



From the Chair

Boccia has got off to a great start, to the year, with the successful Canberra Cup last weekend and I think that this photo taken at the medal presentation, encompasses one of the many wonderful things about our sport.

On Sunday at the mixed team event, this young man, Lucas Wallace (BC3) played in a team captained by veteran player Phil Bates (BC5). Lucas is ten years old and plays for the ACT team and, even though this was his first competition, he's developing all the skills he will need to become a top-class boccia player.

The thing that I found wonderful is that there are 63 years difference in age between them! That's right, Lucas is ten and Phil 73, and yet they made friends with each other, enjoyed each other's company, and, along with James Roe, took out the bronze medal in the team's competition. In how many other sports would this be possible?

Boccia, the most inclusive sport you've never heard of!

May your balls run true

Richard



Save the date in 2022

NSW State Titles

22 -24th April

Penrith Valley Regional
Sports Centre
Penrith

bnsw@bigpond.com.au

Tasmanian State Titles

May

Hobart

pdst@paraquadtas.org.au

Queensland Boccia Battle

September

Brisbane

darrylw@sportingwheelies.org.au

National Titles

October - November

Sydney

admin@boccia.com.au

OUR BIG BOCCIA SURVEY

Thank you to all who participated in our first Big Boccia Survey – we had a great response, particularly from the athletes who gave us great insight into how boccia impacts on their lives and how we can help them enjoy their game more!

The results will be presented at the AGM and posted on the website.



Redoing your NDIS plan?

Don't forget to include funding for your boccia competitions. The NDIS will pay for the extra costs you have because of your disability. For example, the NDIS will pay for your support worker to come with you if you need one, because that is an extra cost you have because of your disability that a nondisabled person does not have.

If you are a competitive boccia player, make sure your goals list some of the competitions you are planning to go to (if you get selected by your coach). This can include State Titles in other states, the National Titles, or even international competitions if you are selected.

For more information click on the link

[Boccia and your NDIS Plan](#)

Rules

The update BISFed Rules 2021 - 2024 (v.1) is now available on the World Boccia website as well as the BA website [Microsoft Word - BISFed International Boccia Rules 2021 2024 \(v.1.1\) \(revolutionise.com.au\)](#)

If you have a question on the rules, ask our Head Referee Lisa at referee@boccia.com.au

All competitions will now follow BISFed rules. However, Boccia Australia has developed a list of rule variations, which outline those rules we are not enforcing such as the use of only licensed balls and competitions based on gender. These variations can be found at [BA Rule Variations](#)



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NSW State Titles 2021

Last year's BNSW State Titles was, once again, a restricted competition due to COVID but, despite this, a good time was had by all. Court C in the Sports Halls at Sydney Olympic Park was the scene for some excellent boccia and lots of camaraderie amongst old and new friends. Here are the results of some very spirited competition:

BC1: 1st - Chris Allerdice (Northern Beaches),
2nd - Joanne Vaz (Cronulla Sutherland), 3rd -
Joseph Jenkins (Hunter).

BC2: 1st - Scott Elsworth (Northern Beaches),
2nd - Aaryan Shah (Northern Beaches),
3rd - Bodhi Boele (Sydney).

BC3: 1st - Dan Michel (Cronulla Sutherland),
2nd - Spencer Cotie (Northern Beaches),
3rd - Jamieson Leeson (Hunter)

BC5/EMU: 1st - Phil Bates (Hunter), 2nd - Mathew Van
Hoek, (Sydney)
3rd - Axil Pavy (Sydney)

Veteran player Barry Fear was
inducted into the Athletes' Hall
of Fame

The Tu Huynh Trophy was awarded
Cronulla Sutherland with the
Coaches Award to Wendy
Evans of Hunter.



Barry Fear

Congratulation Nic Milner



BA is excited to be working with Paralympics Australia and the Tasmanian Institute of Sport – the TIS to identify and support para-athletes in Tasmania through the TIS Para-Sport Academy, along with other initiatives designed to develop coaches and identify junior talent. Through the support of Communities Tasmania, the Para-Sport Academy is seeking to provide a development opportunity for talented Tasmanian para-athletes not yet categorised by their sports, supporting them to progress to that level.

Participants will then be able to access strength & conditioning support and education, whilst also receiving additional targeted support from PA in the form of mentoring, coaching and development

Nic who plays as a BC2 is ranked 5th in Australia and is well known as someone who is always working hard and cheering his team mates on.

It is hard to train for big events when there is only a small Boccia group in Tasmania with only one BC2 participating, so this support will be amazing opportunity for Nic to realize his potential. We are both excited for this adventure.' Says Coach Ro Blaney.

Nic himself said "I am looking forward to the experience; something new and exciting, a new challenge."

Canberra Cup 2022



Once again Canberra turned on a great competition, with people travelling from NSW, Queensland, and Victoria for the 2022 Canberra Cup. The singles on Saturday was strongly contested, with five athletes competing for the first time, enjoying the challenge of competing and making friends throughout the weekend. It was wonderful to see old and new friends enjoying each other's company off the court, and fierce competition on the court. Sunday was the mixed team's event with everyone having fun, learning, and sharing.

