



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson Chairman

7th August 2020

The Board of Directors met last Tuesday for their scheduled monthly meeting. In addition, the Board met on 30th July to undertake some forward planning and devise a master plan of works and improvements for the next five years. Of course we are still living in difficult times and Covid 19 will affect us and the club operations for many months to come.

SOCIAL DISTANCING, SIGN IN PROCEDURES

It is very important that members and guests abide by the current social distancing guidelines. Remember, these are State Government guidelines which our staff must enforce. You must follow directions from the staff, failure to do so leading to expulsion from the club.

Do not move furniture around.

Do not stand and mingle. The only time you may stand is to go to and from the bar and of course to the bathrooms.

If in doubt ask the COVID Marshall.

New sign in procedures will also be introduced from Thursday 13th August requiring all members and guests to scan their drivers licences upon entry to the Club to better track patron numbers, provide accurate data to NSW Health (if needed) and protect our members.

Please be patient and please ensure you have your photo ID with you when visiting the Club, these measures are for your benefit.

FINANCE

As previously advised, the club entered the shutdown in a strong financial position allowing us to weather the closures and reopen in a relatively secure position.

Now, after two months of trading and the end of financial year audit underway, indications are that we will finish the year with a positive financial result. The tough measures imposed by management during shutdown and reduced expenditure have led to this very welcome news.

OPENING HOURS

The opening hours of the club have been altered to fit with current restrictions and club capacity. Check the website or Facebook for updates.

BISTRO

Matt, Lauren and their team are back working 7 days a week. Both the traditional bistro meals and the Thai meals are available.

FIELDS OF PLAY

Greens superintendent, David Hobday has provided the Board with a plan of management for all of our fields of play. This covers works, renovations and improvements for the next 6 to 12 months.





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GOLF COURSE LEASE.

This continues to be a work in progress for us. Council have advised that they have received the required information to prepare the lease so we now await their response.

SPORTING FIELDS

We have a draft MOU from Council for our outdoor staff to take over the management of the sports fields adjacent to the club. This is considered necessary so that the field surface is improved and capable of attracting high level sporting fixtures in the future.

CLUB PROJECTS

Golf green keeper's shed.

This work will be done in stages as funds become available.

Cart paths.

Our greens staff continue to work on these and with the financial help of the golf committees and generous donations from members more work was done during the recent months.

MNC High Performance Sports Stadium

Some Directors and David Cunningham CEO, who sit on the steering committee for the above, recently reviewed some of the submissions for the "design and construct" options. Those companies will now tender for the final build. Council anticipate letting the tender late this year.

Tennis Club Works

We recently engaged Latham's to undertake some repairs and maintenance, as well as construction of new retaining walls and safety rails at the tennis club.

Lights

We are still hopeful of getting new lights for the bowling green and tennis club in the near future.

VETS GOLF

The Board, have advised both the Men's and Ladies Vets Golf of new Tee Times for Wednesday. Men's times will commence at 20 minutes earlier, as will the Ladies. Ladies will now finish their allotted time 20 minutes earlier.

Men will still be able to play 11 holes until the traditional change to 9 holes at Christmas.

This will allow for the same number of players, earlier finishes for the Ladies and access to the course by visitors.

The Board and staff will also investigate construction of two new holes, which, if completed, will provide practice opportunities, venues for clinics, spare holes at renovation times and 2 holes for the Vets to use on Wednesday.

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