

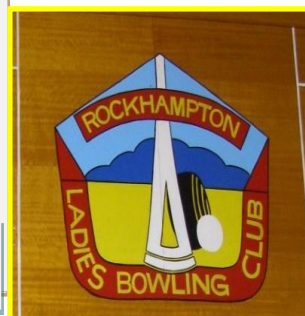
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## **Chairman`s Report. Bev Johnston**

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**Contract signed.**

**Work to start upstairs.**

**Bar cold room & storage room.**

How is it that holidays always seem to fly by, while the more routine times seem to take longer? As some may know, I spent a few weeks away visiting my family, first in Mackay and then in Brisbane, where, of course, we experienced the snap 'three day lockdown'. I have to say, from what I observed, Brisbane residents took this very seriously and because I had been there during the lockdown, I had to wear a mask for fourteen days, in the same instances, as if still in Brisbane, even after returning home.

### **Abide by the Law, Sign in and out.**

Of course, as with all Clubs, the absence of the Chairman does not mean that the Committee's work stops. Our Secretary in particular has been busy ensuring that the Club is complying with new sign-in rules as well as a myriad of forms, letters etc. If you need help because you do not know how to sign in with your phone, please see a Member of the Committee. Signing in using the QR code and an iPhone is so easy and if you don't know how to do this the Committee will help. We really need a Member with on-line knowledge to manage our Website and Facebook. If this is you, please let me know.

Preparations for the coming year, are underway and already some men's and mixed games have been held and Jeff Slater has continued with the draw for those competitions, uncompleted in 2020. Forced me to get myself down to the green for a roll up and then a game of mixed pairs. Our Ladies will commence play in early February, after determining Members playing positions and draws for Club games and competition planning.

Players are reminded to enter their names in the absentee books if they know they will not be available to play as well as letting organisers know if they

cannot play on regular play days. Those who are good enough to organise these days have a difficult task and as players we must give them plenty of notice if we cannot play. After all, they have the responsibility of organising and selecting up to fifty people while we as players only have ourselves to organise. Imagine having the draw completed and a few people do not turn up.

### **Remember the Club`s CODE of CONDUCT.**

On a serious note I would like to remind Members that it is the responsibility of all of us to help make bowling pleasurable for everyone. We should curb abusive behaviour in all it's forms and also avoid certain types of gamesmanship which may spoil the game for others. We could all remember that because of our average age, many of us suffer from various physical disabilities not always clearly evident and so we need to be considerate of others. This doesn't mean you should not be competitive. Quite the opposite. We all like to play our best and possibly win. Just let us do it, so we enjoy it and remain friends.

### **Building Report Page 6**

Our Central District Organisations have met and the RBC Management Committee will meet on 27 January, 2021. There will be a number of issues to be discussed. The Building Sub-Committee has been very busy over the break and your Committee has appointed a builder to do the preparatory work for the new bar and a Builder's contract has been signed. The new cold room has been ordered and cabinetmakers have been to the Club to measure up and provide quotes. The work should commence as soon as Council approval has been given.

Of concern to your Committee is the Mercure project next door to us which has struck unexpected issues. A representative of the owners has apologised for the delays to the work and we are following the progress or lack thereof with some concern. They also are awaiting Building Approval from the Council. What has to be done has been determined but it is now a much bigger job than first planned.

### **Volunteers are the Life Blood of all Clubs.**

From a fund raising point of view there are some positive signs for our functions, with several enquiries already and the good news, is, that Marion has decided to once more do the Function Manager job. Marion will not work at functions this year, though, and that will require a special effort from others to make up for Marion's absence. I am continuing with the Volunteer Manager job. Our usual Volunteers have proven to be reliable and of such value in our quest to raise funds for our Club. If you can help, please let us know. The more helpers the less times we each need to work.

### **Jack Attack has become vital to our Club**

On the positive side, we have had some interest from a potential Jack Attack Organiser. Jack Attack is a valuable connection between the non-bowling younger demographic and our usual bowlers who are older and from a different era. To keep our game relevant and enduring we need to attract those younger members of the public and they want a more light hearted fast moving version

of bowls. We need someone who is enthusiastic, encouraging and good fun. Perhaps we have found this person, let's hope so. There is plenty of help to get started and volunteers do the work each Friday night for 6 - 8 weeks.

Finally it is just great to see a full green on play days. Makes the work of our Organisers so much more pleasurable if they see keen bowlers enjoying themselves. If you're a new bowler and you would like to play in competitions but do not know how these things work or you think you are not 'good enough', talk to our more experienced players, selectors and games director. I am sure our Bowls Committees will help with advice throughout the year about how to join in competitions. There will be plenty of encouragement and advice. Good bowling everyone! Bev. Johnston, Chairman.

