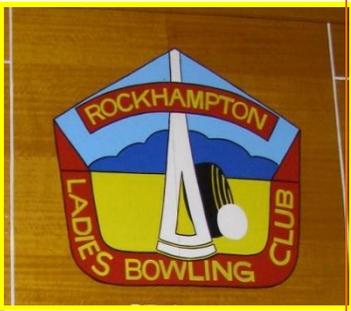


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Club News



Michelle Landry Working for the Community.



On behalf of the Management Committee
I wish all our members, fellow Clubs and our Sponsors
A great Christmas of Joy and Happiness.
And may 2018 be kind to all of us.



- Graphic Design
- Website Design
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Video Production
- Audio Production
- Social Media
- Media Buying & Planning

Another year has almost passed us by.

Message from the Chair as stated in the January newsletter.



The Chairman, Peter Tyler OAM thanked the many members the opportunity they gave Peter to lead the Management Committee in the year ahead. The Chairman stated that going forward the club is in a reasonably sound financial position due mainly to:

- The support given by members to our bowls events.
 - Having a Secretary who seems to be able to scrounge every dollar from grants opportunities, barefoot bowlers and functions.
 - The time and effort provided by our regular volunteers.
- Frugal spending of club funds by the Management Committee while at the same time achieving maintenance and repair obligations and enhancement of club amenities.

Moving forward, I think it is essential that the clubs finds an appropriate balance between the numbers of functions that we can accommodate at any one time, the number of volunteers available and other RBC bowls events that maybe happening at the same time. Functions and barefoot bowls events/BBQs are essential in maintaining our strong financial position. We need to get the balance right.

Over the last 12 months there has been some significant improvements to the club`s building and surrounds. For example:

- Downstairs is now air-conditioned, greatly improving member`s comfort.
- We now have two new aluminum/glass doors at the front and rear of the clubhouse.
- Signage has greatly improved thanks to John Chamberlain.
- Security has been upgraded with the addition of a coded keypad alarm.
- New dishwasher and fridge installed in the upstairs kitchen.
- New gardens at the front of the club.



Your Secretary has added other achievements made during this year. to mention a few are:

The Secretary, Bernie Gottke completed the complete history of the club in a 778 page document.

A partnership with the Rockhampton Regional Council to beautify the entrance to RBC. As part of the project the Council helped pay for the installation of lights along the fence.

Travelodge donating \$1,500.00 for in-house prize money.

The continuation of the sponsorship from the Capricornian as well as supporting the Jack Attack program

Adz-Power sponsoring the Web-site.

Hillcrest Hospital sponsorship.

Federal MP Michelle Landry for printing the newsletters.



The installation of the large TV and associated apparatus to present all information to our members.

The venture into the Jack Attack program of the shorter version of bowls. Followed up by the PBL competition. Resulting in RBC being named in the top two clubs in Australia. Actually coming second to the Victorian Torquay Club. A great achievement for Trent Shillington, Peter Thurecht and the Club`s Management. The successful staging of all the sponsored events, Presidents/Patroness/Patron/in-house events.

The replacement of the main switchboard including a much higher rated supply cable to the clubhouse.

The air-conditioning of upstairs.

A total of \$91,000.00 from grants to install a lift.

The continuation of the Ladies committee/management committee to raise money to pay for all improvements to the clubhouse facilities.

Jobs Queensland doing a lot of essential work in and around the clubhouse.

The refurbishment of the Green Keeper`s toilet and shower. Used on roll -up days.

Champion singles players, Ann Thomas and Clem Magee.



The Management Committee`s plan for 2018 and beyond includes the replacement of all chairs and tables. Refurbish the downstairs facilities to be more presentable. Move the upstairs bar to the northern end of the room and open the room up to cater for 150 people. Repair the back column of the clubhouse. This would be completed by the middle of 2019.

From 2019 the plan would include disabled toilets, bitumen the car park, Build a better back entrance, build an enclosed smoking area. To achieve these projects, a continuation of functions and fund raising activities would need to continue.

However this will be one of the first tasks the new committee will need to consider when they do their 5 year plan.

Chairman's Report.

November was another busy month for the regular volunteers of the club. I feel a little guilty having to ask the same few to assist again and again. However, most of our regular bowlers are not regular helpers. So to those who do support the club, a big thank you. If you are able to help and haven't done so for a while, please write your name on the board against the event you can assist with.

Painting of the entrance foyers into the downstairs ladies toilets has now been completed and it has really made it look bright and fresh. If someone could assist Peter Pidcock with painting out the remainder of this facility please talk to Peter Pidcock or me. All the paint and materials are available we just need some willing workers.

You will have noticed that contractors have been in and modified the 'grandstand' in preparation for the necessary excavation work to commence soon. The lift is still scheduled for installation in February 2018.

