



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Barry Rumbel – Chairman

## January 2023

The monthly Directors meeting was held on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm. All Directors were in attendance with renewed enthusiasm for the new year.

### Finances

The Club finances are in a healthy position with the Christmas trading figures showing a great turnaround from the previous couple of years with covid.

Gaming is going well with the new rooms and a couple of new machines proving very popular with patrons. The renovations have been received and with due accolades to our CEO. A job well done.

### Club Projects

The Fan Cave is nearing completion, with a few minor additions still outstanding.

Lighting will be completed as soon as contractors return to work. TAB machines will hopefully be updated soon. The big TV is very popular and should improve patronage when big sporting events such as Tennis, NRL and AFL get underway.

The GYM is very close to being able to move into the stadium, hopefully in the next few weeks. We are expecting a marked improvement in turnover once this move is completed.

The management agreement has been signed with council and we are now in charge of preparing fields to a standard we can be proud of. Topdressing is being discussed with council as this is priority to get ovals up to scratch.

Dave H has submitted a plan to renovate the bowling greens and repair the ditch on green no. 3. This work will be scheduled over 12 months to minimize interruption, so your co-operation would be appreciated.

The new constitution for the combination of men's and ladies' bowling clubs has been drafted and ratified by the board, at this meeting. This is a big step forward by the bowlers and they are to be congratulated on this move.

The golf course is in a great shape and getting plenty of patronage at the moment. Dave H has a lot of work planned and is enjoying the spell of good weather.



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Concreting the ninth fairway cart path is the next big one on the agenda and will be started soon. A couple of bunker rebuilds need to be fitted in as well. All this has to be organised around maintenance such as mowing and general repairs. So work is plentiful for outdoor staff. We have been on the lookout for an apprentice but with little success. If anyone out there knows of a school leaver or anyone looking for an apprenticeship, please let David Hobday know.

It was with regret we had to increase the price of beer this week, due to increases in wholesale price by the breweries. It was only 20 cents per schooner, so hopefully it will not cause too much distress.

The girls in the office are putting prizes together for the Charity Golf Day to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. This is a great day, so get organised and put a team in. All proceeds go to Ovarian Cancer research and other locally based charity organisations, so I hope it is well supported. Prizes are on display in the foyer and tickets are now on sale at reception.

Rock Salt Bistro & Café is showing good indications that things are on the improve. The food and service are finally near to where they should be. Patronage over the holidays has been very good, so management and staff are to be congratulated on a big effort.

Due to the large number of tourists in town, trading at the kiosk has been hectic. The staff will be looking forward to school going back. This is all good for business.

Social Alley continues to trade well and is very popular with the younger patrons as well as older ones.

The establishment of the children's play area is a big hit, it will need to have a more permanent flooring installed after the holidays. At this stage it is extremely popular with the little ones so seems to be a success.

Check out the Clubs Facebook page and website for all the great events we have coming up. There's some something for everyone.

Not much more to report at this stage, so I wish everyone a happy and safe new year and I will see you at the Club.

Barry Rumbel

(Chairman)