

NEWS IN & AROUND THE CLUB.



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Formed in 1933

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Looking for a place for a Work or Social Club Function, Birthday Party, Anniversary, Wedding, Seminar or any other celebration, look no further than the Rockhampton Bowls Club. Fully air conditioned & in the CBD area on the River Bank. (RBC Green at night)

We specialize in Barefoot Bowls, Jack Attack and BBQs.

We are noted for great service in a friendly atmosphere.



To all our Members, Sponsors, Fellow Clubs & Associations and the many Businesses and Family Groups that support our Club, A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



The Rockhampton Bowls Club under the guidance of the Management Committee has continued to go from strength to strength. The Club has built up such a great name that it has become very difficult to cater for all the requests for functions. In the period of 1/11/18 to 30/10/19 we have catered for 94 groups either having BBQs, bowls or just parties. In addition to this was 6 nights of Jack Attack. In this same period we could not fit in around 30 groups wanting to play bowls & enjoy our BBQs. Many thanks for all the volunteers to make this possible. Also a special thank you to the Functions Manager, Marion Dobbs and more recently the Volunteer Manager Beverley Johnston.

Besides functions the Management Committee has upgraded our much used BBQ to be very modern and up to Council Regulations. Looking to be involved with seminars in the future for training, a fixed projector & screen has been installed as well as having a portable projector & screen. Plans are also well under way to install a new bar & associated cold room upstairs. This should be completed by April 2020. An agreement has been reached for a wedding planner to have around 9 weddings at the club each year. In addition to the above all lights over the green have now been replaced with the most modern LED flood lights. Another successful year.

The Management Committee has also continued to keep our drink prices low. The extra cost of drinks (because of the 10 cents per container) was not passed onto the members. This extra cost was recouped when the containers were returned for a refund. A few free breakfasts/bowling days continued for our members. Membership fees again this year and

for future years will remain just above the affiliation fees. Most money from functions is spent on improving our facilities for our members

The Bowling Sections of the club have also been very busy this year. Under the guidance of the Lady President, Mirriam Black and the Men's President Jeff Slater, social bowls, competitions, special events and functions like card games & etc have been well attended & well run. Congratulations to the volunteers involved in this success story.



Peter Lawton & Jeff Slater replacing the old expensive lights to operate with the modern LED flood lights. All lights over the green have now been replaced. This will result in lower maintenance and electricity costs. Also thanks to the volunteers, Jim Handley, Ross Sanders and others who helped. \$1.50 per hour total cost to use.



Winners of the Mayoral Trophy were Sue Lane, Alan Liddell, Andy Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Rockhampton Regional Council Deputy Mayor, Cherrie Rutherford and the Men's President Jeff Slater.





Mayoral Trophy Runner-ups were Ross Sanders, Lorraine Delaney, Errol Gregson, Marion Dobbs, Rockhampton Regional Council's Deputy Mayor, Cherrie Rutherford and the Men's President Jeff Slater.



The Ladies Bowls Section held their end of the year function at the club as an informal get together to celebrate the year and to present the trophies to the winners of the year's competition.

Also to celebrate Eileen's last year as Secretary of the former Ladies Club and more recently the Secretary of the Ladies' Bowls Section of the club. Eileen Cavanagh has been one of the greatest Secretaries any club could only wish for.

It is rumored that next year that we will also celebrate the competition winners, men & ladies at the Clubs Christmas Party and Presentation of trophies night.



For the 3rd year we have given our upstairs facility to Anglicare to use free of charge for them to give their disadvantaged people a Christmas Dinner along with Christmas Gifts.

This policy was adopted some years ago for the Rockhampton Bowls Club to give something back to the Community.

In line with this policy we also gave the upstairs facility to Lions for them to do a fund raiser for cancer on Melbourne Cup Day. It was reported to be very successful for cancer funds.



Another very successful free breakfast and a free game of bowls in the Jack Attack form called the battle of the sexes were held at the club.

Peter Craig cooked the sausages and bacon, Chairman Peter Tyler cooked the poached eggs and Bernie Gottke cooked the scrambled eggs.



