



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson Chairman

JANUARY 2018

Hello members and guests,

The Board of Directors wish all of you a happy and healthy new year. We hope your festive season was also a happy one.

The Board of Directors met last Tuesday. The following is a summary of the issues discussed and decisions made.

Update on projects

The coffee shop furniture has been ordered and is expected in the next couple of weeks. As with most things this time of year the suppliers closed over Christmas which delayed our delivery.

We have received some updated quotes for the repair to the portico area at the front of the club.

We are still waiting on one more. The Board expect to approve the expenditure on this important work in next week. Then it will be up to the contractors to plan and schedule their work.

The club's air-conditioning system requires repairs and suffered further damage in the recent storms. The contractors are working and consulting with our staff to undertake the necessary repairs.

The establishment of a kid's play area in the club has been undertaken. Although a relatively small area we have received positive feedback from our patrons and will be investigating a more permanent facility of this nature in the club.

Relocation of the TAB terminal is complete.

The poker machine stool replacement program has not progressed but remains a high priority for the club.

We have sought advice on our Wi-Fi system particularly in relationship to the raffle number generating system. We are frustrated by its continued malfunction when trying to draw the numbers. The recommendation from the IT experts was to try a new system which we will do. Hopefully this resolves the frustration and embarrassment.

The construction of the additional cart parking spaces on the southern side of the front of the club will commence in the next couple of weeks. Our outdoor staff will undertake this work weather permitting.

Return and Earn Recycling System

The NSW container deposit scheme, Return and Earn, commenced across NSW on 1 December 2017. Drink container litter makes up 44% of the volume of all litter in the state and costs more than \$162 million to manage. Return and Earn will be the largest litter reduction scheme introduced in NSW, and will help meet the Premier's goal of reducing the volume of litter in the state by 40% by 2020. The breweries have passed on the cost of this scheme to the club which is around \$2.50-\$3 per carton of beverage. You are, however, then able to keep your bottles and cans and take them to a recycling centre where you will receive 10c per bottle or can rebate. The Club has enquired about becoming a recycling centre for SWR and are waiting hear back but in the meantime, you can take your bottles and cans to Matthew Metals Recycling, 7 Harry Boyes Avenue, Kempsey.





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Finance

The club traded well over December and in to the new year. All our functions, entertainment and general operations of the club went well. The bistro was extremely busy and traded very well. Our staff worked hard during this period and we commend them for their efforts.

Storm Issues

The club suffered some quite expensive damage during the recent storm activity causing damage to the lift, the outdoor irrigation system, the air-conditioning with some flooding downstairs.

This generates more challenges for our patrons and staff and we thank you for your patience during these times of inconvenience.

New Happy "Hour"

We agreed to trial an additional happy hour on Tuesday evenings. From 4.30pm until 6.00pm reduced price drinks, as per our current Friday night Happy Hour, will be available. This leads in to our popular "Steak and Ale" night, so why not come a bit earlier and enjoy a drink or two at a reduced price.

The trial will last for 3 months after which the Board will make a decision about future Happy Hours.

Future projects under investigation.

The Board agreed in principle to build a new cart shed adjacent to the existing one on the golf course. Members of the Board will finalise siting and get quotes in the coming weeks. Final approval will be sought at the next Board meeting.

Croquet Club

You may have noticed that the croquet club have now commenced competition on the new courts. There will be an open day held in February when we hope those who wish to give croquet a try can have a go. More details in the next newsletter.

Membership figures

The Board approved the membership of 84 new members bringing our total membership to 4764.

Contact details.

As previously mentioned a new email address has been established for members to directly correspond with me, the Chairman, and the Board. The principle aim of this is to receive comments and suggestions to improve the club facilities for us all.

The address is chairman@rockscountryclub.com.au

Internet access

This newsletter, and subsequent newsletters, will be uploaded to the Country Club's website.

Until next month, best wishes to all and happy bowling, golfing and tennis. Enjoy our club facilities.

