



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Ian Simpson Chairman

14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and again on 13<sup>th</sup> April for their regular monthly business meeting and for a special meeting to discuss future club projects.

### FINANCE

The club continues to trade well. The school holiday period proving particularly busy with key areas such as Social Alley being in high demand, entertainment proving to be popular and our gaming areas continuing to attract a steady flow of players.

Our outdoor areas continue to be popular with an improvement in the weather allowing more access to our playing fields.

### CLUB PROJECTS

Construction of the Mid North Coast High Performance Centre by Lipman Pty is due to commence this month with the contractors ready to start work pending some final approvals from Council. Club management and Directors will be involved in the continued planning and consultation with during construction Toohey's on Ten has been relocated.

Work on the Greenkeeper's Shed continues as does the additional outdoor toilet for members use.

Planning for the implementation of the five-year plan to improve services, add new areas to the club and provide other commercial opportunities continues. Directors and management are keen to provide better facilities for members and enhance your experience at our club.

A DA has been submitted to Council for club improvements to the gaming area and sports and lounge bar facilities.

New furniture for the main bar area is expected to be delivered in April.

### HOTEL UPDATE

Directors and management continue to explore options for investment in our five-year plan. This plan was developed to explore new club facilities, new club furnishings and equipment and explore new markets to diversify our income. It is recognized that the club landscape and revenue streams will change in the near future with more and more pressure on income from gaming.

We have been investigating the viability and practicality of construction of a hotel on club property.

Consultants and architects have been engaged to guide us through that process and we have consulted the consent authority, Kempsey Shire Council.

Recent unsolicited comments on social media about this proposal may be misleading so, to clarify, the Board of Directors have not made any final decisions about this proposal, no sales, leases or commitments have been made to third parties regarding land owned by the Country Club and no final design or concepts have been agreed upon.

We have submitted a grant application to assist with construction, part of that process being the submission of a Development Application.

The outcome of the grant application may not be known for several months.

Information will be provided to members once we have made a decision about whether to proceed or not, what funding model we will use and what architectural design we will use.

No decision has been made yet but if you would like further information please arrange a time to speak to our CEO David Cunningham.

### CLUB COMMITTEES

The Greenspace committee (to deal with green space improvements and maintenance issues) has met and reported directly to the CEO.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Board approved 83 new members taking our total membership to 4486.





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### CLUB GRANTS

The Directors have a revised club grants budget with some funds still available for those organisations eligible. Guidelines are available from reception for groups that require funding for community welfare, services and support.

### PIG DAY OUT

Thank you to all those who attended this great day of entertainment. Through your generosity and we were able to donate close to \$5000 to three worthy recipients. They being, the Cook family from Crescent Head, SWR Public School for some accessible playground furniture and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This event will be on again next year with our operations team already talking about ways to improve the day.

### KIOSK

SWRCC have taken over the management of the Horseshoe Bay Kiosk. Council approached the club to run the kiosk for a twelve-month trial period, which we are happy to do. The kiosk will employ up to 12 staff with some rotating between the club and the kiosk.

### CLUB OPERATIONS UPDATE

The outdoor smoking area adjacent to Social Alley is now operational. Restrictions due to COVID 19 are easing in NSW but patrons must still comply with social distancing and sign in procedures. Always comply with the directions of staff. Entertainment continues at the club with acts such as the INXS Tribute Show and Dreams the Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show coming up. Watch the club monitors or check the website for further information. The courtesy bus continues to operate from Thursday to Saturday. BINGO! Back by popular demand on Tuesdays.

### REWARD POINTS STATEMENTS

These are available by request at reception. There may be a short waiting time, but members will be able to see when and where they accumulated points from these statements.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees and membership categories will remain the same next financial year as they are in 2020/21, with the following exceptions. Bowls membership will be unified, consistent with constitutional changes at club level and the intent to unify women and men at the State level. Bowls membership will be \$170. A combined discounted membership fee for those who wish to be full members of golf and bowls has been introduced. This fee will be set at \$400 for 2021/22, a saving of \$60. This membership category will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021

I R Simpson  
Chairman

