

THE SHOT

HARBORD BOWLING CLUB



CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

Written by Chairman Stephen Nugent

Welcome to the autumn edition of "The Shot" Members' Newsletter.

It has been a while since we have produced the last edition to which we apologise. The principle reason is that there has been a lot happening in and around the club.

In this edition I will provide an update on how the club has been performing for the first eight months (to February) of the 2018/19 financial year and outline some of the initiatives your board and management have been working on.

The economic environment continues to be marked with uncertainty both economically and politically. Regardless we have continued to implement, as part of our strategic plan, a number of new initiatives in and around the club to enable us to continue to be a prosperous local community bowling club.

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The actual trading performance to end of February 2019 of the club is reflected in the achieved EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) of a positive \$46,653 (LY\$121,007).

The overall result for the club is a net loss of \$99,547 (LY -\$8,913). However, it should be noted that this result included Increased depreciation from the revaluations of the buildings totaling \$146,200 (LY\$129,920).

Total operating revenue to the end of February has increased over last year by 3% to \$1,311,429 (LY\$1,271,980). On a pleasing note function income has increased by 300% to \$87,514 (LY\$21,848). Bar sales at \$804,239 (last year \$797,094) have increased 1% on last year, gaming income is in line with last year and social bowls income at \$60,409 is down 14% (LY \$70,628).

Total operating expenses have increased by 8.5% to \$1,347,003 (LY\$1,232,471). The main drivers on this increase are: \$10,000 increase in maintenance costs, \$9,000 legal expenses for the new constitution, administration wages for the new marketing and functions position, \$11,000 in increased utility costs and the \$30,000 contribution for sending our representative pennant sides to the state playoffs.

Some of the initiatives your Board and Management have been working on include:

- *A new chilled and sparkling water tap has been installed into the bar.
- *Upgrade to the telephone, PA and sound systems.
- *Upgraded all the TV monitors.
- *Upgrade to the clubs web site and computer systems, which will enable us to have online membership renewals this year.
- *Free WiFi is now available to our members and guests.

*Mish Miller our new Marketing and Promotions Officer joined us and has been worked tirelessly to increase the clubs profile in the local community and increase patronage to the club as can be seen in the increased functions revenue mentioned above.

*We have seen increased numbers in social and corporate bare foot bowlers.

*We have been implementing the new constitution and integrating the new club structure.

*We continue to identify suitable grant applications to assist in the improvement of our facilities for members and the local communities.

In closing, I would like to thank all our staff for their efforts and contribution during the past quarter. I would also like to recognise and thank ALL of our volunteers within the club whose contribution to the success of the club often goes under the radar. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated by all members and the board.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their support of HBRC and wish all members a relaxing and safe Easter and Anzac Day break.

Warm regards

Steve

SUMMER NIGHTS ON THE GREEN BOWL FOR ARCHIE FUNDRAISER

Summer Nights on the Green was held on Saturday 2 March at the Harbord Bowling Club, a major fundraising initiative where the local community, businesses, family & friends came together for a fun game of barefoot bowls whilst raising vital funds for a local little boy called Archie.

Two-year-old Archie was born with a rare condition called Anophthalmia SOX2, resulting in him being born without eyes. It also left him with a range of other medical challenges including a hearing impediment, gross motor delay, moderate aspiration (which can cause fluid on the lungs) and a rare form of epilepsy.

"The Club first met Archie last year and we were instantly taken by his incredible journey so far,"

"After meeting with the family and getting to understand the enormity of the challenges they faced, it became clear they really needed assistance with transport and getting a vehicle with wheelchair access." Hence, the Summer Nights on the Green fundraiser was born.

The event was a huge success and we are pleased to say that we have raised \$74,000 to purchase a brand new wheelchair-accessible Volkswagen Comfortline Multivan to accommodate little Archie in his wheelchair and all his special needs equipment assisting him to his daily visits to the hospital, medical and therapy appointments but most of all giving the family special time together to go on some amazing adventures in their new car!



Fiona & Stevie with their two children little Archie & Alba at Summer Nights on the Green fundraiser.

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More than 180 people turned out for the big day with 30 four-person teams taking part in the barefoot bowls – each one doing their best to out-do everyone else in the outrageous attire department. The event kicked on into the evening with live music courtesy of the band Rockbox as well as live and silent auctions and raffles to help reach the target.

Toby Williams (Vice Chairman) commended the community for getting behind the initiative. “We are fortunate to have cemented ourselves as a hub in our area and when the time came for us to ask our community to assist, they were ready and willing to do so. Without their involvement, our event would not have been the success it was,” he says.

