



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Dear Members

I am writing to inform you that the board of the Club, pursuant to the Club's Constitution, has terminated and dissolved the Denistone men's and ladies bowling sub clubs known as Denistone Sports Club and Denistone Ladies Bowling Club or known by any other name.

These former sub clubs can no longer use the names of the former sub clubs – Denistone Sports Club or Denistone Ladies Bowling Club or similar names under which they were formerly known and members can no longer use the insignia or logo of the former sub clubs or wear the uniform.

It was necessary that the Club take these steps for a number of reasons including:

1. The sale of the Denistone premises;
2. The closure of the Club's operations at the Denistone premises;
3. The abandonment of the Club by the Denistone bowlers.

The Club carried the Denistone operations and for a period of eight years supported the continuing losses at Denistone from the operations at Carlingford. Unfortunately Denistone members resisted any attempts to reduce the continuing losses being incurred at Denistone and to boost the revenue from the Denistone operations. It was with regret that the Club was forced to sell the Denistone premises and close the operations there earlier this year.

The Club understands that last December 2023 – prior to the sale and closure of the Denistone operations - Denistone bowlers approached Dundas Sports and Recreation Club and made arrangements for Denistone bowlers to bowl from its Dundas greens at least until the end of this financial year.

The Denistone bowlers have abandoned the Club. It is well known in the bowling fraternity that the Denistone bowlers have been bowling from the Dundas bowling



club for some time. David Moody, president of the former Denistone men's bowling sub club has transferred from Carlingford some time ago. There are directors of the Club who are Denistone bowlers and forceful supporters of Denistone bowlers and their claimed interests – Grant Gudmunson transferred out of Carlingford some months ago; Alan Blake has transferred to Dundas Sports & Recreation Bowling Club.

Zone 10 has notified clubs that the Denistone bowling sides will be playing their home games at Dundas Sports Club at Dundas.

Carlingford has spent a lot of money ensuring that the greens at Carlingford are well maintained and that they can, and do, accommodate the Denistone bowlers. The Denistone bowlers do not need a special invitation in order to be able to bowl at Carlingford. But the Denistone bowlers elected to bowl from another club. They do not bowl at the Carlingford greens and they do not patronise, or socialise at, the Carlingford premises.

The Club has been advised that the Denistone bowlers have elected to play under the name "DBC". Denistone bowlers can continue to bowl in competition by lodging with Bowls NSW a new / reopening club form. They satisfy the requirements of having an arrangement that allows them to use bowling greens in competition and having a name under which they will bowl in competition.

The Club has now lodged with Bowls NSW the club closing forms for the former Denistone bowling sub clubs and has been advised that Bowls NSW is in the process of deleting the two Denistone bowling sub clubs from the Club's profile with Bowls NSW. The Club is disappointed that the Denistone bowlers rebuffed every offer from the Club to assist them in a seamless transition to bowling at Dundas.

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