



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson Chairman

7th January 2021

Happy New Year to all of our members and guests. Let's hope 2021 is a year to remember for all the right reasons.

The Board of Directors have met twice since our December meeting.

We met prior to Christmas to discuss our 5-year plan. As mentioned in previous newsletters this plan is the current Board and management team's vision for club improvements, club development and investment opportunities in to the next 5 years.

CEO, David Cunningham, has been working on the development of this plan, has been consulting experts and finance advisors and was able to present an update to the Board on those issues.

At our January meeting we agreed to pursue finance options to undertake the first stage of the five-year plan. This will lead to significant changes to the interior of the club. Once finalised, members will be able to view the plans for that work.

FINANCE

The club continues to be in a strong financial position, with all of our operational areas attracting patrons from within our membership and the many visitors to the Rocks.

Turnover generated by these members and guests ensures we continue to maintain a healthy financial position.

Our outdoor sporting venues and the quality of food and beverage continue to attract more and more patrons and that effects the flow on to the club in general.

CLUB PROJECTS

The tenderer for the Mid North Coast High Performance Centre, Lipman Pty Ltd, met with members of our Board, Council and the community recently to further discuss inclusions and modifications to the stadium. Construction is due to commence in March 2021 and club management and Directors will be involved in the continued planning and will have a role in consulting with the builders during construction.

An interim golf club lease has been sent to us by Council. This will cover the next twelve months allowing the steady wheels of government to complete a longer-term lease for us. Work on the Greenkeeper's Shed continues as does the additional outdoor toilet for members use.

New cart paths continue to be constructed by a local contractor. The Board approved some additional funding to continue this work adjacent to the 15th and 17th holes. This is funded by the course development fund.

The bunker on 17th remains under repair and looks a bit of a mess at the moment. However, David Hobday and his team have done the preliminary work to properly drain that green and bunker and work will continue this month.

You will know that December was an extremely wet month with 670 mm of rain falling on the golf course. Our course and greens held up exceptionally well and course and green closures were at a minimum. Well done to our greens staff.





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The Board approved the purchase of some new furniture for the main bar area. We still expecting delivery of new furniture for the main bar area in February/March.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Our club membership is steadily growing with 90 new members being approved, taking our total to 3948

CLUB GRANTS.

No applications for club grants were received.

NEW GUIDELINES

The NSW Government has announced further changes to restrictions for club patrons and club numbers. Especially with regard to sign in procedures.

Patrons are required to follow instructions given to them by staff especially with regard to standing, mingling and sign procedures.



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