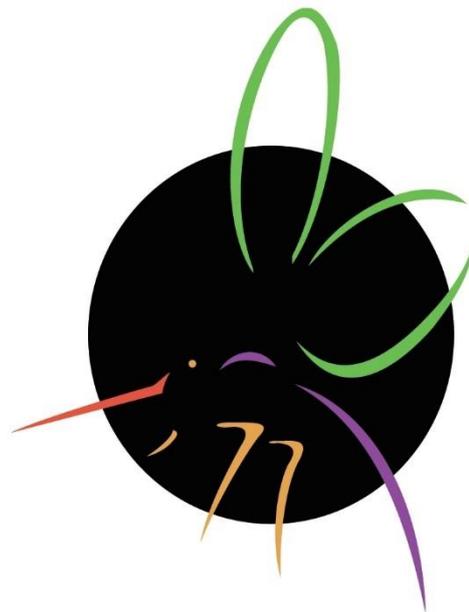


Hexham Bowling Club

Co-operative Limited



HEXHAM BOWLING CLUB

1 April 2020– 31 March 2021

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ABN 51 951 016 993

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2020-2021

CHAIRMAN

Leslie Carter

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Alfred Smith

DIRECTORS

John Appleby

Michelle McMichael

Alan Mitchell

Harry Lee

Michael Cummings

GENERAL MANAGER

Jennifer Crowe

AUDITORS

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Hexham Bowling Club
Chairman's Annual Report 2021
Les Carter Chairman

It gives me a deal of satisfaction to present the following report to the members of Hexham Bowling Club for the year 2020/21.

The past year has been one of turmoil for the community and indeed the club as we passed through the extended period of shut-down and concern brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic that swept throughout the world. Whilst we remain on guard against further outbreaks, we have felt quite a substantial impact from it. As one could well imagine the extended closure of the club was not only an inconvenience to some and a disruption to our many activities it also meant that we endured a period of absolutely no income resulting from no trade. Therefore, our financial position is not one that we envisaged for the year. Whilst we took a substantial hit to our expected bottom line we have achieved a comparable financial result to the previous year. We are still debt free and our monies on hand in our bank accounts are up significantly. This does hold us in good stead in comparison to other clubs – some who have had to amalgamate - for example Lambton Pk BC – one of the long-standing clubs in the region.

Since we have fully re-opened we have been trading quite strongly particularly over the Friday, Saturday, Sunday periods with our raffles and functions drawing good patronage. We have cut back on expenditure. Some of the cutbacks have caused angst among sections of our clientele. In particular we terminated our bingo sessions of Tuesday morning and evenings and Thursday mornings. This saved some forty thousand dollars but did upset our regular players. The bottom line was that we were outlaying considerable money for a very little return which did not cover the expenditure or even get close to it.

I know that I have been saying for several years that the end is getting closer to the waste water issues that the club has. A concrete slab has been laid beside the septic tanks. This will house the new treatment processor which is fully computerised and better still completely endorsed by the EPA to allow river pumping to resume. The system is housed in a container which is manufactured in Melbourne and transported to the site before becoming operational. It is that close to realisation after over a decade and a half of heartache for previous boards and management. I wish to thank our General Manager, Jennie and the Board for their efforts and perseverance in this matter of considerable financial importance.

Our upstairs function area is becoming a venue of greater use generating an increase in revenue in this area. We have been the venue for Clubs NSW, the NDBA, weddings and quite a few celebratory functions across the year although many functions were cancelled due to the pandemic. Indications are that we will continue to grow in this area of our business. One week recently every day of the week saw some function with catering being held upstairs. During that week we were the venue for training seminars, wakes, and corporate events. I believe that this is where we need to be heading.

Plans are underway for some expansion of our current building. Whilst we are limited for land we must find a way to expand to comfortably house our membership which has now reached 8000.

There is no way we could house that many at one time but we have to find a way to seat more downstairs during raffle times as well as find more parking space to cater for them. So, it has been decided that a section of our bowling greens along the front of the club will be resumed and we will extend in that direction. We are not doing away with our greens as we are primarily a bowling club so we will retain twelve rinks across the two greens. It will be done a little at a time without taking loans. We will do what we can afford.

