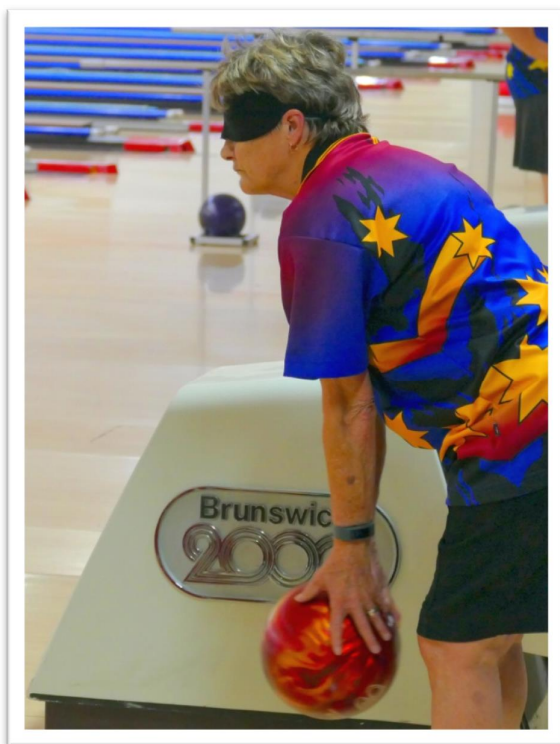




### **Marilyn Luck nominated for VicSport Award**

Tenpin Bowling Victoria is delighted to acknowledge the nomination of Marilyn Luck and joins Vic Sport in announcing her as a finalist for the 'Involve Group Victorian Masters Sport Award'. This award recognises Victorian masters athletes or teams (male or female) who have achieved outstanding results in respect to their performances at a state, national, international, or elite level during the 2016 year. Marilyn took home this award in 2012 and is up against tough competition again this year.



Marilyn has been blind since the age of 45. After a number of years of struggling with depression, she decided that she would get involved in sport. She started tenpin bowling and cricket and has excelled in both sports. Marilyn began playing tenpin bowling in 2007 and had a first game score of 22. But her dedication and endeavour to improve helped her reach a personal best of 235. Marilyn now frequently bowls over 200 and her highest game in 2016 was 227.

She approaches tenpin not as a blind bowler but as a sighted one. Through many hours of practice she has developed a unique bowling action and is the only blind bowler in the world who does not use a guide rail.

Marilyn has been a World Champion since 2007, yet still strives to improve her game and to set incredible benchmarks in blind bowling.

**Above:** Marilyn bowling at the 2016 BVIT Championship

The winners are announced at the prestigious ceremony Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – but Marilyn is already a winner in our eyes.

For more than 30 Years the Victorian Sport Awards has recognised outstanding achievements in sport - individual athletes, teams, coaches, officials, and administrators. In an exciting new development, the Awards will for the first time include community sport and active recreation categories as it has been combined with the Victorian Community Sport and Recreation Awards.

This new development, presented by the State Government of Victoria and Vicsport, will see the full spectrum of Victorian sport represented and recognised, from grassroots through to elite level.

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