



LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

BOCCE AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024





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 2024**. 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 2023-24 Portfolio Budget Statements**.

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Produced by Frank Funari

A message from the Chair of the Australian Sports Commission



It was an honour to be in Paris for the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics and see the incredible performances of our Australian athletes and teams which have left long lasting memories in the hearts of all Australians.

While not every sport the Australian Sports Commission supports was on show in Paris, I know the joy and pride that sport can bring us all, and the opportunities it provides.

As we look towards a home Games in Brisbane in 2032, my vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive for

everyone, with every athlete supported to reach their full potential.

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.

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. More than 9,200 schools are registered with the program and our goal is to reach 32 million participants by Brisbane 2032.

Our high performance sport system is more united than ever through Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy and our shared commitment to Win Well. It was wonderful to see the Win Well ethos alive in Paris and as we approach the end of Horizon 1, see the country's peak Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games sporting organisations come together to deliver the best outcomes for our athletes, our sports and for all of Australia.

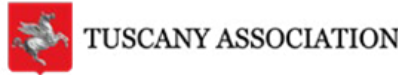
Likewise, work continues to help Australians to Play Well with stakeholders coming together to discuss how to put the nation's first codesigned Sport Participation Strategy into action with workshops held across the country.

We are proud that our Australian Institute of Sport Campus has been the home of sport in Australia for over 42 years and a \$249.7 million investment from the Australian Government to upgrade our high performance facilities will ensure we continue to be world-leading.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best, and I look forward to leading the Australian Sports Commission, including in its work towards ensuring there is a lasting legacy for all Australian sports and the community from this green and gold decade - when the eyes of the world will be on Australian athletes, Australian sport and Australian venues.



PROGRAM PARTNERS



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MEMBER PARTNERS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT /CEO OF BOCCE AUSTRALIA



I am pleased to present to our members the Bocce Australia 2023-24 Annual Report, setting us on a path towards an exciting future.

This year has been marked by highs and lows, discovery and change, division and unity. While we faced our second consecutive year of operational loss—outlined in the Finance Report—addressing our financial sustainability remains a top priority. I am pleased to announce that the Board has developed a solid plan to guide us back to stability, ensuring that we overcome these challenges.

Throughout these hurdles, the Board has remained steadfast in its commitment to the sport, ensuring that bocce continues to shine above all else. Together, we are building a resilient foundation for future growth and success.

2023/24 highlights

The following are just some, but far from all, of the incredible, positive highlights and achievements of Bocce in Australia during 2023/24 that have been detailed more expansively throughout this past year:

- Following a successful Nationals at Club Marconi in June 2023 the July **‘Dine with Dipper’** fund raiser was a great success. The fund raiser by the Morwell Bocce Club with guest speaker Robert ‘Dipper’ Dipedemenico helped raise over \$1,000 for the Bocce Juniors.
- **Raffa Open** at the Kyabram Bocce Club was a resounding success. A special shout-out to the youngest players—Liam and Oliver McInnes who show potential for world events. Thanks to the major sponsor Campaspe Shire.
- **The Club FOURS**, hosted at the Casa D’Abruzzo Club, was particularly meaning-

ful as it highlighted the keenness of some clubs that are genuinely committed to supporting the growth of the sport.

- **Junior Bocce-roos shine at the 14th Denis Ravera International Bocce Challenge, Monaco.** This is a key event for Australia as it is the perfect introduction championship for our juniors as it has all the elements of the sport, a good cross representation of competing nations and the best bocce courts in the world overlooking the wonderful Monaco harbour. Michael Pevere was the stand out as he won bronze in the Precision Throw event.
- In a **captivating display of resilience, the Australian women’s bocce team** exhibited their prowess at the World Women’s Titles. Both Nicole Samsa & Antonia Ruscio’s were inspirational!
- **December 2023** — President’s top bocce moment of 2023. In the realm of bocce, the standout moment of 2023 was the remarkable emergence of 13-year-old Samuel Roberts, who continues to shine.
- **January 2024**— It was **‘Get Ready to be Wowed!’** A spectacular lineup of exciting events unveiled for the months ahead. A whirlwind of bocce excitement crammed into the first six months of 2024!
- **Chez Magnifique!** A successful French Bocce Tour Downunder, thanks to Jean-Yves, Pauline, and Frederic, for their educational contributions, which saw vibrant energy and support.

