

**LANE COVE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB LIMITED**

**ABN 22 000 915 515**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2021**



Founded 17 July 1952

Constituted 30 October 1952

Incorporated October 1971

Reconstituted 1989

**151 BURNS BAY ROAD, LANE COVE WEST 2066**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021**

## **CHAIRMAN**

*David Madson*

## **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

*Bevan Piper*

## **TREASURER**

*Lindsay Sturman*

## **DIRECTORS**

*Greg Moon*

*Kevin Mulhall*

*Ray Moran*

*John Lloyd*

## **SECRETARY / MANAGER**

*Michelle Orec*

## **AUDITOR**

*Conroy Audit and Advisory*

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LANE COVE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB LIMITED WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CLUB ON SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM**

### **AGENDA**

1. One minutes silence to pay respects to departed members.
2. Apologies
3. To confirm the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
4. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Accounts and Auditors Report made available prior to the AGM.
5. To receive and consider the Director's and Office Bearers written reports on the activities of the Club for 2021.
6. To discuss any matters of General Business which may be admitted for discussion. (Members are requested to submit any matters in writing to the Club Secretary/Manager seven (7) days before the AGM to allow any necessary research).
7. Any recommendations to the Board from Members.
8. To declare the Ballot of Members for the Board of Directors.

The 2021 Financial statements are available on the Club's website under Memberships / Financial Reports. Hard copies will be available from the Club's office on request.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- DAVID MADSON**

We were perhaps fortunate that the Club could remain open for the almost the entire 2021 Financial Year albeit with operating restrictions on methods of operation and patron numbers to comply with necessary Covid restrictions. However, a further outbreak of a highly contagious strain of Covid in NSW has caused the Club to remain closed since late June with the much awaited recommencement of full Bowling activities and Club operation now anticipated in mid-October.

The patience of our members in adhering to the Government mandated restrictions affecting our social interaction during the last year is appreciated and no doubt these restrictions will continue when we finally resume operations. During our initial return to operations, it will be necessary to protect our members by insisting that all persons attending the Club or playing bowls are double vaccinated or have a certified medical exemption form. Hopefully after this initial period there can be a return to normality.

The Club's tight financial control together with the Federal and State Government's financial assistance to the Club and its staff during this pandemic has enabled the Club to remain in a sound financial position to face the future with confidence.

A highlight of the year has been the internal Club implementation of the amalgamation of Men's and Women's bowls both in its organisation and in competitions. A big thank you to Bowling Committee President Sarah Hobson and her hard working committee.

It is therefore unfortunate that the implementation of mixed competitive bowls has been disrupted by the pandemic with many interclub events being cancelled. Our internal competitions have also been reduced in number but at least the premier events will be concluded with fierce competition seeing Rohan Marshall crowned as the new Club Singles Champion (in his first year !) and the pairs and triples still to be finalised.

In terms of improvements to our facilities, our popular external patio has been made more useable with the installation of overhead heaters for Winter and an additional sun/wind screen for Summer. It now is truly an all weather outdoor area that is being used extensively. Unfortunately, this popularity means that we can no longer allow patrons to bring their canine friends to this area. Dogs will need to be tethered clear of the patrons seating areas.

We are a small Club with few staff. We pride ourselves in being here to support the sport of Bowls and provide a meeting place for the locals. I would like to thank our staff - Michelle, Janina, Moukda and Daniel plus Peter from our Greens Contractor for looking after us during the year.

I would also like to recognise and thank the outgoing Board who have worked so well together during the year. All are standing for the 2022 Board except for Greg Moon who is stepping down after many years of service including three years as Club Chairman. Thank you, Greg, on a job well done. I know you will continue to assist us.

The recent passing of Brian Mulvey and other past and present Club members were sad events during the year as covered in the President's report. Brian was a widely respected past Chairman of our Bowling Club seeing us through difficult financial times, a past senior officer of the ABC Broadcasting, a champion bowler, and a good bloke. We will miss them all.

There are also many unsung heroes who do essential work behind the scenes. The Club Bowling coaches, the welfare officer, raffle night organisers, the gardening committee, the Club maintenance helpers, the Football tipping organiser, the poker machine clearance committee, and the volunteers who man the phones to organise our social bowls games. The Club could not function without this support but, as always, more volunteers would be welcome to share the load.

Without wishing to embarrass Bevan Piper, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank him for his weekly production of the Newsbowl club magazine. Even large Clubs would not contemplate such a detailed and regular magazine covering Club social and sporting News, National Bowls news, humour, and historical articles of interest. This publication has been a wonderful method of communication and of immeasurable assistance to the Club.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDSAY STURMAN**

The audited Financial Report provides a complete review of the financial statement and balance sheet and detailed results for the financial year 2020/21 compared with 2019/20. The reports are prepared by the club's accountants Conroy Audit & Advisory from our accounts.

