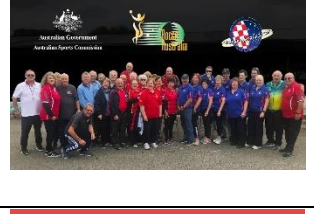
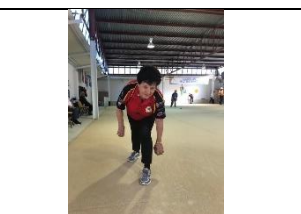


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WE'RE BACK!



OUR ROLE

Provide the opportunity to participate, enjoy and excel in all forms of the Bocce Sport and promote the values of Bocce and the benefits of participation in all forms of the bocce sport game to all Australians.

2020/21 HIGHLIGHTS

Bocce One

1 Sport

For all ages, all genders, all abilities and all communities

5 values

DIGNITY * INTEGRITY
COOPERATION *
TEAM SPIRIT *
FAIR PLAY

3 Codes

Volo, Raffa & Petanque

3 Pillars

Elite * Juniors
Lifestyle

1 World

67 countries
Over 3 million players

1 Objective

Olympics 2032

4 World Events

- 2021 AO Regionals, PM8
- 2021 WORLD Juniors & Senior - Mougue, France
- 2021 World Women's Alassio, Monaco
- 2021 World Women's Alassio, Italy

5 National Events

- Volo – 7 events & 110 participants
- Raffa – 3 events & 64 players
- Masters – 3 events, 84 participants
- Juniors – 7 events & 32 Players
- Club – 7 Clubs & 140 players

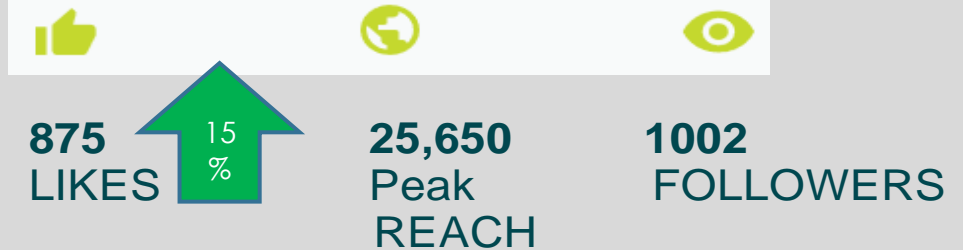
TOP PERFORMING POSTS (Impressions)

11/03/2019 8:58 AM		Wow what a spectacular Women's singles grand			88.6K
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28/06/2019 5:00 PM		Bocce Sport			5.3K
28/07/2020 2:02 PM		Talking all things bocce!			4.5K
04/08/2020 9:52 AM		Meet & hear from the Bocceroos plus Ian			3.4K
31/08/2020 7:00 PM		In this episode of the Bocce Dome hear from some of			2.7K
10/07/2020 8:56 PM		Meet Nicole "Sassy" Samsa an accomplished 1st & 2nd			2.5K
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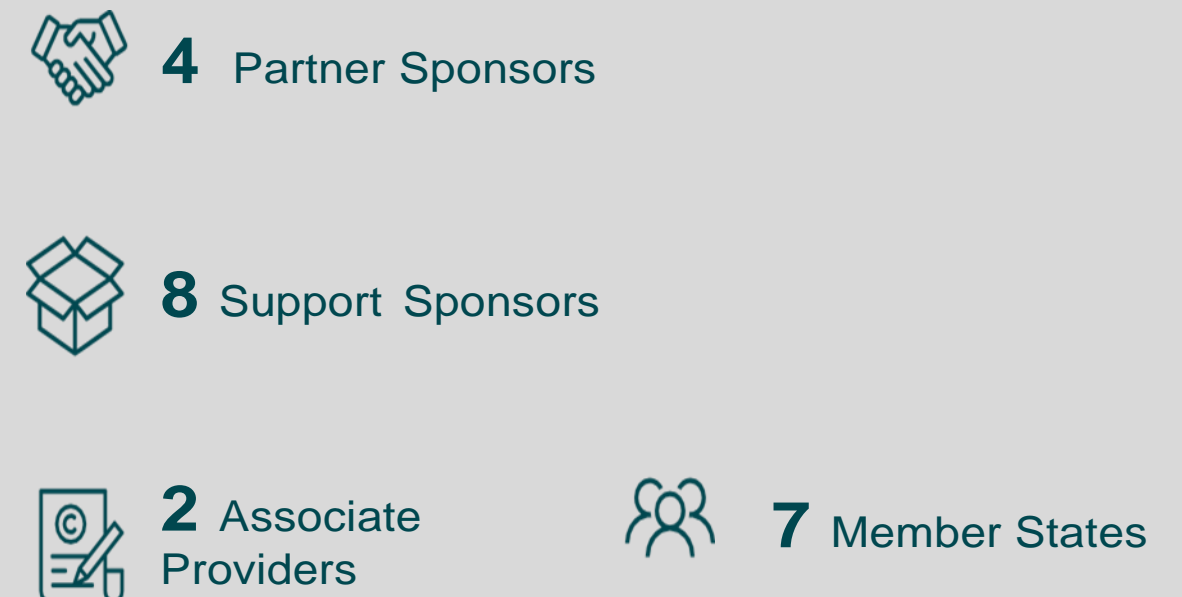
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DIGITAL



PARTNERSHIPS







PRESIDENT and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REVIEW

Bocce Australia's fifty-first year was a repeat of the fiftieth year that was experienced in a way that none of us could have imagined.