BC1: 1st - Chris Allerdice (Northern Beaches), 2nd – Dylan Schwarz (ACT), 3rd – Jack Tori (Geelong).

BC2: 1st – Jason Mayweather (Qld), 2nd – Corena Harrison (ACT), 3rd – Kelvin Dawson (Hunter).

BC3: 1st – Kylie Daley (Northern Beaches), 2nd – Tom Ferguson (Central Coast), 3rd – Lucas Wallace (ACT)

BC5/EMU: 1st - Adam Alcorn (Hunter), 2nd – Axil Pavy (Sydney) 3rd - Phil Bates (Hunter)

News from Adelaide

In the middle of November last year, the SA boccia social club opened as part of a sporting program run by Action Sports Morphett Vale, SA, with 4 active members and 3 referees. The club decided they would enjoy a league and depending on numbers, would start with a pairs game, then everyone plays each other in singles matches.

After each game, the recorded scores are put up on the BSA website, [South Australia Boccia Home Page](#) SA have developed a ladder system to see who's winning overall and at the end, with a prize to the final winner!

While the COVID restrictions were in force in SA, the club is was unable to play but they are now back on the court ! BSA has got a few things planned for this year with interstate trips planned.



If you would like to find out more about the social club, how to join or how to use the ladder system for your club, please contact me at liamgoldfinch25@gmail.com

Liam

Making Boccia Victoria Great Again!

After a bit of a hiatus, Boccia Victoria is back!

The squad had a soft relaunch late last year and built a great team in the final 6 weeks of 2021. We have a squad of 9 players of varying skill levels keen to learn and improve their game.

Coach Tyler takes the competitive players through their paces on Tuesdays and Fridays and the social squad get together with Coach David on Tuesdays at the Geelong Sports Hub.

We have found great support from Vicki Thorpe and Stacey Vanderkley and others who were a part of Boccia Victoria previously as well as parents and supporters of our players.



Also a shout out to Sasha, Glen, Lucy and the team from Boccia Australia for your support as well as the other clubs for assisting with some ramps, it's much appreciated.

Our goal is to start competing again on the Boccia circuit with a few of the squad hoping to compete in the upcoming ACT Championships, so look out...we are coming for your National Titles!

David

Contact David at geelongadaptivesports@gmail.com if you wish to know more about boccia in Victoria

PS – Geelong had a great result in Canberra, their athletes showing great skill and sportsmanship!

CLASSIFICATION!

Provisional Classification

Provisional Classification allows new athletes who are not able to see a full Classification panel to gain an indication of which group of athletes (that is those with similar physical restrictions) they will play against in competition and where they may fit within the National Boccia Classification system. The pack is available on the BA website. All athletes at the Nationals must be classified or hold provisional classification

Information on all aspects of classification and the latest Australian Classification list (September 2021) is available on the BA website [Boccia Classification Information](#)

Classification Update

All enquiries about Classification will now be looked after by BA.

By the end of 2022 Paralympics Australia will no longer manage the Classification program for BA, but will still have a support role.

If you have a question about classification, please go to the BA website as you may find the answer there, if not contact classification@boccia.com.au

Volunteer Recognition Awards



To run the sport of boccia we rely on many people to volunteer their time. Boccia Australia would like to acknowledge and thank all volunteers and we will be doing a regular Volunteer Recognition series. Our Volunteer is ...

Joep Buijs of Queensland!



Joep is well known at Queensland events because of his huge smile and wonderful photos.

"I started volunteering for Boccia when I was photographing the Tri Series in July 2017. What draws me to Boccia is the fact that some competitors can play their balls so accurately. It is just incredible to watch. I love the sportsmanship between the players and I love that the boccia community is one big family.

Queensland Boccia would be lost without Joep's hard work. Thank you Joep for everything you do for the sport of Boccia.

BOCCIA AUSTRALIA AGM 2022

The BA Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Sunday 13th March at 7.30pm AEDT. All BA members are welcome. State Delegates or their Proxies have voting rights. Three of our current Directors will step down but be available for reelection. Further information on the AGM is on our website at <https://www.boccia.com.au/news/agmsunday13thmarch2022/>

- Boccia & your NDIS Plan
 - [Boccia and your NDIS Plan](#)
- BA Member Protection Policy
 - [BA Member Protection Policy](#)
- Framework and Guidelines for Return to Boccia
 - <https://www.boccia.com.au/news/return-to-boccia-framework-2021/>
- BA Training Resources
 - [Training Resources - Boccia Australia](#)

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who submitted items for this Newsletter from BA. We will keep any unused stories and photos for our next Newsletter. Please feel free to submit more – we want our members to know what happening in boccia across Australia. Photos are particularly welcome!

Send your stories and photos to admin@boccia.com.au