

# Bocce Australia

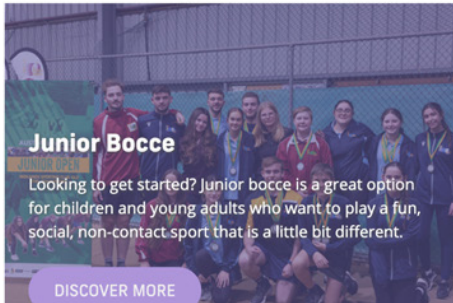
## Annual Report 2025



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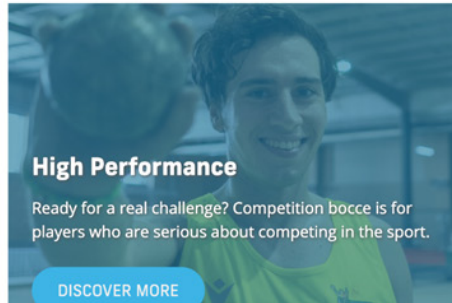
# A Green Future



## Junior Bocce

Looking to get started? Junior bocce is a great option for children and young adults who want to play a fun, social, non-contact sport that is a little bit different.

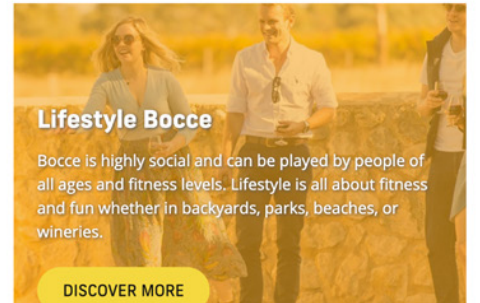
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## High Performance

Ready for a real challenge? Competition bocce is for players who are serious about competing in the sport.

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## Lifestyle Bocce

Bocce is highly social and can be played by people of all ages and fitness levels. Lifestyle is all about fitness and fun whether in backyards, parks, beaches, or wineries.

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## Acknowledgment of Country

Bocce Australia (BA) recognises that we work and live on the lands of all First Nations People across Australia.

BA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where its offices are located, the Ngunnawal, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Yugambah and the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and pays its respects to all Elders past, present and emerging.

The BA also recognises the outstanding contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to society and sport in Australia and celebrates the power of sport to promote reconciliation and reduce inequality.  
About our Annual Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with ASIC reporting and legislative requirements and provides details of the BA's performance and operations for the financial year ending 30 June 2025. The report details how effective the BA has been at achieving its outcomes for the year as outlined in the BA 2024-2025 Strategic Plan and Budget Statements.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Kate Jenkins AO

Continuing to drive Australian sport forward is at the heart of everything we do at the Australian Sports Commission.

We want to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport because that's how we will become the world's best – by working together and bound by a common purpose.

We encourage and help Australians of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved in sport and we advocate for sport and the positive influence it has on the nation.

As we look towards next year's Milano Cortina Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 3032, our vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive. Every athlete will be supported to reach their full potential with the Australian Government's record \$385 million investment package for sport ensuring Australians have world class pathways and support at all levels of sport from participation to high performance.

This includes a record \$54.9 million for Para sport – doubling previous funding – ahead of Brisbane 2032.

Our grant programs support athletes, coaches, officials and organisations, while our Sporting Schools program is helping more children access free and fun sporting activities than ever before.

Work is also underway to upgrade the AIS Campus in Canberra so it is once again modern and world-leading.

The AIS Podium Project will deliver three new facilities, including a new multi-story and para-accessible accommodation, a Testing and Training Centre and indoor Sport Dome. Construction will commence later this year with the AIS Podium Project being the first stage in delivery of the broader AIS Campus Masterplan – the ASC's long term vision to ensure the AIS Campus continue to evolve as Australia's world leading high performance sport precinct.

As Australian high performance sport continues to win well and build sustainable success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond, we're also addressing the barriers people tell us they face participating in sport so all Australians that want to be involved can be involved in sport. This is how we will play well.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best and I'm confident that the actions we take now will create a lasting legacy for Australian sport that will benefit us all for years to come.

Kate Jenkins ao



**SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA**

## Everyone has a place in sport

### Our Strategy

Sport is a powerful vehicle for personal growth, community building, and positive social change.

Australia's Sport Participation Strategy has been co-designed with the sector, welcoming individuals of all ages, backgrounds, genders, and abilities to access the benefits of sport.

Everyone has the right to participate in sport, and this strategy aims to create safe, welcoming, inclusive, and enjoyable sporting environments.

Together, we can change the face of sport and help more Australians play well.

[View our strategy](#)





# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO OF BOCCE AUSTRALIA

The past 12 months have been a defining period for Bocce Australia — marked by resilience, growth, and transformation. From record-breaking Nationals to historic international results, grassroots expansion, strengthened global partnerships, and the positive signs of financial recovery, this year has highlighted both the opportunities and challenges we face as a sport.



L\_R: Vince Di Mauro - Treasurer, Antonio Biancacci - Vice President, Sonia Fava - Sports Development Director, Frank Funari - President, Linda Chiandotto - Operations Director



As Michael Jordan famously said: **“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.”** That sentiment has guided us throughout this period — on the court, within our clubs, and across our community.

## Building Through Challenge

This year was not without its challenges. Ongoing work to strengthen club affiliations and address membership misconceptions underscored the importance of unity. What was heartening, however, was the resolve shown by our member states and clubs to rise above these issues, reinforcing their commitment to building a stronger, more unified bocce community. These experiences remind us that while progress is worth celebrating, there is always more to be done to ensure bocce thrives at every level.

## Highlights of 2024–25

- Bocce Carnival 2025 was a landmark success. Hosted across Casa D’Abruzzo (Epping), Kyabram, and Knox, the event brought together 165 athletes over 10 days. For the first time, five national championships — Club Open, Raffa Open, Juniors, Seniors, and Special Olympics Bocce — were united under one festival, capturing the true inclusive spirit of our sport.
- On the world stage, the World Games in China produced Australia’s best-ever international results. Team Australia exceeded expectations with record-breaking performances, cementing our place among the leading nations in global Bocce. Combined with podium finishes across Europe and Asia, the past 12 months marked the resurgence of one of the strongest international campaigns in our history.

