

It is with much pleasure that I present the Presidents Report for the year 2013-2014.

Firstly, I will to express my gratitude to the Bowlers & Bowling Committees of the Warrnambool I.B.A for their support during the year. No group can function successfully without an active base and I feel blessed that I have had such strong support. However, I warn of a big year ahead with the Nationals, a year that will be challenging but hopefully very rewarding.

Another successful year on the mats: with Warrnambool securing 4th place; at both Ballarat and Echuca. Perhaps a win would have been preferable at these tournaments but the bowling and the company was enjoyable. I must commend the Warrnambool Delegates connected to the Echuca tournament. There have been niggly issues in the past at Echuca and to their great credit, Stan and Shane seemed to have worked through the problems and it all ran very smoothly. Also thanks to Teagan Keane who did the computer in Shane's absence.

Our local tournaments were mostly well supported with the main event being the August Mixed Fours. Numbers were stable but all who spoke to me regarded the day as one of the best. It is worthy of note that next years' August tournament has been pushed out 2 weeks to allow state bowlers to bowl on the Saturday then attend compulsory practise for the state team here in Sunday. All being: the weekend before the Nationals.

Again Warrnambool contributed 12 of the 56 bowlers to the state team and all acquitted themselves well. Whilst on the subject of the nationals I am pleased to report good steady progress in all areas, but we could use any feeding ^{BACK} from members regarding sponsorship. Anyone who feels they may have a contact for a potential sponsor we would like to hear from you. So far the volunteer support has been excellent. Not only from the locals; but, Colac and Heytesbury have indicated an eagerness to assist. More of you will be asked to assist as the time gets closer.

I again express my gratitude for the professionalism of our executive and match committees. Shane, George and Gill have formed a very good working relationship and manage match committee issues will. Thanks again to Secretary Rex and Treasurer Vince and the executive for their input through-out the year.

Finally, on a personal note, I feel motivated and challenged by the year ahead. It will be an extremely busy period prior to our AGM next September, so I put W.I.B on notice now that it is not my intention to seek Re-Election as your president next year. I wish to go back to enjoying my bowling.

In conclusion, I expect that on this day next year we will all be able to look back on the years events, particularly the Nationals with great pride.



Rob McCrabb.