### **Joan Wilson, President's Report**

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING FRIENDLY FACES, AND HEARING WHAT TALES THERE ARE BEING TOLD ABOUT THINGS THEY DID OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK. WE ARE STARTING OUR FIRST DAY BACK, ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY. WHICH IS LIFE MEMBERS SPECIAL DAY. THEY HAVE TROPHIES AND LOTS OF FUN, SO I WILL TELL YOU NEXT TIME HOW GOOD THE DAY WENT. WE ARE DOING OUR GRADING AND GAMES, THE LAST WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY. WE LOST A FEW MEMBERS, BUT WE ALSO GAINED A COUPLE TOO, AND ONE OLD MEMBER RETURNED (NOT AGE WISE). CQDLBA HAVE CHANGED THEIR MEETING DAYS TO EVERY SECOND MONTH NOW, ALSO BQ HAVE MOVED SOME OF THEIR DATES UP THEIR CALENDAR, SO PLEASE LOOK IF YOU ONE AND CHECK. WE ARE HOPING THAT THE WEATHER WILL BE KIND TO US, AND WE CAN ENJOY OUR WEDNESDAY'S. NOT MUCH NEWS SO HERE IS A JOKE TO PUT A SMILE ON OUR FACES TO START THE YEAR, CAN MY DOG STAY? A MAN WROTE A LETTER TO A SMALL HOTEL IN A TOWN HE PLANNED TO VISIT ON HIS HOLIDAY. HE WROTE, "I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BRING MY DOG WITH ME. HE IS WELL GROOMED AND VERY WELL BEHAVED. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PERMIT ME TO KEEP HIM IN MY ROOM WITH ME AT NIGHT. AN IMMEDIATE REPLY CAME FROM THE HOTEL OWNER WHO WROTE. SIR, I'VE BEEN OPERATING THIS HOTEL FOR MANY YEARS IN ALL THAT TIME I'VE NEVER HAD A DOG STEAL TOWELS, BED CLOTHES, SILVERWARE OR PICTURES OFF THE WALLS. I'VE NEVER HAD TO EVICT A DOG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT FOR BEING DRUNK AND DISORDERLY. AND I'VE NEVER HAD A DOG RUN OUT ON A HOTEL BILL. YES YOUR DOG IS WELCOME. AND IF YOUR DOG WILL VOUCH FOR YOU, YOUR, ARE WELCOME TO STAY HERE TOO. SMILE-----WELCOME BACK, PRES./SEC. JOAN

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## Ladies Bowls Sub-committee:-

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Committee, Del Moger, Pat McGovern, Val Hegarty, Ann Thomas, Kay Borg, Val King.

Card Convenor, Kay Borg



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### Jeff Slater, President's report.



I have been asked by some members of Kev Weavers health. I can tell you his health is very good as his son Rob dropped him off at the club on Saturday afternoon and he stayed all until after the social players finished and had a beer with them. His main problem is his artificial leg. When the doctors get it fixed, he will be back at bowls. He will be 98 in July.

The first interclub competition is the Live Life Shield. Rockhampton Bowls verses Gracemere at Rockhampton. This will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1.00pm. All the 2020 competition has been completed. I will organise an afternoon to present the trophies for the champion pairs, B singles and mixed pairs. Jeff Slater Rockhampton Bowls Club Mens President.



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## Bob McGowan`s Building Sub-Committee Report

We have at last sign off on the building contract as seen in the accompanying photo of President Bev signing.

It is expected that now the plans have been submitted and the Rockhampton Regional Council have been informed of the proposed changes to the upstairs auditorium, renovations should be started in the next three weeks.

We have had four cabinet makers come and view the site and they will submit their quotes within the next few weeks.

All being well we hope that the entire project will be completed by the end of March. We fully realise that the best laid plans can come unstuck, however we can only pass onto you the information we have been given.

Whilst this will be an inconvenience for a short time we are sure that the end product will enhance the Club and the upgrade will entice more community

There are a number of items that have become obsolete in the old bar area, so any members wishing to pay reasonable price are welcome to have a look through and make an offer.

Our regular handyman Ross Sanders is currently incapacitated, so any help doing odd jobs as they arise would be much appreciated. We wish Ross a speedy recovery.

**This Project received support from the Rockhampton Regional Council Community Assistance Program and the Queensland State Government Grants Program**



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### **Bowling Days and Other Activities.**

The bowling week starts off with Roll-ups on a Monday morning. Tuesday afternoon is a mixed game of bowls, two games of 10 ends playing a different team each time on a different rink. This day is very popular with dedicated teams playing, however most times you will get a game because of absentees.