## Standout achievements included:

- Nicole & Daniel Samsa breaking both Australian and Asia Oceania records in the Rapid Relay Throw.
- Junior athlete Michael Pevere winning bronze at the Denis Ravera International Challenge in Monaco, and again at the World Juniors in Puerto Rico alongside Max Tricarico.
- Team Australia climbing to 9th in the world rankings at the Men’s Senior World Titles in France.
- Australia’s strong showing at the Bocce Raffa Asia Oceania Championships in Malaysia, further broadening our international reputation and pathways.
- Diane Penny’s outstanding performance, a testament to her dedication and a source of inspiration for athletes across the country.



## Grassroots and Community Growth

Participation has remained central to our mission. Over 2000 school children were introduced to bocce this year through fun participation games — a strong signal of a growing pipeline for the sport's future.

Community engagement also flourished, with new audiences discovering bocce through Glow in the Dark events, ComNtry bocce, corporate programs, and in Victoria, the UCAN2 initiative. Importantly, the UCAN2 program was strengthened by the appointment of an international French coach, engaged to deliver advanced training and development support. This investment is already showing results in expanding skills and inspiring new players.

Our investment in referees and state coaches has also been pivotal. Referee development programs led by national officials, alongside structured coaching appointments, have raised standards nationwide. State coaches have now been established in Queensland, New South Wales, ACT, and Victoria, delivering coordinated programs and building pathways from grassroots to high performance.

The establishment of Bocce Academies has further strengthened pathways, providing structured training environments for juniors and emerging athletes. Early results are promising, with academies already producing athletes ready to step onto the national and international stage.

## Financial Outlook – The Recovery Pathway

After consecutive years of operating deficits, I am pleased to report that Bocce Australia's financial recovery is now underway. The Board's disciplined planning has begun to deliver results, and we are on what we call the Recovery Pathway — a steady return towards sustainability.

This recovery has been driven by tighter cost management, stronger fundraising, and new strategic partnerships. While challenges remain, the trajectory is positive, placing Bocce Australia on a pathway back to long-term financial health.

## Strengthened Partnerships

A historic milestone this year was the alignment of the "all bowls" sports under the World

Petanque & Bowls Federation (WPBF). With Lawn Bowls now formally joining alongside World Bocce (Volo and Raffa) and World Petanque, four codes are united in lobbying for inclusion at the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

Bocce Australia has been formally invited to contribute to the submission process and is proud to play a leadership role in this historic opportunity to elevate our sport onto the world's greatest stage.

## Governance and Leadership

This year we expanded the Bocce Australia Board with the welcome appointment of Linda Chiandotto as an Appointed Director. Linda's appointment strengthens our commitment to diversity and broadens the Board's collective experience.

The Bocce Leadership Board (BLB) is also taking shape, with Member States and Sector Leaders lifting their administration, professionalism, and commitment. This evolution marks a significant step forward in ensuring that the governance of our sport is representative, collaborative, and future-focused.

Governance and processes have been uplifted across the organisation, with long-overdue policies now implemented and clearer frameworks in place. These changes, supported by new programs and resources, are strengthening our administration structures — providing a strong foundation upon which to grow.

No longer can sport be run in a casual manner. To grow and thrive, bocce must be governed and managed with the same discipline and rigour as any modern business. This shift ensures that Bocce Australia is well placed to deliver for its members, partners, and the broader sporting community.

## Ongoing Challenges

While progress has been significant, we must remain focused on:

- **Financial Stability:** The Recovery Pathway is in motion, but further discipline and diversification of revenue are essential.
- **Balancing Ambition with Teamwork:** Sustaining a culture where personal success enhances, rather than undermines, team outcomes.
- **Membership Value:** Misunderstandings persist. Membership remains the backbone of our sport, providing insurance, access to sanctioned events, and funding pathways from grassroots to elite.



## Looking Ahead

The year ahead will be pivotal, with both international representation and participation expansion at the forefront:

The Play Well Program, launched in January 2024, will embed deeper into schools, workplaces, and communities.

Participation Formats such as Bocce Team Challenge, Game of Throws, and Corporate Bocce will broaden bocce's reach.

### International Calendar 2025 includes:

- Denis Ravera International Challenge, Monaco (October)
- Junior World Championships, Mersin, TÜRKİYE(October)
- Women's & Mixed World Championships, Macon, France (November)
- Future Pathways: The establishment of the Asia Oceania Club Championships in 2026 will create a direct pathway for our Club Open Championship winners while broadening international participation in the sport.
- The Bocce Australia Roadshow will expand nationwide, ensuring all affiliated clubs are engaged in shaping the sport's future.

## Gratitude

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks to our members, volunteers, referees, coaches, partners, and supporters. Your dedication, passion, and commitment have sustained us through challenges and made this year of milestones possible.

I also wish to express my deep appreciation to my Board colleagues for their unwavering leadership, guidance, and stewardship throughout the year. Your collective expertise and unity have been instrumental in driving our progress and strengthening our organisation.

With financial recovery underway, historic international results achieved, and grassroots participation thriving through new academies, expanded referee and coaching pathways, and strengthened governance reforms, Bocce Australia is stronger than ever.

Together — with teamwork as our theme and membership as our foundation — we are building a sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant future for Bocce in Australia.

**Frank Funari**  
**President Bocce Australia**



# DIRECTORS



## Franco (Frank) FUNARI

President Bocce Australia

Appointed 2017, renewed 1 July 2019, 2021, 2023 to 2025

Dip EDP, PMP®, PRINCE2 Practitioner, ITIL Certified, Certified Scrum Professional (CSP-SM)

I began my involvement with clubs in 1978 through the Marche Youth Club and later with the Lazio-Marche Social Club merger in 1983. I started playing Bocce in 1984 and went on to serve in various leadership roles at both state and national levels. In 2017, I was appointed President of the Bocce Federation of Australia, and in 2020, I led its transition to Bocce Australia Ltd, an ASIC-registered national body.



