

2021 Annual Report

CEO Report

I am pleased to provide my report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

It has certainly been an extraordinary twelve months for Harbord Bowling and Recreation Club (the Club).

Whilst there are significant challenges associated with enforced shutdowns, the periods during which our Club was closed did provide an opportunity to review all aspects of the Club's operations. This included the adoption of a new five-year business plan by myself and your Board.

Within the new plan is a three-year roadmap that outlines key achievable targets, including:

- A complete renovation of the gaming room, ensuring capacity exists to increase the number of gaming machines in the future without the need for additional renovations;
- The creation of an alfresco space on green 4 for families and barefoot bowlers;
- Relocating the Club's smoking area to the northern terrace;
- The creation of a members lounge area, located in the former function area; and
- Improved access to the Club's main greens area.

In keeping with the Club's mission and vision, it is my objective, to grow the business of the Club and increase long-term profitability to ensure the future of the Club and our ongoing commitment to the sport of lawn bowls.

The initiatives that I have outlined above have already had a positive impact on the Club's financial position, contributing to the operating profit of \$324,466. Whilst the various shutdowns negatively affected our result, the renovations and other changes made during the year were extremely successful. They will ensure we are well placed to maximise the opportunities that will arise as restrictions continue to ease.

I hope, as I am sure the members hope, that there will be no more lockdowns!

I am immensely appreciative of the support we have from our members and the broader community during this extraordinary period.

I acknowledge the patience shown by members during a period of endless restrictions and regulations and the adherence to steps we have been required to take to ensure our compliance with the ever-changing public health orders.

I express my congratulations to our bowling sub-clubs for their efforts throughout the year. Despite the difficulty of scheduling events around the lockdowns, both clubs ensured as many events as possible could proceed. Both clubs were also extremely successful in pennants this year, managing to win eight zone/district flags between them. Six of those teams then qualified for the State Finals, an outstanding achievement of which we should all be proud.

Much of our Club's success can be attributed to the leadership of our Chairman, Steve Nugent and the tireless work of the Board of Directors. At a time when many clubs are struggling to deal with the ever-changing economic landscape, our Club has placed itself in a strong position and is well placed to take advantage of future opportunities.

I thank the Board for their efforts, support and guidance.

In conclusion, I express my sincere thanks to my team of managers and staff for their hard work during what has been a challenging but ultimately rewarding year.

Finally, a huge thanks to all of you for your continued and passionate support of our Club.

Mark Slattery
Chief Executive Officer