- **Australia shines at Asia Oceania Championship!** Australia dominates the Asia Oceania Sport Boules Confederation Championships, winning 11 Gold and 4 Silver. A new Asia Oceania record for the progressive throw by Daniel Samsa 43 hits/48 throws only to better that in France with a new AO record of **44H/48T**. ***Congratulations Daniel!***
- **The Junior Open 2024** concluded successfully, showcasing outstanding talent and sportsmanship from young *athletes* across Australia. It is good to see the junior program grow year-on-year.
- **Australia Climbs to 9th in World Rankings!** Team Australia achieved a 9th world ranking at the Men's Senior World Titles in St Vulbas, France, showcasing their skill and competitive edge on the international stage.

Key Achievements

The completion of Bocce Australia's **Strategic Plan 2019-24, "Bocce One – One Sport, for All!"**, in July 2024 marked a pivotal milestone in our journey. With the **Play Well** strategy at its core, we continue to focus on expanding participation and deepening engagement across all aspects of the sport.

Some key initiatives and outcomes include:

- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives:** We developed a partnership with Special Olympics Bocce to foster a more inclusive environment for athletes of all abilities.
- **Participation Growth:** Programs such as the Bocce Club National stream, Bocce Team Challenge, Bocce-Ball, Corporate Bocce, Sporting Schools, Bocce Bubbles, Ghosts of Bocce Past & Present and new fun bocce games gained momentum. This included the introduction of all-abilities novice bocce target mats.
- **Record-Breaking Events:** We delivered a packed events calendar, highlighted by the 2024 Australian Nationals, which saw record participation.
- **Bolstered the coaching and officiation ranks** within the sport. Referee courses run by Joe Maselli and Vanessa Allegretto has seen a growth in referees Australia-wide. Likewise

coaching course by Tony Biancacci has helped to bridge the gap between Special Olympics Bocce and mainstream bocce.

- **Play Well Program ready for launch:** Supported by the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport, we expanded our Participation Program. This will culminate with the launch of the **Play Well** program in January 2025.

With over **tens of thousands of passionate bocce players** across Australia, driven by passionate recreational social players, volunteers, administrators, and competition players, bocce continues to play a vital role in the Australian sporting landscape. This is particularly evident in regional communities, where clubs serve as essential social and cultural hubs.

Leadership Changes

In 2022, we introduced the **Bocce Leadership Board (BLB)**, with representatives from each member state federation. This group has evolved into a robust working body in 2023, now operating cohesively to advance the sport.

Over the past 18 months, we welcomed several key contributors, including:

- **Samuel Pevere** – National Media Coordinator
- **Renee Danelutti** – National Fundraising Coordinator
- **Linda Chiandotto** – National Junior Coordinator
- **Angela Sirianni** – National Volunteer Coordinator
- **Joe Maselli**—Chief Referee (Bocce Volo)

Additionally, we've formed the **BA Technical Committee**, of Anthony Parlato, Daniel Samsa, Nicole Samsa, Santo Pascuzzi & Daniel Pevere, which are still in its early stages but will soon be formally announced. These individuals bring a wealth of expertise that will help guide Bocce Australia into the future.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere gratitude to all State and Territory Associations, government agencies, sporting industry partners, member clubs, and our hardworking volunteers. Your support has been crucial during these challenging financial times, helping us navigate difficult decisions and ensure the long-term sustainability of the sport.

Collaboration, communication, and mutual trust are the pillars of our success. By addressing tough issues together, we will ensure that future generations

experience the same vibrant community and opportunities that bocce has provided over the years.

We acknowledge that some recent changes have impacted both past and current players, but these steps are essential for the sport's future sustainability. Unfortunately, this year has seen disruptions from a few clubs that caused division. However, bocce as a

sport is greater than any individual or club, and we must continue to move forward to remain relevant within the evolving sporting landscape.

The resilience and passion demonstrated by the **BA Board** and the **BLB team** have been inspiring, propelling the organisation into its next era with renewed purpose.

A special thanks goes to the **Governance, Risk, Integrity & Policy** team, the **Finance Director**, and all those involved for their diligent efforts during this time.

I am also grateful to my fellow Board Directors, State and Territory Boards, Presidents, clubs, and staff for their openness and commitment to driving the sport forward, even amidst difficult conversations.

A heartfelt thanks to:

- **Tony Biancacci**, Vice President,
- **Vince Di Mauro**, Finance Director, and
- **Sonia Fava**, Sports Development Director.