The global emergency that started in March 2020 when the COVID pandemic disrupted every aspect of our lives continued into 2021 and still continues.

With the Nationals 2021 postponed for a second year, the training, preparation, and ambition of our aspiring bocce athletes and recreational players were thrown into extraordinary uncertainty and difficulty.

In the absence of the Nationals and International championships they had been striving for, the Bocce spirit has never shone more brightly.

It began in 2020, with the bushfires when we all rallied the call to help communities to build community spirit and help recovery. Bocce Australia were preparing Bocce Tours to help the regions most impacted, but this was suddenly ground to a stop with a bigger obstacle and danger to humanity!

By March, we all faced the new challenge of COVID, with competitions and qualifying events postponed and cancelled and then lockdowns restricting all Australians. The impact on athletes' training and preparation for the Nationals was immense, but as difficult as this was, we took a leadership role.

Throughout this period, Bocce Australia set about expanding our digital footprint with new initiative community programs such as the Bocce Dome YouTube series, Wacky Wednesday's trivia series and Facebook quizzes, all in a virtual format with the bocce fraternity giving their best via online platforms.

When confined to home, players responded by recording and posting home-workout routines designed to inspire Bocce enthusiasts to stay healthy as well as reinforcing key government messaging around a "TeamAUS" approach to beating the virus.

The uncertainty created by the pandemic and the constantly shifting travel access, border restrictions and access to training and competition necessitated frequent and accurate communication from BA to our member states, our key sectors, clubs and importantly to all our player members.

My thanks to, BA Vice-President - Tony Biancacci, Secretary/Treasurer - Vince Di Mauro, Sports Director - Sonia Fava and all the Member States for getting this right.

Through live on-line updates - via Email, Facebook, BA webpage, the Bocce Dome series, monthly newsletters to our member long-list as well as our regular updates to State Federations and one-on-one online meetings, the communication was first rate. When information from Sport Australia/ASC, FIB, CBI, government agencies and other stakeholders was available, it was quickly and accurately conveyed to those who needed to know.

The loyalty and support from our commercial partners were both vital and greatly appreciated. We not only retained all our major partners, but we also increased our sponsorship footprint as did the FIB, in spite of the significant impact the COVID period had on their businesses and staff.

The ASC provided support on many levels with online briefings, updates, and guidance on how to support our players. The financial support with grants to NSO's and SSO's helped all sports, and bocce was no exception, as the support provided has helped to develop programs such as 'Bocce Reboot', the 'Junior Development program', 'Women in Bocce Sport', 'Bocce Challenge' along with new competition formats, all aligned to getting the community back into some form of bocce sport and general health wellbeing activity.

“ THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR, BA MANAGED TO LAUNCH A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT NEW INITIATIVES THAT WILL HAVE AN ENDURING IMPACT FOR THE SPORT OF BOCCÉ. ”

Throughout this year, BA managed to launch several significant new initiatives that will have an enduring impact for the Sport of Bocce.

One of the big decisions made by our board was to forge ahead with the 2022 Bocce Sport reboot program - or as I like to refer to it, the 'Bocce Sport Ignite' program - as we want the sport to bounce back with an immediate impact including lots of community participation and players on the courts enjoying a game of bocce. As a sport, we need to bounce back quickly and across multiple fronts once we are out of these lockdown settings.

With BA's recognition in 2019, that a digital presence was essential to capture the new generation of bocce participants, this was more obvious as we entered the COVID pandemic lockdowns. In partnership with our digital partner Assemblo, we set about expanding the BA digital footprint with a new look webpage, updated Facebook, and the creation of new social media platforms using YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts. To further enhance this presence a digital strategy is being prepared which will soon be launched in early 2022, which will help with our strategy for a paradigm shift for the sport opening to a broader community and an increased new participation base.



To support this social media marketing strategy, a series of bocce products will form the base framework to underpin the delivery of bocce sport to the community segment by specific bocce programs such as the SEPEP program, the Junior Development program for Schools and Clubs, and the all new OZBocce league concept. These programs will be implemented by Bocce recruited Sport Development Officers in each Member State and working closely with partner sport providers and Bocce One trained bocce volunteers.

Based on estimates from Sport Australia and government agencies, Australia will soon be well placed nationally to have all sports in full action. The Bocce Australia board has been working on several proposals for submission to Sport Australia to inject funds to help all sports start up once we ease into a COVID normal way of life.

Bocce Australia, together with three member states, are proposing to pilot the implementation of the Bocce One Community Participation Program. The program, which will initially pilot in Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria, will ensure that the sport and its cultural significance in the Australian sporting landscape is maintained and supported by a roadmap to ensure growth and expansion to a wider community base. Bocce Australia is working to be fully operational from February 2022 with participation programs and, soon after, will introduce the newly created Bocce Super League.

Other initiatives this past year have been, the introduction of the Bocce Leadership Board with State Presidents from each Member State forming this new operational committee. This newly formed Senior Management Team have given excellent service to Bocce over this difficult year. Their dedicated efforts adapted operations quickly and efficiently. Helping to consolidate options and important decisions such as all COVID communication and the postponement of National events. This provided as much certainty as we could to our bocce athletes, recreational members, affiliated clubs, sport partners and all our stakeholders. They have my and the BA Boards personal thanks and gratitude.

