

ARMIDALE CITY BOWLING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Fellow Bowlers,

I am pleased to present my President's report to the 2019 AGM for your consideration. I would like to acknowledge our life members and patrons.

2018/2019 has been both, a rewarding and difficult year for the Club. We have seen a loss of \$474,292.00 for the year. The Club has undertaken one of its biggest renovations for several years, and during this time we encountered several large, unexpected expenses. These expenses saw the estimated cost of the renovations increase by several hundred thousand dollars. The reward is a Club with first class facilities. We have top quality heating and air conditioning, one of the best gaming areas in country NSW, new electrical wiring to the majority of the club, upgraded fire standards to meet regulations and refurbished the main lounge and gaming area. We have also put the infrastructure in place for future repairs or renovations. I must thank our members and patrons for their patience and continued support during these renovations.

The Board and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the staff of the Armidale City Bowling Club. They have done a fantastic job this year and their continued loyalty and support to Walter and the Board is acknowledged and very much appreciated. Our CEO Walter started at the Club when the renovations were well underway. Although this was a very difficult time his calm and professional manner was paramount to seeing the renovations were successfully completed. The Board look forward to continuing to work with him to ensure the ongoing success of the Club. I would also like to say thank you to Patrick Crick for continuing to assist and advise Walter for some time after his resignation.

Congratulations to the newly elected lady President, Margaret McGregor and the incoming ladies' bowls Committee. Thank you to the lady bowlers who volunteered to run the Kids with Cancer raffle throughout the year. A special thank you to the past lady President Judy Carey and all of the lady bowlers whose support during the last year has been very much appreciated.

Although bowler numbers have declined in the last few years we have managed to run successful competitions and carnivals as well as enter three pennants sides. It has been a great year for our pennants sides with the No.3's winning the State flag, the No. 7's only just missing out by one shot to go to State playoffs, and No. 4's acquitting themselves well. Congratulations to all competition and pennant winners. Congratulations also to the No. 4 lady pennants side for running 3rd in the State pennants. Well played everyone. A full report will be provided by the Games Manager. I must not forget to thank the spectators from the Servies and our Club for their support of our pennants sides.

On behalf of the bowlers I would like to thank Greg Farrell for his time and assistance with bowls during the year from club to State level.

I would like to recognise the work done by our selectors Mike Sherar, Steve Fuller and Todd Fuller. It is not an easy task to select 3 pennants side with the availability of the players. Thank you for a job well done. Thank you should also go to the Games Manager Steve Stubbs for organising the

competitions, carnivals and all social events. At times it can a bit of juggling act to set the games down.

To the Board – thank you. It has been a pleasure to work with such a keen and dedicated group of people

It has been an honour to be the President of this Club. I am thankful for the support I have received from the Board, Management, Staff, Bowlers and members. I especially appreciate the support of the current CEO Walter and previous CEO Patrick over the last 3 years.

I wish the new President and incoming Board every success for the future.

Terry Ogilvie