
2025 / 2026 Annual Report



FERNTREE GULLY BOWLING CLUB INC.

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NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the FERNTREE GULLY BOWLING CLUB, Inc

By order of the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Management of the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club, Inc, members are advised that the Annual General Meeting for 2026 will take place as follows:

Date: **Saturday 30th May 2026**
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Club Rooms, Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

Order of Business:

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (25 May 2025)
3. Presentation, consideration and adoption of the Annual Report
4. Presentation, consideration and adoption of the Balance Sheets, Statements of Accounts and reports by the Auditor
 - a. Balance Sheets & Statements of Accounts will be available for perusal by members in the week prior to the AGM
 - b. NOTE: Any questions for the Treasurer need to be presented to Robyn Scanlan, in writing, by Thursday 28 May 2026, so she can prepare answers. Hand written questions can be left with staff or email the club, Attention Robyn Scanlan to:
accounts@ftgbowls.com.au
5. Nomination and Election of the Auditors
6. Declaration of the Poll for the Annual Elections of Office Bearers
7. Consideration and approval of the Annual Subscriptions:
8. Nomination and Election of a Life Member
9. Transaction of any Special Business of which due notice has been given under Part 4, Rule 32 of the Constitution: No notice of a Special Resolution has been received
10. Any other General Business:

Les Stephens, Chief Executive Officer

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Sunday 25th May 2025, 10.00am



No	Item	Business / Discussion / Info
i.	Welcome: Attendance: Apologies:	Les Stephens welcomed members to the AGM of the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club. 38 Full, life & special members 9 Full, life & special members (Lists of attendees and apologies attached)
1.	Notice of the AGM:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda Raisbeck read the notice of the AGM
2.	Minutes of the previous AGM, 26 May 2024:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the previous AGM were distributed and read prior to the meeting. • Motion: That the minutes of the AGM, 26 May 2024, be accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved: Terry Martin ○ Seconded: Merilyn Selvey ○ Carried
3.	Annual Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Report was distributed and read by members prior to the meeting. Unfortunately there was no report from the Saturday Selection Committee this year. • The Annual Report was presented by Les Stephens and considered by the meeting. • Motion: The Annual Report be adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved: Merilyn Selvey ○ Seconded: Judy Tournier ○ Carried
4.	Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Reports were presented by the Treasurer, Robyn Scanlan, and considered by the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Balance Sheets, Statement of Accounts and reports by the Auditor were distributed and read by members prior to the meeting. • Robyn reported that 2024/2025 showed an improvement in the club's financial position. The deficit posted of -\$9,497 for this financial year is \$6,028 less than the -\$15,645 posted in 2023/24 • There have been increased costs this year as well as a challenging economic environment, where people have less disposable income. • The upgraded refrigeration systems and bar renovations have cost around \$100,000 • By removing depreciation & amortisation there was a trading surplus of \$153,240, which is \$10,395 more than the previous year • Both the Bar and Bistro increased their revenue this year but gaming was down. Operational income decreased by 1.1%, however, total expenditure was reduced by 2.23%. This shows a great effort by venue management in keeping costs down. • Social Club raffles raised over \$12,000 – another outstanding year. • One query about the financial reports was received prior to the AGM from Matthew Raisbeck: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Note 7: Property, Plant and Equipment, Buildings at Cost was \$1,557,151 in 2024 and \$1,533,942 in 2025, a decrease of \$23,209.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The question is how can Buildings at Cost decrease? ○ Answer from the auditors: there were quite a few different assets that were within this total figure that had reached their full depreciated value and thus no longer needed to be included on the balance sheet. ● Motion: That the financial report be accepted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved: Robyn Scanlan ○ Seconded: Chris Thomson ○ Carried
5.	<p>Nomination and election of the auditors:</p>	<p>The auditors, LBW Chartered Accountants, have been our auditors for 3 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MOTION: The contract with our auditors, LBW Chartered Accountants, be continued for another 3 years, at no cost increase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved: Les Stephens ○ Seconded: Norm Smith ○ CARRIED
6.	<p>Declaration of the Poll for the Annual Elections of Office Bearers:</p> <p>Results of the Annual Elections of Office Bearers for 2025 - 2026:</p>	<p>Board of Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elected unopposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secretary: Rhonda Raisbeck ○ Board Member: Clayton Jones ● They join: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CEO: Les Stephens ○ Treasurer: Robyn Scanlan ○ Board Member: Paul Wootten. <p>Bowling Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President: Gary Johnstone ● Elected unopposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secretary: Brian Raisbeck ○ Committee Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael Gillin ▪ Stuart Park ● They join: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vice President: Laurie Rutter ○ Assistant Secretary: VACANT ○ Committee Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ross White and Chris Thomson plus Darryn Marsh was has been coopted for one year to fill the vacancy <p>Saturday Pennant Selection Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elected to the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forrest Deane ○ Paul Wootten ○ Stuart Cooksey ● They join <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Max Ritchie and Norm Smith