Their leadership, tireless work, and agility in implementing bocce programs especially the **Play Well** strategy have been outstanding, positioning bocce for future success.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on 2023/24 as a year of **re-alignment, transformation, operational challenges, and the beginning of the inevitable paradigm shift**, we are ready to embrace the future with renewed resolve. With a rejuvenated Board and sharpened focus, we stand prepared to tackle the challenges ahead.

The Board and I, look forward to continuing this exciting journey with the entire bocce community and are grateful for the privilege of leading the sport into its next chapter.

Frank Funari
President/CEO



Australia World Ranking



- ↑ 1st in Asia Oceania
- 9th in World Men's division,
- ↓ Top 10 in World Women's &
- ↓ Top 13 in World Juniors

788 Elite Players



- ↑ 428 Club, 4807 Social
- ↔ 175 Special Needs &
- ↑ 30 Juniors

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



↑ **\$105k** OVER 3 YEARS
 ↑ **\$50k** Increased focus from 2024

PARTICIPATION



1 School Program
(in progress)



↓ 27 Affiliated Clubs
 ↑ 10,000 plus recreational players

DIGITAL



1118+
↑
LIKES



82.9K+
↑
REACH



1715+
↑
FOLLOWERS



PARTNERSHIPS



↑ 19 Sponsor Partners



↑ 75 Global Member Nations +2 Associations



↑ 16 Asia Oceania Member Nations

Vincenzo Di Mauro FCPA, GAICD 2024 AGM Secretary and Treasurer Report – Bocce Australia Limited, Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)



REPORT

Governance. The sporting landscape continues to be dominated by corporate governance, financial accountability, safety in sport, and a drive to increase participation and involvement in sport at all levels. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has gone through a journey of change to further strengthen the way it supports and funds sporting bodies. Starting in 2024, every two years Bocce Australia along with over four hundred other sporting codes will undertake an extensive 'recognition criteria' process which will enable sporting bodies like Bocce Australia remain a recognised NSO – National Sporting Organisation and eligibility for government funding. Bocce Australia is one of fifty sporting codes to successfully achieve this recognition with ASC.

After a long consultation period the ASC introduced a new participation plan in 2024-25 which is called 'Play Well, Win Well. Win Well program is solely for High Performance (HP) sports for participate at the elite level and Olympics. Play Well cuts across all sports and is focused on participation at all levels and to grow the sport.

Play Well Vision 'Everyone has a place in sport.'

Play Well Mission 'We will create safe, welcoming, inclusive, and fun sporting experiences.'

The Play Well investment program is called (PWIP) Play Well Implementation Plan and has six priority areas and four enablers and all support involvement, participation, and growth. The is with agreed KPI's, financial boundaries, mandatory reporting and compliance requirements no matter whether you are Gymnastics Australia, Cycling Australia, or Bocce Australia.

ASC introduced this program in the second half of 2024 with a transition period of six months and start date 1 January 2025. In the first half of 2025, BA will undertake a number of roadshows to meet with its State Federation's and key stakeholders and work collaboratively to meet ASC's Play Well vision and mission.

Finance – financial year 2023-24. For the second financial year post the pandemic shut down of sport activities, BA

has continued to invest heavily in sport development activities such as come and try and upskilling of officials. Salary and associated travel and accommodation costs for the NDO to develop programs eg school program and BTC program and conferences total \$47.6k over three financial years \$19.5k 2021-22, \$26,2k 2022-23, \$2.0k 2023-24. For the regular junior, nationals and Raffa events, this year has been particularly busy with the addition of master class coaching clinics in Queensland, NSW and Victoria during the month of February by international members of the French coaching team, and at the request of the Bocce world body that we hold the Asia Oceania games in March.

Each year, as a whole, these activities and events are a significant cost and as a result BA posted a loss of \$31.7K for this financial year. (\$59.5k loss in 2022-23). Although depleted of cash reserves, BA's balance sheet has Net Assets of \$2.5k, remains cash flow positive, and holds no long-term creditor commitments/ liabilities to outside parties. Financial Statements attached.

As a result of ASC's 'Play Well' program - new participation reporting requirements and new funding model arrangement BA received its final \$50k grant allocation for the 2023-24 financial year. As stated above, ongoing funding is subject to meeting ASC's recognition criteria and agreed KPI's. ASC will announce this in December 2024 and the board is confident we will be recognised accordingly.