## Antonio (Tony) BIANCACCI

Vice-President Bocce Australia

Appointed 2017- present 8 years

Vice-President Fédération Internationale de Boules (FIB)  
President Asia-Oceania Sport Boules Confederation & General Secretary Confederation Boccistica Internazionale (CBI)

From early 1990 invited to join Bocce Australia as National Coach and coached many teams at World Junior & Senior championships

From late 1970's played Bocce and in early 1980's join Bocce Victoria, holding many positions including President for over 9 years



## Vince Di MAURO

Finance Director & Secretary/Treasurer

Appointed 2017, renewed 1 July 2019, 2021, & 2024 to 2026

For the past 20 years has held senior and executive roles as follows:  
Senior Finance Manager, Victoria Police,  
Director, Corporate Accounting VicRoads,  
Chief Finance Office and General Manager, Real Estate Institute of Victoria,  
Manager and Senior Finance Business Partner, Department of Transport – Victoria



## Sonia FAVA

Sports Development Director

Appointed 2019 – Present 6 years

Women's Sector Leader & Technical Protocol Committee Member  
Fédération Internationale de Boules  
2022 – Present (3 years)

Director - Kingsford Direct  
2020 - Present (5.5 years)  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Director - Sales & Marketing  
Corporate Relations Director  
Consultant, Future Estate, Caydon  
Developments 2010 -2019 (9 years)  
Melbourne, Australia



## Linda CHIANDOTTO

Sports Operations & Junior Program Director

Appointed 2024

I began my involvement with Bocce as a young woman, surrounded by family and friends who were actively playing the game. My connection to the sport strengthened further when I married Stefano, who comes from a long and proud family history in Bocce.

Professionally, I built my career as a primary school teacher before moving into education administration with NSW Education, where I contributed to supporting schools, students, and staff across the state. Through both my personal and professional experiences, I have remained committed to community, learning, and the ongoing growth of our sport.



# Sector Leads



Stefano **CHIANDOTTO**  
Head Coach

**State Coaches** - Kerrie Rietano (QLD), David Pevere(ACT), Corentin Julien(NSW), Phillippe DeSousa(VIC)



Samuel **PEVERE**  
Media Coordinator



Joe **MASELLI** - Chief Referee Bocce VOLO & International Referees

**State Lead Referees** - Vanessa Allegretto (VIC), Danny Tocchet (NSW), Kerrie Reitano (QLD), SA, WA, David Pevere (ACT)

**International Referees** - Joe Maselli & Vanessa Allegretto



Franco **FAVA** - Chief Referee Bocce RAFFA & International Bocce-Raffa Referee

**State Referees** - Diane Penney(VIC)  
Joe Maselli (Vic)



Michael **MILAGGIO** - Special Olympics Bocce Australia Sector Lead



Linda **CHIANDOTTO**  
Sports Operations & Junior Program Director



Anthony **PARLATO**  
Technical Committee Chair

**Technical Committee** - Daniel SAMSA, & Daniel PEVERE



Max **VIOLANI**  
Bocce-RAFFA Sector Lead

**Bocce-Raffa committee** - Franco FAVA, Tina D'Urbano, Diane Penney, Silvia Piotto & Ennio Alfonsi



# By the numbers

## 2024-2025

period marked the third year of Bocce Australia's partnership with Special Olympics Bocce. This partnership continues to serve as a cornerstone of Bocce Australia's growth strategy, significantly contributing to increased national visibility and reinforcing our commitment to delivering a world-class, inclusive sport accessible to all ages, genders, and abilities.

This reporting year also saw a notable milestone with the expansion of the Australian National Championships. For the first time, the event incorporated Bocce-Raffa, a Junior Open, and the newly introduced Club Open category. These enhancements broadened participation opportunities for athletes and clubs across the country, resulting in a substantial increase in engagement and a record 165 athletes competing in Australia's premier Bocce event.

### Australia Ranking in the World



- 1st Asia Oceania (M&W)
- 7th World Mixed Rapid Relay
- 9th World Women's
- 9th World Men's
- 11th World Juniors
- 16th World Bocce Raffa

### Australia's International Medal Achievements



- World Raffa:** Diane PENNEY 2nd place (Silver medal) in the Raffa Women's Precision Throw.
- Asia Oceania - Bocce Raffa:** Medals to Diane PENNEY, Tina D'URBANO, Silvio BRUZZESE & Franco FAVA:
  - 2 gold Women & Mens double
  - 1 silver Mixed Double
  - 1 bronze Women's Precision
- World Juniors (U23 & U18):** Max TRICARICO & Michael PEVERE Bronze Medals in Precision Throw
- World Women's:** Nicole SAMSA Bronze medal in Singles

### Follow

We experienced a **400%** increase in follower view growth across our social channels (combined) in 2025

### Social Growth



**16.1K** clicks and **35k** active users



Our best performing Live stream was the **World Juniors** followed by the **Nationals Carnival 2025**

### DIGITAL



**2025** was the best performing Bocce Nationals of all time on MySportLive and the third consecutive year of record-breaking audience growth. The 2025 season was up 18% year on year, with an average audience of 15k

### Registered Bocce members in Australia

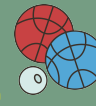
**1000+** Plus 30 Juniors 175 Special Needs



### INCREASED INVESTMENT IN BOCCO SPORT ENTRY, ATHLETE PATHWAYS & INCREASED PARTICIPATION

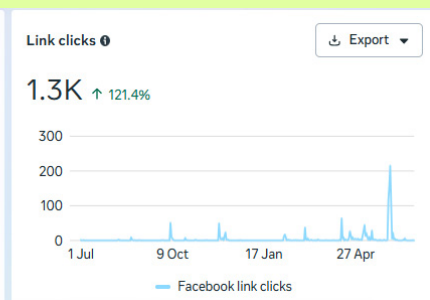
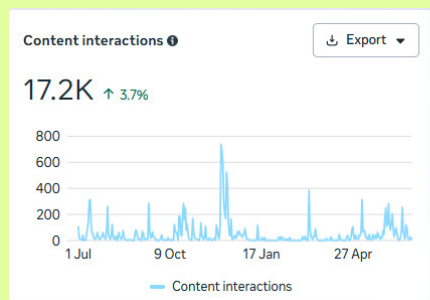
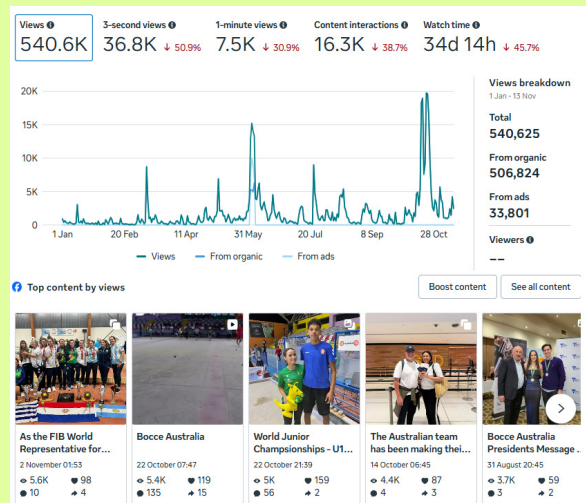
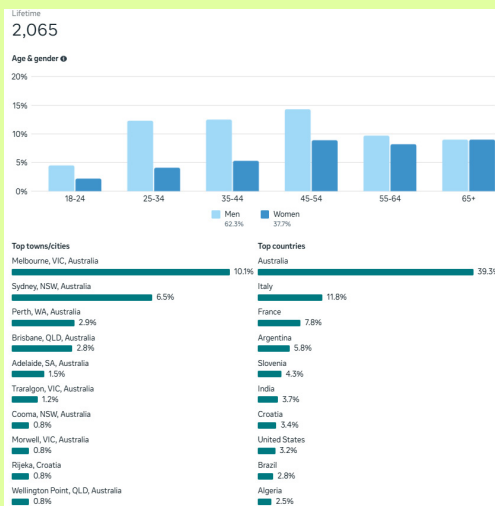