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		<p>Tuesday Pennant Selection Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected unopposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marg Robbins ○ Norm Smith ○ Michael Gillin • They join: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ross White and Jenny Jennings • Motion: That the ballot papers from the 2025-26 elections be destroyed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved: Norm Smith ○ Seconded: Ross White ○ Carried
7.	<p>Annual Subscriptions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board has determined that the fees will increase by 10% for the next season. <p>Notice of Motion: "Membership subscriptions for the 2025-26 season be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full members \$220 ▪ Social 1 members \$165 ▪ Social 2 members \$85" ○ Moved: Les Stephens ○ Seconded: Darryn Marsh ○ Carried
8.	<p>Special Business:</p>	<p>No notice of a special resolution has been received.</p>
9.	<p>General Business and Questions:</p>	<p>John Vincent: The recycling by the club & members has raised \$1,500 so far. To be reported separately next year. Advertising / Promotions is quite a high amount. What is it for? Mostly it is Cassie Moore's contract.</p> <p>Forrest Deane: What is Cassie Moore's role at the club? Les: accounts, wages, MYOB, advertising, Jack Attack admin, legal accountability, etc</p> <p>Max Ritchie: The licences for the gaming machines are very costly, but there is no provision for the replacement of the greens which will need to be done in 5 – 6 years. Les: the Board's plan is to pay off the machine entitlements in 3 years, then save for replacing the greens. However, there will be costs associated with the Vic government's changes to gaming regulations.</p> <p>Nev Treadwell: Are the greens insured? Les: Yes, the greens are insured, but not for their full value.</p>

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	<p>Ian Burgell: Questioned the viability of keeping the gaming machines. Les: the EGMs are still an important income stream for the club, but this may change over the next few years. The ram raid is contributing to the downturn in gaming income. The ram raid is only costing us \$5,000 (the insurance excess), but our insurance will probably increase as a result.</p> <p>Tony Ford: Have bollards been considered? Les: if our insurance company says we need them then we will have to comply & install them.</p> <p>John Vincent: Why aren't gaming members being charged a small membership fee? Les: collection & administration would probably negate its small value to the club.</p> <p>Ken Longmuir: Issue with members draw whereby winners have 10 minutes to present to the staff. Notice to be withdrawn.</p> <p>Max Ritchie: Is the Bowling Committee President represented on the Board? Les: the president is not on the Board. For the past year Clayton Jones has been president & a Board Member so has reported to the Board from the Bowling Committee. When this ceases, the Board will arrange several meeting throughout the year with the Bowling Committee.</p> <p>Merilyn Selvey: Are copies of the Board minutes in folders available for members to read? Les: This has not been done in recent years as the minutes were not being read. However, this can be reinstated. Rhonda Raisbeck to organise.</p>
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Meeting closed: **10.37am**

Minutes taken by Rhonda Raisbeck, Secretary, Board of Management.



CEO REPORT 2025/2026

The past year has been very traumatic for the club with many staff changes and the two horrific ram raids which deeply effected all concerned.

In regard to staff changes we lost Jamie and Ravi for various reasons and unfortunately Jamie`s replacement did not perform up to expectations and was subsequently terminated during his probation period.

The board has now changed our top end structure and utilised our existing staff to fill the management rolls within the club. We have appointed Zoltan and Tamika in a job sharing roll as Duty Managers and have elevated Cassie to our staff and she now acts as our Club Administrator overseeing all aspects of our business. Our chef position has been filled by Jeff and it is now all systems go for the future. The restructure to date has been very successful and whilst the savings on wages has not been significant, we hope it will give us stability in the long term.

