



# VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ellie Watson – Vice Chairman

Hi everyone, just letting you know about happenings and discussions at the board meeting on Tuesday 8th August which I chaired due to the absence of our leader, Mr Barry Rumbel, sailing the globe.

We discussed our financial situation which is quite pleasing at the end of June 23. Our annual income was over 10 million and expenses about the same amount. We employ approximately 88 local people in our club and after contributing to our community's economy - supporting local sports, social events, and charities as well as funding some of our facility upgrades from our cash flow, we ended up with a total profit of \$68,862.01. The board have met with Wrights Accountant's and signed off on the audited financials.

The costs of supporting our green spaces (bowling greens, sporting fields, golf course and club surrounds including the tennis courts and croquet area) is huge but our Outdoor Staff headed by David Hobday do an amazing job working within our budgets. The same thing applies to our Management team juggling their own budgets within the club. As we all know, every single part of our living expenses has risen exponentially over the past couple of years and our personal budgets are all stretched to their limits. Thanks also to our Inner Clubs for keeping their own costs down as much as possible.

The Club dining profits are on the rise thanks to our dedicated and talented team in catering - it takes a huge joint effort to keep prices down and quality and service up. I would urge our members to support this part of our business and try some of the tasty dishes produced by our kitchen. It is quite often extremely difficult to cover all times of day and every day of the week, but we do our best with the cost of staffing these areas.

We also discussed price rises at the Board meeting and we now must have a small increase ranging from .20 to .30 cents on beverages.

The Gym and the Kiosk continue to be well patronised and are proving to be good acquisitions to our portfolio. It will be a challenge in the future working with our local Sport and Recreation Group and the Kempsey Shire Council to try to fund some larger local events in the High-Performance Centre Precinct and we hope that the whole community will get together to foster co-operation so that we can achieve great things!

Don't forget that we will be holding our AGM in October and any questions should be forwarded to the Country Club before the event.

Anyone who is keen to join the Board of Directors please pick up a "Directors Pack" at reception for submission before 28<sup>th</sup> August – it's very rewarding to be part of shaping the future direction of the South West Rocks Country Club.

Cheers for now – enjoy our Club!

Ellie Watson  
Vice Chair