**25** Affiliated Bocce Clubs in Australia 10,000+ recreational players plus 2000+ School children participants



### World-affiliated through WPF, FIB and CBI,

**105** nations and more than **40+ million** players world-wide



# Director Reports



# World Bocce Report

## Antonio (Tony) BIANCACCI

Vice-President Bocce Australia  
Appointed 2017- present 8 years

Vice-President Fédération Internationale de Boules (FIB)  
President Asia-Oceania Sport Boules Confederation & General Secretary Confederation Boccistica Internazionale (CBI)

## AOSBC, FIB & CBI Annual Report Summary 2024–25

It is my pleasure to present this report outlining the key activities, developments, and strategic progress of the AOSBC, FIB, and CBI for the 2024–25 reporting year.

The past year has been characterised by continued momentum and meaningful advancement across coaching, international competition, and regional governance. These outcomes reflect the strengthening competitiveness and organisational maturity of bocce both within Australia and across our international networks.

### Coaching Development

Coaching remains fundamental to athlete development and the long-term sustainability of the sport. Throughout the year, significant focus was placed on maintaining accreditation standards and enhancing coaching capability.

A list of coaches requiring re-accreditation has been circulated to all States. States are encouraged to support their coaching personnel in completing renewals, supported by documented evidence of recent coaching activities.

On 17 November 2024, Bocce Australia delivered a highly successful Coaching Update Workshop at the Lazio–Marche Sports Club in Melbourne. The workshop attracted 20 coaches, including representatives from Special Olympics programs, and provided updated guidance on contemporary coaching practices, technical instruction, and athlete development methodologies. The strong level of engagement demonstrated the dedication of our coaching community and its commitment to continual improvement.

### International Competition

- Australian athletes continued to make positive strides on the global stage. At the World Raffa Championships in Turkey, the national team delivered commendable performances, with all athletes demonstrating growth and improved competitiveness compared with previous years.



- A significant achievement from this event was Diane Penney's outstanding result, securing 6th place in the world rankings. Diane's performance reflects both her individual dedication and the effectiveness of Australia's coaching and preparation pathways. The broader team also performed strongly, reinforcing Australia's upward trajectory in international Raffa competition.

## Global Governance and Federation Developments

- The year included important governance developments across international bocce organisations.
- A special assembly of African nations resulted in a leadership transition, with Mr. Mohamed El Amine Maldi (Algia) elected unanimously as President, succeeding Mr. Yacine Kafi.
- The CBI General Assembly, attended by delegates from 37 nations, resulted in the re-election of the following Executive Committee members:
  - Prof. Mutlu Turkmen – President
  - Tony Biancacci – Secretary General
  - Moreno Rosati – Vice President
  - Marcelo Bravi – Vice President

### The Assembly also marked:

- The establishment of the Bocce Federation of Hong Kong, led by Mr. Tommy Fung as inaugural President.
- The suspension of the Multi Bowls Association of Hong Kong effective 1 January 2025.
- North America's formal request to exit the Pan American Continents, which remains under review.

## Strategic Partnerships

- The relationship between CBI and World Bowls continued to strengthen during the reporting year. A productive meeting on 25 October 2024, attended by World Bowls CEO Mr. Neil Dalrymple and the CBI Executive Committee, focused on shared priorities and collaborative opportunities to elevate the sport internationally.

## Internationally

- World Championship: Bocce-Raffa, Diane Penney achieves second place in the Womens Precision Throw, at the world championships,

Mersin Turkey and this past week Nicole Samsa achieved Bronze in the Singles at the World Women's and Mixed Championships, Macon, France.

- Asia–Oceania Region Activity:
  - The Asia–Oceania region continues to expand its strategic importance, with increased participation, development activity, and international cooperation.
  - Australia competed in the Asia–Oceania Championships, held in Malaysia from 7–11 December 2024, delivering strong performances across multiple events. Congratulations are extended to all athletes who represented Australia with distinction.

## Conclusion

The 2024–25 reporting year has been one of significant advancement for bocce across Australia and the broader international community. Strengthened coaching capability, improved international performances, and enhanced regional and global partnerships have contributed to a strong platform for future development.

The outlook for the year ahead is positive, and continued collaboration across BA, AOSBC, FIB, and CBI will be central to sustaining this momentum.

## Antonio (Tony) BIANCACCINI

Vice-President, Bocce Australia  
Vice-President FIB / President, AOSBC (Volo)  
Vice-President, AOSBC (Raffa)  
Secretary General, CBI





# Secretary and Treasurer Report

**Vincenzo (Vince) Di Mauro**

FCPA, GAICD

Finance Director & F.I.B. Integrity Governance Committee Member

## 2024-25 AGM Secretary and Treasurer's Report

On 1st July 2024, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) implemented its 'Play Well' participation program. This program is targeted specifically towards growth and participation for non High Performance athletes - as per ASC's Vision and Mission. ASC's High Performance program 'Win Well' will position eligible sports for 2028 and more importantly the 2032 Brisbane Olympic games.

- Play Well Vision Everyone has a place in sport.
- Play Well Mission Create safe, welcoming, inclusive, and fun sporting experiences.

The ASC continues to support Bocce Australia (BA) through the Play Well program through our annual 12month Play Well participation plan. This plan is in place to improve skills and player participation, officials (coaches & Referees), volunteers, and administrators as specified by the ASC.

Australia Sports Commission and Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) work closely together and with SIA's National Integrity Framework (NIF) polices

will ensure sport is delivered and enjoyed free of bullying, harassment, improper use of drugs, and interference of sport manipulation and wagering.

