



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson *Chairman*

APRIL 2018

The Board met last Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting. This was preceded by a meeting with Councillor Anna Shields (KSC), Holly Geddes, South West Rocks Sport and Recreation Committee, and Peter Hadlow from Hadlow Design Services.

SOUTH WEST ROCKS SPORT CENTRE

The above is the working title of a grandstand, function centre, kiosk and indoor sporting facility to be located on the western side of the main sports oval. Some of the building encroaches on club leasehold land, hence the discussions with our Board and management.

This facility has the potential to provide space for some club operations and flow on business to the club. For these reasons the Board resolved to support the project, in principle, and to assist in the further development of the concept in the coming months. We will partner with Kempsey Shire Council and The South West Rocks Sport and Recreation Committee (SWRSRC) to seek funding for the development of this proposal.

We have agreed to be a minor investor in the project as we see the potential for future revenue opportunities for our club.

The project will require the success of applications made for government grants to be finalised.

The SWRCC are represented on the SWRCRC so we will have input and first-hand knowledge of the progress of the development of this project.

CLUB PROJECTS

As mentioned in the last newsletter our Directors came away from the Club Expo with a range of ideas and ways to improve our club's décor and services.

These projects have now been prioritised and management, staff and the Board will investigate the logistics and finances involved in their purchase and installation. Once this is done the Board can make informed decisions about their implementation.

Projects such as new poker machine stools, new club furnishings, designated children's play area are examples of these projects.

FINANCE

Our club continues to trade well. Although February was a quiet month, the club was very busy during the Easter period, so we expect a continued capacity to meet our obligations and provide a range of entertainment and services to our members and guests.

BISTRO

Since the last newsletter, management and the Board have had discussions about the most efficient and effective way to manage the bistro. Consequently, we have decided to lease the bistro to the current chef, Mat, and allow him to manage the bistro himself. He will be ably assisted by his wife, Lauren.

Our original decision to manage the bistro ourselves was proving successful, however, for the food service component of our business to grow and the customer service to become more streamlined we have decided to give control, by way of a lease arrangement to Mat.





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He will continue with a similar menu but will also provide some innovative menu selections like the dollar oyster night he recently introduced.

Mat takes over on 16th April.

The Country Club will retain the bar service in the bistro.

COFFEE SHOP FURNITURE

The coffee shop furniture has started to arrive. You will see, and hopefully use, some of it in the club. There is still more to be delivered and some in storage down stairs.

Once we have received it all it will be placed in the coffee shop area.

We have also discussed some additional screening and aesthetic improvements for that area. We will be engaging tradesman in the coming months to undertake that work.

CART SHED

We have now received three quotes for construction of each stage of this project. We have submitted a request for approval from the Department of Lands, the legal owner of the land, to construct the cart shed. In addition, the development application has been submitted to Council.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Strategic Planning is ongoing with our SP team now collating staff and Board ideas for improvement and inclusion in our planning process.

CLUB GRANTS

The Board agreed to provide \$500 to the SWR Netball for the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

CLUB MEMEBRSHIP

The Board approved the membership of 27 new members taking our total membership to 5217.