The co-operation and genuine collaboration from our bocce volunteers and member sports clubs makes it possible to successfully deliver many of the BA's objectives and initiatives. My thanks to the clubs and particularly their bocce volunteers for their personal support.

To the many bocce volunteers on our Commissions and Committees and the volunteers of all our member states. Thank you for your contributions, particularly in helping us and bocce sport through the year of the pandemic.

Thanks to the Bocce Dome volunteers of Daniel and Nicole Samsa, Tony Palermo, Dino Mikolic, Vanessa Allegretto and Sonia Fava, plus the many players and special guests that appeared on the show. They all helped put together an exciting new face to bocce sport which had global following.

May I also acknowledge and congratulate Tony Biancacci on his re-election this year as Vice President of the FIB. Yes, a great accolade for Tony personally but also for Bocce Australia. Tony's assiduous work for the Bocce Australia has ensured we are respected. Likewise, a fantastic compliment to Sonia Fava who was also elected for the first time, this year to the FIB board as the Women's Bocce Sport Directors. Sonia's professionalism at the AOSBC championships, Melbourne, Raffa World titles in Argentina and Juniors World Titles in Europe these past few years has left a lasting impression of the FIB board members and hence her appointment.

Sonia's accomplishments were not only on the bocce international stage, but also on the home stage. Sonia was instrumental in many of the Bocce One initiatives, marketing, and digital directions that the sport is taking – Thanks Sonia for your professionalism and tireless energy.

All this bocce activity could not be possible without the fundamental financial support from our Stakeholders and sponsors. The thanks for the management of these funds must go to Vince Di Mauro who has taken on the Sport Administration role with great gusto and has helped navigate the sports governance and financial situation through these most harrowing times. His accomplishment of having Bocce Australia transition to a company limited by guarantee was smoothless and a fabulous milestone achievement for the sport. Likewise, Vince's management of the financial obligations and reporting that happens in the background, is essential for bocce to remain recognised by the ASC and relevant within the Australian sporting landscape. From an operational budget the sport is poised in a good position to when we return to the bocce courts – Thanks Vince for another good year.

Also, a thanks to our Sector leads – Refereeing/Officiating – Franco Fava, Special O's – Michael Migliaccio, Tournament Directing – Mary Massena and Player Advocate – Dino Mikolic.

We started 2020 preparing for the 50th and the Nationals in Morwell, we end 2020 going nowhere as all events were postponed to late 2021. The past 12 months called on all of us to find ways to meet the challenges that we were confronted with. For athletes, recreational players, coaches, administrators, officials, commercial partners, volunteers – the whole global Bocce fraternity, this year has been one of patience, reinventing ourselves and learning.

We have gained inspiration and guidance from other sports, especially our partner sport Lawn Bowls, our major stakeholder Sport Australia, and our World Governing bodies FIB, CBI, the recently formed World Bowls Sports Federation and from our members.

So onwards to 2021/2022 with conviction that better days are soon to be had.

I am delighted to be supporting FIB President, Federic Ruis in strengthening the movement of Bocce Sport for inclusion into the Olympics. Although we missed out on the 2024 Olympics a focus will be on the subsequent Olympics and especially the Brisbane Olympics of 2032.

Finally, my thanks to the BA board and the BA BLB and our Members States and the volunteers for their efforts in 2020/21. They met the challenges presented with great determination and the agility required to successfully negotiate the year.

Most importantly, the focus on working so closely and constructively as a team this year was outstanding in its detail and thoroughness. This focus will see Bocce Sport rebound with great impetus when we safely return to a COVID normal way of life next year when all National events will go ahead.

Always in Bocce,

FRANK FUNARI
President & CEO Bocce Australia

President - Asia Oceania Sport Boules Confederation and Vice President - FIB & Bocce Australia

REPORT

It is with great pleasure to report on the activities and successes of the past year.

Recently at the World Congress I was honoured to have been elected as Vice-President to the Board of the International Bocce Federation (FIB - Volo), alongside 3 other Vice-Presidents, each representing their respective Continents. Board vacancies were hotly contested with 56 nominations received for 26 positions.

Asia Oceania Board elected appointments were:

Mr. Hirofumi Kobayashi (Japan) as a Continent Member (Vice President AOSBC)

Ms. Sonia Fava - Women's Sport Committee (Sports Dev, Bocce Australia)

Mr. Frank Funari - Disciplinary Committee (Secretary AOSBC, President Bocce Australia & Raffa)

Mr. Vince DiMauro - Ethics Committee (Treasurer AOSBC, Sec/Treas Bocce Australia)

I welcome and congratulate their appointments and look forward to working with them.

Now that the FIB re-organisation has been finalised, over the next 4 years we can work together to develop the Federation International Sport Boules and its endeavour to unify Volo, Raffa and Petanque throughout the world.

At the recent World Championships in France, India was the sole Asia Oceania representative. It was India's first time at a World meeting, and we congratulate them for their determination and willingness to compete.

Also, in Martigues, France, I was impressed to see the new look bocce surfaces for the throwing events, adding much colour and vibrance. The organising committee should be congratulated for hosting such a successful event, especially under Covid19 restrictions. It was disappointing that only 15 Nations were able to participate in Martigues as many Asia Oceania Nations could not, due to the imposed Covid19 restrictions in respect to travel and visa acceptances.

