

Board of Directors Update

March 2021



Members,

Celebrations for our 100-year Anniversary will commence shortly with many events planned for the next three months. There will be a major celebration dinner in May, a magazine giving us a snapshot of our long and varied history and many personal reflections and stories are to be released over several mediums.

After much deliberation we are back open on Mondays. We were closed as we recovered from the impacts of the COVID restrictions. The key criteria for re-opening was to provide services to our members and the community every day.

Our Club is sitting very high in the bowling world after winning our second national Bowls Premier League (Bowls made-for-television, showpiece event) in February. Our own Chloe Stewart was a star under the guidance of coach Wayne Turley. We were very pleased that Aaron Teys and Corey Wedlock chose to play for the Tweed Heads Ospreys. It is the nature of this prestigious event that top bowlers join teams from all over Australia, often outside their own club. Kirra Bourke also performed well in representing the Brisbane Pirates. It is fantastic that our club is so well represented on the national stage. We now look forward to the next BPL at Pine Rivers in April.

There have been many rumours about THBC purchasing a local Motel and I can confirm that this is true, however the contract of sale is still not unconditional. We were previously unable to announce this investment due to commercial in-confidence negotiations, however we recognise the Tweed community is relatively small, hence the rumours. The rationale for the purchase is the need to maximise members' investments. The very low bank interest rates mean that our cash investments are no longer keeping up with inflation and we expect to see much growth in this enterprise. Such practices are becoming more common amongst cash ready clubs. We are still completing our due diligence process but expect to finalise arrangements very soon.

Our finances are quickly recovering from the COVID restrictions and we are meeting revised budget forecasts, to the extent we are no longer receiving JOBKEEPER payments. Our Bistro 16 offer is performing quite well with members and guests enjoying the range and quality of our food. Our customer service is second to none and we acknowledge the efforts of all our staff currently and during the most recent uncertain times. I can recommend the Lobster special, as 350 customers during January can attest to.

A big recognition for our hard-working maintenance team quietly toiling away behind the scenes. The ground floor toilets have recently been upgraded and the Level One toilets are next on the list. The outdoor wheelchair lift is now operational after significant compliance work. The boom gates for the rear carpark are nearing completion and you will be informed when they are operational. Quotes for installing the rear reception lift have been received and work is expected to be completed later this year. This lift will connect the rear reception to all levels of the club. Our two "chillers" that manage the clubs air conditioning have settled down after major repairs and are currently running at 100% capacity and efficiency.

As previously advised, we will be re-branding to Club Tweed. This project was put on hold due to covid related uncertainty plus we have decided to re-brand after we have celebrated our 100-year anniversary in May this year. It is anticipated that the completion of the re-brand will be around September/October and we will be sure to keep members updated.



Unfortunately, we expect the NSW COVID restrictions to remain in place for some time, albeit a gradual easing as the community demonstrates good compliance. Thank you for your patience as we continue to comply with the NSW Public Health Order and thanks also to our staff for keeping us safe and the club open.

Leigh Tynan

Chairman

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Tweed Heads Bowls Club Ltd