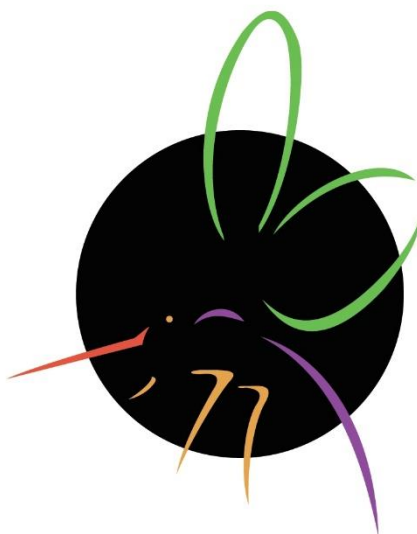


Hexham Bowling Club

Co-operative Limited



HEXHAM BOWLING CLUB

Annual Report

1 April 2022– 31 March 2023

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ABN 51 951 016 993

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2022-2023

CHAIRMAN

Leslie Carter

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Alfred Smith

DIRECTORS

John Appleby

Alan Mitchell

Harry Lee

Glenn Hetherington

Dorothy Povey

GENERAL MANAGER

Jennifer Crowe

AUDITORS

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Hexham Bowling Club

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

In presenting my annual report to the members of this club I look back on a rather eventful 22-23 year for your club which has resulted in an Operating Profit of \$728,183 compared to last year's profit of \$335,317. This year we also achieved a NET Profit (After Depreciation) of \$63,327 compared to last year's NET loss of \$345,184 which sees us in a financial position where we see more than \$1.5 million in our bank accounts – a considerable amount of cash on hand in anyone's view. This solid financial position allows us to undertake our planned alfresco extension without taking out any loans. Whilst we have critics who quote a depreciation figure way below in our Annual Statement, we should all be aware that the depreciation figure is only on paper and does not affect our bottom line in reality. This position must be the envy of neighbouring opposition clubs but is the result of careful financial management over the past few years. It is also a year which has seen our membership increase to the 9000 mark which is also ensuring that we remain one of the largest bowling clubs in our region.

We have had the frustrations of waiting for the work to commence on the planned extension that is the result of the contractors desperately trying to clear a backlog of work which eventuated from acute labour shortages from COVID days. Aspects of the planned extensions that members of our staff have been able to undertake have been completed such as the relocation of our bowls office. We also see the new fencing around our greens area in readiness for the outdoor area. We have also endured the frustrations of awaiting the completion of the Wastewater Treatment plant that seems to be forever ongoing – but as we have said before is within sight of completion whilst I cannot put a date to that.

Many members would have heard in news items through the media of the impending introduction of a cashless gaming card that could spell the death of licenced clubs throughout NSW as we know them. The previous government in NSW had this as a policy but with the change in government there will be a new policy regarding trials etc of the cards which will bring about a little breathing . space for clubs. With this in mind we have to move our club away from a reliance on gaming dollars to keep our business flourishing. This is the reason – or one of the reasons - why we are looking to introduce our outdoor area which will include a dining facility as well as increased seating capacity which is something that we desperately require especially on Friday and Sunday raffle and membership draw evenings.

Our upstairs auditorium continues to be a popular venue for many events. The wedding reception aspect of our venue continues to attract couples seeking comfortable and affordable accommodation for their big day. Chef Scott and our events co-ordinator Barbara are to be congratulated on the quality of their work in this aspect of our club's offerings to members and the public.

On the bowls front we see a growth in bowling memberships which is most pleasing. Being able to field three teams in the district pennants competition bucked the trend across our region of falling numbers whilst we grew. Whilst not achieving any winning status all teams gave strong accounts of themselves in true Hexham fashion. We hosted the NSW Arm Bowlers Singles championships this year and have been invited to do so again in 2024. Our Triples Challenge Tournament was washed out in '23 but is scheduled to run again later this year.