During the Congress Malaysia and Iran were formally registered as members of the FIB. We wish them every success for the future. The FIB has pledged training and coaching assistance to these newly registered members in the near future.

“..... up to 4 events could be held in 2023 in the Asia Oceania Region !”

The Covid19 pandemic continues to cause disruptions to our program in organising Asia Oceania qualifying events for both Volo and Raffa. There is some hope up to 4 events could be held in 2023 in the Asia Oceania Region! i.e., Juniors, Women, Seniors & World Throwing Cup. The expectations from the FIB are for each Continent to host World events on a rotation roster.

Finally in the coming months I will be hosting video conferencing with Asia Oceania members to plan future events and discuss future developments within the Region.

Antonio (Tony) Biancacci
President AOSBC (FIB & CBI)
VP - FIB & BA



Vincenzo Di Mauro
Secretary/ Treasurer
Bocce Australia Limited

SECRETARY REPORT

On 30 May 1986 Bocce Federation Australia (BFA) as a national sporting body was initially incorporated with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV). In 2019 SportAus in accordance with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) direction requested BFA to register as a company with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) or risk ongoing funding support. The submission process to ASIC was long and impacted by the pandemic, however with the support from SportAus Bocce Australia achieved the next stage in corporate survival and was granted company status on 18 December 2020.

Bocce Australia (BA) operates within the framework of its Constitution and Board Charter however, BA are mindful it must also comply with ASIC's Corporation Act 2001 company laws and SportAus governing and reporting requirements. With the transition from CAV to ASIC it required us to make the change from reporting on a 31 March year end to 30 June financial year basis.

Just prior to the pandemic SportAus had introduced a standardised approach with all national sporting bodies to a standard reporting format. During the pandemic SportAus saw the benefit and importance in this process, and as a result expanded the requirements which has become a much more rigorous reporting regime. This includes core participation planning, workforce, and reporting and more recently a three-year corporate governance framework. At the time SportAus introduced this reporting regime it also coincided with BFA and now BA's Bocce One strategy which we have been able to successfully comply.

In addition, in 2020/21 ASADA - Australia's sport and drug authority became Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) which Bocce Australia has agreed to adhere and comply with its updated sport and drug enforcement program for a cleaner and fairly sport environment. As we hear more from SIA the program will be rolled out nationally. 2020 and 2021 has and is having a devastating effect on Sport in Australia. The myriad of restrictions between the States is challenging when attempting to coordinate reopening of training and event scheduling. BA will be guided by SportAus under the direction of the Federal National Plan and work with the individual State health instructions and border guidelines.

Finally, with the support from our State Federation member bodies and their members we remain confident our Bocce One strategy will be implemented and provide direction for our sport. BA will continue to cooperate and work with SportAus and governing bodies to ensure the survival and growth of Bocce in Australia.

Please take care of yourself, family and friends and stay safe.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Bocce Australia (BA) Limited (CLG) **Notes to the accounts**

1 Basis of preparation of Accounts of the Financial Statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accepted accounting practices in Australia. For simplicity these financial statements, in the absence of an accounting package, are prepared on both cash accounting basis and where appropriate accrual accounting.

The financial statements are stated in Australian dollars and prepared based on a going concern.

At its 2020 AGM, BA advised the membership of the critical mandatory requirement by SportAus to change its entity status from State based incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee. As a result, these financial statements are prepared in line with 30 June ASIC Financial year end company reporting. As a result, these statements represent the reporting period of 15 months, 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.

2 Summary of Accounting and Business Policies

The principal activity of BA is to grow and encourage participation and promotion of the sport locally, nationally, and internationally.

Eligibility to remain a National Sporting Code (NSO) and secure government financial support, ASC mandated BFA must transfer to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Therefore, in 2019 SportAus advised Bocce Federation of Australia of its requirement to mandate a change of entity form a state association body linked to CAV to a company limited by guarantee and registered with ASIC in accordance with the Company's Corporations Act 2001.

Key difference:

Company limited by guarantee

Public company constituted by members and governed by a board; registered & regulated by the Corporations Act 2001, administered by the Australian Securities & Investment Commission (ASIC).

Incorporated Association

Body corporate with legal personality registered and regulated by the relevant State. BFA is registered with CAV.

Change of name: Bocce Australia Limited CLG (former name Bocce Federation of Australia Inc) was granted incorporation by ASIC on the 18 December 2020.

Note, no Director has received or become entitled to receive an executive or non-executive financial remuneration during the financial year as a benefit because of a contract made by Bocce Australia Limited or former entity Bocce Federation of Australia.