Also we will extend from the bistro outward towards the car park housing the playground in that area. This will provide extra seating in the ever-popular Riverside Bistro and easing the congestion in the bar area. We are looking into a two-storey car park on the site of our main parking area but that may be some time in the future.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and indeed that of the Board to our staff. So much of the refurbishment and decorating was done by our very versatile staff during the lockdown period. Their commitment to the club along with their newfound skills and expertise is greatly appreciated. Our thanks go out to Ricky and his team from the Riverside Bistro for their continued enhancement of our club's reputation. At this juncture it must be recognised by all that such a good, cooperative and welcoming staff are a reflection of the leadership provided by our General Manager, Jennie, who I believe has become a real driving force behind this club leading into the future. And finally thank you to my fellow directors for your input and cooperation throughout this very complex year.

Les Carter Chairman

IN REMEMBRANCE

Colin Keith

Leo Bunt

Clive Morgan

John Easton

Kevin Chesworth

Rita Hawkins

Irene Maher

Leonard Bennett

Stephen Mahoney

Joan Taylor

Alwyn Ford

Rodney Wynn

Suzanne James

Warren McIntosh

Grahame Wade

Dennis Shelton

Barbara Rose

Hazel Green

Trevor Fuller

Leslie Creek

Peter Young

General Manager's Report

This has been a difficult year for all businesses, with us amongst them with our being closed for the first two and a half months April to Mid-June of this financial year. Fortunately, with the support of you the members we have been able to obtain an Operating Profit of \$354K compared to last years' Operating Profit of \$358K before depreciation and we remain debt free. The easiest way to explain the difference between Operating and NET Profit is Operating Profit is before Depreciation.

Depreciation is a Paper figure and would be used if we were paying Income Tax. The Depreciation on this Business is a huge \$721K. Whilst Tax free we still pay Gaming Tax, Payroll Tax, GST as well as a fee for the Government to monitor our Gaming Machines.

Another huge cost to the club is the wastewater treatment plant. This costs the club approximately \$130K to have pumped off site. We will soon have our brand-new Plant installed and once the water levels reach the approved chemical levels, we will seek EPA approval to disperse into the Hunter River.

The Function rooms on the 2nd floor has many bookings going forward including our wedding receptions. We also use this area for meetings, conferences, workshops, Wakes, and so much more.

The Riverside Bistro remains an iconic part of Hexham Bowling Club and I thank Ricky, Lilli and their Staff for their efforts and hope we can maintain our positive working relationship moving forward into the future.

I would like to thank our members for your support over the past 12 months. A Club cannot survive without Patrons. Our objective is to provide you the Member with happy friendly service and a well-presented Club, which is always a work in progress.

We strive to keep you informed about promotions, shows and entertainment via our monthly inhouse Newsletter, as well as Facebook and the 2 club Websites. www.hexhambowlingclub.com.au and www.hexhamevents.com.au Your input is welcome on items you would like to be kept up to date with.

Finally, I would like once again to thank the Board of Management and the entire Hexham team for your efforts over the past 12 months and look forward to us all working together to make Hexham our members destination for food, entertainment and more into the future.

Jennie Crowe
General Manager



PROUDLY SPONSORING OUR COMMUNITY

Hexham Bowling Club has always been a Community-based club and is proud to be able to financially support a host of mainly not-for-profit organisations, schools, amateur sporting and other interest groups over the years.

We are proud to record that the beneficiaries of the more than 35,000 that we have donated this year include:

- Miracle Babies Foundation JHH
- Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative
- Little Wings
- Shortland Public School
- Tarro Public School
- Azzuri Football Club
- Redback Football Club

Many service organisations also benefit from being able to hold their regular meetings at the Club for a minimal fee:

Transport Awareness
Hunter Scale Modelling Club
Rebel flying Group
Baseball Umpires
Raymond Terrace 4WD
Country Rugby League
Newcastle Water Polo
Hunter Model Club
Spinners & Weavers
Rotary
AFL
Beekeepers

Hexham Bowling Club – proudly supporting our Community!

Hexham Men's Bowling Club Report 2020/2021

I am pleased to report that the Hexham Men's Bowling Club had a very good year on and off the greens, as we have had better participation from both the Men's and Lady bowlers. We have also had several new bowlers join us this year.

