



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson *Chairman*

MARCH 2018

The Board met last Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting, a week later than usual as several staff and Directors attended the Club Expo in Brisbane during the previous week.

CLUB EXPO

This annual event showcases new equipment, furniture, gaming machines, beverage options and the latest in information technology. Its an opportunity for Board members to see new innovations and gain ideas for our club.

The Expo consists of a full day bus tour of new or newly refurbished clubs, a day of seminars relevant to Board or club operations and the trade fair where the latest in club equipment is displayed and demonstrated.

Our Directors came away with a range of ideas and ways to improve our club's décor and services. We will discuss these next week at a special meeting, prioritise them and then investigate the logistics and finances involved in their purchase and installation.

FINANCE

Our club continues to trade well. Our finances remain in a healthy state and we continue to meet our obligations.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Board have set club membership fees for 2018-19. Generally, there has been a slight increase in fees this time around. This was considered necessary by the Board to absorb an increase in running costs and a CPI increase. Power and other utility cost have risen as have wages and variable costs such as fertiliser, herbicides and fuel.

BISTRO

Our decision to manage the bistro ourselves is proving successful with some quality food presented and high turnover. We recognise that it is early days and there have been some teething problems, we are pleased with the initial response by our members and guests and we'll continue to improve the service provided by our staff.

Our chef, Mat, intends introducing a variety of dishes in the coming weeks with seafood menu options being a theme.

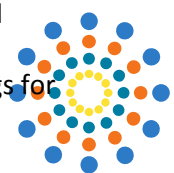
COFFEE SHOP FURNITURE

The Board and staff have been frustrated by the delays in delivery of this furniture. We have been assured though, that it will be delivered in late March. Fingers crossed, this will happen, as promised, and we can make that area of our club more comfortable.

FUNCTIONS

Our staff continue to work hard toward providing a quality function venue and range of packages for the mid north coast. We aim to attract more weddings and major celebrations to the club and believe now, we can provide an excellent experience for those booking a function.

Faye and Danielle will be attending the Coffs Coast Bridal Expo in June to attract more bookings for this part of our business.



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CART SHED

Peter Hadlow continues to provide advice on this project. We have now received three quotes for construction and are now moving toward the stage of submitting plans for Council approval.

CART PARKING

David Hobday's team have completed this work. We await some line markings to designate individual parking spaces to maximise the spaces available.

PORTICO

This work is now complete and I'm sure you'll agree that the area now looks good. The Board and staff appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time of disruption.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be reviewing the operations of the club i.e. what we do well, where we can improve and where we should be investing in club improvements. The Board, management and staff are participating in this process.

The invitation is still open to our members to utilise the chairman's email address, chairman@rockscountryclub.com.au, to make suggestions about the club and the services we provide. We will need those responses by 19-03-18.

CROQUET CLUB

Congratulations to the Croquet Club who held a well attended and well publicised opening of the courts last Friday.

The Board are pleased with the attendance and popularity of this sport and the usage of that area of our club.

BOWLERS

Our greens continue to be among the best. Many visiting bowlers recently involved in State championships and Zone representative trials made very positive comments about the greens. Mark and Nathan will soon be undertaking some hydro-coring to enhance root growth and further improve our greens.

GOLFERS

Our greenkeeping staff led by David will commence further cart path work this month. This work is made possible by donations by the Vet Golfers. The Board (and I'm sure all the golfers) thank the Vets for their contribution.

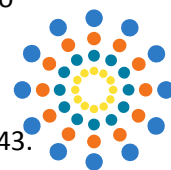
CLUB GRANTS

The Board agreed to provide \$2000 to the SWR Football Club (that's the round ball version) for the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

We also agreed to provide \$250 to a young swimmer, Hazel Delaney, who has been selected to compete at the State PSSA carnival. Congratulations to Hazel.

CLUB MEMEBRSHIP

The Board approved the membership of 47 new members taking our total membership to 5143.



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