Bocce Australia is pleased we are supported by three ASC and three SIA advisors who in consultation guide BA to a greater level of leadership, sport education programs, and governance practices.

## *"In 2024-25 Bocce Australia successfully delivered on all BA participation plan outcomes"*

- Rolled out nationally standardised set of materials/ handbooks, guidelines, for coaching and officials,
- Set up of national database (Tidy HQ) 'an ASC requirement' to maintain participation accountability by the States and improved high quality data handling nationwide,
- Delivered consistent training and sport techniques in all States & Schools, and as a result, increased confidence in delivery of programs, and
- Encouraged States & Key Stakeholders to recruit, review and activate officials, coaches and referees that are accredited, however may not be active.

BA board directors works closely with ASC's Governance Advisor to ensure we adhere and improve our governance program and structure. In the 2024-25 annual report, please see Bocce Australia's inaugural Bocce Australia 2024-25 annual governance report.



## Secretary and Treasurer Report continued

### Finance – Financial Year 2024-25

ASC is satisfied in the Director's opinion that all financial obligations have been met and there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bocce Australia will be able to pay its debts as they become due and payable. The enclosed Bocce Australia 2024-25 financial statements should be read with its accompanying notes and report also included in BA's annual report.

### Income

- BA was allotted a six-month Grant 1 July – 31 December 2024 for \$25,000. Following a successful outcome of BA's recognition criteria, we were allotted a further \$105,000 ex GST for the six months 1 January to 30 June 2025 (FY 2023-24 \$50,000)
- Federal Grant – Department of Health and Aged Care 'Play our Way' Bocce program for Girls and Women. Year one \$31,400 (Two-year grant program \$52,800)
- Victorian Government Grant \$12,000 from the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) for Bocce Australia to deliver the National competition. \$3,000 held over by DJSIR upon satisfactory delivery of the June 2025 National event.
- February-March 2024 saw the arrival from France an international coach. This has proven to be a successful coaching program into Australia. This program was not undertaken in 2024-25, and as a result, lower participation revenue of \$22,203 in 2025 compared to (2023-24 \$46,168). However, discussions are in place for a similar program in the future.

### Expenditure

- IT provider / support as per ASC grant is allocated to set up and prepare for recording participation in the TidyHQ database \$18,268 (2023-24 \$10,537).
- In this current year grant, ASC introduced funding for participation officer/s to coordinate the database project, have

greater focus towards Bocce players and officials' participating in sport. Three participation coordinators in 2025, \$66,356 (2023-24 \$0.0)

With the assistance from ASC's finance advisor, a fit for purpose financial reporting tool was provide to BA to improved focus on cash flow. This resulted in a current year surplus of \$15,354 (2023-24, negative \$31,725).

### ***"Cash Turnaround & Surplus, Financial Turnaround Achieved"***

In respect to the BA's Balance Sheet, BA's Cash at Bank is \$18,088 (2023-24 \$7,124) which includes the re-introduction of a Reserve Bank, current EoFY balance of \$10,038 (2023-24 \$0.0).

On 1 January 2025, Bocce Australia re-registered for Goods and Service Tax - GST with the Australian taxation Office, noting BA remains – Not for Profit (NFP) Tax exempt and not required to lodge an Income tax return.

From 1 July 2025 as requested by ASC, BA has implemented 'Xero Accounting software'.

While we continue to deliver on all planned outcomes, ongoing ASC funding is subject to meeting ASC's expectations on participation plans, financial outcomes, and compliance on agreed six monthly KPI's.

Note, the 2026-28 ASC 'recognition criteria' process for all sports is scheduled to commence in October-November 2025, the BA board is confident we will be recognised accordingly.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of Bocce Australia's commitment to Bocce, State Federations, and clubs during 2024-25 and we look forward to another exciting year of Bocce.

**Vincenzo Di MAURO**  
**F CPA, GAICD**



# Sport Development Report

**Sonia FAVA**

Sports Development Director- Bocce Australia & F.B.I. Women's Sector  
Leader & Technical Protocol Committee Member

## 2024/2025 Sports Development Director Bocce Strategy and Achievements

The 2024–2025 reporting period has been a landmark year for Bocce Australia, demonstrating strong alignment with our Play Well obligations and successfully achieving key milestones and targets set under our strategic development plan.

Through initiatives focused on coaching and officiating up-skilling, innovative program launches, enhanced technology platforms, and inclusive international events, we have strengthened participation pathways, improved technical standards, and expanded our global footprint.

These outcomes reflect Bocce Australia's commitment to fostering growth, inclusivity,

and excellence in the sport, ensuring that we not only meet but exceed participation requirements and deliver on our objectives for the period.

### Key Achievements

#### 1. Coaching & Officiating Up skill

We continued to deliver targeted up skilling programs for coaches and officials across Australia, ensuring greater competency and consistency in technical standards. These initiatives have strengthened the quality of play and officiating at both grassroots and elite levels, with the Special Olympics sector actively participating in training sessions held in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland

- Delivered structured up skilling programs for coaches and officials nationwide.
- Increased certification rates and improved officiating standards at all levels.



## 2. Raffa Sub-Committee & New League (Pilot)

Established a dedicated Raffa sub-committee to oversee governance and growth of this discipline and plan for the roll out of this code of play nationally. In addition, we introduced a pilot Bocce Raffa League in Victoria, which has been well received and demonstrates strong potential for expansion into other states. The sub-committee is planning initial investment in equipment, court infrastructure, and “Come & Try” events, with implementation scheduled for 2026 to drive participation and enhance player experience.

- Established a dedicated Raffa sub-committee to oversee governance and growth.
- Successfully introduced a pilot Bocce Raffa League in Victoria with potential for National expansion.

## 3. Technology & Data Management

The successful set up and transition to the TIDY HQ database platform has streamlined member and event management processes while introducing robust functionality for managing members, new participants, and associated contacts in line with Australian Sports Commission's Play Well criteria. This upgrade not only improves data integrity, reporting accuracy, and operational efficiency but also strengthens our ability to connect people to our sport and foster engagement across all levels.

- Implemented TIDY HQ database platform to manage members, new participants, and contacts, meeting Australian Sports Commission's Play Well criteria.
- Improved connectivity and engagement through centralised data management.