We had two teams, entered in this years Saturday District Pennant competition one in 6 Grade and the other 7 Grade. Both Teams tried very hard but came up against stronger teams.

We also had a representative team in the mid-week Grade 5, this team tried very hard however the other teams were a lot stronger.

We entered teams in the President Fours, two teams in the President Pairs and Lukas Cummings representing us in the President Singles.

Hexham hosted the Bowlers Arm Singles Championships for the second year with good results. I would also like to thank both the Men and Lady bowlers for giving their time for marking this Championship.

The results of the 2020 Hexham Men's Bowling Club Championships are as follows:

	Winner's	Runner's Up
Major Singles	Chris Baldwin	D Monk
Minor Singles	Craig Baldwin	L Cummings
Pairs	R King, B Gawn	C Baldwin, C Baldwin
Triples	C Baldwin, C Baldwin, D Baldwin	R King, B Gawn, W Baldwin
Fours	D Stuart, T. Smythe, D Shakespeare, A Shakespeare	C Baldwin, C Baldwin, W Baldwin, D Baldwin
Consistency	M Cummings	G Hetherington

I would like to say a big **thank you** to Alf smith (Games Organiser) and William Baldwin (Assistant Games Organiser) for overseeing all our of our games, Competitions and Pennants. I would also like to say a special **thank you** to the other members of the Bowls Committee for their contribution and assistance during the year.

I would like to thank the Lady Bowlers and the Hexham Greys for their ongoing support for 2020/2021.

Our special thanks must also go to the staff of Hexham Bowling Club and to the Greenkeeper Gavin, for their assistance throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to say a special thank you to all my fellow bowlers for their support and sportsmanship in the great game of bowls throughout the year.

Ron King
President
Hexham Men's Bowling Club

Hexham Ladies Annual Secretary Report 2020-21

It is with pleasure I present the 59th Annual Report for Hexham Women's Bowling Club. Next year will be our 60th Anniversary. Our club has completed another happy year under the leadership of President Anne Swan assisted by her Vice Presidents Lorraine Morton, Jean Richardson and her various officers and committee. Unfortunately, our membership has now dropped to nine.

A big talking point for all members this year has been Unification between the two state bowls organisations in NSW into a single entity. By now all clubs will have voted, both men and women. We await the result.

Our shield games were well supported. Winners of the shield games are as follows:

Peterson Shield: J. Lumby, Paula Au, G. Andrews

President Shield: B. Weatherley, A. Swan, B. Gawn

Ripley Shield: L. Bassett, G. Martin, G. Andrews. L. Carter

Leach Shield: K. Maurer, J. McLean, A. Swan

N. Monk Shield: L. Bassett, P. Au, H. McLean

Our Thursday Mixed Draw for Partner has been going along fine. Thanks to the men who support our day. I am sure everyone enjoys the social atmosphere.

We raised \$275 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, from all those wrong bias bowls, and other small contributions. All very much appreciated. Thanks everyone.

Congratulations to Josie McLean on receiving her 25years service badge.

Finally, it is good to have the bowler's door open. This makes it a much easier access to the amenities, and bar while playing bowls.

In closing I would like to thank the staff for their help and assistance throughout the year. Thanks to President Anne, Treasurer Dianne, Vice Presidents Lorraine and Jean, and Paula our Match Chairperson who does a wonderful job running our Thursday game, and to all members who have supported our club.

Kay Monk

Hon Secretary Hexham WBC

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NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Hexham Bowling Club Co-operative Limited (the 'Club') will be held at the Club's premises at 290 Maitland Road, Hexham, NSW 2322 on **Sunday, 25th July 2021, commencing at 9:30am.**