Unfortunately, the 2 ram raids which occurred during this year have had a dramatic effect on our overall financial position as noted in our financial statements we are showing a substantial loss for this financial year, however when the depreciation is taken into consideration the numbers are reasonable in the circumstances. It was noted that during the time taken to restore the club building our patronage declined and therefore our gaming revenue was down significantly contributing to our financial position. In addition, our insurance premium took a hit and was more expensive. The board is very hopeful that with the management restructure and the ram raids behind us that the club can return to a more stable position in the coming year.

Thanks to all our loyal staff for their efforts to service our members and guests of the club. Cassie and her team are looking at ways to create savings and are introducing new projects and events which I hope will be supported by all members. A new menu has also been recently implemented in the bistro and hopefully this will improve revenue in this area.

I also thank the bowling committee for their efforts during the year, the advent of our recent tournament was a success and was a credit to all concerned.

The social club members continue to provide much needed funds for the club and have funded several items throughout the year.

Jack attack continues to thrive under the new leadership of Darren Marsh and his team I thank them for their continued support for this event as it generates substantial income for the club as well as new pennant players. Thanks also go to Cassie for providing the administrative work to ensure the events are a success.

Our barefoot bowls has also been successful this year and I thank our members involved for their work in making this event enjoyable to all who participate. We need to continue to promote this activity as it not only generates funds it is potentially an avenue to new membership of the club.

Thanks also to the “Monday Boys” for their contribution to the maintenance of the greens and surrounds. Unfortunately, their numbers are in decline and we need more members to step up and help, so if you are able to give a couple of hours on a Monday morning, please do so.

We must continue to strive to increase our membership, and encourage more people to use the facilities of the club. The numbers below reflect our current position as at the end of March and they show our overall position continues to decline.

Whilst the poker machine revenue has declined over this financial year there have been contributing factors, including the current cost of living crisis and the ram raids which occurred during the year. We are hopeful that next year will get us back to normal and they will provide sufficient revenue to ease our current position.

Following the introduction of recycling of cans and bottles the club has been active in this area and it now provides another income stream.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	31/3/25	31/3/26
Full	102	111
Special	3	2
Life	8	6
Social 1	53	38
Social 2	42	41
Junior	2	0
Total	210	198

Les Stephens

CEO



Treasurers Report 2025/2026

Financial Year Ending 31/03/2026

I present the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club's financial statements and audit report for the financial year ending 31/03/2026. Although the year's result is disappointing, the club remains resilient and positive about the future.

The club recorded a loss of **\$93,261** for the financial year, due largely to unforeseen events in 2025. In particular, the two ram raids had a significant impact on profitability in 2025/2026. While insurance covered the cost of physical repairs, gaming revenue fell substantially while the front entrance was inaccessible. This reduction in revenue had a material effect on the club's overall result for the year. The result was also affected by rising costs associated with the broader economic environment, together with reduced disposable income among many members and visitors.

We also continued to modernise the clubroom by replacing obsolete or malfunctioning essential equipment and carrying out much-needed repairs and renovations. As a result, repairs and maintenance expenses increased to \$48,290, up \$3,739 from the previous financial year.

I would like to reassure members that, although the financial statements show a deficit, the club remains in a sound operating position. Excluding non-cash items such as depreciation and amortisation, which totaled \$175,836, the club would have recorded an operating surplus of \$82,575.

Operational income decreased by 5.4% compared with last year, while total expenditure fell by only 0.67%. Venue management made a strong effort to contain controllable expenses and offset increases driven by market conditions and government intervention.

Bar revenue increased during the year, while gaming revenue declined significantly. Bistro revenue also recorded a small decrease, most likely due to the events referred to above and the broader financial climate.

The social club has again had an outstanding year, with its raffles and sausage sizzles raising \$13,316. The recycling initiative from John Vincent has also raised \$1638, an excellent effort.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of outside groups and community activities that make use of our clubrooms, including the Mountain Pickers Association, Rotary, Knox Cornholers League, Rough Cut, Trivia Nights and Drag Bingo Nights, as well as all those who participate in Jack Attack and Barefoot Bowls.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our tireless volunteers, who contribute so much work and maintenance around the club. Their efforts save the club thousands of dollars each year. I also thank my fellow board members and the various committee members who generously give their time to support the running of the club and its bowling activities.

