

Whykes Shield Selection

This year is unique in relation to the selection of players to represent the Geelong Bowls Region in the following.

Whykes Shield	29 th October, 2023
Provincial Shield	19 th November, 2023
West Coast Challenge	26 th November, 2023

Given our Pennant season start date there is very little chance of observing players form and performance. The selection committee has looked at past performances over all shield matches and bowlers who have this year transferred into the Region for this season.

The Whykes Shield this year is very much the first step for bowlers to progress to the next level, being the Provincial Shield. Given the mediocre performance at the Regionals in Echuca / Moama back in May, bowlers will be under greater scrutiny in all the lead up events as well as Pennant games.

It is our belief that bowlers need to bring more to the team than their bowling talent. It has in the past been fair to say that a blanket could be thrown over several bowlers who are on par with each other. We believe we need to go one step further in selection and assess what extra contributions individuals bring to the team.

To those selected we wish you all well in your performance both individually and as a team in our endeavor to retain the Whykes Shield.

Alan Callow
Chairman of Selectors