This fundraiser was a proud moment in the Club’s history and is an excellent example of a club providing a helping hand to a local family in need of a lift up.”

A very big thank you to our major event sponsors, Bill Buckle Volkswagen, SCHWARZ Real Estate Freshwater for donating \$5,000 and to one very special 95 year old lady Marjorie.

Marjorie one of Ben Fordham’s listeners on 2GB made a very generous donation of \$40,000 to the family to help purchase the vehicle. Marjorie said 'my heart is full of happiness to help this gorgeous little boy'.

Thank you to everyone who supported this incredible fundraiser - we couldn't have done it without you!

Quote from Fiona (Archie's mum)

“The Harbord Bowling Club and in particular Mish have given our family such amazing support. To feel the love and support of the Harbord Bowling Club family was amazing. It gives us the support we need to keep moving forward to get the help we desperately need for Archie.”

“I was blown away by how many people came to offer our family support in numerous ways. Knowing the Harbord community are behind us 100 per cent empowers us to keep moving forward to help Archie get what he needs to reach his full potential.



Ben Fordham from 2GB with Marjorie, Archie & his family

HARBORD MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

Written by President Stephen Allcorn

The Harbord Men's Bowling Club held its 1st Annual General Meeting on the 14 October, 2018. The committee was elected as follows: President Stephen Allcorn, Vice President Paul Jones and Committee Members Kerin Baker and Lucas Shankland.

I am pleased to say that the committee has been working very well together. Steve Smith agreed to take on the job as Bowls Secretary with Terry Warder as his assistant. Steve, Terry and Ross Parry are the bowls selectors for the year. Toby Williams is Chairman of umpires. We are sharing the workload and the various duties entailed with running a bowling club.

Thanks to Ross Parry and Peter Gledhill for running Thursday bowls and to Ross and Lucas for conducting most of our raffles which is our main revenue stream. Brian Gordon is assisting by taking on the role as our treasurer. Good support from Chairman Steve Nugent, his Board of Directors and Club management, (Mish and Mark) and cooperation with President Jan Sutherland and the Ladies Club has been much appreciated and most beneficial to all.

Congratulations to our B grade midweek pennant team on winning the Zone final and Virginia Longfellow and Paul Leckey on winning the mixed pairs. Special mention must be made of Terry Warder who was both Harbord's Player of the Year and Zone 9 Bowler of the Year. Great work indeed. The club Presentation Day and Christmas ham and turkey triples day were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The annual Australia Day event was again well organised by Past President Paul Myers and Lucas and was fun and very successful.

Congratulations also to Keith Gray, Mick Deitrich, Ross Parry and Lucas Shankland on reaching the final of the Reserve Zone fours. In our club Fours handicap championship Super Vet John Crossingham was man of the match in his winning team of Steve Nugent, Graham Tetstall and Mark Alexander. Further congratulations to the team of Steve Nugent, Peter Crossingham and Graham Tetstall on winning the Senior Zone Triples with Steve Smith, Mark Alexander and Terry Warder making the final of the Open triples. The 2019 pennants season is now upon us and our selectors have entered teams in grades 1-7. This indicates our strength of membership considering no other club in our Zone has sides in all grades. Thanks to the selectors for the many hours spent organising teams. Best wishes to all grade teams.

Thank you to our members for their support and for those volunteering to assist if and when needed. If anyone has any suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to approach myself or any committee member.



TERRY WARDER 2018 ZONE 9
BOWLER OF THE YEAR

HARBORD WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB

Written by President Janice Sutherland

A lot of bowls have been sent down the green since my last news article in 2017.

2018 was another successful year for the Harbord Ladies winning the No 1 Pennant for the sixth successive year and going to the State Play-offs.

Susan Laidlaw was selected for the NSW City V Country side and played third in the Senior Fours Masako Sato, Gwen Dessaix and Virginia Longfellow and along with Barbara Green played in the Senior Pairs. The Fours and the pairs both played in the State Championships at Taren Point.

Virginia took out the coveted District Singles title and went through to play in the State Championship Play-offs.

The District Senior Fours and Major/Minor Pairs were taken out by Lorraine Belling, Barbara Green, Robyn Kennedy and Chris Gordon and Sharyn Dutton and Chris Gordon respectively

Our club championships were taken out as follows and you can see why Virginia Longfellow was the ladies Player of the Year.

