

# NZ Sports Turf Institute Service Contract for Bowls



## Summary of Activities

1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023





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## Introduction

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This report details NZSTI activities under the contract with Bowls New Zealand covering the period 1 July to 30 September 2023.

The 2023-2024 BNZ contract includes attendance at 20 field days (which are summarised below) and presentations at the two regional bowls seminars.

<b>BNZ allocated field days 2023-2024</b>	<b>Number of field days</b>
<b>North Island</b>	
Far North	1
Northland	1
Auckland /Nth Harbour/ Counties (in Nth Harbour)	1
Waikato	1
Thames Valley	1
Bay of Plenty	1
Gisborne/East coast /Hawkes Bay (in Hawkes Bay)	1
Taranaki	1
Wanganui	1
Manawatu	1
Wellington/Kapiti coast combined	1
Wairarapa	1
<b>South Island</b>	
Nelson	1
Marlborough	1
West coast /Buller	1
Canterbury	1
South Canterbury/Nth Otago	1
Central Otago	1
Dunedin/South Otago	1
Southland	1
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>20</b>

Activities include:

- Field Days Update
- South Island Bowls seminar summary
- NZ Turf Management Journal articles

## Field Days Meetings

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One field day was delivered in this quarter.

### Northland/Far North

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The field day took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> September and visited One Tree Point, Mangawai and Waipu bowling clubs. There was a very good attendance by greenkeepers on the day.

Attendance: 24 NZSTI: Tara McLeod, Marty Webb (NZBGKA).

Topics discussed: Early season & during season mowing, irrigation, early season preparation, maintenance of weak/bare areas.



*Greenkeepers at Mangawai BC*

## South Island Bowls Seminar

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The South Island Bowls seminar was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August at the Southern Cross Hotel, Dunedin. This was again well attended with 97 greenkeepers and tradespeople during the 2 days.

The two guest speakers on the first day had excellent presentations and were very well received as noted by the length of the Q & A session after their presentations. The Guest speakers and their topics were:

Daniel Kingston (Otago Uni) - Climate impacts

Colin Ferguson (AgResearch, Invermay) - Pest management in relation to climate change

Other topics and panel discussions held over the 2 days included:

- Bowls NZ Greenkeepers update - Maurice Symes,
- District overview - Rob Gibson & David Howard,

- Training qualifications - Jamey Ferris/Rob Gibson,
- Testing irrigation systems - Matt,
- Watering greens and dealing with heat stress.

The second morning focused on the topic of improving playing surfaces and was a combination of presentations, panel discussions and open discussions from the floor. Topics covered included:

- Player's requirements of a green,
- Self-evaluation of a green,
- Surveying and levelling options,
- Managing mixed species greens,
- Renovations,
- Resurfacing,
- Mowing.

Chris Gribben & David Howard, NZSTI also presented the following topics as well as being involved in the general discussions and Q & A sessions over the two days:

- Nematodes - where are we at and how to manage them,
- Improving playing surfaces - setting the scene,
- Weed management Renovation and importance of time.

## Publications

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The Spring 2023 edition of the *NZ Turf Management Journal* had the following article related to bowling green management:

- I lost - the bowl that will not stop,
- Many roads lead to the turf industry.

## 2023-2024 Field days

Below are the confirmed dates (to date) for the field days to be delivered by NZSTI as part of the Bowls NZ contract.

<b>BNZ allocated field days 2023-2024</b>	<b>Field day date</b>
<b>North Island</b>	
Far North	TBC
Northland	26 <sup>th</sup> September,2023
Auckland /Nth Harbour/ Counties (in NH)	TBC
Waikato	TBC
Thames Valley	TBC
Bay of Plenty	TBC
Gisborne/East coast /Hawkes Bay (in HB)	TBC
Taranaki	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Wanganui	TBC
Manawatu	TBC
Wellington/Kapiti coast combined	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Wairarapa	TBC
<b>South Island</b>	
Nelson	March 2024
Marlborough	10 <sup>th</sup> October ,2023
West coast /Buller	12 <sup>th</sup> October,2023
Canterbury	Feb/Mar 2024
South Canterbury/Nth Otago	14 <sup>th</sup> November,2023
Central Otago	20 <sup>th</sup> November,2023
Dunedin/South Otago	December, 2023
Southland	27 <sup>th</sup> November,2023
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>20</b>



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