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PASSING - RAYMOND HOCKNELL

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that the Bowls SA Executive Committee share the news of the passing of Raymond Hocknell, President of Sedibeng Bowls until his untimely passing.

Raymond's life in bowls was marked by dedication, achievement, and a genuine love for people and competition. Over the years, he won district titles and proudly represented Sedibeng at Inter-District level in both the A and B sides.

His service to bowls was extensive and selfless. Raymond served on the Sedibeng Executive Committee as Competition Secretary, Vice President, and ultimately President, roles he fulfilled with integrity, fairness, and quiet authority.

Raymond was an all-round sportsman. An avid squash player, a strong swimmer, and a swimming coach. He brought the same intelligence, motivation, and discipline to every sport he embraced. He had a natural ability to mentor and inspire, always encouraging others to improve while leading by example.

He is survived by his parents, Graham and Margaret, his three brothers, his son Kieran, and his much-loved Jack Russell, Mona Lisa — the unofficial district mascot and a constant, welcome presence at bowling days.

Raymond passed away after a short illness, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, sportsmanship, and kindness. His influence will be felt for many years in Sedibeng Bowls and in the many sporting communities he served.

**BOBBY DONNELLY
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**



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