Besides hot food cereals, fruit and juices was nicely presented by Ann Thomas, Ann-Louise Tyler, Val Hegarty, Cheryl Haack & Moyna Richardson.





Jim Douglas and his brothers donated the first BBQ facility in 1988 to the club. His son on the left attended the breakfast to witness transforming the old BBQ facility into this modern BBQ facility. Chairman, Peter Tyler (middle photo) officially opened the new BBQ facility. Patron, Grant Cassidy congratulated the club on their progress of improvements.

After the Breakfast a game of bowls in the Jack Attack form was played between the men and lady members of the club. This game will be played each year for a trophy in the form of a rolling pin. On this occasion the men won by a sizable margin.



Deputy Chairlady, Bev Johnston presenting the trophy to Andy Johnson for winning the first competition between the men and the lady members of the club. About 55 members attended the breakfast. 2020 should see more internal functions held for all those members that do not play on mixed days to get to know each other. The Chairman, Peter Tyler & his Deputy Bev Johnston are encouraging members to mix more by volunteering for functions. Without doubt you meet a lot of nice people at these functions.

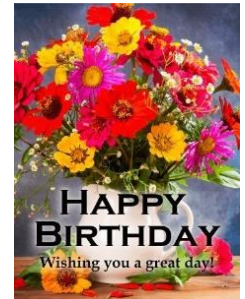


Birth stones for December are: - Zircon, Turquoise, Tanzanite & your flower are Narcissus.



Kathleen Garle 01, Julie Lawrence 05, Gordon Dobson 10, Cam Schroder 10, Nola Griffin 12, Pat McGovern 12, John Babic 13, Geoff Cranston 14, Alan Liddell 18, Ross Sanders 21, Barbara Friesacher 23, Les Wust 25, Denise Watt 27

Happy Birthday & Best wishers from all of us at RBC



The Club's Christmas Party will take place on December 13th. Always a great night. Music by Nick Jones, great dinner by Barrie Gregson. Presentation of trophies to the competition winners.

\$25.00 per person.

See you there.



The Club's AGM will take place on December 15th. at 10am. A light lunch will be served to the members attending. Highlight of the AGM will be the presentation of the Club's Financial Affairs, the election of the Management Committee and the Ladies & Men's Presidents.

Ladies Competition Results- June Shelton

Results Comp 30th October.



**HILLCREST ROCKHAMPTON
PRIVATE HOSPITAL**

Two Bowl Triples Final

R Rumpf, P McGovern, K Borg. Defeated J Shelton, H Everett, M Dobbs

Hillcrest Friendship Day 6th November.

Winners Were

People caring for people & the environment



1st M Black, L O'Dea, Ann-Louise Tyler, D Simpson.

2nd L Delaney, P Mc Govern.

3rd B Johnston, J Stewart, E Hughes, B Armitage.

4th M Dobbs, P Hedges, G Diplock, M Hunt

Results Comp. 13th November

Consistency Final

M Dobbs Defeated B Friesacher

Three Bowl Pairs Final

G Wust M Dobbs Defeated J Shelton, P Mc Govern.

Sub for G Wust was E Ward

All Comp. Games are completed for 2019

Men`s Competition Results- Clem Magee.

R Rumpf, G Hudson, B Johnston, C Magee def.

J Liddell, A Liddell, H Johnston, and A Johnson.

Final.

R Rumpf, G Hudson, B Johnston, C Magee def.

B Armitage, R Burton, B McLean, K Borg

District Finals Triples won by, Clem Magee, Graham Hudson and Rodney Black. Congratulation for winning three in a row.



Chairman`s Report, Peter Tyler OAM

Once again Bernie has stolen my thunder by already covering many of the topics I intended to address in this month`s report. I guess it just makes my task a little easier (and shorter).

The ladies presentation afternoon went well. Congratulations to all winners and runners up. It will be great if in 2020 the men`s and ladies award presentations could be held together at our annual Christmas party. However, I would suggest the club arrange transport to and from the event for any ladies or men for that matter, that can`t drive at night. No member should miss out on such a great night.



