be corrected.

17 clubs commented on the continuing impact of COVID.

23 raised a variety of other issues.