



# FERNTREE GULLY BOWLING CLUB INC.

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## CEO REPORT 2019/2020

The past year has been a big challenge for the board especially the last few months with the Covid 19 pandemic which whilst it has had an effect on this year's financial result we can expect a dramatic impact in our next financial year.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of my fellow board members who have all put in a significant amount of time and effort in an endeavour to improve our position.

We have also embarked and are working on a strategic plan to carry the club forward for the next 5 years. Once the plan is finalised details will be available.

Thanks to Doug, Neva, Cassie and the staff for their efforts to service our members and guests of the club, without their dedication the club would cease to function.

I also thank the bowling committee for their efforts during the year.

I do remind members that the various committees are essential for the club to progress and I would encourage people to think about what you can do for the club to keep the committees fresh rather than leaving the tasks to the same people year in year out.

Unfortunately, our sporting achievements this year were not as successful as we would have hoped, due to lack of numbers for Saturday pennant the selectors were forced to drop a side and we could only field 4 sides in lieu of 5.

The board has approved and purchased some new equipment in the kitchen this year as things were worn out and needed replacing. We envisage the new equipment will negate the need for further expenditure in the kitchen for the foreseeable future. We also thank Phil and his staff for providing an excellent menu at reasonable prices and urge all members to avail themselves of our bistro when we return from the current lockdown.

Thanks also to the social club members, who are doing a good job on Friday nights, money from the meat raffles went toward the new viewing deck and is currently allocating funds for the new furniture in Snake Gully.

Jack Attack has again been successful this year, we have run 2 programmes and we have already gained several social members and pennant players from this event. Unfortunately, our February programme was cut short by one week but we are hopeful of completing this when we return.

Thanks go to Cassie and Doug for their efforts in organising this event which was a huge success. Thanks to all those members who helped on each night. We propose to run future events as soon as we are able to.

Our barefoot bowls has escalated this year and Garth McAuley and Warren Spence are doing a great job co-ordinating this activity. We need to continue to promote these types of events as hopefully it will lead into more membership for the club.

With the addition of the lights for the greens this opens up more opportunities to offer bowls to another group of people ie: those that work during the day or on weekends. The committee must be mindful of opportunities and organise suitable events that will bring more people into our club.

We have been given the lights at no cost so we must utilise them to our advantage.

Thanks also to the "Monday Boys" for their contribution to the maintenance of the greens and surrounds under the leadership of John Sartori. Volunteers to do this work are an essential part of our club culture.

We must continue to strive to increase our membership, the poker machine area continues to enhance our revenue and is an important part of the club`s future. However, in line with all venues in Knox and other municipalities revenue from gaming is in the decline. In regard to activities within the bowling area we need more people to become active to ensure all committee positions are filled and volunteers are available to assist with Jack Attack and Barefoot bowls. Should anyone be in a position to help with this work or be part of the barefoot bowls team please come forward.

I assume by the time the annual report is published we will still be in lockdown so please stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all when the club reopens.

#### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AS AT 31/3/20

Full	105
Special	9
Life	11
Social 1	70
Social 2	36
Total	231

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CEO