## 4. Bocce Australia Roadshows

Bocce Australia's National Roadshow was designed to unite clubs, federations, and passionate players across the country,

sharing the sport's strategic direction and communicate the Australian Sports Commission's Play Well Grant. These events provided a platform for club executives, committee members, and delegates to engage directly with Bocce Australia Executive leaders, learn about future plans, and explore ways to create safe, welcoming, inclusive, and fun sporting experiences for all. By visiting every state (with South Australia scheduled for 2026), Bocce Australia reinforced transparency and alignment with national objectives. The roadshows also strengthened community connections, discuss ways to attract new participants, and showcased the exciting potential for growth—including discussions on hosting major international events. This initiative marks a new era for Bocce in Australia, fostering unity, innovation, and grassroots development nationwide.

- Launched national roadshows to share Bocce Australia's strategic direction and the Australian Sports Commission's Play Well Grant with stakeholders.
- Engaged clubs, federations, and players nationwide to promote inclusivity and strengthen grassroots participation.

## 5. New Program Development

Bocce Australia introduced two innovative programs—Game of Throws Challenge and Bocce Academy—to create structured pathways for player development nationwide. The Bocce Academy's 8-week training course offers a clear progression model for emerging athletes while providing an engaging experience for players of all skill levels. Game of Throws was designed to encourage participation and skill-building in throwing techniques for beginners through to experienced players. The pilot received overwhelmingly positive feedback, and with minor refinements, a full national rollout is planned for 2026.

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- Launched pilot programs Game of Throws and Bocce Academy to create structured player development pathways.
- Secured positive feedback from pilot states, with national rollout scheduled for 2026.

## 6. National & International Training Clinics

Bocce Australia continued its national training clinics this year, focusing on developing junior players and introducing younger athletes (ages 8–11) to high-level training alongside the Australian Junior Squad. These clinics, facilitated by the Australian coaching team and a guest specialist French coach, promoted skill development, retention, and fun for all levels.

A major highlight was the development and launch of the Bocce Australia International Academy held in Nice, an initiative led by the Sports Development Director in collaboration

with the French Federation Sport Boules (FFSB) and the Federation Internationale de Boules (FIB). The Academy provided world-class training and invaluable exposure to European Bocce culture, including friendly competitions with local juniors providing practical experience prior to international and world championship events. Its success has positioned the program as a cornerstone of our international development pathway and will be considered as an annual opportunity for Australian juniors.

- Delivered National Training Clinics introducing younger juniors (ages 8–11) and developing the Australian Junior Squad.
- Launched Bocce Australia International Academy in Nice, creating an International pathway and opportunity for our juniors.

## 7. World Junior Women’s Championships – Inclusive Format

After the 2024 World Junior Championships in Puerto Rico, Australian Coach Kerrie Reitano identified the need for greater fairness and inclusivity in women’s competition. Her recommendation was to allow for modified courts when competing against male counterparts.

Following consultation with Bocce Australia’s Sports Development Director and the World Women’s Representative for FIB, a formal proposal was submitted to the Federation Internationale de Boules (FIB) to consider this recommendation and potentially create a separate division for girls at the World junior events.

As a result, FIB approved a new World championship event specifically for girls, the first in the sport’s history for juniors. This event, scheduled for February 2026, will serve as a trial to evaluate the success of the new format and strengthen female participation globally. Over several months, Bocce Australia has been collaborating with FIB officials, the French Federation, international coaches, and Australian Head Coach Stefano Chiandotto to refine the format.

Bocce Australia is proud to have our

Bocce Australia is proud to have our Sports Development Director project manage this initiative on behalf of FIB, ensuring it meets international standards and provides maximum game opportunities for women.

- Secured FIB approval for the first-ever World Junior Women event in Bocce history, scheduled for February 2026.
- Bocce Australia appointed as project manager for this global initiative, ensuring fair format and maximum participation opportunities.

## 8. 2025 Australian Bocce Championships Carnival

The 2025 Australian Bocce Championships Carnival was a landmark event that brought together all codes of the sport—Raffa, Volo, Juniors, Seniors, Club Championships and Special Olympics, into one inclusive, festival-style celebration. This innovative format created a vibrant atmosphere that combined elite competition with social experiences (Glow in the Dark Bocce), reinforcing Bocce Australia’s commitment to growth and inclusivity.

The Carnival successfully showcased Australia’s top talent while engaging communities through “Come & Try” sessions, junior clinics, and social games, attracting new participants and strengthening grassroots connections. By integrating multiple disciplines under one national event,

Bocce Australia delivered on its strategic objectives to increase participation, promote diversity, and elevate the profile of Bocce across the country.

- Delivered the first-ever national Carnival format, combining all Bocce codes—Raffa, Volo, Juniors, Seniors, Club Championships and Special Olympics, into one inclusive event.
- Successfully integrated cultural, social, and competitive elements, attracting diverse participation and elevating the profile of Bocce across Australia.

## Closing Summary

Looking ahead to 2026, Bocce Australia remains committed to building on this momentum, scaling new programs nationally, driving inclusivity through innovative formats, and positioning Australia as a global leader in Bocce. Together, we will continue to create safe, welcoming, and engaging sporting experiences for all, ensuring a vibrant future for our sport.

**Sonia FAVA**  
**Sports Development Director-**  
**Bocce Australia & F.B.I. Women's**  
**Sector Leader &**  
**Technical Protocol Committee**  
**Member**





## Bocce Operations Report

**Linda CHIANDOTTO**

Bocce Executive Director

Operations Director | Australian Coaching Team & Sports

Integrity Officer

### 2024/2025 Operations Director Report

Thank you for having me on the board this year. I was unsure of what was involved in being a Board member and somehow 2025 was an eventful year and I certainly have been extremely busy and also very happy to be involve.

***" from June onwards it was completely like being on a roller-coaster"***

The first half of the year was a nice introduction, and I paced myself by attending the meetings an offering a few suggestions. Then from June onwards it was completely like being on a roller-coaster and going at extreme pace with the combined nationals championships, roadshows across 3 states, many meetings with Sports Integrity Australia (including a conference in Melbourne) training clinics and coaching overseas with the Junior squad. Our website will be aligned to allow the relevant changes for Bocce Australia to align with all regulations across Australian Sport Commission and Sport integrity Australia.

As Operations director I was 'shadowing' Sonia Fava for most of the year to understand



what was required and how I could support her and eventually take a few deliverables from her.

