



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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The July directors' meeting was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July with all directors present except Jim Crisp who was on a phone link throughout the meeting.

### Finances

The Club's finances are continuing to hold, even though we have suffered somewhat with the increase in wages, interest rates, power and transport costs, the Club is still in a strong financial position. It is with regret we may have to look at increases in liquor and food prices in the coming months to keep on the right side of the ledger. I know it is undesirable, but we are still the cheapest outlet in the Rocks and will remain so.

Gaming took a downturn early in May but seemed to have bounced back in June. It is hard to put a reason for it, other than people are nervous about the economy and interest rates and have curbed their spending or is it just the time of the year. We will continue to monitor our major income item and make any necessary adjustments required.

As I mentioned last month, if anyone is interested in nominating for the Board, please make it known to D Cunningham or myself and we will advise you on the right steps to take to getting started. It can be an interesting role that can give you a great deal of satisfaction.

### Club Projects

The bistro renovation is almost complete and starting to look the part just a few minor adjustments to make it how it is intended to look. The food is excellent and is worth a try if you want a good meal out.

The GYM is continuing to run well and is popular any time of the day or night. Linsay is to be congratulated on her input into a venture that is performing above expectations. Membership is continuing to increase, with 34 new members in June.

The Kiosk is showing some drop in trade due to Council's Road works making parking difficult for patrons. Also, this time of year is not a busy time for tourists. It is still a good money spinner so we will just have to ride out the inconvenience of progress.



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Golf, men and ladies, are continuing to be strong, with a good number of visitors coming through. The course is in excellent condition, albeit starting to dry out somewhat. My thoughts are that irrigation will be back on the agenda soon. Even though David Hobday has been away on leave, the boys have kept the course in great condition, and are to be congratulated.

The men and ladies have both had success with their pennant play and have done the Club proud.

The bowlers held their director's day recently and it went off without a hitch this sort of event is very popular and would be worth adding this type of day to the program a couple of times a year. It would be remiss of me not to mention the men's and lady's pennant teams went to Sydney to play and were unlucky not to come home with a pennant being beaten in a close finish, congratulations to all who played.

The bowls committee still need to keep pushing for improvement in turnover which is hard on the bottom line of Club finances.

The greens are in excellent condition and a credit to greens staff.

Social Alley took an unusual downturn in May which is hard to explain, maybe because of the run of good weather, and the beaches took priority. It appears to have turned around again in June, let's hope it continues to trade well. Lauren has a good array of promotions organized for the coming weeks and this should help trade. The turf has been ordered for the outdoor area and once it is down that part of the club will be much improved.

The stadium is being well patronized by all local sporting teams, Marlins, SWR soccer both junior and senior teams, SWR AFL and Smithtown NRL.

Unfortunately, there has been considerable damage done to one of the change rooms with a busted water pipe and wall tiles being kicked in. We think we know who is responsible for the damage, but it is hard to prove. We are in the process of submitting an insurance claim to have the damage fixed. This problem has been reported to the local police to try and catch those responsible it is very disappointing as this sort of damage should not happen.



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Now that the financial year has ended, I can give you an update on current membership numbers.

Country Club	5023
Bowls	123
Social Bowls	37
Men's Golf	661
Ladies Golf	186
Junior Golf	6
Tennis	71
Junior Tennis	5
Gym	239

That's about it from me this month, see you in the Club.

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Chairman