Over the next twelve months, we will continue to streamline our operations to keep costs as low as possible. We also look forward to introducing new activities that will help grow our membership and encourage greater patronage from the wider community. Our greatest challenge remains the current economic climate, which continues to place pressure on disposable income.

Robyn Scanlan

Treasurer.



President's Report – 2025–2026 Season

President: Gary Johnstone

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025–2026 season at the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club.

This year has been one of growth and renewed energy. Our club continues to strengthen not only on the greens, but also in culture, connection, and confidence.

Club Achievements & Season Overview

The season saw strong participation across all competitions, with members representing the club with pride and consistency. Our pennant teams demonstrated determination and resilience, while our club events — from championships to social bowls — were well supported and played in great spirit.

A major highlight was the return of our **2 Bowls Open Triples Tournament**, the first held in many years. The atmosphere, quality of bowls, and enthusiasm from members and visiting players showcased everything that makes our club special. It was a standout success and a credit to all involved in its organisation and delivery.

We also continued to build momentum through social events, working bees, and community engagement. The club feels vibrant and active — a direct reflection of the people who contribute their time, energy, and passion.

Volunteers & Committees

Our club simply would not function without the dedication of our volunteers.

To the Bowls Committee, Tournament Committee, Board of Management, selectors, greenkeepers, raffle sellers, and all those who contribute behind the scenes — thank you. Your efforts ensure our members enjoy a club they can be proud of. Whether preparing greens, organising events, managing finances, or stepping in where needed, your contribution is greatly valued.

Sponsorship & Community Support

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our sponsors, whose contributions assist us in maintaining our facilities, running events, and enhancing the overall club experience.

Thank you to:

- Aus Tech Roofing
- Ideal Conveyancing
- Elixir Compounding Chemist
- Paul Scott – Ray White Real Estate
- Elixir Wellness Centre
- ARCARE Aged Care Lysterfield
- GK Travel and Cruise
- The Hook and Cleaver Smokehouse
- Tim's Towing
- FTG Nissan (Tournament Sponsor)
- Hofflner Constructions (Tournament Sponsor)

Your partnership is vital to our success, and we sincerely appreciate your support.

A special thank you to Jamie and Shane from Elixir for attending our Presentation Night and generously donating a raffle hamper — your support was greatly appreciated by all.

Bowls – Pennant

Thank you to all members who participated in Tuesday Night, Midweek, and Weekend Pennant. Your commitment and representation of the club has been outstanding.

Midweek Pennant

- Division 2 and Division 3 both reached Grand Finals
- Division 3 earned promotion to Division 2 for next season

Weekend Pennant

- Division 3 reached the Semi Final
- Division 7 reached the Grand Final and will be promoted to Division 6

While we did not secure a premiership this season, it is pleasing that no teams were relegated. The strong supporter presence at finals was also fantastic to see.

The Bowls Committee introduced a new voting system for the Don Alexander, Betty Kryger, and John Milburn Medals, which received positive feedback. This was complemented by the introduction of Team MVP awards for both Midweek and Weekend Pennant.

Tuesday Night Pennant continued to grow, with increased participation allowing us to enter three teams this season.

Thank you to our selectors and team managers for their time and effort in coordinating teams each week.

A special thank you to Judy Tournier for her dedication each Saturday in preparing refreshments and welcoming members — your efforts are greatly appreciated.

For further detail, please refer to the Chairperson of Selectors' reports.

Jack Attack

Jack Attack remains a major strength of our club, with every event throughout the year selling out.

Importantly, it continues to serve as a pathway into pennant bowls, with more players making the transition this season.

A big thank you to Darryn Marsh for his passion and commitment in making Jack Attack such a success.

Delegates

Thank you to Clayton Jones for representing our club as ERBR Delegate. Your ongoing contribution in this role was greatly appreciated.

Clayton was unable to continue this role in 2026, thank you to Mick Gillin and Laurie Rutter for stepping in and continuing this important work.

Club Championships

Club Championships were played in a competitive and positive spirit, with increased participation — particularly in the ladies' events, which is very encouraging.

