



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021- 2022

Bocce Australia Limited,

Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)



### **Acknowledgement 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 2022. The report details how effective the BA has been at achieving its outcomes for the year as outlined in the BA 2020–2024 Strategic Plan and the 2021-22 Portfolio Budget Statements.

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## PREMIER PARTNERS 2022



## PROGRAM PARTNERS



## PRODUCT PARTNERS



## AFFILIATE GLOBAL PARTNERS



## MEMBER PARTNERS



## SUPPORTING PARTNERS





Enzo Tomasi being congratulated by his daughters in winning the Australian Singles Title 2022

Frank  
Funari  
President & CEO



# REPORT

Bocce Sport is back! After an hiatus of two years due to the COVID pandemic It was with great pleasure that Bocce Australia, welcome bocce players back onto the bocce courts from all corners of Australia.

It was exciting to see the bocce courts busy again, and the return of our Nationals Championships. It was an opportunity to celebrate our 50th anniversary and we had much to celebrate! This year the Men & Women Senior Championships was a celebration of Bocce Australia's 50<sup>th</sup> Bocce Nationals, a feat that we all should be proud of having helped achieve. To celebrate this milestone we opened the Championships to include Club teams as well as the traditional State and Regional teams. The Championships were held in regional Victoria at the Morwell Bocce club who turned on a spectacular event. To mark the achievement we held a gala dinner by announcing the top 10 women and top 10 men of the team of the half-century, who were all inducted into the Bocce Australia Hall of Fame.

As a sport, Bocce sport helped so many confront the challenges of 2020 and 2021 and provided some joy and connection for people. Now that we are out of the pandemic, Bocce Australia is ready to play a key leadership role as we have reopened and ready to rebuild our sporting communities. All grassroots sport is vital – teaching life lessons and creating a sense of belonging – and Bocce Sport has committed significant funding for the 2022-23 year ahead in providing renewed opportunity for girls, boys, women and men to resume playing, coaching, refereeing and supporting our sport. We thank the many hundreds who have collectively worked so hard through these difficult past two years – players, coaches, clubs, administrators, referees, and, most importantly, our volunteers. Their commitment to the sport was important and Bocce Australia will be there as families, local and regional clubs and Bocce seek to recover from the impact that COVID-19 has had on the community.

This past 12 months we have been working closely with Sport Australia as we refine the sports governance and prepare to implement the Bocce One changes. The key focus is to promote, raise awareness of and encourage participation in bocce sport for benefits of health, longevity, fitness, skill, achievement, social interaction, wellbeing and other benefits of exercise for all individuals in Australia.

The focus will be to shift the emphasis of bocce to being administered and run as a sport and no longer oscillating between the social and sporting aspects of the game. We plan through our member states to work closely with our affiliated clubs to put in place programs to facilitate the sports entry and player pathways so that participation is easier for novice players of all ages, all abilities, and all cultures. At the same time catering for the elite players wishing to compete at the high performance at State, National and International levels.

I would like to thank the Sport Australia for their support and recognise the enormous contribution to

bobce sport. Most importantly, thanks to all of you who contribute to Bocce sport. It is your unwavering drive and passion to see bocce succeed that inspires us to strive for new heights in what we deliver each and every day.

To our sponsors, partners and supporters, without your financial and in-kind support, effort and energy, Bocce sport would not be where we are today. In particular thanks must go to our premier partners Australian Sports Commission, the State Governments, Member States and affiliate clubs who have helped in every way to bring Bocce back to reality – a big thank you. Likewise to my Executive board of Tony Biancacci, Vince Di Mauro and Sonia Fava, Sector leads Franco Fava, Michael Migliaccio, Mary Massena, State committees, the many volunteers and all our associates—thank you.