The Business of the Annual General Meeting will be as follows:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive from the Board, Auditors or any officers of the Club, reports upon the transactions of the Club for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with the Co-operatives National Law including the financial report, directors' report and auditor's report.
3. To declare the election of Directors to hold office in accordance with the Club's Rules.
4. To determine the remuneration of Auditors.
Note: In previous years, members have confirmed that the Board will determine the Auditor's remuneration.
5. To transact such business of which notice has been given to members in accordance with the Club's Rules:
 - (a) To consider and if thought fit, pass the Ordinary Resolutions contained in the accompanying 'Notice of Ordinary Resolutions'.
 - (b) Recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Notes: The Club has opted to distribute its Annual Reports (in concise report form) by making them available electronically unless you request that a hard (printed) copy be sent to you. The Annual Report (in concise report form) is available for members to access and download from the Club's website at www.hexhambowlingclub.com.au/reports. You may elect to receive, free of charge, a hard copy of the Annual Report (in concise report or 'full' report form) by contacting the Club's office (either in person or telephone 4964 8079). If you have not received a hard copy of the Annual Report with this Notice and would like to receive a hard copy (free of charge) please contact the Club's office. The Annual Report is also available for inspection at the Club's office.

Please submit any questions regarding the Club's financial statements to the General Manager not less than seven days before the Meeting to allow time for the Club and its Auditor to give a suitably researched response.

The Registered Clubs Act 1976 prohibits proxy voting at any General Meeting (including the Annual General Meeting) and at any election of the Board of Directors.

By order of the Board of Directors

Jennie Crowe
General Manager

NOTICE OF ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting of Hexham Bowling Club Co-operative Limited ('the Club') to be held on Sunday 29 July 2021 commencing at 9:30am in the Club's premises at 290 Old Maitland Road, Hexham NSW 2322, members will be asked to consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions which are proposed as Ordinary Resolutions:

First Ordinary Resolution

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act 1976 the members approve the payment of the following honoraria to each position holder listed below in respect of their services rendered as members of the Board or of a committee since the Club's previous Annual General Meeting, subject to the honorarium being reduced in proportion to the period since the previous Annual General Meeting during which any recipient did not hold that position:

- Chairman – \$5,000;
- Vice Chairman and Ordinary Directors (x6) – \$3,000 each;
- Games Organiser – \$3,000;
- Assistant Games Organisers (x2) – \$1,000 each;
- Returning Officers (x2) – \$250 each.

Explanatory Note to First Ordinary Resolution

Under the Registered Clubs Act the Club is required to obtain members' approval before paying an honorarium to any person in respect of his or her services as a member of the Board or of any committee. The purpose of this ordinary resolution is to approve the payment of honoraria to the above recipients for services rendered since the Club's previous Annual General Meeting, subject to the honorarium being reduced in proportion to the period since the previous Annual General Meeting during which any recipient did not hold that position. For example, if a member was a director for half of the period since the previous Annual General Meeting then he or she would only be entitled to half of the approved honorarium.

Second Ordinary Resolution

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act 1976, the members approve and agree to expenditure not exceeding \$15,000 (excluding GST) by the Club until the next Annual General Meeting for the following activities of directors (paragraphs (a) to (f)) and the professional development and education of directors (paragraphs (g) to (k)), and the members acknowledge the following benefits are not available to members generally but only to directors and other members of the Club who are involved in the following activities:

- (a) the reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each director and committee member during, immediately before or immediately after a Board or committee meeting on the day of that meeting when that meeting corresponds with a normal meal time;
- (b) reasonable expenses incurred by directors in travelling to and from Board or committee meetings, provided the expenses incurred are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of that expenditure;
- (c) reasonable expenses incurred by directors in relation to Club-related activities including entertainment of special guests of the Club and other promotional activities performed by directors, provided the expenses incurred are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of that expenditure;
- (d) the provision of apparel (for example, Club blazer, tie, shirt or blouse, and trousers or skirt) for each newly elected director and the replacement of apparel for existing directors as required, for the use of directors when representing the Club;
- (e) the provision of donations, grants, facilities and services as approved by the Board to subsidiary clubs and charitable organisations;
- (f) the reasonable cost of directors, officers and their respective partners attending an annual dinner including meals and beverages;
- (g) the reasonable cost of directors and their partners attending industry-related meetings including the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting and Club Managers' Association Australia Annual General Meeting and activities directly associated with those meetings;
- (h) the reasonable cost of directors and employees approved by the Board attending seminars, lectures, trade displays, organised study tours, fact-finding tours and other similar events, provided those attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary or desirable for the benefit of the Club;
- (i) the reasonable cost of directors and their partners, where appropriate, attending other registered clubs, hospitality and gaming venues for the purpose of viewing and assessing their facilities and methods of operation, provided those attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary or desirable for the benefit of the Club;
- (j) the reasonable cost of providing directors with club industry specific training including required training under the Registered Clubs Regulation 2015;
- (k) the reasonable cost of providing directors with membership of the NSW Club Directors Institute.