INCOME STATEMENT - Year Ended 30 June 2021

15 months

12 months

	Notes	30-Jun-21	31-Mar-20
INCOME			
member Fees		\$ 3,892	\$ 17,538
ASC Grant	3	\$ 62,750	\$ 50,185
Sponsorships, Donations & Contributions	3a	\$ 3,894	\$ 6,533
Sales - Equipment / other		\$ 926	\$ 2,408
Sundry Creditors written off	4	\$ 41,312	\$ -
Interest		\$ 320	\$ 572
Misc		\$ 49	
Total Income		\$ 113,142	\$ 77,235
EXPENDITURE			
National Games		\$ -	\$ 20,046
International Games -		\$ -	
Melbourne AOSBC and Mersin Turkey		\$ -	\$ 48,930
Player & Coaching Development		\$ -	\$ 3,585
Promotion		\$ -	\$ 2,839
CAV Compliance fees		\$ 59	
Administration		\$ -	\$ 2,930
Insurance		\$ 2,795	\$ 2,283
Current Website maintenance	5	\$ 1,036	\$ 1,531
Communications	6	\$ 5,280	\$ 1,373
Storage facility	7	\$ 3,245	\$ 672
Corporate Card	8	\$ 7,933	\$ -
IT access & fees		\$ 690	\$ 338
Reimbursements		\$ 3,609	\$ -
Sundry Debtors written off	4	\$ 40,257	\$ 2,420
Obsolete office equipment	9	\$ 8,043	\$ -
Bank fees		\$ 142	\$ 402
Prepayment	10	\$ 2,050	\$ -
Misc	11	\$ 3,222	\$ 237
Total Expenditure		\$ 78,361	\$ 87,586
Total - Deficit / Gain		\$ 34,781	-\$ 10,351

BALANCE SHEET - As At 30 June 2021

	Notes	30-Jun-21	31-Mar-20
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		\$ 77,072	\$ 49,752
Deposit		\$ 29,404	\$ 29,084
Sundry Debtors	4		\$ 40,257
Prepayments			\$ 2,050
Office equipment			\$ 8,043
Total Current Assets		\$ 106,475	\$ 129,186
Non-current asset Asset			
Work in Progress -			
Website construction	12	\$ 4,680	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors	4		\$ 40,062
ASC Grant in Advance (Apr-Jun 2020)	3		\$ 12,750
Total Current Liabilities		\$ -	\$ 52,812
NET ASSETS		\$ 111,155	\$ 76,374
EQUITY			
Accumilated Balance		\$ 76,374	\$ 86,725
Deficit/ Gain for year ended		\$ 34,781	-\$ 10,351
Total Equity		\$ 111,155	\$ 76,374

Expenditure and income comments

- 3 Annual SportAus Grant \$50k plus 2019-20 accrued 12.750k brought to account.
 3a Play4Purpose donations via SportAus site.
 4 Sundry debtor obsolete balances for years 2016-2020 are in respect to affiliations fees, GST, individual and club member fees. Upon review these were possibly recovered in prior years, however not recorded against the balance sheet and as such are considered obsolete entries and brought to account to the income statement. Sundry Creditors for years 2003-2020 are obsolete balances mainly due to GST liabilities. The ATO confirmed these balances do not reflect a debt to the ATO as confirmed by letter dated 19 February 2020. BA is no longer required to be registered for GST and not required to submit BAS liability statements.
 5 Maintenance fees associated with it old BFA website.
 6 Member communications to current base and external community.
 7 Purchase of second-hand storage facility/ (shipping container) and site installation stored at Casa D'Abruzzo, Epping club complex.
 8 Corporate card expenditure - materials and IT subscription fees
 9 Misc office equipment with a written down value of zero – written off.
 10 Misc prior year prepayment accrued and held in the balance sheet, brought to the income statement.
 11 Prior year event/s reimbursements to members.
 12 Work in Progress (WiP) – construction of new BA website. Final payment due Q1 2021-22 at which time depreciation will commence.

Board Meeting Director Attendance Register

Position	Name	Appointed/ Elected	Re- elected	Next election date	Years of service	Scheduled meetings	Total 2020- 21 FY
President	Franco Funari	2017	2019	2021 *	4	12	13
Vice-President	Antonio Biancacci	2019		2022	3	12	12
Treasurer	Antonio Biancacci	?	N/A			N/A	
Secretary	Vincenzo Di Mauro	2018	2020	2022	3	12	13
Treasurer	Vincenzo Di Mauro	2019		2021 *	2	12	13
Sport Development Director	Sonia Fava	2019		2022	2	12	13

Due for election * and in accordance with the Constitution

Term of Appointment

For each two-year interval, the President and Treasurer shall be elected in each of odd numbered years, and Secretary and remaining Elected Director/s shall be elected in each year of even number.

Note, no Director has received or become entitled to receive an executive or non-executive financial remuneration during the financial year as a benefit because of a contract made by Bocce Australia Limited or former entity Bocce Federation of Australia.



President and Treasurer's Declaration

We certify that the attached general purpose financial statements for Bocce Australia Limited and former entity Bocce Federation of Australia have been prepared in accordance with general accounting practices in Australia.

We further state, in our opinion, the information set out in the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the financial statements, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2021 and financial position for Bocce Australia as of 30 June 2021.

We authorise the attached financial statements for issue on 21st September 2021.

Franco Funari
 President
 Bocce Australia Limited

Vincenzo Di Mauro
 Treasurer
 Bocce Australia Limited

Melbourne
 21 September 2021

Melbourne
 21 September 2021



Sonia Fava Sports Director, Bocce Australia Limited & FIB Women's Sport Committee

REPORT

STRATEGY | Bocce One

With yet another challenging year for our sport, Bocce was able to utilise the COVID lockdowns as a time to strategically plan and invest in key infrastructures to implement the Bocce One roadmap Strategy as supported by Sports Australia

Key strategic initiatives from 2020/2021 include:

ADVANCING BOCCE

Our Bocce Transformation Program, with a primary emphasis on collective reform in terms of the game's workforce, strategy, and financial management, and collaborating in areas of shared need was the core focus of the Board for the last 12 months.