*We are Bocce Sport!*

**Frank Funari**  
**CEO & President /Bocce Australia**



# HIGH PERFORMANCE



## Australia World Ranking

1st in Asia Oceania  
5th in World Men's division,  
Top 8 in World Women's &  
Top 10 in World Juniors



## 1504 Elite Players

533 League, 475 Club,  
471 Special Needs & 25 Juniors  
43 Coaches

INCREASED INVESTMENT IN  
BOCCE SPORT ENTRY,  
ATHLETE PATHWAYS &  
INCREASED PARTICIPATION



**\$45k**

OVER 3 YEARS  
Increased focus  
from 2022

# PARTICIPATION



1 School Program  
(in progress)



## 32 Affiliated Clubs

10,000 plus recreational  
players

# DIGITAL



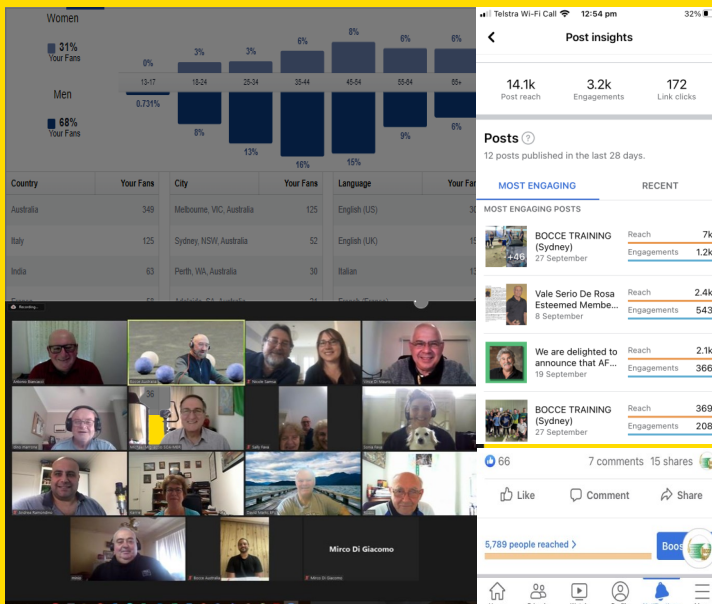
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**LIKES**



**6000+**  
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**REACH**



**1156+**  
↑  
**FOLLOWERS**



# PARTNERSHIPS



**18** Sponsors



**75** Global  
Member Nations



**10**  
Asia Oceania  
Member Nations



**We are all WINNERS**



**Antonio Biancacci**  
President Asia Oceania Sport Boules  
Confederation; Vice President - FIB &  
Bocce Australia



# REPORT

It is my pleasure to report to Bocce Australia (BA) on the recent and future activities of the AOSBC, FIB & CBI.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

One of the most exciting innovations to take place this decade will showcase the codes of Volo and Raffa in unison to a new level and 'under the same roof' in Mersin, Turkey (Nov '22).

The honours for this achievement goes to the Federation Internationale de Boules (FIB) and to the Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale (CBI) for their foresight and planning to reach this goal.

For Bocce Australia this merger of codes continues to open up many opportunities for elite players. It offers athletes opportunities to be part of a world movement that will generate the exposure needed to attract the eyes of the World Olympic Committee.

Under this movement more AOSBC qualifying opportunities will be available for BA juniors, women and men to compete within their region vying for entry to World Championships. (Recently a World Junior & U23 Raffa Championships was held in Rome. It was disappointing BA could not field a team as I see this as an opportunity missed for our young athletes. Hopefully the leaders of BA can remedy this for the near future).

The next AOSBC Raffa qualifiers for seniors and juniors are intended to be held in the city of Kota Bharu, Malaysia 3rd-9th Dec '22. (Not too distant from Australia with respect to travel) The championships will include 7 disciplines, including precision shooting. The results will be the major criteria for participation in the 2023 and 2024 World Championships.

In addition Malaysia will host a Referee Seminar on 3rd - 4th Dec at the same venue.

The next Asia Oceania Sport Boules Confederation (AOSBC) Volo qualifiers for Seniors are yet to be programmed.

## ASIA OCEANIA MEMBER NATIONS

A list of nation members as follows:

Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, India, Mongolia, Singapore, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, South Korea.

Our sport is still in its infancy within the Asia Oceania region and the Nations involved shall continue to strive, promote and develop Bocce within the region. It is worth mentioning that India has been very active in staging various Junior and Senior competitions throughout various States of India. I predict India's Bocce rise will be swift and successful in the very near future.

I hope other Asia Oceania Nations follow their example and do the same.

# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS France / Turkey

Between the months from October to December inclusive, various Asia Oceania Nations will compete at both the World Junior and Senior level.

Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia and Nepal will be competing against the World best teams, I wish them all the best and hope all teams represent their nation proudly.

## WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly will take place in Mersin on the 3rd Nov '22. 19 delegates from various Nations will attend. CBI President, Dr. Mutlu Turkmen shall table the new CBI Constitution as the meeting chairperson. Also at the Assembly Dr. Turkmen will finalise the nominations for the World Petanque & Bowls Federation (WPBF) committees: 1. Disciplinary and 2. Medical/ Antidoping.

Recently Dr. Turkmen requested these nominations from Bocce Australia. Mr. Frank Funari (nom for Disciplinary) and Mr. Vince Di Mauro (nom for Medical/ Antidoping). Their nominations are a testimony for the respect and recognition held by the WBPF Body towards both gentlemen.

Congratulations to both Frank and Vince on their nominations.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Our future depends on our leaders, resources and volunteers. Without them it will be difficult to make inroads into the future. Our world continues to change day by day and it's natural for human beings to resist change. Our sport has undergone many changes over the past 50 years and will continue to change. As sporting people we will adapt to these changes as they arise.

The world leaders of Volo , Raffa and Petanque have in the past and today are currently introducing changes to enable 'our Bocce' to receive more visibility and recognition it deserves along side other Olympic sports.

In the future, ultimately our 3 codes will in some way become more united and synchronised into a sport that will propel itself to Olympic status. Watch this space !

Finally I extend my thanks to the following for their support with regard to the AOSBC:

Mr. Hirofumi Kobayachi (Japan), Mr. Frank Funari and Mr. Vince Di Mauro (Bocce Australia), Dr. Mutlu Turkmen (CBI), Mr. Frederic Ruis (FIB). Likewise my thanks to Sonia Fava for her freshness of perspective and enthusiasm that she brings to the sport of Bocce.

**Antonio (Tony) Biancacci**

**Vice-President FIB / President AOSBC (Volo)**

**Vice-President AOSBC (Raffa)**





Santo Pascuzzi in action winning the Australian Progressive Throw Title 2022



Vincenzo Di Mauro  
Secretary/ Treasurer  
Bocce Australia Bocce Australia Limited,  
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# REPORT

Last year we reported how Sport Australia (SportAus) introduced into all sport codes in Australia its newly created Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) anti-doping, drug testing and education regime. In addition, SIA introduced its multi-year sport and corporate governance compliance framework plan which will standardise governance practices for all sporting codes. I am pleased to advise Bocce Australia which is working closely with SportAus continues to remain compliant with its governance practices.

Bocce Australia (BA) and Bocce Leadership Board (BLB) representatives met with Louisa Begley from SportAus over many weeks and months resulting in a signed agreement between BA and State BLB representatives to collaboratively grow Bocce capability across Australia.

Due to the pandemic rules around moving freely, the Financial Year 2021-22 did not experience its regular sport events, and as a result finances have not been as depleted under the volume of events undertaken throughout a year. As the Federal and State government reviewed its COVID-19 rules, Bocce has gradually resumed regular training sessions. During the Victorian Labour Day weekend in March 2022, we had a weekend of competition at Casa D'Abruzzo Club, Epping. Teams from interstate gladly made their way to Melbourne to join Victorian teams for an exciting reunion of players and officials for a weekend of Bocce. After two years of the National competition on hold, the 2020 scheduled Bocce Nationals finally came to the regional town of Morwell over the June Queen's Birthday long weekend. In addition, the anticipated BA 50<sup>th</sup> year Bocce Anniversary and Presentation Gala was held over the same weekend.

In respect to BA's performance towards the SportAus compliance framework over the past 12 months, Bocce Australia met and at times exceeded SportAus requirements under our governance framework plan. This year we also had SportAus, BA and BLB leadership provide a base for collaboration of the 'Bocce One' business agreement between Bocce Australia and State Bocce Federations (BA and BLB). The appointment of a sport development officer, Vinay Singh has been key to raising awareness and Vinay is very active in engaging with schools and clubs and undertaking training programs in different states. I wish to advise that these efforts and more have not gone unnoticed by SportAus. Therefore, thank you to all of you around Australia who have participated and continue to participate and strengthen Bocce's position.