I have taken responsibility now of liaising with the chief referees and coaches and updating our administrative requirements for accreditation and qualifications. In 2025 we held 3 training clinics to up-skill referees in Victoria, Queensland and NSW. Thank you to Vanessa Allegretto and Joe Maselli for coordinating and running these events. Having qualified coaches and referees are KPIs a that we are trying to achieve so that all competitions have qualified and dedicated referees to oversee the competition.

This year has created many opportunities for me to utilise my skills in education to support Bocce in schools. I will continue to work in getting the schools in program aligned to allow schools across Australia to participate in the program making sure the skills are aligned with school programs and curriculum to allow teachers to maximise the program to its fullest.

Thank again for you allowing me to support these programs and initiatives. I look forward to continuing these initiatives and more in 2026. A heartfelt thank you to all the states for supporting me and also to the executive Thank you and looking forward to working side by side or shoulder to shoulder to continue the good work in 2026.

## Linda CHIANDOTTO

**Bocce Executive Director  
Operations Director | Australian  
Coaching Team**

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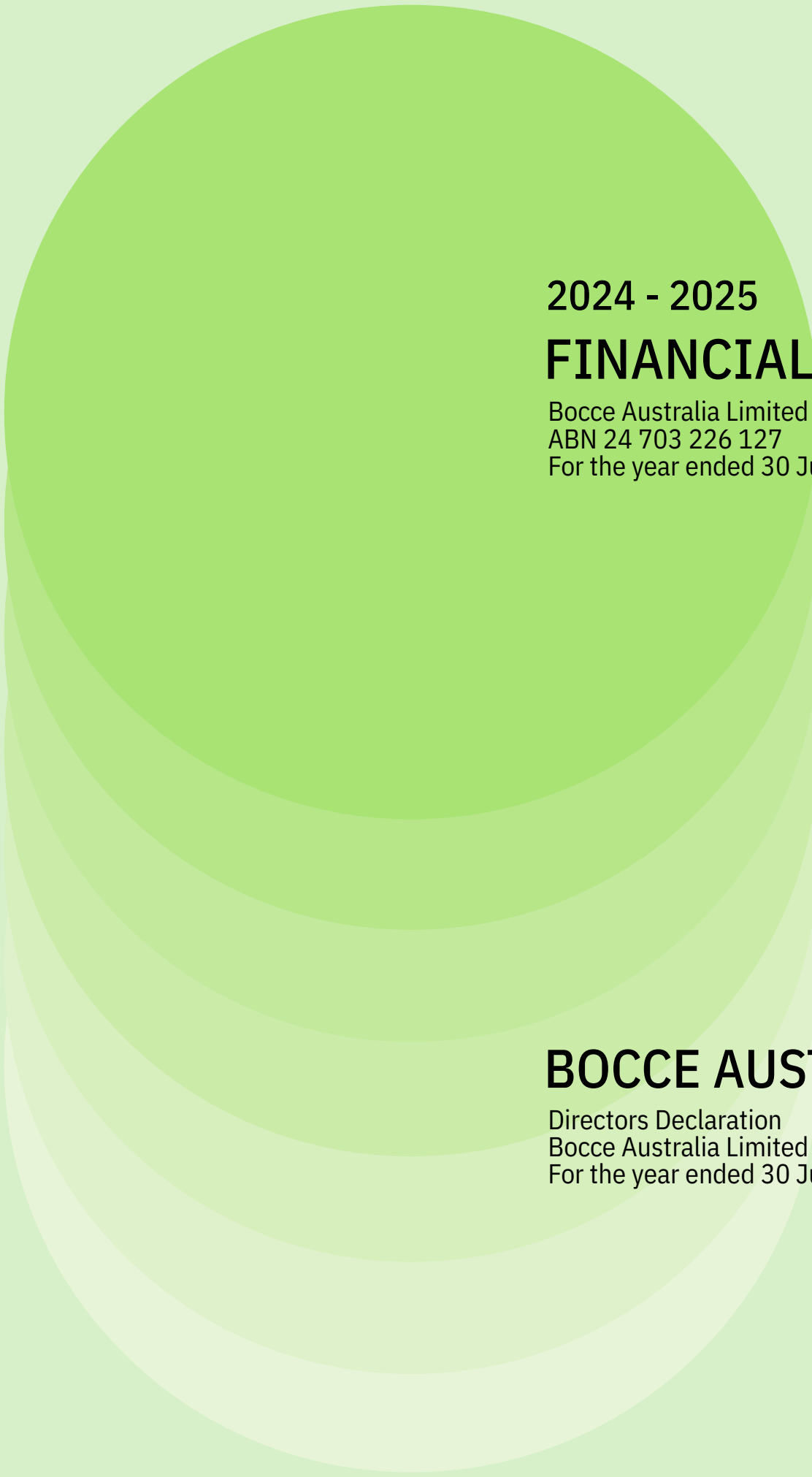
## SUPPORTING PARTNERS



# ANNEXURE 1

## FINANCIAL report 2025





**2024 - 2025**

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bocce Australia Limited  
ABN 24 703 226 127  
For the year ended 30 June 2025

## **BOCCE AUSTRALIA**

Directors Declaration  
Bocce Australia Limited  
For the year ended 30 June 2025



# Financial Statements

Bocce Australia Limited

ABN 24 703 226 127

For the year ended 30 June 2025

## Directors Report

Your directors present this report on Bocce Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

### General Information

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Name	Position
Mr Franco Funari	President
Mr Antonio	Vic President
Ms Sonia Fava	Sports Development Director
Mr Vincenzo Di Mauro	Secretary and Treasurer
Ms Linda Chiandotto	Operations Director Board appointed March 2025)

### Company Secretary

Vincenzo Di Mauro FCPA, GAICD continued to hold the position of company secretary during the financial year.

The company incorporated on 18 December 2020 under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee (CLG). At 30 June 2025, the total amount that the members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$ Nil (2024: \$ Nil).

The principal activities of Bocce Australia during the financial year were to grow participation, represent, and promote the members of Bocce Australia nationally and is the governing body for Bocce in Australia.

