

## ARMIDALE CITY BOWLING CLUB

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear members and fellow bowlers,

I present my President's report to the 2020 AGM for your consideration. I would also like to acknowledge our life members and patrons.

The year 2019/ 20 has been a difficult one not only for our club, but also throughout our industry across NSW. After trying to trade through a lengthy drought, bushfires and floods, we have then been dealt the dreaded Covid-19 virus. Said virus has resulted in a forced lockdown in March this year and for a period of 10 weeks.

During the time of closure, work still had to be done, especially in administration and for compliance and after pausing any regular outgoing commitments, we were still required to fund around \$150,000 each month to service any locked in and ongoing payments, which in turn have depleted some of our cash reserves.

After opening again in June, we are now facing a long road back to where we used to be in terms of trading as well as financially.

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank people on behalf of the board for their work during these times. First, Walter, Graham, Greg and Carl who have worked each day through the lockdown period looking at projects that should be done but were set aside due to time constraints during regular trade.

They have gone beyond their regular duties when trying to achieve and complete these tasks and for the better of our club.

I would also like to thank my fellow directors for their help and advice and for giving up their time through the past year and through the difficult times we had to experience.

I need to advise our members that as a board and in light of these very difficult times for our club, we have decided to forego any directors' honorarium payments and to rather donate these funds back into the club and towards the funding of any necessary projects. For the year, these payments total around \$18,000.

It is gestures like these that make me very proud to be a part of a team and a group of people that are putting the needs of the club first and for this I express my sincere gratitude and personal thanks.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank all of our members for their support during the year. As a board we are trying to provide you a facility that we all can be proud of and one that is able to meet your needs and expectations whilst containing costs and maintaining a profitable business.

I would also like to thank our lady and men's bowlers for your support during what was an interrupted season and congratulate you all on your achievements. Lawn bowls is a big part of our club and we will continue to provide the best facilities we can make available.

To our greenkeeper team, Graham and Chris, thank you for your expertise and your work in having our greens and gardens in top shape. I have no doubt that we are having the best facilities in the district and we should all be very proud of what we have.

To our staff in the bar, kitchen, cleaning and events – thank you for your work and support during a difficult year. We can all be proud of the way you all have conducted yourself and the pride you take in your respective roles.

To Walter, Greg and Graham and Carl, the work you guys do behind the scenes is remarkable and I thank you all for that.

To my fellow directors - Gay, Marie, Cheryl, Wayne Terry and Andrew – thank you for your support over the past twelve months. I look forward to working with you all again in the coming year.

In closing, I wish all our members and staff and their families safe travels through these difficult times.

Richard Kembrey