In respect to the FY2021-22 finances, Bocce Australia's working capital is stable at a net 75k compared to previous year of 77k. Balance Sheet liquidity continues to be healthy and remains free of and obligations to long-term debt. The Financial Year 2021-2022 Statements are finalised and audited by GMB Accountants and will be posted on the Bocce Australia Website and forwarded to SportAus.

Finally, thank you everyone for your commitment and support during 2021-22 and we look forward to a full filling Bocce year ahead.

**Vincenzo Di Mauro – Secretary and Treasurer Bocce Australia**

# Financial Statement

The Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2021-2022

**BOCCE AUSTRALIA  
LIMITED**

ABN 24 703 226 127

**Financial Statements**

**For the Period Ended 30 June 2022**

**REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF  
BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**

Your Council members submit the financial accounts of Bocce Australia Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The names of the Council members in office at the date of this report are:

Mr FRANK FUNARI	President
Mr VINCE DI MAURO	Secretary
Mr VINCE DI MAURO	Treasurer

The principal activities of Bocce Australia Ltd during the financial year were:  
National co-ordinating body for the sport of bocce in Australia


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

The Net Loss for the year amount to:	<b>\$12,764.65</b>
Net Loss = Carried forward to 2023	<u>\$12,764.65</u>


No Council member has received or become entitled to receive during or since the end of the financial year a benefit because of a contract made by Bocce Australia Ltd a controlled entity or a related body corporate with any Council member, a firm of which the Council member is a member or an entity in which the Council member has a substantial financial interest. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by Council member shown in Bocce Australia Ltd accounts or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of Bocce Australia Ltd or related body corporate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Council:

PRESIDENT:

  
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SECRETARY:

  
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DATED:

13 October 2022  
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**BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**ABN 24 703 226 127**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>	
Govt Grants	18,000.00
Gross Receipts - Aust Sport Rocce Fed	58,000.00
Gross Receipts - Membership Fees	17,505.33
Interest received	73.51
<b>Total income</b>	<b>93,578.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Advertising & promotion	524.13
Bank fees & charges	379.94
Competition Costs- Morwell	38,121.13
Donations	50.00
Filing fees - ASIC	1,364.00
Freight & Duty	1,399.21
Insurance	2,927.27
Materials & supplies	936.17
Pennies	514.73
Printing & Stationery	2,696.68
Repairs & maintenance	71.85
Replacements	605.33
Streaming Services - Zoom	381.64
Subscriptions- Web Site	8,698.80
Subscription- Domain Name	80.00
Subscriptions-Adobe	241.88
Subscriptions-Other	508.36
Subscriptions-Affiliation Fees	19,228.37
Telephone	417.70
Travel, accommodation & conference	6,832.92
Travel - Bus Hire	2,147.75
Wages	13,536.43
Website Development	4,680.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>106,343.49</b>
<b>Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax</b>	<b>(12,764.65)</b>

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountant's Certificate which forms part of the financial statement.

**BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council have determined that Bocce Australia Ltd is not a reporting entity.

The Council have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the Statement of Accounting Policies attached to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Council the financial statements attached

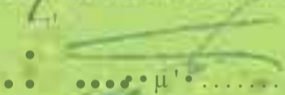
- i) present fairly the financial position of Bocce Australia Ltd as at 30 June 2012, and the results of Bocce Australia Ltd for the year ended on that date.
- ii) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Bocce Australia Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:

**PRESIDENT:**

  
.....

**TREASURER:**

  
.....

**DATED:**

13 October 2012  
.....

**BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**

ABN 24 703 226127

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

	Note	1022 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash at bank		74,656.91
Bank • Term Deposit (N.A.B)		<u>29,4n.44</u>
		<u>104,134.35</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>104,134.35</u>
<b>Tobi Assets</b>		<u>104,134.35</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Creditor - Credit Card		<u>10,423.51</u>
		<u>10,423.51</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>10,423.51</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>10,423.51</u>
Net Assets		<u>93,710.84</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
General reserve		104,512.72
Retained profits/ (accumulated losses)		<u>(10,801.88)</u>
Total Equity		<u>93,710.84</u>

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountants Compliance Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic) to prepare accounts. Bocce Australia Ltd is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting concepts 1, 'Definition of the Reporting Entity' and therefore as there is no requirement to apply accounting concepts or standards in the preparation of these statements, none have been adopted intentionally.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic). The statements are prepared on an accrual basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values.

**BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**ABN 24 703 226127**  
**Compilation Report to BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**

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We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD, which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note I to the financial Statements.

*The Responsibility of the Director*

The director of BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

*Our Responsibility*

On the basis of information provided by the director, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note I to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note I to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards).

*Assurance Disclaimer*

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial Statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the director who is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial Statements.



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11 October, 2022





Some of the many Bocce Volunteers at the Nationals 2022



**NATIONALS 2022 – MORWELL, Victoria**

Event	Men	Women
<b>SINGLES</b>	<i>Redlands, Qld – Enzo Tomasi</i>	<i>Redlands, Qld – Barbara Jones</i>
<b>DOUBLES</b>	<i>Vic Metro – Tony Palermo, Angelo Parisi &amp; Dino Mikolic</i>	<i>Vic Metro - Antonietta Albanese, Vanessa Allegretto, and Linda Venditti</i>
<b>TRIPLES</b>	<i>Western Australia - Velimir Matutinovic, Blasenko Kuscevic, Carlo Venuto &amp; Dusan Vukosav</i>	<i>NSW - Nicole Samsa, Nella Chiandotto, Antonietta Ruscio, &amp; Sandra Samsa</i>
<b>PRECISION THROW</b>	<i>Lazio Marche Club - Tony Borrelli</i>	<i>Valley, Morwell- Diane Penney</i>
<b>PROGRESSIVE THROW</b>	<i>Santo Pascuzzi - Vic Metro</i>	<i>* Nicole Samsa (NSW)</i>
<b>Champion Team</b>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Redlands &amp; Vic Metro</i>
<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	<i>Enzo Tomasi (Redlands)</i>	<i>Laila Favrin (Veneto Club, Vic)</i>

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



# REPORT

**STRATEGY** | Bocce One

## Key strategic initiatives from 2021/22

It was great to see Bocce players return to the courts last year after 2 years of COVID restrictions finally lifting and the sport navigating successfully through the pandemic lockdowns.

Bocce Australia's core focus for the last 3 years in particular the last 12 months, was the implementation of the Bocce One Transformation Program with the sole focus to attract new players and retain existing players in collaboration with the State Federations. A focus on the game's workforce strategy and financial management were also a priority to ensure the right infrastructure was being created and adequate financial support and resources were allocated.

### National Sports Development Officer (SDO)

A National Sports Development Officer, Vinay Singh was engaged to support the newly formed Bocce One sub-committee. Based in Melbourne, Victoria (A Bocce One Pilot State) Vinay assisted the Clubs with implementing and co-ordinating the new Bocce One programmes which were designed to attract new junior and women players to the sport.

Come N Try events were held along with local schools participating in a customised 8 week junior beginner's programme. The SDO successfully marketed, attracted and hosted these weekly events to a new sector, and showcased a fun and educational side to the sport of Bocce with a simplified game – "OZ Bocce".

Bocce & Bubble nights were held by keen women who were willing to play with their friends and meet like-minded



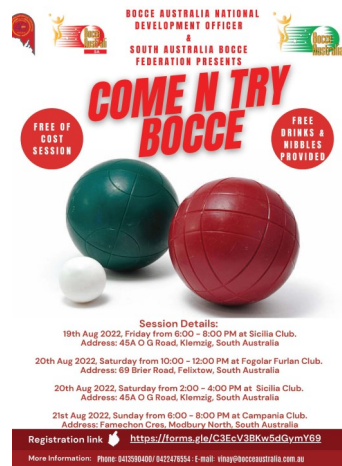
people. They had fun learning the techniques of Bocce and trying something new, while sipping champagne and enjoying a slice of Pizza. The 6 week programs saw new players participate in a friendly competition with a "play off final" at the end of the course. This has been a huge success in attracting female players to the sport in a social capacity, even inspiring a night of Beer and Bocce for the boys.

Vinay was then transferred to Queensland where he was based at the Redlands Club and supported Sports Development Representative, Kerrie Reitano who had already successfully launched Bocce & Bubble social nights and junior training nights. Vinay assisted with co-ordinating

and implementing the Bocce One Junior programmes with the local schools.