Major Singles	May 2018	Winner	V Longfellow
Major Singles	May 2018	Runners up	C Gordon
Minor Singles	June 2018	Winner	M Sato & S Laidlaw
Minor Singles	June 2018	Runners up	H Peterson
Club Pairs	Aug 2018	Winners	M Sato & S Laidlaw
Club Pairs	Aug 2018	Runners up	R Fenton & B Green
Club Fours	Sept 2018	Winners	L Belling, C Page
Club Fours	Sept 2018	Winners	S McGinness & V Longfellow
Club Fours	Sept 2018	Runners up	Y Edwards, M Sato,
Club Fours	Sept 2018	Runners up	N Sacco & P Jones
Club Triples	Oct 2018	Winners	M,Sato, S Laidlaw, V Longfellow
Club Triples	Oct 2018	Runners up	J Porter, S McGinness, J Gepp

I would say one of the most important things to happen last year was the election of Jenny Gepp to the Board of the Harbord Bowling and Recreation Club. It has been a long time coming having a female representative on the Board. Jenny is very capable and I really would like to be a fly on the wall when she is making a point at a meeting.

Pennants has only just got under way for the year and the only Club Championship run so far is the club's Major Singles which was won Masako Sato and the Runner-up Chris Gordon. A very exciting finish with a score of 24 all. There have been quite a few carnivals at start of the year and these are always enjoyable. Our Harbord Trophy Day was a great success and was taken out by Harbord.

Our sponsor Bendigo Bank Freshwater as usual supported our February Trophy Day in a very generous way and Australian Unity supported our Carnival in 2018.

Our membership is increasing. Unfortunately North Manly closed and quite a few of the ladies have joined us but also we have had an increase of ladies coming in off the street interested in taking up bowls. It's great to look across the green and see the rinks full of players.

Looking forward to the rest of the year and hope our ladies do well in the up and coming District Events.



Harbord Bowling Club's 2018 NUMBER ONE Pennants Team

HBCCC CHAMPIONS CRICKET REPORT

Written by Francis Raymond

March sees the conclusion of the cricket season for the Mighty HBCCC. We have had an extremely successful season and finished Club Champions again, of the Manly Warringah Cricket Association. First, Second and Fourth grades contested the semi-finals with the valiant Third grade side missing out. Of our three semi-finalists, First Grade will be contesting their 11th consecutive GF (Mar 16th & 17th), so huge congratulations and good luck to them. Seconds and Fours went down fighting in their games and the future looks promising.

We also won the popular and prestigious Mike Pawley Cup in the A Grade men's T20 competition.

More importantly we enjoyed the mate-ship of all our members and celebrated back at the club. We played our matches upholding the best traditions of cricket and sport in general. Special mention to our Fourth Grade team and leaders. They could have reached the grand final on a technicality as their opponents turned up without a playing kit. We helped them out with gear so the game could go ahead. We lost fair and square, but great sportsmanship from skipper Kel Morrison and all our boys. Most of that team is U16 and did our club proud.

We keep Nick Buxton in our thoughts and wish him a speedy recovery from his serious ankle injury suffered in the T20 Final. Father Time was a prominent factor late in the season, so a happy off season to all with sore limbs.

We enjoyed HBC hospitality once again for our Old Boys day and helped raise funds for the Jane McGrath foundation along our fellow clubs.

There are exciting plans in motion to expand our club and involvement with HBC, which we hope to announce at our gala presentation night at the club.



HBCCC 2019 WINNING T20 TEAM

HARBORD FISH BOWL

Written by Bill Davies

December was the Fishing Clubs 20th Annual presentation night, which was well attended with some welcome new faces. A great feed was provided and liquid refreshments. As usual there were some terrific prizes to be won in the raffle and nearly everyone went home with a prize.

Thanks to all who shopped, cooked and presented the meal.

AWARDS

Rock and Beach - Charlie Hamilton

Estuary Male - Bill Davies and Pete Jones

Estuary Female - Kim Jones

Open Water Male - Bill Martin Rudi Haubus

Open Water Female - Sue Martin

Biggest Snapper - Greg Hinves

Angler of the year - Bill Martin

Gubbo Cup - Jill Welsh

On Friday 1st March The Bowlos had a band playing "Triple Shot". This coincided with a fundraiser the following day for Archie. To support both events the Fishing club put on free drinks for members. Apart from being a great night the club took up a collection among the members for Archie and raised \$500. All the Club members wish Archie all the very best for the future.

The Annual Fishing Club trip to Greenwell Point is just around the corner, 2,3,4,5th May to be exact, this trip is available to all paid up members and is a great social event where some fishing takes place along with a BBQ and great scenery.

As usual we need to know numbers well in advance to book the rooms so send an email to Doug.



HBC Fishing Club's 20th Annual Presentation Night