Explanatory Note to Second Ordinary Resolution

Under the Registered Clubs Act the Club is required to offer benefits equally to all members unless the members pass a resolution to approve different benefits for certain members. The purpose of this Ordinary Resolution is to have members approve the Club's expenditure not exceeding \$15,000 (excluding GST) until the next Annual General Meeting for Club-related activities of directors and the professional education and development of directors. In particular, the purpose of the Club's expenditure on the professional development and education of directors and other members (paragraphs (g) to (k) above) is to help the Board keep up-to-date with current trends and developments that could affect how the Club conducts its business in the future. In certain instances members of the Club other than the directors would also receive the benefits specified in this Ordinary Resolution.

Paragraph (j) includes required training for directors under the Registered Clubs Regulation. The Regulation defines required training as: (a) the courses entitled "Director Foundation and Management Collaboration" and "Finance for Club Boards" conducted by or on behalf of Clubs NSW; or (b) the units of competency entitled "Implement Board member responsibilities-BSBGOV401", "Work within organisational structure-BSBGOV402" and "Analyse financial reports and budgets-BSBGOV403" conducted by an NVR registered training organisation (within the meaning of the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 of the Commonwealth) or any units of competency that supersede and are equivalent to those units.

In certain instances members of the Club other than the Directors would also receive the benefits specified in the resolution. The Club's expenditure on directors' benefits will be recorded in the Club's accounts.

Notes to Members: To be passed each Ordinary Resolution must be carried by a majority of members being entitled to vote and who are present and voting at the Meeting.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

2021 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations in writing are hereby invited from Life Members, active Bowling Members or active Non-Bowling Members for the following positions in Group 1 on the Club's Board of Directors:

- ◆ **ORDINARY DIRECTOR (three Ordinary Directors to be elected to hold office until the conclusion of the Club's Annual General Meeting in 2024)**

Nominations must be signed by two members of the Club who are either Life members, active Bowling Members or active Non-Bowling Members, and also by the Nominee who will signify his or her consent to the nomination.

An 'active member' of the Club is a Life Member, or a Bowling Member or Non-Bowling member who has paid the applicable membership subscription.

Nomination forms and Statutory Declarations are obtainable from the Duty Manager's Office.

CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS

Completed nomination forms and supporting Candidate's Profile and Statutory Declarations must be lodged with the General Manager not later than the close of nominations at 5.00pm on Friday, 9th July 2021.

VOTING TIMES (IF A BALLOT IS NECESSARY)

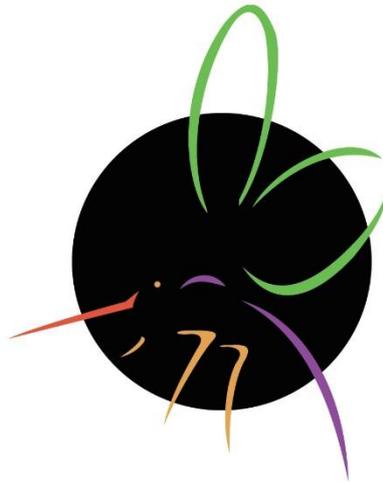
The Board of Directors has resolved that, should it be necessary, a ballot for the election of Directors will be conducted at the Club's premises (290 Old Maitland Road, Hexham NSW) in accordance with the Club's Rules.

If a ballot is necessary, members may cast their votes in the Clubhouse at the following times:

Friday 16 th July 2021	4.00pm to 8.00pm
Saturday 17 th July 2021	4.00pm to 7.00pm
Sunday 18 th July 2021	11.30am to 1.30pm and 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Monday 19 th July 2021	1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	1.30pm to 3.00pm
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	1.30pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	11.30am to 1.30pm
Friday 23 rd July 2021	4.00pm to 8.00pm
Saturday 24 th July 2021	4.00pm to 7.00pm

By direction of the Board
Jennie Crowe, General Manager

18 May 2021



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