Championship dates were scheduled and communicated prior to the season, and we will continue to look for ways to further enhance these events. We experimented with holding two games of Club Fours at our Opening of the Greens which was a successful day and a great start to the season.

A significant and proud decision this year was to name the Men's Singles Championship in honour of club legend John Sartori. The winner will now receive the **John Sartori Medal**, with their name engraved on the **John Sartori Shield** — a fitting tribute to his contribution to our club.

Thank you to Brian Raisbeck and Ross White for their work in coordinating the championships.

Welfare

A heartfelt thank you to Robyn Coleman for her ongoing dedication to member welfare. Robyn's efforts in supporting members and their families through difficult times — including sending cards, flowers, and maintaining contact — are deeply appreciated. Your commitment, even while managing your own health, is truly commendable.

Greens & Surrounds

Significant work has been completed throughout the year, including:

- New paved area near the shed/entry
- Improvements to Snake Gully to minimise leaf build-up
- Strong participation in can and bottle recycling
- Successful working bees, with approximately 25 attendees
- Ongoing hedge trimming and green maintenance

Thank you to John Vincent and Graeme Trinnick for their continued leadership in managing our greens and surrounds.

A special thank you also to the Monday Maintenance Men — your consistent hard work is appreciated by all members and visitors.

Social Club

The Social Club has enjoyed a successful and productive year.

Highlights include:

- Coordinating a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in May
- Weekly Friday raffles generating valuable funds for club improvements
- Purchase of a new portable gas BBQ using raffle proceeds

Thank you to Marg Robbins, Craig Glossop, Rick Jenkins, Annie Benton, Bob Marr, and Angela Pinsent for your outstanding efforts.

Bowls Committee

To Laurie Rutter (Vice President), Brian Raisbeck (Secretary), Mick Gillin (Assistant Secretary), and committee members Chris Thomson, Stuart Park, Darryn Marsh, and Ross White — thank you for your commitment, passion, and hard work.

This year we set ambitious goals, including revamping voting systems, reintroducing a tournament, improving communication, and enhancing Club Championships. These achievements reflect a strong team effort in our first year together.

A special thank you to Chris Thomson for your 2–3 years of service on the committee — your contribution is greatly valued.

We also acknowledge the Tournament Committee — Mick Gillin, Paul Wootten, Ross White, Laurie Rutter, and Chris Thomson — for delivering a highly successful event.

Additionally, thank you to Linda Loh, Dennis Carroll, Norm Smith, Brian Raisbeck, Brian Cross, Bill Davies, and Rhonda Raisbeck for ensuring our Social Bowls events run smoothly.

Club Development & Future Direction

This year we focused on strengthening club culture, improving communication, and planning for long-term sustainability.

Key priorities moving forward include:

- Growing membership and participation
- Enhancing facilities and greens
- Strengthening volunteer engagement
- Expanding coaching programs
- Building partnerships and sponsorships
- Continuing to develop Club Championships, tournaments, and social events

With the dedication of our committees and the enthusiasm of our members, the club is well positioned for continued success.

Closing Remarks

I would like to thank every member for your support throughout the season.

Whether you are a player, volunteer, supporter, or social member, you contribute to the heart of this club. Ferntree Gully Bowling Club is more than just a place to play bowls — it is a community we can all be proud of.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Gary Johnstone

President

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club



Night Pennant 2025 – 2026

For the fifth season, Ferntree Gully Bowling Club entered teams in the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Night Pennant competition. From one team in the 2021 season, to three teams for the 2025-26 season, we have grown the Night Pennant game at Ferntree Gully. This season we entered two teams in Division 1 and one team in Division 2. Each team consisted of nine bowlers, playing 2 bowl triples.

Night Pennant has been an important stepping stone for bowlers moving from Jack Attack to pennant competition. This season we introduced 12 new players to Night Pennant, plus one permit player. Six of these bowlers transitioned from Jack Attack and several from social bowling activities.

After four seasons of Night Pennant being dominated by male bowlers, this season ten (10) women bowlers took part in the Night Pennant competition. This was a third of the Night Pennant bowlers or the equivalent of one side. A great improvement in gender equity.

