



### **Victorian Tenpin Associations successful win funding**

Tenpin Bowling Association Victoria wishes to extend congratulations to two associations who have recently been announced as funding winners. La Trobe Valley and Shepparton are recipients of 2016–17 VicHealth’s Active Club Grants provided funding to increase the opportunities Victorians have to participate in community sport clubs.

The funding prioritised two outcome areas, for La Trobe and Shepparton this means ‘Participation in social and modified forms of sport’ by offering Tenpin Bowling Australia’s junior participation program; Bowl Patrol. The purchase of modified equipment in the Bowl Patrol custom designed carpets, rolled out over the top of the lanes; the carpets take kids closer to the pins than ever before.

Melissa Thompson, President and Centre Manager at Oz Tenpin Star Bowl in Shepparton, knows the program make junior participation easy and provides a pathway for life-long participation, “juniors are our sport's future; we have generations from 1960's still bowling but desperately struggle to get young bowlers.” She admits the modified carpet lanes are necessary for the program; “There is no other way of shortening the current distance or length of games.”

La Trobe Valley Tenpin Bowling Association’s Secretary Shayne Bennett echoed Melissa’s sentiments stating “The carpets mean that children can bowl closer to the pins, something that hasn't been previously allowed, it'll break down participation barriers for younger bowlers for whom the full lanes are too long.” Both associations note the drop off rate of younger bowlers, for example La Trobe had 198 juniors in 2010, which has declined to 36 in 2016.

Other registered tenpin bowling associations interested in the grant are encouraged to contact TBAV/TBA’s Sport Development and Programs Leader, Emily Rennes on [Emily.rennes@tenpin.org.au](mailto:Emily.rennes@tenpin.org.au) or 0468645431.

[Find out more about the Vic Health Active Club grants](#) or [Tenpin’s Bowl Patrol program](#)

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