I truly believe that this club will continue to grow and flourish especially when we are able to complete our extensions and the WWT plant. The realisation of both these projects will greatly enhance our earning capacity and allow your Board and Management to focus on other pressing issues such as our Harrington cottages and property.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our staff who I believe to be an outstanding team placing Hexham BC head and shoulders above the staff of comparable venues in our region. I believe also that the leadership of our General Manager, Jennie, is the catalyst for our great staff and the service provided by them. I include the staff of the amazing Riverside Bistro with Ricky and Lily in my gratitude.

To my fellow directors I say a big thank you for your diligence and input throughout the year and sincerely trust that 2024 will be bigger and better than ever. Les Carter - Chairman

In Remembrance

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our sympathy to the family and friends of our members who passed away in the last twelve months. To those who are currently ill, we wish you a speedy recovery and good health.

Les Carter - Chairman

IN REMEMBRANCE

Graeme Booth	Roy Carter	William Scott	Harold Towers
Edgar Fraser	June Manning	Colin Marshall	Trevor Rose
Noelene McIntosh	Neil Bramich	Errol Marshall	Doreen Scott
Barry Frame	David Stuckings	Ronald Levett	Eva Hills
Russell Nolland	John Renfrew	Alan Shakespeare	



HEXHAM BOWLING CLUB

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 NICU
- Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative
- Shortland Public School
- Tarro Public School
- Azzurri Football Club
- Bikers for Kids Toy Run
- Little Wings - Child Flight
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Hexham Bowling Club – proudly supporting our Community!

Hexham Bowling Club

General Manager's Report – 2023

This has been a better year of trade financially with an **Operating Profit** of \$728K compared to last years' **Operating Profit** of \$335K, before depreciation and we still remain debt free. This has been made possible due to a reduction in repairs to the main Club building that have plagued us over previous years, however Harrington requires significant work to be carried out once out extension is finished.

The purpose of the extension is to reduce crowding for our Members to make it more comfortable.

The Function rooms on the 2nd floor are still being well patronised and have many bookings going forward including our wedding receptions. We will also be still using this area for meetings, conferences, workshops, Celebrations of Life, and so much more.

The Riverside Bistro remains an iconic part of Hexham Bowling Club and I thank Ricky, Lilly 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, and free 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.

We have had higher than usual changes in staff this year, this is caused by people moving house, changing careers, having families and to be quite honest some Staff don't realise as a 7-day business they are required to work when in other industries they would be the ones enjoying the downtimes

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 entertainment into the future.

Jennie Crowe
General Manager

HEXHAM BOWLING CLUB
NOTICE OF 2023 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, 30 July 2023 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 2023 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

24th May 2023

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 30 July 2023 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 Education 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.

HEXHAM BOWLING CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

2023 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 3 on the Club's Board of Directors:

- ◆ **CHAIRMAN (one to be elected to hold office until the conclusion of the Club's Annual General Meeting in 2026)**
- ◆ **VICE CHAIRMAN (one to be elected to hold office until the conclusion of the Club's Annual General Meeting in 2026)**

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 6.00pm on Friday, 14th July 2023.

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, 21 st July 2023	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, 22 nd July 2023	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Sunday, 23 rd July 2023	11:30am – 1:30pm and 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Monday, 24 th July 2023	11:30am – 1:30pm
Tuesday, 25 th July 2023	11:30am – 1:30pm
Wednesday, 26 th July 2023	1:30pm -3:00pm
Thursday, 27 th July 2023	11:30am – 1:30pm
Friday, 28 th July 2023	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, 29 th July 2023	4:00pm – 7:00pm

By direction of the Board

Jennie Crowe, General Manager

Hexham Bowling Club Bowls Report 2022/2023

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for the amalgamated Men's and Ladies' bowling club.

This past year has been successful in many facets of our functioning. It is gratifying to see how the members from our former Ladies' and our Men's club have joined together to form a harmonious and cooperative group working for the promotion and enjoyment of lawn bowls at Hexham. While there was some understandable scepticism regarding the joining of the two groups all have worked to ensure any such doubt has been allayed.