The Club results for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 was a profit of \$19,732 (2019-20 \$51,591). Government grants of \$4,000 were received in the current period as a contribution to the costs of equipment upgrades and a special COVID-19 support grant from the NSW Government. In addition to this, \$40,140 was received from the Federal Government as COVID-19 relief, and \$100 was received from members as gifts and donations. Grants, COVID-19 relief and member gifts and donations cannot be relied upon to recur from year to year.

Our earnings for the year, before depreciation and amortisation expense, was \$82,956 (2019-20 \$117,884) after allowing for employee leave provisions of \$9,341.

Capital expenditure of \$67,138 for the year included \$36,360 for a Poker Machine replacement, \$6,931 for external heaters, \$20,541 for the new LED sign, and the balance of \$3,306 for equipment upgrades and replacements.

Member's Funds total \$717,966 (2020 \$698,234) included cash and cash equivalents of \$476,601 (2020 \$387,182)

Hospitality and bowling activities recovered strongly when the Club reopened on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 following the first COVID shutdown. This allowed us to invest in facilities and deliver value to our members their guests and our wider community.

The second COVID shutdown struck the club on the last few trading days of this reporting period and had a small negative impact on the results. The Club remains closed under the NSW public health order, and this is unlikely to be relaxed before 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We expect resumption of both hospitality and full bowling activities from this date.

During this second shutdown period, financial support is being given to the club by the NSW government, and by our suppliers. On resumption of hospitality and bowling activities, we expect a strong and speedy recovery in our bar trading and bowling revenues. Our outlook is for a moderate surplus in the 2022 financial year.

We believe the progress made in 2021 in enhancing the Club's facilities and amenities will continue in the 2022 financial year, notwithstanding the lengthy second COVID shutdown.

#### **LANE COVE BOWLS PRESIDENTS REPORT- SARAH HOBSON**

I think I said this last year but what a very strange year, COVID 19 certainly had a large part to play in this bowling years events once again.

Amalgamation at a local level with Lane Cove happened a while back, however NSW amalgamation of men's and women's associations has finally happened we now have one organisation Bowls NSW, a very positive decision and direction for bowls.

Reflections: members who have left us all too soon this year, the unexpected passing of Geraldine D'Souza , Jim McCormack , Denis McCall and most recently after battling a long illness, Brian Mulvey. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of all the bowlers we have lost over the year they will be sorely missed.

Among the departing members are those who have moved away, Nan Morris has to gone to live near her daughter in Batemans Bay. Bob Cartwright has moved back to the USA to be closer to family.

On a brighter note, we welcome new members Chris Albert, Jenn Darvey, Rex Johnston, Victor Shen, Peggy Wilton and welcome back Roberta Mitchell to the bowling green.

#### Pennants:

The bowling committee again opted to field two Pennants teams in Divisions 6 and 7, we were able this year to at least to run the whole season before going back into lock down. Both teams attributed themselves very well positioning

Division 6 - second position out of 6 teams - West Pymble victors

Division 7 - second position out of four teams - Warrawee victors

#### Cockatoos competition

The cockatoos was a greatly fought competition with 5 teams competing. The team was made up of newer bowlers, enjoying the experience of playing competitive bowls and having fun.

Club competitions: all competitions have been well supported by all members- thankyou

Major Singles: Rohan Marshall

Minor Singles: Kevin Mulhall

Major Pairs: (semi finals)

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Major Fours: Jenny Moran, David Madson, Ray Moran and Phil Wade

Major Triples: to be played Oct/ Nov 2021

Consistency Singles: Peter Zucconi

Mixed Pairs: Kay and Kevin Mulhall

Cliff Wright Trophy: Stuart Smith, Meredith Collum and Peter Zucconi

I would like to thank the bowls committee for all their support this year Graham Screen, Mal Knight, Brian Paxton, Kay Mulhall and Jenny Moran with representative from the board John Lloyd.

Thank you to Mal Knight and Brian Paxton for all their hard and working with Zone 9 District. Great thanks to Marilyn and Graham Screen for their coaching and bringing on new members.

#### Zone 9 Competitions

Fours: Vic Solway, David Erskine, Kay and Kevin Mulhall performed out of their skin to get through to the quarter finals

Pairs: Team Lloyd and Hobson made it through to the semi finals

President reserve Singles: John Lloyd played made it through to the Semi finals.

Thank you to the LC Bowling and Recreation Club Board members and Chair David Madson for their continuing support. Thank you to Bevan Piper for the wonderful weekly read in the "Bowls News", that has kept all members in touch. Really appreciated.