Finally, thank you everyone for your commitment and support during 2023-24 and we look forward to another exciting year of Bocce.

Vincenzo Di Mauro
Secretary and Treasurer Bocce Australia

FINANCIAL REPORT

For period ending

30th June 2024 for

Bocce Australia Limited

Directors Report 30 June 2024

Your directors present this report on Bocce Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

General Information Directors

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:

Names

Frank Funari	President
Mr Antonio Biancacci	Vic-President
Ms Sonia Fava	Sports Development Director
Mr Vincenzo Di Mauro	Secretary and Treasurer

Company Secretary

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

The company is incorporated on 18 December 2020 under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. At 30 June 2024, the total amount that the members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$ NIL (2023: \$ NIL).

Principal activities

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



Directors Report 30 June

2024

Significant changes

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

Meetings of directors

During the financial year 11 meetings were held, attendances by each director were as follows:

Director name	Directors' Meetings	
	Number of eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr Franco Funari	11	11
Mr Antonio Biancacci	11	11
Ms Sonia Fava	11	10
Mr Vincenzo Di Mauro	11	9

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by ASIC - Small company limited by guarantee as defined in section 45B, and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for-profit entities.

The preparation of the financial statements is in consultation with Bocce Australia's Australian Sports Commission financial advisor, and no significant judgement has been exercised by management in the process of completing these financial statements and applying its company policies

Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024



2024

\$

Revenue

ASC participation	50,000
Vic Metro & Regional Local Govt Grants	6,000
Membership	15,100
Donations	2,523
Donation Tasmania RSL Glenorchy Bocce Club	5,277
Participation registrations	23,139
Participation reimbursement	24,105
Master Class clinics/ reimbursements	46,058
Other admin	493
Total Revenue	172,695

Expenses

Participation activity	78,674
Training clinics Metro and Regional	1,869
Capability building workshops	10,862
Master class clinics	7,462
Logistic expenses	84,674
Admin expenses	2,790
Subscriptions	2,917
Insurance	4,635
IT provider services	10,537
Total Expenses	204,420

Surplus/ Deficit	(31,725)
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BOCCE AUSTRALIA LIMITED (CLG)

ABN 24 703 226127

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	2024
	\$
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Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	7,124
Total Current Assets	7,124
Current Liabilities	
Creditor- Credit Card	4,659
Total Current Liabilities	4,659
Net Assets	2,465
Equity	
Net Reserve	34,219
Total surplus/ (deficit)	(31,725)
Equity adjustments	(29)
Total Equity	2,465



**Statement by Directors of The Board
of
BOCCE AUSTRALIA LTD**

The Board of Directors have determined that Bocce Australia Ltd is not a reporting entity.

The Board 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 Board the financial statements present fairly the financial position of Bocce Australia Ltd as at 30 June 2024, and the results of Bocce Australia Ltd for the year ended on that date.

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 Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

PRESIDENT: 