1. Undertake a national roadshow with key participation stakeholders

Bocce One (B1) Presentations via zoom to the State Federations and key stakeholders was held and as a result Victoria and Queensland agreed to participate as pilot states with other states being involved in Phase 2 of the roll out in due course

State Clubs who agreed to pilot the B1 strategy and B1 sub-committee positions were appointed as follows:

Victoria:

Sports Development Representative & Coaching Director – Tony Palermo
Veneto Club – Sports Development Co-ordinator – Sonya Velo
Morwell Italian-Australia Social Sporting Club – TBC

Queensland

Sports Development Representative – Kerry Retiano
Coaching Director – Anthony Parlato

To oversee the day-to-day implementation of the Bocce One transformation Programme and support these newly appointed roles, a National Development Officer was appointed - Vinay Singh

Queensland will require a Sports Development Officer to assist Kerri with implementation of programme initiatives.

1. Product Design - Develop a new product or Re-develop an existing product

Lifestyle:

Oz Bocce Programme (simplified rules) was re-created for implementation with social and lifestyle participants. (Bocce in the park, Wineries)
Bocce & Bubbles created to attract lifestyle women participants

Junior

8-week programme was re-developed to attract new youth players

Elite

National Super league competition

2. Marketing Communications

A strong focus on improving and developing our digital presence and communications to our existing database internationally and nationally, and new participants was achieved through the following strategies and initiatives:

New Bocce Australia website

A new website was launched February 2021 with clear sectors for Bocce 1 transformation programme being communication: lifestyle, junior and elite.

A better format has enabled clearer communications with Bocce Australia's offerings, programmes, contacts and compliance requirements. The website was well received, and the State Federations are considering investing in a similar format for their state websites.

Monthly Newsletters

Consistent newsletters have been sent to our Bocce database which focuses on the three sectors of the Bocce One Transformation Program, Lifestyle, Junior and elite. This communication keeps our members informed, recognised and up to date with all things Bocce. As a result of the new Bocce Australia website new subscribers have opted in to receiving this monthly communication.

Social Media

Assemblo digital brand agency has been recently engaged to implement a digital communication strategy to assist Bocce Australia with:

- Brand awareness
- Recruiting new members to participate in our sport

Social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will be used accordingly to promote up-coming events, programmes and competitions.

Tidy HQ Membership Platform

As part of the Bocce One transformation Program Bocce Australia has invested in a digital membership platform that records all members in the one central location nationally. This platform will;

- keep a record of members and participant details
- allow members to login and renew their annual membership electronically
- register and pay to enter competitions and events
- purchase equipment
- receive communications
- record and store new subscriber details

The National Development Officer together with Sports Development Director are finalising the data once received by all the states to rollout nationally in November 2021

Bocce One – One sport, One membership, One Bocce for all. The future of Bocce!

Our goal and vision to have renewed focus 2021 on projects that deliver efficiency in terms of recurring human resource and financial management within the federated structure as we move to the One Sport, One Membership and One Bocce for all mode of operation is being achieved and continuing. Once COVID restrictions are lifted these programmes can commence and the infrastructure will be there to support it.

SECTOR REPORTS



**Special
Olympics**
Australia

Melbourne Eastern Ranges

From July 2020 to June 2021, Special Olympics Victoria Bocce athletes have had less than half the training sessions compared to a normal year of 26-30 sessions, 4 interclub tournaments and 1 State games cancelled due to COVID lockdowns.

This has had quite an impact as the athletes were looking forward to many friendly tournaments prior to the 2022 National Games in Tasmania. Only the Bocce sport out of all other sports in SO Victoria managed to attend qualifying games in Melbourne Metro and Echuca in April, followed by a few training sessions to June 2021.

With the Roadmap to training and vaccination requirements at 80% fully vaccinated possibly mid-November, we may not be able to have any tournaments but hopefully some training sessions before the Christmas break. In light of what's happened during the past 12 months...back in February 2021 we have managed to increase membership numbers of Bocce players, mainly juniors.

We look forward to 2022 as we will have a focus on the October National Games in Tasmania, with many training sessions, Interclub tournaments, and Special Olympics athletes appearances at Bocce Australia special organised tournaments. We all share the goal of increasing awareness of the Bocce sport and inclusion throughout 2022 and into the future.

Michael Migliaccio
Vice Chairperson
Special Olympics Australia
Melbourne Eastern Ranges Club

OFFICIATING - Franco Fava, Officiating Directorate

The 2020 season was also impacted by the pandemic as all national and state tournaments postponed, delayed, or cancelled.

Australia has 2 International referees and 65 registered State and National referees. Not all are active, and a refresher course is being planned to be run in the next 12-18 months for all existing Referee accreditations. However due to the onset of the COVID-19 all Bocce Referee activity has had to be put on hold however online courses are available and are recommended.

The Community Officiating General Principles online course has been developed to assist officials in learning the basic skills they will need to officiate effectively. Officials have six months to complete the course after they register. Bocce Australia recommends all interested referees take on this course, especially during this COVID-19 period.