Wednesday is Ladies Day, put your name down or ring 0749221685, press 3 and leave your name and contact number. The Selectors will put you in a team.



Thursday afternoon is Men`s Day, put your name down or ring 0749221685, press 2 and leave your name and contact number. There are some dedicated teams but you will get a game.

Friday afternoon is roll-ups. If you are a member, you can ask for a key and roll-up most mornings. Roll-ups are free to all members of RBC.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons are mixed bowls and great social afternoons.

### Special Event,

Gracemere v Rockhampton February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Card Games

The Club`s Card Games start on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Run by Kay Borg, they are very well attended. BBQs, Parties, Bare foot bowling, seminars, workshops, ring 0749221685, press 1, leave your name and contact details. Function Manager, Marion Dobbs will get back to you.

**Jack Attack will start in February**, date to be announced.

Jack Attack has become a welcomed additional income stream to many Clubs across Australia.

Jack Attack is a quick version of bowling welcomed by the younger generation, families and those members of the community, young and old that just want to have some fun while socializing with other people.



## Nature is so wonderful.

Kiwi said, Looking at beauty in the world is the first step of purifying the mind.

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## Amethyst, Birthstone for February

If you were born in February, your birthstone is amethyst – the purple variety of quartz that has captivated mankind for millennia. Its lilac to deep purple hues can be cut into many shapes and sizes, and it can be manufactured in a lab as well as mined. Amethyst, the February birthstone, can be found in the collections of royal families throughout Europe and Asia. Now it's within reach of most consumers. Consider buying a stunning amethyst for the king or queen of your heart – or treat yourself to a royal present. If your birthday is in February, then wearing an amethyst can also be a symbol of personal empowerment and inner strength.

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## February: violet and primrose

The February birth flowers are violet and primrose. Because February is always associated with **Valentine's Day** it always surprises people when they find out that roses aren't actually the official birth flower of the month. But, when you consider the February birthstone is amethyst, you can see why violets are the birth month flower.

Those February babies just seem to love purple tones!

The vivid violets have actually been around for centuries! And were cultivated by Ancient Greeks who used them for medicinal purposes and to make wine taste that little bit extra sweet. But, one of our favourite facts about violets are that because of their instantly-recognisable heart-shaped petals, they were used in love potions!



Nowadays, violets symbolise faithfulness, humility and spiritual wisdom. And primroses symbolise confidence and youth. So those born in February are said to be honest, humble, wise and innocent, making them pretty good people to be around.

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**With Carol-Ann Wellings**

## *Carol-Ann's* *Pear Crumble Cake*



### Cake mixture

- 125g butter
  - ½ cup brown sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 tsp vanilla
  - 2 cups SR flour
  - 1 tsp spice
  - ½ cup sour cream
  - ¼ cup milk
1. Beat the butter & brown sugar
  2. Add eggs & vanilla
  3. Add flour, spice, sour cream & milk
  4. Mix all with a wooden spoon.

### Pears

- 3 large ripe pears

### 1. Cut and dice

### Walnut Crumble

- ½ cup plain flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup coconut
- 1/3 cup walnuts
- 90g butter

1. Rub butter in to other ingredients to form crumbs.

- ✚ Set the oven @ 160°

- ✚ Pour half the cake batter into a lined spring tin

- ✚ Top with sliced pears then ½ crumble

- ✚ Pour remaining cake batter on top

- ✚ Then layer rest of crumble

- ✚ Bake for 1hr & 20 mins

- ✚ Cool in tin

Don't stay at home because it is an effort to get down steps and miss out on the comradeship that you get from coming to bowls to play or just enjoy a cup of tea, contact John Larsen for a chairlift. [larsensdoors@gmail.com](mailto:larsensdoors@gmail.com)

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# Pfizer vaccine approved for use in Australia

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has provisionally approved the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in Australia.

The Pfizer vaccine has met strict standards for safety, quality and efficacy.

The TGA provisional approval is for individuals 16 years of age and older. Two doses will be required – at least 21 days apart.

A priority group of Australians are expected to now receive their first dose of the vaccine as soon as it can be received from Pfizer and the necessary checks are undertaken by the TGA, prior to its distribution.

The latest advice given to the Government from Pfizer is that shipping and the first vaccinations are expected to be in late February.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the TGA approval was an important step in the fight against COVID-19.

“Australians should take confidence in the thorough and careful approach taken by our world-class safety regulator.

“Our priority has always been to keep Australians safe and protect lives and livelihoods. Today’s approval is another big step forward for our community, particularly in the protection of our most vulnerable people.”

In Australia the vaccine will be rolled out in phases over the coming months. Phase 1 includes frontline healthcare workers and adults over 70. Phase 2 includes adults 50 to 69 years of age and other healthcare workers.

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