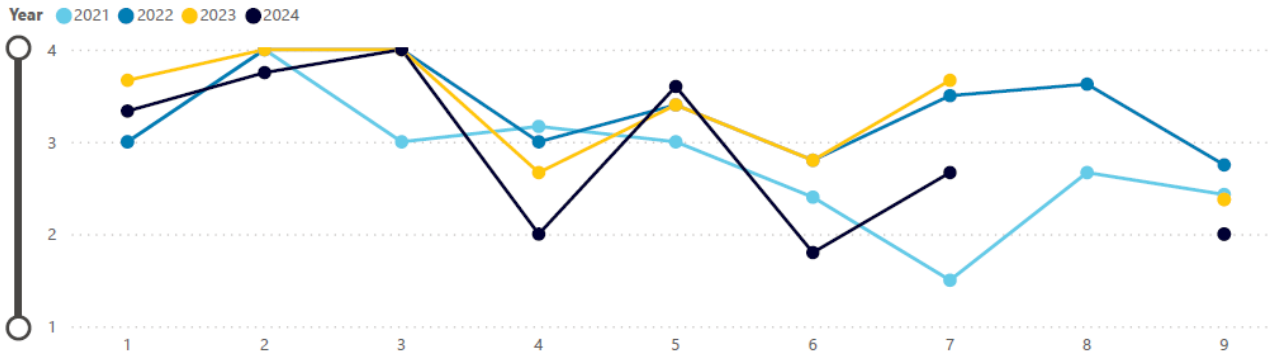
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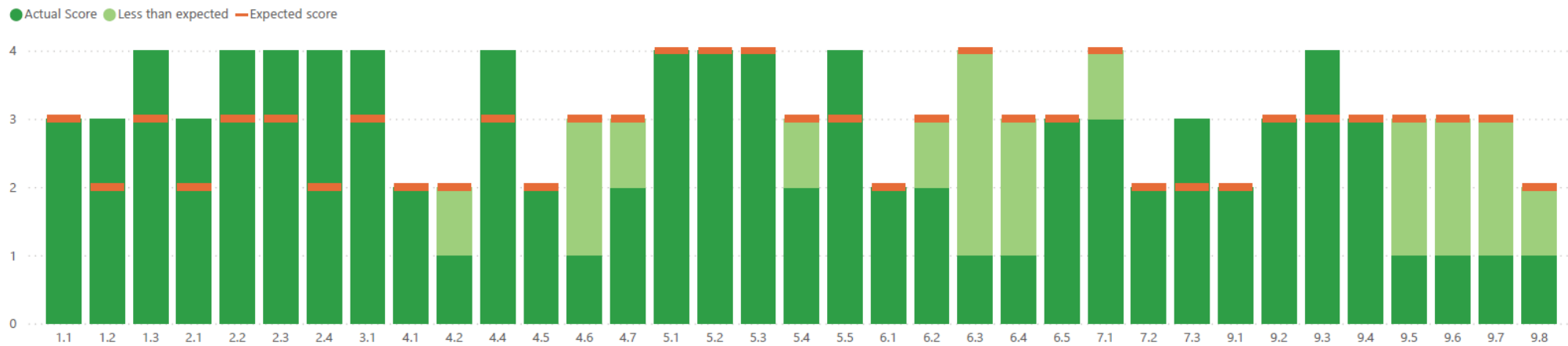
Average of Score by Year



Average of Score by Principle



Actual vs Expected Score - 2024



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.

The past year has been one of momentum and growth for our sport, marked by significant strides in coaching, international competition, and regional engagement. It's exciting to see how our collective efforts are shaping the future of Bocce, both at home and abroad.

Let's start with **coaching**, the heartbeat of player development. Their commitment reflects the high standards we set for our coaching network, and I encourage all States to follow suit by supporting their coaches in the re-accreditation process. A complete list of those due for renewal is attached, and I urge each State to ensure the necessary steps are taken, backed by evidence of recent coaching activities.

This year, we hosted a dynamic **Coaching Update Workshop** on **17th November** at the vibrant Lazio-Marche Sports Club in Melbourne. It was a fantastic turnout, with **20 coaches** participating, including several from Special Olympics programs. The workshop wasn't just a refresher—it was a deep dive into the latest coaching innovations and strategies, sparking great discussions and a palpable sense of enthusiasm for the season ahead.

Turning to the international stage, the **World Raffa Championships** in Turkey brought thrilling moments and strong performances from our team. A standout highlight was Diane Penney's stellar achievement, securing **6th place** in the world rankings. Diane's performance was nothing short of spectacular, a true reflection of her hard work and the solid preparation she received. The entire team showed significant progress, displaying a marked improvement from previous championships and proving that we're on the right track.

On the global governance front, we witnessed a significant shift during a special meeting of African Nations, where a new chapter of leadership was ushered in. Mr. Mohamed El Amine Maldi of Algeria was unanimously elected as the new President, replacing the outgoing Mr. Yacine Kafi. The **CBI General Assembly** was another highlight, drawing representatives from **37 nations** and resulting in the re-election of our trusted Executive Committee: Prof. Mutlu Turkmen as President, Tony Biancacci as Secretary-General, and Moreno Rosati and Marcelo Bravi as Vice Presidents.

The Assembly also featured major developments, including the launch of the new **Bocce Federation of Hong Kong**, with Tommy Fung stepping in as its inaugural President. At the same time, the **Multi Bowls Association of Hong Kong** faced suspension, effective **1st January 2025**. An intriguing turn of events was North America's formal request to leave the Pan American Continents, a proposal currently under deliberation.

Our partnership with **World Bowls** also took a significant step forward. In a productive meeting held on **25th October**, World Bowls CEO Mr. Neil Dalrymple and the CBI Executive Committee explored opportunities for

deeper collaboration. Their discussions focused on shared initiatives to promote and grow the sport globally, setting the stage for exciting joint ventures in the coming years.