Ahead of the Club's Annual General Meeting I can advise that for personal reasons I will not be seeking re-election for 2018. When I took on the role as chairperson for 2017, I had some clear ideas about what I wanted to achieve and the direction in which I felt the club needed to go. I am happy with the overall performance of the club during 2017.

I recently wrote to every member to express my views on what our bowls program should be trying to achieve in 2018 and was overwhelmed by the 100% support for the views I was expressing. Over 40 responses were returned, with 50% of these providing written comments in support. I guess those few who didn't share my views chose not to respond.

Club members have clearly expressed support for the club to. In 2018:

1. Continue to maintain our current social bowls format for mixed bowls on Tuesday, Ladies day Wednesday and Men's Day on Thursday and mixed social bowls Saturday and Sunday.
2. Take steps to introduce and actively promote 'twilight' social bowls using the PBL format (approximately 1.5 Hours.) Twilight' social bowls are not aimed at existing members. Rather, we should be encouraging working people to come and play competitive social bowls after work. This will succeed if the effort is put in using radio and print media as well as a social media campaign through face-book.
3. Run at least two, eight week Jack Attack tournaments during the year. We have a perpetual shield donated by the Capricornian for these Jack Attack tournaments.

In addition, the club should consider again applying to host the Regional BPL Playoffs.

There is also to opportunity to host a twilight 1st grade Jack Attack completion with teams from other clubs being invited. Suggest they play for the fun of the game rather than having prize money attached. Teams from Diggers, North Rocky, Yeppoon and RBC played last year and indicated they would love to do it again in 2018.

There are lots of opportunities for the Bowls Program in 2018 and it will be squarely on the shoulders of the Men's and Ladies' Committee Management to seize these opportunities. I urge all members to get behind the Men's and Ladies' Bowls Committees and seek and encourage new bowling members to the club.

The Club's AGM is on the Sunday 10th December 2017 at 9am. ALL CLUB MEMBERS should attend this meeting to elect the team to guide the club's corporate responsibilities in the coming year. All positions will be declared vacant so here is your opportunity to show your support and give something back to the club. I'm sure you will benefit from and enjoy the experience, as I have over the last 12 month.

Happy Bowling, Peter Tyler OAM,CHAIRMAN



Men's President's Report – December 2017.



- The Mayoral Trophy tournament was a great success for the club. I thank all teams who competed and made a great day of bowls. The winning Team from Yeppoon, skipped by Tarz Davies with Shirl Kinnear, Greg Kinnear and Althea Vaughan was the only team to win their 3 games. Second placing went to an RBC team skipped by myself with Ann Thomas, Phil Robinson and Lorraine Delaney with 2 wins and a draw. The standard of bowls played throughout the day was of a high quality.

All competitions are coming to an end with the remaining finals to be played in the next 2 weeks. Jeff Slater has shown great patience with some players (me included) in having everything finished on time.

The club will be holding The Kington & Warwick-Day Trophy afternoon of bowls on Saturday 25th November 2017. We are fortunate that Gary Kington will be making the trip up from Bargara to compete in the competition. Thanks you Gary for making the trip.

Other events that are coming up:-

Men's AGM Sunday 26th November at 9.00am

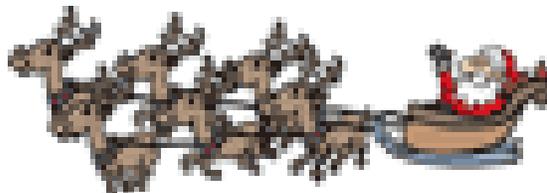
Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation on Friday evening 8th December 2017

Board AGM on Sunday 10th December 2017 at 9.00am

Lawrence Motors Sponsored afternoon on Saturday 16th December 2017

Great bowling everybody.

Tony Zonca



President's Report RLBC

It was with trepidation that I accepted this position as our outgoing President is so poised and knowledgeable. Everyone has been very gracious in assisting me whenever I required help which was often. As the year progressed I felt more confident especially as I came to know our members, not being a 'local' it has been difficult at times to understand the wants and needs of the club. Thank you to the members who guided me through what were sometimes very dangerous waters.

The new year started well with competition, club and social games being well attended. Fortunately, this trend continued throughout the year. It was most pleasing to see that our

members managed to attend nearly all competitions held by other clubs. It is most important that functions are supported. Thank you all.

All the functions that were held here by our club were a great success and this can only happen by the dedication of our members and in particular the committee members and the enthusiasm of our secretary, who has such a super imagination.

It has been a privilege to work with the management committee and all the splendid projects that they have generated.

I attended all committee, CQ and management meetings for the year all very interesting.

As the year draws to a close I find in retrospect that I have on the whole enjoyed my year as President of the RLBC. I cannot thank the hard-working ladies enough who really make the club a success.

My best wishes to the incoming committee for 2018.

A very happy festive season to all

Janet Stewart
President Rockhampton Ladies Bowls Club.