I believe that our elected committee has worked extremely hard to ensure that the joint venture should succeed. I sincerely thank every single one of for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

Firstly, when looking back on the past months we have entered an extra team in the NDBA Pennant Competition being in 5, 6 and 7 Grades. Our selectors found it difficult at times to find sufficient players with so many hospitalisations, family appointments and the odd holiday trip but we did achieve what many thought was impossible ie fulfilling our playing obligations. As with our entry into the mid-week NDBA Club's Challenge our teams did not reach play-off status but were nevertheless quite competitive. I thank all of our players across all grades for their support of the club. I must make special mention of our ladies who were well represented on the green and performed most creditably.

We did complete our championships for 2022 and these are listed below and held a most successful presentation night upstairs and catered for by our club chef, Scott. It was a great night and I believe it has set a standard for all future events of this ilk. I'm sure we will see many more seats full in Nov/Dec this year.

Our Thursday mixed galas continue to attract satisfactory numbers – even though we' like more – thanks to our Thursday Organiser, Paula who does a very efficient job. We have continued to conduct the various Shield Days that became a highlight of the Ladies' Thursday program and these are well attended days. Our Tuesday evening twilight galas continue with attendances quite varied but proving to be quite enjoyable.

We hosted the NSW Arm Bowlers State Singles Championships again February over two days this time being the venue for the gold division. Players from all over NSW who played here were most complimentary of our hospitality and our organisation. The meals provided by the Riverside Bistro were understandably a highlight for many. Special thanks must go out to our bowling fraternity – mostly made up of our friends from The Greys - who supplied the markers for the two day event.

I take this opportunity to thank Alf Smith for his efforts as our Games Organiser for the past year in overseeing all games, competitions and pennants along with his fellow selectors for completing that thankless task despite criticism from all directions.

In closing I wish to express the bowlers gratitude to our main club for General Manager, Jennie and her staff for the support of bowls throughout the year, And finally to all of our bowlers whose numbers are gradually growing for your efforts throughout the year.

Les Carter –President

It is with pleasure that I present this 2022/2023 Annual Report for the Amalgamated Hexham Bowling Club.

MAJOR SINGLES	WINNER	Michael Cummings
	RUNNER-UP	Dennis Shakespeare
MINOR SINGLES	WINNER	Leigh Povey
	RUNNER-UP	Andrew Crowe
PAIRS	WINNER	Leigh Povey, Ned (A) Allan
	RUNNER-UP	Lucas Cummings, Michael Cummings
TRIPLES	WINNER	Alan Mitchell, Andrew Crowe, Robert McKeand
	RUNNER-UP	Harry Lee, Les Carter, Alf Smith
FOURS	WINNER	Gavin Buckmaster, Bruce Gawn, Leigh Povey, Ronald King
	RUNNER-UP	Lyle Bassett, Peter Battley, Alf Smith, Harry Lee
CONSISTENCY	WINNER	Ned (A) Allan
	RUNNER-UP	Fred (L) Rimoni
MIXED PAIRS	WINNER	Ned (A) Allan, Paula Au
	RUNNER – UP	Dorothea Sheen. Les Carter

Winners of Shield games are as follows:

President Shield: Dorothea Sheen, Bruce Gawn, Fay Wells, Stan Wells

Ripley Shield: Paula Au, Dennis Randall, Bruce Gawn

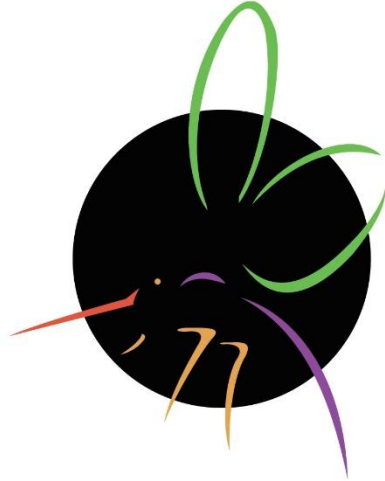
Neville Monk Shield: Bill Hesketh, Kay Monk, David Monk

Leach Shield: Joy Sansom/Anna Sansom, Gloria Irby, Peter Battley

Peterson Shield: Paula Au, Alf Smith, Harold McLean

Les Carter
President Bowls Committee

Notes



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