Vinay has also visited South Australia where he held and facilitated 4 Come N Try events at local clubs and has a successful turn out with an attendance of over 50+ players. They really enjoyed the “Oz Bocce” game and there was a high number of young females who participated and the demographic ranged from as young as 7 years old to late 80’s. For each of the Bocce One sectors the following programmes were developed and implemented this past year

**Lifestyle:** Oz Bocce Programme (simplified rules) was re-created for social and lifestyle participants.



(Bocce in the park, Wineries)

Bocce & Bubbles was created to attract lifestyle women participants

Beer & Bocce was created as a spin off from Bocce & Bubbles with these events even catering for Corporate functions and/or Hens parties.

Bocce Challenge pilot run in Victoria and to be the new entry into the sport of Bocce.

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



## Elite

National Super league competition trial held in March 2022 as part of the reboot of the sport of bocce.

A review of the National Championship is underway with a view to revamp the competition into two formats—Part 1—a team oriented championship of the traditional events followed with Part 2— for the more athletic events of the throwing events.

## 2. Marketing Communications

A strong focus has been placed in the past 12 months on improving our digital presence and communications to our existing database both internationally and nationally.

### Bocce Australia website

Our Bocce Australia website that was launched in February 2021 has been hugely successful with clearly navigating visitors and members easily through the lifestyle, junior and elite sectors.

The improved format has enabled clearer communications with Bocce Australia’s offerings, programmes, contacts

and compliance requirements.

As a result of the new Bocce Australia website new subscribers have opted in to receiving this monthly communication.

## Monthly Newsletters

Regular 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.

## Social Media

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

- a) Brand awareness
- b) Recruiting new members to participate in our sport

Social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram will be used accordingly to promote up-coming events, programmes and competitions. We have the World Junior and Senior Championships in October 2022 and live streaming and a strong digital presence will be used to keep supporters, the bocce community and the athletes friends and family informed.

## 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;

- a) keep a record of members and participant details
- b) allow members to login and renew their annual membership electronically
- c) register and pay to enter competitions and events
- d) purchase equipment
- e) receive communications
- f) 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 2022. This was delayed due to memberships being placed on hold during COVID.

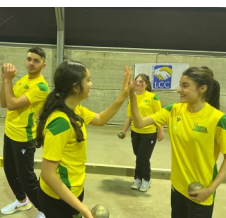
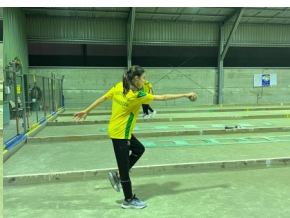
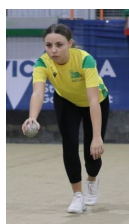
## ***Bocce One – One sport, One membership, One Bocce for all. The future of Bocce!***

Our goal and vision to have renewed focus in 2022/23 with our Bocce One Transformation strategy 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.

We have 12 juniors participating in this year's International Junior World Championships which is one of the largest Australian teams to have qualified to participate in recent years.

## ***Bocce is Back!***

## **Sonia Fava - Sports Development Director & FIB Women's Sector**



# SECTOR REPORTS

## COACHING—Tony Biancacci

The Coaching sector will be enhanced in the next 12 months as emphasis will be placed on coaches at the State and club level with rewards for active coaches, especially if they increase participation and performance. A reminder for Coaches in maintaining their accreditation they must meet the following criteria within each State:

- ◆ Be actively engaged in coaching others, e.g., at clubs and schools
- ◆ Be actively delivering coaching & training programs
- ◆ Attend recognised training courses held by their State or local authority
- ◆ A golden opportunity for Coaches is about to eventuate with the Bocce One program.

Bocce Australia encourages States and Clubs to only utilise Bocce Accredited Coaches.

## OFFICIATING—Franco Fava

Officials undertake an important role in the staging of competitions. They provide leadership and guidance to participants, ensuring that the competition is conducted in a safe and fair manner. Qualities such as integrity, honesty, trustworthiness and respect are integral to the role of the official. Australia has 2 International referees and 65 registered State and National referees. Not all are active, and a refresher course is needed to be run in the next 12-18 months for all existing Referee accreditations. This will be part of the Bocce One strategy as the emphasis will be on improving State & club referees.