A challenge for the incoming committee in 2020 is to examine options to enable the Men's Section and the Ladies Section to come closer operationally. A significant benefit may be maybe achievable in reducing the overall numbers of volunteers required to support a more cohesive combined Ladies and Men's Section. Just food for thought.

Consistent with our Five Year Plan and the committee's aims of continuous and affordable improvement, the project to fully light the green with lower cost, more effective LED lights over the green, has been completed. Jeff Slater and his well-oiled team of helpers Peter Lawton, Ross Sanders, Jim Handley, Ross Wellings and myself, had the job completed in less time than anticipated. Well done boys.

The AGM approaches. If you believe you have good leadership abilities, basic computer skills and are passionate about our club, please consider taking on a position on the Management Committee. All positions are up for election. Give it a go. If not, please get behind and support those who do.

The functions team are run off their feet at the moment and many of those making bookings are returning for their second or even third time. It shows that the effort we put in to making each event 'special' is paying dividends with quality food that is well presented and providing helpful and courteous bar staff and bowls supervisors.

This is my last Chairman's report in this Newsletter as I am stepping down as Chairman after three years in the role. A big thank you to Bernie Gottke for putting the Newsletter together each month. Also thank you to those who have contributed reports or articles and to our local Federal Member Michelle Landry MP for printed this colour newsletter each month. This Newsletter is a great way to keep our members informed of club activities.

I hope all members and their families have a happy and safe Christmas I look forward to catching up with you all in 2020,

Peter Tyler OAM
Chairman
Rockhampton Bowls Club





Vice Chair's Report. Beverley Johnston.

This year seems to be whirling by and so it is difficult to keep abreast of exactly where in time I am and what still needs to be done before we all wind down for Christmas.

The end of year at the Club has brought with it an avalanche of functions, mainly because our reputation has been enhanced by the hard work of our willing volunteers. It is not difficult to imagine that unless we can encourage more people to volunteer and learn how functions are run, and what work is required to run them successfully and profitably, we will not be able to continue at such a pace.

Today, I attended a training short course, conducted by M/s Donna White, a technology expert from the Rockhampton Regional Library. The purpose of the course was to give attendees an insight into how novice computer users can be informed on how computers and the Internet works, technological terminology and further instruction on broadening knowledge for citizens but particularly older citizens.

It is worth noting that at the Rockhampton Regional Library, conducts free computer courses for those wanting to learn about the language of computer use and practical use of computers. The courses are generally six week courses of a couple of hours each week and are invaluable for seniors trying to negotiate the techno world. Give some thought to making enquiries about doing one of these courses which will recommence about the end of January, 2020. You are never too old to gain this knowledge and the information gained will help you deal with the on-line world.

Could you please also consider whether you can help in any way such as supervising bare foot bowlers, cooking BBQ's, making salads and nibbles and helping in the bar. Many hands make lighter work.

I cannot go past saying how impressive the new, over the green lights are and thank those members who helped put them up. They enhance the lighting and will in the long term save the Club money on reduced power bills.

We are rapidly approaching the end of year meetings and so I hope everyone is thinking about what they may be able to do to keep our Club functioning and fun. Perhaps considering taking on a position on one of the three Committees, being the Management Committee, or either the Lady's or Men's Bowls Committee. If you feel you have skills or an interest that could be of value to your Club, please let others know.

I am looking forward to having most of my family in my neck of the woods for Christmas and I imagine I am no different to most people in looking forward to a family Christmas.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and good and satisfying bowling in 2020.

Bev. Johnston,
Vice Chairman,
Rockhampton Bowls Club.

Rockhampton Bowls Club was only too happy to again donate our upstairs auditorium and kitchen to Anglicare for their Annual Christmas lunch. This is a great organisation doing wonderful things for those less fortunate members of the community. After a few ends of bowls the guests were treated to a fantastic lunch prepared by Anglicare staff.