COACHING – Antonio(Tony) Biancacci Coaching Directorate

Coaching courses planned for 2020/21 have been postponed until further notice due to the current pandemic. No change to the following:

In late 2019 21 additional coaches were added to Bocce Australia's Coaching register taking the total to 52 (of which 18 require re-accreditation)

A reminder for Coaches in maintaining their accreditation they must meet the following criteria subject to Covid regulations within each State:

- Be actively engaged in coaching others, e.g., at clubs and schools
- Be actively delivering coaching & training programs
- Be actively involved as a State or National Team representative
- Attend recognised training courses held by their State or local authority

A golden opportunity for Coaches will eventuate when the sport can commence with the BI program

Therefore, Bocce Australia encourages States and Clubs to utilise Bocce Accredited Coaches when this opportunity arises in the near future.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS – Mary Massena Tournament Directorate

Due to COVID all national events were postponed. With lockdowns and the uncertainty of the impacts no national tournaments were held. All national tournaments have been postponed to 2021.

- **Junior Titles – April 2021, Fraternity Club Wollongong**
- **Australian Masters Games, April 2021, Perth**
- **National Seniors, June 2021, Morwell Victoria**
- **Bocce Raffa Open, TBC**

50 YEAR TIMELINE



1970

Virgino Turco & Raymond Cher establish Bocce Federation of Australia. Virgino Turco appointed President



Agostino Martini first Bocce Singles Australian Champion, 1970



1971

2nd Australian Bocce Championships.



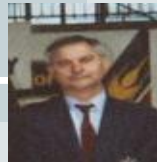
1972

Rob Parrella (left in foto) is remembered for being the 1st Bocce player to win Gold in New Zealand in Lawn Bowls in 1990 Commonwealth Games.



1973

Australia goes to their 1st World Titles



1978

Raymond Cher elected President of Bocce Federation of Australia



1979

World Bocce Championships comes to Melbourne, Australia



1983

1982

The BFA established the Australian Junior Bocce Championships in 1982 with sponsorship from Bank of America. This Championship then became the Australian Junior Open Bocce Championship and later the Asia/Oceania Invitational Bocce Championship



1985

World Men's Championships, Furlan Club, Melbourne



1988

Australia Hosts World Juniors Titles, Furlan Club, Melbourne



1991

World Championships in Gap France - Silver to Silvio Gatto - Precision Throw. Silver to Dino Mikolic - Progressive Throw!



1992

Women's Bocce conference & National Women's Championship is born!



1993

Raymond Cher successfully applied for membership (non-voting) of the Australian Olympic Committee - the first FIB affiliated country outside Italy and France to achieve this for a bowls sport, at that time.



1995

1st Australian Women's Championship held in South Australia sponsored by SA Health Quit Campaign & 1st Aust. junior championships in Tasmania include girls



1998

At the 1st World Women's Championship - Anna DiClemente (Follari-Peterson) Gold in the Bowl/Throw. Barbara Jones and Vanessa Allegretto Silver in the Doubles



2000

Bocce is on show in the players village at the Sydney Olympics 2000



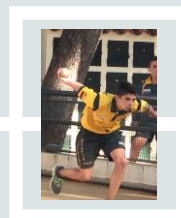
2001

2001 Walter Brecevic & Anthony Parlato (won Bronze in Doubles, in Kranj, Slovenia)



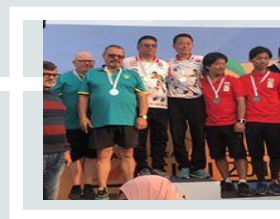
2008

Bocce Raffa Federation established and the inaugural Bocce Raffa Open held in Mt Gambier SA



2013

Tristan Giacometti - Denis Ravera Bocce Challenge International Championship - Under 18's Tristan Giacometti, Daniel Samsa and Daniel Pevero - achieved Bronze in the Doubles



Franco Fava & Antonio (Tony) Biancacci win Silver at the inaugural Asia Oceania Bocce Raffa Championship, 2018 India.



2018

Daniel Samsa wins bronze medal sets a new Australian and Oceania Precision Throw record with a score of 31 points! This is his second Bronze to the one he won in the Men's Bowl/Throw at the Morocco World Tiles in 2017.



2019

1st Asia Oceania Sport Boules Championships, Casa D'Abruzzo Club Melbourne, Australia



2020

COVID-19 World pandemic impacts life and sports worldwide. Bocce sport put on hold.



AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



Life Members

Inducted	Name
2003	Primo Bonifacio (dec.)
2007	Antonio Pegoraro
2007	Frank Gazzola OAM
2009	John Venettacci
2012	Eddie Camilleri
2012	Rolando Tonus (dec.)
2012	Italo Vigolo
2012	Nicholas Catania
2013	Barbara Jones
2013	Joan Stevens
2014	Mirella Mancini OAM
2014	Lou Masotti
2014	Fernando Cardinale
2015	Louis Magjna
2015	Luigi (Gino) Montuoro
2017	Mafalda Zambon
2018	Peter Topatig

Honorary Members

Inducted	Name
1984	Robert (Bob) Ellicott QC
1984	Deryk Stephens
1984	Dean R. Wills AO
1984	Ubaldo Larobina AO
1985	Luciano Bini AM
1985	Prof. Colin McCormick
1986	Aldo Cantafio (dec.)
1986	Frank Gazzola OAM
1988	Lina Cher
1988	Anne Pegoraro

Hall of Fame –

Inducted	Name
2003	Luigi Chiumello (dec.)
2006	Virginio Turco (dec.)
2007	Luigi Casagrande (dec.),
2007	Frank Fontana (dec.),
2007	Norina Pastro
2009	Mr. Agostino Martin
2011	Mr. Serio DeRosa
2012	Mr. A.Barbero
2014	Silvio Gatto
2017	Franco Capriotti
2017	Gino Cencigh

Honorary Life President

Inducted	Name
1978	Virginio Turco (dec.)