The **Asia Oceania region** continues to be a hotbed of activity. We're gearing up for the **Asia Oceania Championship**, where our Australian team will take on top competitors in Malaysia from **7th to 11th December 2024**. Adding to the momentum, the Asia Oceania Bowls Confederation (AOBC) recently elected Mr. Jasem Manouchehri of Iran as its new Secretary-General. The launch of the AOBC's official website, now live at www.bowls.asia, is a great step forward, providing a valuable resource hub for players and fans alike.

In a further sign of regional cooperation, India has committed to sending two of its top coaches to attend a **Raffa Training Camp** in Melbourne on **3rd and 4th January 2025**. This exchange is an exciting opportunity to foster cross-border learning and strengthen the ties within our growing Bocce community.

Reflecting on the year, it's clear that we've made tremendous progress. From enhancing our coaching capabilities to elevating our presence on the world stage, we've laid a strong foundation for the future. It's an exciting time to be part of this journey, and I look forward to seeing where our shared passion and commitment will take us next.

Antonio (Tony) Biancacci
Vice-President FIB / President AOSBC (Volo)
Vice-President AOSBC (Raffa)
Secretary General CBI



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



REPORT

2023/2024 Sports Development Director

Bocce Strategy and Achievements

The 2023/2024 period has been a year of strategic growth, focused on strengthening the infrastructure, volunteer networks, and expanding our programmes within the sport of Bocce. Our objectives this year were clear: to enhance the foundation on which we build our athletes' success, support our volunteer base, increase local participation, and maintain our visibility on the global stage.

We are proud to report that our efforts in these areas have yielded tangible results and set a strong trajectory for the future of Bocce in Australia. The continued implementation of our Bocce One Strategy, which was launched in 2019, has led to significant improvements across recruitment, retention, and development at both the grassroots and elite levels.

Key Achievements

1. Infrastructure Support and Junior Development

A key focus this year has been to reinforce the infrastructure necessary for Bocce to thrive at all levels. Our Bocce One Strategy has proven successful in supporting junior recruitment and retention efforts. The ongoing commitment to this strategy has seen our local competitions grow in both size and scope, with greater participation from younger athletes. Our quarterly National Training Clinics have also become vital in providing athletes with the skills and coaching necessary to compete at a higher level.



The international engagement of our junior athletes has seen notable progress as well, with Australian teams participating in overseas events such as the Denis Ravera International Junior Invitational in Monaco. These opportunities not only give our athletes valuable international experience, but also provide a platform for them to grow and develop into future Bocce leaders.

2. Coaching and Referee Upskilling

As part of our infrastructure focus, a significant effort was directed toward the upskilling of our coaches and referees. Experienced players and leaders were appointed as Junior coaches in each state led by our Australian coach together, were able to gain new tools and knowledge to better support our athletes. This investment in coaching development ensures that our athletes receive world-class guidance, and it also enhances the quality of our local competitions.

Likewise, referee training has been a key area of focus. We aim to improve the quality and consistency of officiating across the sport, which is critical for the growth of Bocce. We held 3 state referee courses with approximately 50 participants being accredited for Club, State and National level officiating. This aligns with our vision of running events that meet international standards, and we are pleased to see our referees performing at a high level during both local and international competitions.

3. Bocce Team Challenge – Pilot and Scaling Up

In 2023/2024, we piloted the Bocce Team Challenge, a unique programme designed by Bocce Australia NDO—John Inglese, to engage new novice players along with the experience of more seasoned athletes in a competitive and fun, format. After a successful pilot, we revised the Challenge to be adaptable for events of different sizes and locations. This flexibility allows the Challenge to be scaled up or down depending on the needs and resources of individual regions, ensuring accessibility for clubs across Australia.

The success of the Bocce Team Challenge not only contributed to increased participation, but also financially supported the Host clubs and offered a cash prize for the winners.

It has already proven to be an important tool for engaging athletes of all ages and abilities in the sport of Bocce. The National roll-out and training will commence Q1 of 2025.

4. International Success and Global Recognition

One of the standout achievements for 2023/2024 has been Australia's continued success on the international Bocce stage. Australia's participation in high-profile events, including the World Senior Men's and Mixed Championships in France, has reinforced our position as a respected competitor on the global stage.