Despite some good wins during the season, no teams made the finals. Two teams finished fifth on their section's ladders. The successes this season were the performances of the new pennant players and the opportunities for inexperienced bowlers to skip a rink and take on more responsibilities.

Thank you to:

- Darryn Marsh, Clayton Jones and Matthew Raisbeck for taking on Side Manager roles
- Darryn Marsh and Clayton Jones for their roles in a co-opted selection committee
- Darryn Marsh, Angie Pinsent and Laurie Rutter for umpiring at night
- All the bowlers who arrived on time (many after work), encouraged our new bowlers and assisted with set up and clean up.

See you all again for Night Pennant next season.

Rhonda Raisbeck, Team Manager, Side Manager & Selector

April 2026



Mid Week Selectors Report

2025 - 2026

The Tuesday pennant teams enjoyed a successful season with teams one and two making the finals. Both teams progressed to the section grand finals which resulted in close losses.

Team two will move up to division two next season, joining team one. Team three avoided relegation and remain in division four.

Congratulations to all of the players and spectators for their enthusiastic support.

Also thank you to our regular emergency players - Forrest Deane, Mick Hallier, Terry Martin, Charlie Yates, Mick Blake and Annie Benton, who assisted our teams throughout the season.

Thank you to the selection committee members, Marg Robbins, Norm Smith, Ross White and Mick Gillin. They have all been a wonderful support to me and work hard on your behalf. Marg keeps our scores, statistics and website information up to date with the support from Mick & Ross.

Thank you to Gary Johnstone for his commitment to printing up the scorecards each week.

Also we appreciate the responsibility shown by our side managers – Laurie Rutter, Max Ritchie, Jim Pearce, John Vincent, Ian Rowland and Norm Smith.

Our umpires have assisted during matches, thank you to Bob Selvey, Ben Somers and Angela Pinsent.

Thanks to the drivers when we visit the away clubs.

Finally, congratulations to our players who won awards on presentation night, they include

Tanya Bobrowski – Best New Player

Angela Pinsent – Most Improved Player

Our most consistent players won the Betty Krygger award in each division. John Vincent was the overall winner and also Max Ritchie and Gary Roulent.

Jenny Jennings

April 2026



Saturday Selectors Report

2025 – 2026

The 2025/26 season was another successful year for Ferntree Gully. The club entered 4 teams in divisions 2,3,4 and 7.

The first side started the season with high expectations after narrowly losing their Grand Final the previous year and was slightly disappointing, finishing 5th and missing finals. The successful introduction of some new players into the squad and some established players into new positions however was a positive to take forward into the next season.

The second side had another successful year consolidating their position in division 3 and narrowly losing their home final against a strong Mitcham side. With some players playing at this level for the first time this was a good result in what was a strong section.

The third side also performed extremely well in what was a very close section. With two games to go in the season a finals berth and relegation were both possible. The team rose to the occasion, beating Boronia by 2 shots in their final game eventually finishing a highly creditable fifth.

Finally to the fourth side the shining light for the club. At the start of the season it was a real possibility the side would struggle to field 16 players each week, what happened was that 9 players who previously had never played pennant and one past president who hadn't played for decades stepped forward. Not only did they save this side (along with some club stalwarts who made some personal sacrifices to play) but they made the sectional Grand Final narrowly going down to Upwey and gaining promotion to division six. The spirit in this side was a joy to behold and the improvement over their 17 games was remarkable with rinks that were losing by big margins early in the season becoming highly competitive in a matter of weeks.

Finally a few thank you's

To the players who performed the team managers roles

To the individuals who helped with the paperwork and the website

To the volunteers who set up the afternoon teas

To the people who set up the greens and the scoreboard

Bring on 2026/27

Paul Wootten, Forrest Deane, Stuart Cooksey, Max Ritchie & Norm Smith

Saturday Selectors

May 2026

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club.

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

Your Committee of Management members submit the financial report of Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc for the financial year ended 31 March 2026.