Special mention and thankyou to David Erskine for selling the Friday night Raffle tickets with a smile! and to the ticket spruiker ! (whoever she is) let's continue to support the club great raffle " in it to win it". Thank you also to Michele Orec, Club Manager, and bar staff Janina for your support and assistance throughout the year.

Again, I reiterate bowls is a GAME For ALL whatever age or sex you are, we are all equal.

Lane Cove "The Small club with a big heart". I am very passionate about the club. Please continue to support and encourage anyone you know to come and have a go!

Thank you to our loyal social members and to you the bowling members "It's how we roll"  
Stay safe

#### **CLUB FACILITIES REPORT: Ray Moran**

Covid lockdowns and restrictions limited the amount of work that could be carried out on the Club facilities in 2020/21.

During the lockdown periods the Secretary Manager was required to regularly attend the Club premises to turn on the poker machines to maintain them in operational condition as well as attend to other operational issues to ensure the Club is kept in a state of readiness for when we can reopen.

Non routine maintenance issues on our aging building addressed during the year included:

- The lower window frames in the upstairs windows were required to be permanently fixed in place due to the deterioration of the hinges and window frames. This work was carried out under the direction of Lane Cove Council as the owners of the building.
- Many new chairs were purchased for the outside area to replace damaged chairs.
- Forty replacement aluminium end caps have been sourced and installed as a safety issue to protect people from exposed sharp edges on bench seats around the greens.
- Several minor electrical, plumbing, painting and mechanical issues were rectified as they arose.

Improvements installed during the year include:

- The installation of a hot water service to the BBQ sink to aid washing up.
- An additional set of lockers installed in the ladies locker room.
- Overhead heaters installed for our outside deck area (at last).
- An additional new external blind installed to give better sun and wind control on our well used deck.

As always, there remains more minor maintenance issues to be addressed than people to perform them. Volunteers most welcome!

#### **GREENS REPORT- GREG MOON**

Well it looks like some things have not changed, we are still in the same situation we were last year.

We are still in lock down, still in Covid 19 pandemic, still with green keepers on basic part time maintenance only, and still waiting to get back to bowling. Like I said not much has changed from last year!

Another thing not changed is the problem we have with the trees at the back of green 3. Things are even worse with the shade destroying the use of one or two rinks with moss growing on the green and verge (at its worst during winter), and this will cause us difficulties when we only have one green in play as council won't allow the top taken off the trees.

Part of 2020 and, in particular the colder part of this year, we had quite a wet spell and as it happens the greens get a fungal growth when continually wet so the need for spraying to control the fungal growth becomes essential. Now, still with cold nights and no growth during winter we have bare patches, but with summer approaching that should change with new growth.

We are now at the time when we need to pull number 1 green out of play for essential maintenance by stripping the top off, coring, fertilising etc, and it should be back in play by mid November, weather permitting, allowing two greens in play.

How good it would have been to pull green number 1 out during lock down but grass won't grow in winter, so we have to wait for the warmer times with number 3 coming out near Christmas and back ready for two greens for pennants if being played next year.

I believe as usual our green keepers have done a great job again with all the weather and Covid 19 problems considered and being extremely reliable and very easy to work and communicate with.

Again, I suggest please when rolling up consider the greens and not continue to play the same rink over and over, **vary the rink.**

Extremely important also please don't continue to place the mat in the same spot all the time, **share the wear** especially in wet times when the most damage occurs.

Having listened to our green keepers over the years, and Peter Bright when he was the greens and garden guru, this is of the utmost benefit to us all.

When we get back and hopefully soon, **good bowling all.**

**PATRON**

The Hon. Anthony Roberts

**LIFE MEMBERS**

F.Bastock*	A.N. Johnston *	G.Oakes*	F.R.Wark*
A.Bourne*	L.R. Leishman*	A.G.Pearson*	N.Wark*
K.Bowman	R.Marles*	R.Pym*	H.H.Weidersehn*
P.Bright*	F.Mayes*	J.Rust	J.Williams*
G.Chapman*	B.Mulvey*	P.F.Smyth*	R.Willis
J.Deahm*	B.McLean*	I.Stenson*	R.Wyllie*
R.K.Toose*	J.Notley	H.Troy*	

#### **MERIT AWARDS**

Harold Holden 2009	Judy Magson 2012	Libby Scahill 2014	Mal Knight 2019
Norma Wark 2009	John Rust 2012	Merv Mills 2015	David Madson 2020
Harry Chappel 2010	Les Heap 2013	Daphne Brady 2018	John Bowring 2020
David Erskine 2010	Les Kay 2013	Brian Paxton 2018	Greg Moon 2020
Henry Davidson 2011	Tom Scahill 2014	Brad Stacker 2018	