### Meetings of directors

	Meetings held	Meetings attended
Mr Franco Funari	10	10
Mr Antonio	10	10
Ms Sonia Fava	10	10
Mr Vincenzo Di Mauro	10	9
Ms Linda Chiandotto	4	4

## Income and Expenditure Statement

Bocce Australia Limited

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Grant - Australian Sports Commission participaion activity	123,227	50,000
Grant - Federal Dept of Health and Aged Care 'Play our Way' for Girls & Women	31,400	-
Grant - Vict Gov Dept of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) to help deliver theannual Bocce Nationals event	12,000	6,000
Membership - State Fees	12,656	15,100
Tasmania Bocce Club - cease operations	-	5,277
Donations	2,538	2,523
Member cost recovery	9,215	24,105
Revenue - events	21,171	23,029
Revenue - Participation	22,203	46,168
Other	88	493
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>234,498</b>	<b>172,695</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>	-	-
Administration expenses	1,706	1,395
ASIC filing Fees	1,774	1,629
Membership world body fees	2,055	2,917
Bank Fees - NAB	736	847
		-
<b>Shared Services:</b>		-
IT provider / support	18,268	10,537
Insurance	3,197	4,635
Administration expenses	3,921	1,395
	-	-
<b>Direct Delivery Service:</b>	-	-
Marketing administration	11,345	8,467
Transport	16,893	18,628
Accomodation	5,523	6,774
Materials	51,171	45,724
Freight & Venue hire	4,793	4,234
Participation Coordinator	66,356	-
Training camps	25,734	78,674
Referee camps	5,655	9,331
Misc general support	16	9,233
	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>219,143</b>	<b>204,420</b>
<b>Current year surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>15,354</b>	<b>- 31,725</b>

\* The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Assets and Liabilities Statement

Bocce Australia Limited

As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	18,088	7,124
Receivables	3	-	-
Prepayments and Accruals	4	3,429	-
Current Tax Assets	6	8,338	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>29,855</b>	<b>7,124</b>
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<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	5	-	4,659
Current Tax Liabilities	6	4,764	-
Income Received in Advance	7	7,273	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>12,036</b>	<b>4,659</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>12,036</b>	<b>4,659</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>17,819</b>	<b>2,465</b>
<b>Equity</b>		<b>- 17,819</b>	<b>- 2,465</b>
Retained surplus		2,465	34,190
Current year surplus / (deficit)		15,354	- 31,725
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>17,819</b>	<b>2,465</b>

\* The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows

Bocce Australia Limited

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from grants	166,627	56,000
Receipts from customers, members and others	65,245	108,402
Receipts from donations	2,538	7,800
Payments to suppliers and others	- 219,143	- 204,420
Interest received	87	493
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>15,354</b>	<b>- 31,725</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing and investing activities</b>		
Net Cash provided by financing and investing activities	-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	15,354	- 31,725
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	7,124	44,488
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>18,088</b>	<b>7,124</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

Bocce Australia Limited

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Corporations Act. The Board of Directors has determined that Bocce Australia Limited is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in preparation of these financial statements.

#### Income Tax

Bocce Australia Limited is exempt from paying income tax.

#### Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Board of Directors reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on Hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from funders. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

\* These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Statements.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before Bocce Australia Limited is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST as of 01.01.2025 when Bocce Australian Limited became registered for GST. This recognition occurs except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

### **Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by Bocce Australia Limited during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2025	2024
<b>2. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Bocce Australia Ltd	8,050	7,124
Reserve Account	10,038	-
<b>Total Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>18,088</b>	<b>7,124</b>
<b>3. Receivables</b>		
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Accrued Income	-	-
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	2025	2024
<b>4. Prepayments and Accruals</b>		
Prepayments - Annual directors and player Insurance	3,429	-
Accruals	-	-
<b>Total Prepayments and Accruals</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>5. Payables</b>		
Accounts Payable - EoFY outstanding credit card balance	-	4,659
Credit Card Payable	-	-
Accrued Expenses	-	-
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,659</b>
<b>6. Taxation</b>		
Current Tax Liabilities/(Assets)		
GST - Net of Assets and Liabilities	3,574	-
<b>Total Current Tax Assets</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>7. Income Received in Advance</b>		
Grants received in advance - Play Well - 2025 unused IT database set up	7,273	-
<b>Total Income Received in Advance</b>	<b>7,273</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Directors Declaration

Bocce Australia Limited

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Board of Directors have determined that Bocce Australia Limited is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Directors of Bocce Australia Limited declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present true and fair Bocce Australia Limited's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements; and
2. In the Director's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bocce Australia Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

this declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR:

  
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Name: Mr Franco Fiorinari  
Position: President

DIRECTOR:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Mr Vincenzo Di Mauro FCPA, GAICD  
Position: Secretary and Treasurer

Sign date:

20th October 2025  
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# ANNEXURE 2

## Bocce Australia Annual Governance Report

### **Bocce Australia Annual Governance Report, 2024-25**

Bocce Australia is committed to working with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to ensure quality governance, accountability, and transparency through the Sport Governance Standards (SGS).

There are 39 standards within the nine Sport Governance Principles. The principles are as follows:

- Principle 1: The spirit of the game – values-driven culture and behaviours
- Principle 2: The team – aligned sport through collaborative governance
- Principle 3: The gameplan – a clear vision that informs strategy
- Principle 4: The players – a diverse Board to enable considered decision-making
- Principle 5: The rulebook – documents that outline duties, powers, roles, and responsibilities
- Principle 6: The playbook – Board processes which ensure accountability and transparency
- Principle 7: The defence – a system which protects the organisation
- Principle 8: The best and fairest – a system for ensuring integrity
- Principle 9: The scorecard – embedded systems of internal review to foster continuous improvement

Organisations assess the governance maturity against the standards. Bocce Australia, is expected to operate at the highest level of governance maturity. See Bocce Australia 2024-25 scorecard graph included in this report.

Completing the SGS self-assessment at the end of FY24, Bocce Australia is pleased to report that we achieved improvements in four standards 1, 4, 6, and 9 and have set a plan to address the following standards 5.4, 7.1, 9.5, and 9.6 in FY25:

- 5.4 Director Induction – The Board has a process for inducting new directors, however not fully documented. Bocce Australia will undertake to document its induction process. Bocce Australia actual score is 2, Governance expected score is 3.
- 7.1 Vulnerable Persons and Children – Bocce Australia has a documented process to ensure compliance with legislation. The Board will measure and conduct an annual review of its process and effectiveness. Bocce Australia will

publish its national working with vulnerable persons and children processes on its website and social media platforms. Bocce Australia actual score is 3, governance expected score is 4.

- 9.5 and 9.6 Financial Delegations – Bocce Australia will undertake to develop a financial delegation policy and register. Bocce Australia actual score is 1, governance expected score is 3.

2024-25 Bocce Australia Scorecard graph.





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