



### Celebrating Women in Tenpin Bowling

With the recent publicity of women in sport, it seems like a timely reminder to acknowledge the women who continue to succeed in tenpin. We've enjoyed a healthy balance of male and female ratios across our sport for the better part of our history... and women in tenpin have been instrumental in more ways than competitive domination.

The Tenpin Bowling Association of Victoria enjoys the support, input and leadership of a gender balanced board, current members include;

- Secretary/Treasurer **Denece Jones**
- Directors **Kathy Smith, Louise Eady** and **Renee Gaitanis**
- Board Appointees **Sue Raphael** (Seniors) and **Renee Wooley** (AMF Representative)

On the lanes, Victorian women continue to dominate with strong results and inclusion in state and national teams, of note are the results from Tenpin Bowling Australia's National Senior Cup where **Jeanette Baker** (Greensborough) and **Mary Dodds** (Boronia) placed first and second respectively. The Victorian Women's team also took the 2017 Walter Rachuig Trophy at the 2017 Australian Adult Championships. Victorian Double pair Jeanette Baker and **Robyn Flynn** took out the Doubles event at the 2017 Senior Challenge.



2017 Seniors Challenge 'Doubles' VIC Jeanette Baker and Robyn Flynn

Leadership and participation comes in many shapes and sizes though and following the launch of Bowl Patrol, our nationally recognised junior participation program, we've seen many bowlers develop as deliverers to the next generation. Of note are **Melissa Thompson** (Shepparton) and **Claire Gee** and **Laura Carmichael** (Geelong) who have taken up the challenge of completing Level One and Lane Ranger (Bowl Patrol coach) qualifications. Together they're working to create a new generation of bowlers, delivering the sport to schools and juniors alike. It's hoped the once popular sport for juniors in these regional areas will experience resurgence with these women at the helm.

We continue to encourage and support our associations and centres to ensure women at all roles of tenpin bowling feel safe, comfortable and experience success in the sporting environment. Women and girls looking to get in to a sport where competition, administration and development are all equally important should consider visiting their local centre or getting in touch with their local association. Visit [tbav.com.au](http://tbav.com.au) or email for more information.

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