



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Simpson Chairman

11th November 2021

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, 9th November for their scheduled monthly business meeting. In addition, we met with our interior design consultant to discuss some upcoming renovations to the club. The following items were discussed by the Board.

FINANCE

The recent lockdown and closure of the club has impacted our patronage, turnover and short-term financial position. The club recorded a further loss for the month however the overall financial position of the club remains viable.

Renovations to the club are still scheduled to proceed with the club in a strong position to service the investment in these works. Once complete we expect a boost in trade and turnover.

We have noticed a considerable spike in turnover and patronage since the Sydney lockdown finished so we are hopeful for an early return to positive financial results.

Our outdoor areas continue to be popular with members and visitors. Golf continues to be popular and bowls numbers remain strong despite restrictions on green space. Tennis and Croquet players continued to enjoy the fine weather and use the club facilities.

Bottle shop and kiosk trade are strong and remain over budget.

CLUB PROJECTS

The Mid North Coast High Performance Centre, being built by Lipman Pty is progressing well. The second level slab is now due to be poured. Club management and Directors have met with the builders and Council, user groups have had a walkthrough with the builders and the club continues to plan for operations within the stadium.

The memorandum of understanding for the management rights to the stadium and playing fields is in its first draft stage and will be considered by the club in the coming weeks.

Hand over to the club is still expected to be in April/May 2022.

A reminder, please see CEO, David if you have any questions.

The additional toilet near the green keepers shed is now in service.

Planning for the implementation of the five-year plan to improve services, add new areas to the club and provide other commercial opportunities continues. The Board will review this plan at their next meeting in preparation for a hand over to the new Board.

New cart paths continue to be constructed by our greens staff, with the completion of the path adjacent to the 14th hole next on the list. Bowling green renovations are complete.

Our hotel plans continue to evolve with the Board considering further designs. The Board have assessed both community and member feedback and we are consulting with new designers. We hope to apply for financial assistance in February.

The new Kubota Tractor and the root pruner have arrived.

The new gaming software system which will improve the administrative and reporting functions of the club business is still due for installation on 23rd November.





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CATERING

The new catering team, led by our new Executive Chef Johnathan, have commenced preparations for start of business on Saturday 13th November. Working closely in conjunction with Janine and managed by Danielle, the Board expect significant improvement in our bistro food service.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Board approved 30 new members taking our total membership to 3071.

CLUB GRANTS

The Board and Management will call for Club grants applications in February 2022. Our budget for these grants will not be set until then.

CLUB OPERATIONS UPDATE

Restrictions due to COVID 19 are easing in NSW but patrons must still comply with social distancing and sign in procedures. Only double vaccinated members and guests are permitted in the club at present, but we expect those restrictions to change in a matter of days. Always comply with the directions of staff.

Members and visitors gaining access to the club, its surrounds and playing fields from subdivisions and streets to the south of the club are advised they do so at their own risk. New signage will be erected to provide information on cart traffic direction, check in locations and club sign in procedures will be erected at some access points.

Access points such as the one near the 5th tee require some earthworks and stabilisation, which will be added to David Hobday's team's already busy schedule.

We have the Toy Raffle coming up on Sunday the 5th December and our Christmas Cheer Raffles on the Saturday 11th and 18th December. Santa is also coming to Social Alley on Tuesdays and Thursdays in December for photos.

Upcoming entertainment in December includes band Alter Ego in the main lounge on Friday the 17th December, Bondi Cigars in the Auditorium on Wednesday 29th December and band Slyder for New Year's Eve in the main lounge. Check out the Clubs website for more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is scheduled for 9.00am, Sunday 12th December 2021.

Ballot papers and reports have been sent to the central mailing agency for distribution.