Secretary`s Message.

The club is on the threshold of becoming greater & greater. Over the past 5 years and especially over the past 2 years a great relationship has been born with community groups, Council and Government Organisations. The club`s facilities has greatly been improved to cater for another income stream in Weddings. Traditional Bowls has improved in numbers and now by the club adopting to cater for the shorter version of the game, club membership will increase as will the bottom line.

Because of my belief that clubs to be viable in the long term, must be strong in every aspect of a club and this includes all financial matters, Governance, plans for the future and a structure to keep improving at every level of the club.

With the loss of such positive people like the Chairman, Peter Tyler, Assistant Treasurer, Ann-Louise Tyler, Committee person, Brian Hegarty and possibly the Treasurer, Sae Heberlein, I consider I am not prepared to carry on as your Secretary. I no longer want to cope with the negative remarks murmured over many years of, you do nothing for the members, you are not allowed to have so many functions, you are not allowed to use upstairs for community functions, because we are a not for profit club you cannot save money but need to spend it on the members on social days. You should only consider Traditional Bowls and not the new version of Bowling. I realise that most members are complacent and do not want to get involved, but unless you do, a few people in this club who do not agree with the present direction, will drag the club back to a week by week survival. This I do not want to be a part of. Bernie Gottke, Secretary

Birthdays for December.

Best wishers from all of us at RBC.



Julie Lawrence 05, Merle Moore 09, Gordon Dobson 10, Nola Griffin, 12, Patricia McGovern 12, John Babic 13, Geoff Cranston 14, Alan Davidson 15, Alan Liddell 18, Ross Sanders 21, Les Wust 25, Nolene Evans 27, Laurel Chancellor 29, Coleen Hebbard 30.



Competition Results.

Mayoral Trophy Yeppoon, S Kinnear, G Kinnear, A Vaughan, T Davies

Kingston/Warwick-Day K Bussey, P Robinson, G Kingston.

District Triples. P Matthews (Sub W Pearson) R Black, C Magee def T Donaldson, P Robinson, T Zonca

T Shillington, P Thurecht, J Slater def M Tyler, P Tyler, R Wellings.

B Gottke, P McLennan, A Johnston def T Shillington, P Thurecht, J Slater.

Final, B Gottke, P McLennan, A Johnston def W Pearson, R Black, C Magee.

Champion Pairs Final Len Reddy, Les Fulwood def T Shillington, P Thurecht

Champion Triples, J Hope (sub J Norris) N Roberts, R Elliott def T Shillington, P Thurecht, J Slater.

T Donaldson, P Robinson, T Zonca def J Hope, N Roberts, R Elliott

Champion Fours. R Sanders, M Buckton, N Diplock, E Gregson def W Pearson (sub R Boadle) T Donaldson, P Robinson, T Zonca.

Champion Fours Final. R Sanders, M Buckton, N Diplock, E Gregson def J Hope, J Bolt, N Roberts, R Elliott

Mixed Pairs, B Johnston, T Zonca def L Delaney, C Magee

Final B Johnston, T Zonca def L Delaney, C Magee.



Mixed Fours,

K Davidson, Len Reddy, M Reddy, L Fulwood def J Burke, C Magee, E Cartwright, E Gregson.

More news. Clem Magee has come up with a proposal to change the structure for the Men`s Competition. This proposal is based on what the Yeppoon Club do. It has some very good features that work well for Yeppoon. Only down side is the possibility that a bowler maybe required to play a few games in a row. Due to the age and physical condition of some bowlers, they may struggle to do this.

Some of the good points are:-

- You do not need to nominate to play in all competitions at the start of the year.
- New bowlers joining the club during the year can nominate for whatever games are left to play.
- You only have to nominate a few weeks before the various games are played.

No doubt that will be some teething problems but common sense will prevail.

To finally stop the gutters from overflowing between the clubhouse and the roof over the green, a much larger gutter and downpipes is being installed.

To stop a back flow from the drainage pipes to inside the bowls room, the drainage pipes have been cleaned out and in one case will be redirected.

We are getting a good response from our members for our Christmas Party this year. Looking forward to having upstairs air conditioned for this event.

Your Management Committee has arranged to purchase a portable PA System from Stage & Audio to enable the club to have a reliable P A System. The existing system will also be upgraded. Previous purchases from a cheaper source resulted in problems and no back up service. At least with Stage & Audio we will get more reliable equipment and a good back up service.

I thank all my committee colleagues over the many years I have been your Secretary. I consider these committees have achieved a tremendous amount of improvements, a great finance & governance system. We now have a reputation of looking after community groups that continue to support us each year. Early plans to have \$200,000.00 over 15 years in the green account, now stands at \$85,000.00 in just 4 years, thanks to all the volunteers that made all these achievements possible. Bernie Gottke, Secretary