### NATIONAL REFEREES & TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS 2022



Franco Fava - Chief Referee



Joe Maselli



Claudio Placella



Gino Colla



Giovanni Albanese

#### Tournament Directors

L-R: Mary Massena,  
David Marks & Frank  
Palermo



Mary Massena



David Marks



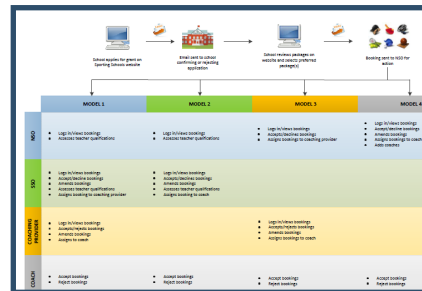
Frank Palermo

# National Development Officer —Vinay Singh

I started my tenure on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, working full-time for 6 months and part-time from August. Within 6 months, I successfully achieved the Key Targets of:



- Establishing a presence in Queensland, at the Redlands Sporting Club
- Assisted and established a QLD team (2 male & 2 female) for the Bocce Open Team Cup Championship held in March 2022.
- Helped the QLD team in the preparations for the nationals held in Morwell. The QLD contingent had 12 players (Redlands & Across the Wave Bundaberg) all representing the state of QLD.
- Participated in the Championships and represented BA U35 team
- Had 6 Juniors from QLD competing in the Australian Junior titles held in NSW, July



Some of the key projects that I have been working on are listed below:

- Developed an 8-week Bocce School program called OZ Bocce.
- Conducted a 4-week pilot program with Wellington Point State School at Redlands Bocce Club. The average participation was over 12 students and the participation increased as the session progressed. The OZ bocce program is in review phase by Australian Sports Commission.
- Actively looking for hiring volunteers that can assist in functioning of the clubs.
- Assisted Redland Bocce Club in delivering the events on weekends including Bocce & Bubbles, Mother's Day event, Birthday and Bocce event. I developed QR code so that participation data and their feedbacks are recorded digitally which I have been using to invitations for the upcoming events.
- Conducting Bocce workshops at local park & also had 2 sessions with the online app called Meet up.
- Took Bocce session at Morningside State school for year 4 & 5.
- Executed Noosa festival bocce event.
- Conducted Come N Try session in South Australia at 3 different clubs.
- Getting in touch with New Market Bocce club and Gold Coast Bocce club for the School Program.
- Worked on TidyHQ to have updated membership list.
- **Future plans:**
  - Getting the OZ Bocce program approved by AusSport
  - Conducting a 5-week program at Australian International Islamic College



Special Olympics athletes showing their skills



Team-Vic Bocce athletes receiving National Games Uniforms, guests Vince Di Mauro Bocce Australia, James Hammond SOVIC, Coach Michael Migliaccio and Members of LETR.



Part of Team-Vic Bocce going to National Games Launceston Tasmania 16/10/2022

**Special Olympics**  
Australia  
Melbourne Eastern Ranges



After 2 years of lockdown, Special Olympics athletes have come back stronger than ever, eager to train and get ready for the October 2022 National games in Launceston Tasmania. There will be 57 Bocce athletes at the National Games, 47% are from Victoria. The 2022 VIC team increased to 27 athletes compared to the 16 in Adelaide 4 years ago, we have seen an increase of athletes in Bocce all over the country. The Bocce sport remains one of the top sports in athlete numbers for Special Olympics.



**Michael Migliaccio**  
Bocce Australia  
Special O's Sector

Bocce Australia sees Special Olympics as a very important partner sport and BA values the on-going collaboration in supporting Special Olympics bocce players.

As part of Bocce Australia's One Bocce for all, BA is working with Special Olympics in providing more opportunities for athlete and want-to-be athletes to have opportunities to be involved with Bocce sport, which is why BA have signed up in the Special O's Affiliate Program.

The Affiliate program aims to build strong and long-term relationships between Special Olympics Australia and the sporting community by offering regular participation, competition pathways, training and skill-development for both athletes and coaches. With Special Olympics affiliation, club athletes will have access to Special Olympics competition pathway, clubs will be promoted on Special Olympics website, and coaches will receive access to specialist resources and training.