The International Junior Invitational in Monaco provided an incredible opportunity for our young athletes to compete against some of the best in the world. These international experiences are invaluable in sharpening the skills of our athletes and maintaining Australia's competitive edge.

As the global Bocce community continues to grow, Australia's reputation has strengthened. The Fédération Internationale de Boules (FIB) has recognised the quality of our events and the strength of our infrastructure, and we are proud to report that FIB has invited Australia to host the World Senior Men's Championships in 2026. This is a tremendous honor, and it speaks to the high standard of Bocce Management being cultivated here in Australia.



5. Coaching Tour with French Federation



This year, we were fortunate to host a delegation from the French Bocce Federation, who, in collaboration with the French Sporting Commission, conducted a coaching tour of Australia in our eastern States. This was a groundbreaking event that saw our athletes compete alongside world-class players and receive coaching from some of the best in the world.

The tour provided valuable learning experiences for our athletes, coaches, and volunteers alike. Our local athletes had the opportunity to refine their techniques, engage in friendly competition, and gain insights from top-tier international players. It also strengthened our coaching team, enabling them to further support the development of Australian athletes.

6. Women and Girls in Bocce

As the women's representative for Federation Internationale de Boules (FIB), I am particularly proud of the strides we have made in promoting inclusion and creating opportunities for women and girls in our sport. Ensuring that women and girls have access to the same opportunities for development, competition, and coaching as their male counterparts remains a priority.



We have actively sought to ensure gender equity in all of our programmes, fostering an environment where women feel empowered to lead, compete, and excel in Bocce. Continued investment in female athlete development is essential for the future of the sport, and we are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for women and girls. We are in discussions with FIB of hosting a World Women's Forum in 2026 in line with potentially hosting a World Championship.

Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond

As we look toward 2025, the focus will remain on expanding our development team to provide even more resources, training, and support for clubs across Australia. The goal is to help States and their clubs elevate their operations to the next level—fostering the growth of the sport and providing more opportunities for athletes to engage, learn, and compete.

The continued growth of our infrastructure, participation programmes, and global presence sets a strong foundation for the future. By continuing to invest in our athletes, coaches, and volunteers, we are positioning Bocce in Australia for greater success, both nationally and internationally.

It is equally important to acknowledge those who have contributed to the growth and success of Bocce in Australia. This year, we made a concerted effort to recognise past contributors in the administration, volunteer, and playing sectors. These individuals have laid the foundation on which our current successes are built, and their dedication to the sport continues to inspire future generations.



PLAY WELL STRATEGY - Bocce Australia Programmes & New Initiatives Timeline 2024/2025

Bocce Australia Activities

Training & Development

International French Coaching Tour	(2024 & 2025)
Referee Courses	(2024 & 2025)
Coaching Courses	(2024 & 2025)
Junior Training Academy/Clinics	(2024 & 2025)
Special Olympics Officiating Courses	(2024 & 2025)
Raffa Training & Development	(2025 & 2025)

Programmes & Initiatives

Schools to Club	(2024& 2025)
University Third Age	(2024 & 2025)
UCAN2 programme (Bocce Victoria)	(2025)
Bocce Team Challenge 2 Pilot Clubs 2024 - roll out VIC, NSW, QLD	(2025)
Game of Throws Challenge	(2025)
Corporate Events	(2024 & 2025)
Beer & Bocce	
Bocce & Bubbles	
Glow in the dark Bocce	



Sonia Fava

Sports Development Director Australia

F.I.B. Women's Sector Leader | Technical Protocol Committee Member



SECTOR Leads



Chief Referee (Volo) - Joe Maselli



COACHING Director—Tony Biancacci



Head Coach & Referee (Bocce Raffa) —Franco Fava



Head Coach (Bocce Volo)—Stefano Chiandotto



National Junior Co-ordinator —Linda Chiandotto



Special Olympics Bocce—Michael Migliaccio



Tournament Director Assistant—Mary Massena



National Media Co-ordinator—Samuel Pevere



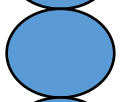
Sponsorship Director —Renna Danelutti



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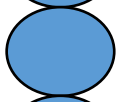
Operations Manager—Vacant



Volunteer Co-ordinator—Vacant



Events Co-ordinator—Vacant



Operations Manager—Vacant



Administration Co-ordinator —Vacant



Governance Director—Vacant



Bocce Raffa Director—Vacant



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