Life Time Achievement

Inducted	Name
2017	Raymond Cher

Order of Merit

Inducted	Name
2013	Candido Di Marchi (dec.)
2013	Grazia Marson (dec.)
2014	Wanda Guardiani (dec.)
2015	Tony D'Urbano (dec.)



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BOCCE RAFFA FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA Inc.



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With the CBI (Confederation of Boules International) the Bocce Raffa world governing body and the FIB having agreed to form the World Petanque & Bowls Federation the successor to the World Confederation of Boules Sports, it was decided that Bocce Australia and Bocce Raffa Federations formerly also combine its operation into the one over-arching governing body.

Although this has been the case informally, since inception of the Raffa Federation of Australia, combining the AGM's makes sense and is a step closer to having the one over-arching sport boules organisation per nation as is the mandate of the WPBF.



President's Report



Also, by having this new body the WPBF the goal of the Olympics becomes more realistic as all three codes in unison have a better chance of success rather than going it alone. This governing body has scope to also include Lawn Bowls which Bocce Australia will make it an objective in the coming years so that as a 4 bowls sport the possibility for the Olympics 2032 in Brisbane Australia, is convincing.

As most sports, Bocce Raffa in Australia and the world has been on hold due to COVID19. The Australian Raffa Open has had to be postponed 2 inconsecutive years, as the pandemic and lockdowns has made a massive impact to life and all sports.

Nevertheless, in the background, Bocce Australia has been working with the world governing body CBI and our Asia Oceania representative Antonio (Tony) Bianccaci on establishing a sound infrastructure for the sport so that when we transition to a COVID normal way of life that the sport can bounce back.

The key focus has been on having the new constitution written up in three languages, French, Italian, and English. Following the dissolution of the CONFÉDÉRATION MONDIALE DES SPORTS DE BOULES (CMSB) it was decided to restructure the governance of boules sport at world level in the form of an International Sports Federation whose members are national federations, with the objective to have one single federation from each country, and who each would have representation in the General Assembly, which elects the members of its Executive Committee, including the President.

“...early 2021, The World Petanque & Bowls Federation (WPBF) is born...”

To this effect in early 2021, The World Petanque & Bowls Federation (WPBF) is born, the successor to the World Confederation of Boules Sports (CMSB).

With this objective at front of mind, the Bocce Australia board which administers both Bocce Volo (Sport Boules) and Bocce Raffa in Australia have determined to include the Bocce Raffa Federation annual meeting as part of the Bocce Australia Annual General meeting.

Although Bocce Raffa has their own constitution having the one administration is aligned to the WPBF objective of having the one governing body per nation administering the sport of bocce for each nation.

In Australia Petanque boules is a separate identity and as such discussions will commence soon to how best the 3 boules codes can combine to form a new over-arching Australian branch of the federation aligned to the WPBF.

Frank Funari
Chair & President
Bocce Raffa Federation of Australia Inc.

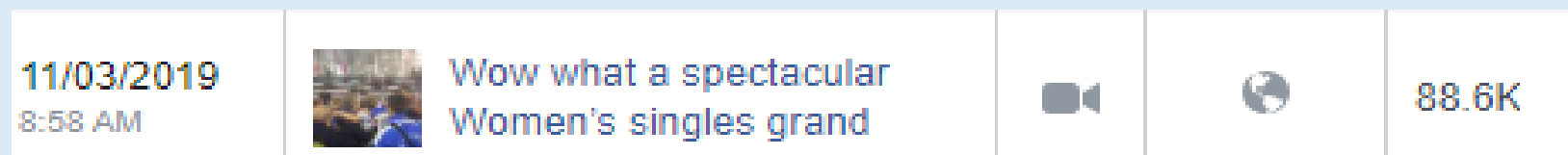
BOCCE RAFFA THE NUMBERS



Australian Medals
Silver – Franco Fava (Singles) & Silver - Tony Biancacci & Franco Fava (Doubles), India AOSBC Raffa Titles, 2018

- 2008 The BFA welcomed our sister sport (Bocce Raffa) into the family with the first Australian Championship held in Mt. Gambier SA.
- 11 Bocce Raffa Clubs - NSW – (Marconi & Liverpool); VIC – (Veneto, Lazio-Marche, Casa D'Abruzzo, Brunswick, Morwell & NEBA); South Australia – (Adelaide, Port Lincoln & Mt Gambier)
- 1125 players
- 7 Australia International hats - Rome (Raffa World Titles), Torino (World Games), St Louis Invitational (USA), China, India, Turkey(Tri-Games), & Argentina
- 1 Antonio(Tony)Biancacci – Asia Oceania Sport Boules Confederation President -(FIB & CBI)
- 1 Raymond Cher – Australian Representative Delegate on the CBI Board

The highest watched Bocce Raffa final with over 88,000 views, filmed by Sonia Fava, Bocce Australia delegate to the World Raffa Titles, Argentina



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