We are wanting more bocce clubs to partner with Special Olympics. That includes clubs in regional and Metro areas. We aren't limited to just having one club affiliated per region either. If we can provide options for athletes and would-be athletes that would be great for all plus the sport.

As part of this initiative SpecialO's will be part of the National Championships in 2023.

**Frank Funari**  
BA President

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# REPORT

The Bocce-Raffa code of the Bocce (Boules) sport has continued to build in line with its stated objectives of increasing participation in this code of the sport in line with



The parent world governing body the CBI. The objectives of the Bocce-Raffa Australia have been, and remain, to protect and grow the code while providing participation opportunities for all communities.

With this objective at front of mind, the Bocce Australia board which administers both Bocce Volo(Sport Boules) and Bocce Raffa in Australia continue 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 administrating the sport of bocce for each nation.

Having just emerged from the COVID lockdowns, 2022 has been a year of resurgence for all sports and likewise for Bocce-Raffa. 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 and this is now taking shape.

With the Bocce-Raffa code expanding within the Asia Oceania region Bocce Australia has set itself targets to grow the sport in Australia so that it remains relevant within the region.



To this effect this year has been a sharp increase in participation registered members from NSW Catholic Liverpool Club and continued support from Morwell Club, Victoria.

With the appointment of Franco Fava as head coach for Bocce-Raffa and supported by Gino Montuoro in Victoria and soon, similar in NSW, it is planned to expand the awareness and take up of the Bocce-Raffa code of the sport within Australia. Apart from this other changes planned are the inclusion of Bocce-Raffa as part of the Australian National Championships which are planned to be bigger than ever with the expansion of the format into a week-long bocce carnival including Special O's and Bocce Ball (future) novice championships. Likewise Bocce-Raffa expansion into Asia Oceania and USA will bring more International opportunities for players wishing to compete at this elite level.

***Bocce-Raffa to grow!***

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

# Bocce-Raffa Numbers



- 2008 Bocce Australia welcomed our sister sport (Bocce-Raffa) into the Bocce fraternity with the first Australian Bocce-Raffa Open Championship held in Mt. Gambier SA.
- 9 Affiliated Bocce Raffa Clubs -  
NSW – (Marconi & Liverpool );  
VIC – ( Lazio-Marche, Brunswick, Morwell & NEBA);  
SA – ( Adelaide, Port Lincoln & Mt Gambier)
- 130+ players
- 8 Australia International hats - Rome (Raffa World Titles), Torino (World Games), St Louis Invitational (USA), China, India, Turkey (Tri-Games), Argentina & Turkey (Nov'22)
- 1 Antonio (Tony )Biancacci – Asia Oceania Sport Boules Confederation President - (FIB & CBI)
- 1 Raymond Cher – Australian Representative Delegate on the CBI Board ( retiring)



## Australian Bocce Junior U15,U18, U23 & NxGen Championship 2022

Category	Event	Winner	Runner Up
UNDER 15's	Singles	Kayla Dukes	Kayla Sadlier
	Precision Throw	Nina Chiandotto	Chiara Tomasi
	Progressive Throw	Nina Chiandotto	Chiara Tomasi
	B&F Turco Award	Kayla Dukes	
UNDER 18's	Singles	Melissa Danelutti	Lucas Mikolic
	Precision Throw	Melissa Danelutti	Lara O'Callaghan
	Progressive Throw	Lucas Mikolic	Ava Tomasi
	Doubles	Nina Chiandotto/ Michael Pevere	Chiara Tomasi / Ava Tomasi
	B&F Turco Award	Ava Tomasi	
UNDER 23's	Singles	Aaron O'Callaghan	Carlo Bunin
	Bowl/Throw	Aaron O'Callaghan	Max Tricarico
	Precision Throw	Max Tricarico	Tommy Campbell
	Progressive Throw	Max Tricarico	Aaron O'Callaghan
	B&F Turco Award	Aaron O'Callaghan	
NxGen	Singles	Daniel Samsa	Andrew Suber
	Bowl/Throw	Daniel Samsa	Daniel Pevere
	Precision Throw	Daniel Samsa	Daniel Pevere
	Progressive Throw	Daniel Samsa	Vinay Samsa
	Doubles	Tommy Campbell / Ayden Respondino	Daniel Pevere / Andrew Suber
	B&F Turco Award	Daniel Samsa	

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