Board of Management Members

The names of Board of Management members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

CEO	Les Stephens
Treasurer	Robyn Scanlan
Executive Secretary	Rhonda Raisback
Committee Member	Paul Wootten
Committee Member	Clayton Jones

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year was to constitute not-for-profit sporting club in order to encourage, support and engage a team or teams of its members to participate in the post of bowls

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to \$93,261. The deficit for the previous financial year amounted to \$9,497.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Les Stephens



Robyn Scanlan

Dated this 18th day of May 2026

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
Revenue from operating activities	2	1,633,326	1,743,786
Other income		39,608	24,159
Grants		-	723
		1,672,934	1,768,668
EXPENDITURE			
Bar, kitchen & bistro general expenses		22,031	32,407
Bowls expenses		37,094	40,178
Cost of sales	3	296,335	287,173
Depreciation & amortisation		175,836	162,737
Employee benefits expenses		751,842	718,418
Finance costs		14,145	23,419
Gaming expenses		43,397	118,354
General house expenses		154,596	115,681
Operating costs		130,211	120,289
Promotions / advertising		34,367	58,018
Repairs & maintenance		48,290	44,551
Security		58,050	54,737
Loss on write off / disposal of assets		-	2,203
		1,766,195	1,778,165
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before income tax		(93,261)	(9,497)
Income Tax	1(a)	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year after income tax		(93,261)	(9,497)
Other Comprehensive Income for the year:			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		-	-
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(loss) after income tax		(93,261)	(9,497)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	446,690	488,458
Trade and other receivables	5	400	1,025
Inventories on hand	6	15,885	11,830
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		462,975	501,313
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	690,387	709,725
Intangible assets	8	450,151	520,699
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,140,538	1,230,424
TOTAL ASSETS		1,603,513	1,731,737
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	82,850	66,000
Provisions	10	41,930	51,512
Other financial liabilities	11	64,933	28,924
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		189,713	146,436
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other financial liabilities	11	220,122	298,362
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		220,122	298,362
TOTAL LIABILITIES		409,835	444,798
NET ASSETS		1,193,678	1,286,939
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		1,193,678	1,286,939
TOTAL EQUITY		1,193,678	1,286,939

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Retained Surplus	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2024	1,296,436	1,296,436
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(9,497)	(9,497)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2025	1,286,939	1,286,939
Balance at 1 April 2025	1,286,939	1,286,939
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(93,261)	(93,261)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2026	1,193,678	1,193,678

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers & members		1,664,945	1,758,792
Receipts from government grants		-	723
Payments to suppliers & employees		(1,589,455)	(1,653,316)
Interest received		7,364	8,528
Net cash provided by operating activities	12	82,854	114,727
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(82,391)	(108,489)
Net cash used in investing activities		(82,391)	(108,489)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net movements in financial liabilities		(42,231)	(96,527)
Net cash used in financing activities		(42,231)	(96,527)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(41,768)	(90,289)
Cash on hand at beginning of financial year		488,458	578,747
Cash on hand at end of financial year	4	446,690	488,458

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Statement of Compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107: *Cash Flow Statements*, AASB 108: *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054: *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The association have not assessed whether these special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

The material accounting policy disclosed in Note 1 that has not been assessed for compliance with the recognition and measurement requirements of Australian Accounting Standards is Leases.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association has self assessed to be exempt from income tax.

b. Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

c. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash on hand and cash at bank, deposits at call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 3 months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

d. Inventories on Hand

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on the standard cost basis

e. Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset.

The cost of fixed assets constructed by the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is available for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. If appropriate, at each balance date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the assets carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable value.

f. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

g. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

h. Employee Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current accounts payable and other payables in the statement of financial position.

i. Leases

The Association as lessee

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Association where the Association is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (ie a lease with a remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Association uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- lease payments under extension options if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shortest.

Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Association anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

Concessionary leases

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the Association to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the Association has adopted the temporary relief under AASB 2018-8 and measures the right-of-use assets at cost on initial recognition.

j. Income Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue has been recognised on the following basis:

Gaming Income – accrued in accordance with gaming net revenue;

Bar Trading and Kitchen Trading Sales – on sale of goods;

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

NOTE 2: REVENUE

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Revenue from Operating Activities		
Bar Sales	458,280	454,033
Kitchen Income	244,357	249,261
Gaming Revenue	822,912	937,926
Club House	29,284	20,703
Bowls Subscriptions	30,856	29,387
Green Fees	39,752	44,630
Bowls Income	7,883	7,846
Total Revenue from Operating Activities	1,633,326	1,743,786

