

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2016/2017

Firstly, welcome to the 54th Annual General Meeting of the Clearview Bowling Club.

Secondly, thank you all for supporting the club in 2016/17

This year has seen some significant challenges and also some great reward. Our challenge like many other clubs is to remain solvent (just look at the recent matter with the RSL). Without income there is no club. Our main stream of income is the bar (which Bob Baldwin will touch on in his report) I know many of you are aware of this but I would like to suggest and encourage you all to patronise the bar even it be a coke at the end of a day's play. You buy a drink the opposition usually buys one back. Too many of our members take it for granted other members will subsidise them by supporting the clubs main revenue stream. Far too often on a Saturday it's the same people that support the club with their patronage. The alternative we are pursuing is that each member pays an addition \$30 to \$50 bar charge on their membership that they can use over the bar throughout that bowling season.

I like all bowlers want to win, win against your immediate opponent, beat the other team and of course the ultimate reward is to win a pennant.

This year we achieved that, my congratulations go to our Division 5 East pennant winners, a great job, well done. Also to all the other bowlers who participated on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, Thank You.

I would also like to congratulate the Club Championship winners for this year. However I must say it was very disappointing at the amount of people who attended the presentation evening. I think a few people had a "point to prove" by not attending. I say this without reserve the only point you proved was of your own self-indulgent and your complete lack of support for this club and more importantly the people that organised and ran these events. To Renzo, Nat and the rest of the Bowls Committee, I say a **big thank you** and sincerely hope this situation never happens again

Wasn't it brilliant this bowling season to walk out on the green with our new uniforms? The contemporary new look has moved us into the 21st century.

The cost of running a club as big as ours is substantial and without the provision of government grants and the councils support our club would not be able to maintain the excellent facility it is. Our CEO Ian Baily works relentlessly to ensure our club secures every dollar possible from grants and council subsidies. Thank You Ian.

In addition to Ian I would like to thank the diligent Members of the Management Board, Bob Baldwin, David Bailey, Rick Smith and Natalie Kiss for their vital contribution to the smooth running of this club. I also want to recognise one person in particular that always puts the club first. Rick Smiths "I'll do it if you need me, yes that's no problem" approach is amazing. He gives 100% to whatever he does around the Club. Thanks Rick.

Furthermore I would also like to thank club members that have volunteered their time throughout 2016/2017 season and beyond. There are too many to name individually, however I can thank them knowing they were an influential part of the following groups. I encourage them to continue with their participation, and any other individual to get involved for the new season.

Thank you to;

- The Bowls Committee
- Grounds & Buildings Personnel
- Club Coaches
- Night Owls Organisers and the helpers
- All Tournament personnel. Club, winter and tournaments.
- The Ladies/Gents for Catering and other activities
- The Social Committee
- The Ladies for Friday night snacks
- The Chicken bat and raffle sellers
- The Casual cleaners
- Almoner
- And the selection group

Conclusion

The Management Board that is elected by you take on the responsibility to provide Members with the best facilities possible on and off the green from the available resources accessible to the Club, so your support financially (whether over the bar or other areas) and on the green as a player is essential for the long term future of this club.

Be passionate and proud of your club, and have fun doing it.

I thank all Members for their support and wish them every success for the future.

Brian Smith