NOTE 3: COST OF SALES

Bar Purchases	172,184	162,349
Kitchen Purchases	124,151	124,824
	296,335	287,173

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NOTE 4: CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash on Hand	54,478	56,211
Cash at Bank	392,212	432,247
	446,690	488,458
NOTE 5: TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Debtors	400	1,025
	400	1,025
NOTE 6: INVENTORIES ON HAND		
Bar Inventories	11,217	6,994
Bowls Inventories	4,668	4,836
	15,885	11,830
NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Buildings at Cost	1,533,942	1,533,942
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,192,513)	(1,162,687)
	341,429	371,255
Plant & Equipment	1,060,807	974,857
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(752,917)	(682,741)
	307,890	292,116
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	47,637	47,637
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,569)	(1,283)
	41,068	46,354
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	690,387	709,725
NOTE 8: INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Gaming Machine Entitlements 2022-2032	705,862	705,862
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	(255,711)	(185,163)
	450,151	520,699

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

NOTE 9: TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Trade Creditors	34,660	18,991
GST Payables	23,173	17,654
Other Creditors	25,017	29,355
	82,820	66,000

NOTE 10: PROVISIONS

Current:

Annual Leave	9,987	20,333
Long Service Leave	31,943	31,179
	41,930	51,512

NOTE 11: OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Current:

Secured Lease Liability	17,033	28,924
Loan – VGCCC Gaming Machine Entitlements	47,900	-
	64,933	28,924

Non - Current:

Secured Lease Liability	4,601	10,992
Loan – VGCCC Gaming Machine Entitlements	215,521	287,370
	220,122	298,362
	285,055	327,286

NOTE 12: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

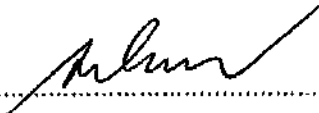
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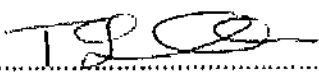
Net current year Surplus/(Deficit)	(93,261)	(9,497)
<i>Cash flows excluded from current year surplus</i>		
Non-cash flows in current year surplus:		
– Depreciation and Amortisation	175,836	162,737
– Loss/(profit) on write off/disposal of assets	-	2,203
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
– (Increase)/decrease in Trade and other receivables	(625)	(625)
– (Increase)/decrease in Inventories on hand	(4,055)	865
– increase/(decrease) in Trade and other payables	16,850	(59,141)
– increase/(decrease) in Provisions	(11,891)	18,185
	82,854	114,727

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc
ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND
PERFORMANCE OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

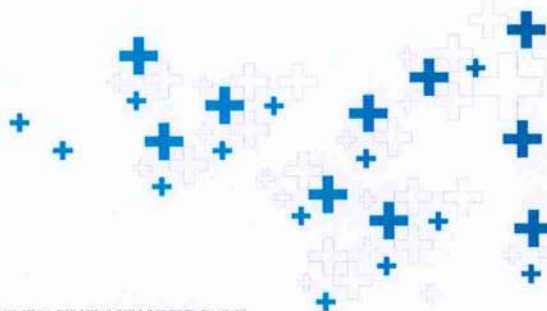
We, Les Stephens, and Robyn Scanlan, being members of the committee of Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc, certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 31 March 2026.

Committee Member.....

Committee Member.....

Dated this 18th day of May 2026



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
FERNTREE GULLY BOWLING CLUB INC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc. (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the Committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Ferntree Gully Bowling Club Inc. is in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 March 2026 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) that the financial records kept by the association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

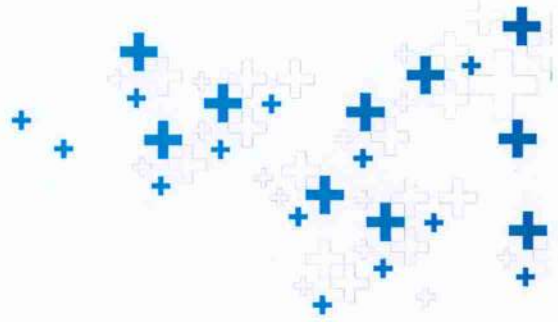
We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

LBW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SRIPATHY SARMA

Principal

Dated this 18th day of May 2026



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