

# Toucher



**June/July**

**Coolangatta Bowls & Recreation Club Inc**

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## Chairman's Report

As many will be aware, I have announced that I will not stand for a Board position at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, subsequently this will be one of my last contributions to Toucher.

I have been fortunate to have held a number of positions on the Board over the past 6 years with the last 4 as your chairperson. It has been my great honour to represent you over those last 6 years and I sincerely hope that on reflection I might have been a good servant of the club and its membership over that time.

Due to the onset of COVID 19 the past few years have been somewhat tumultuous for our club, as indeed the broader community. During the early stage of the COVID shutdown, rumors circulated that our club might not re-emerge in an operational position. However, to those doubters' great surprise, we re-emerged well and now find ourselves in a strong financial position. The past 2 years alone have seen record trading and a continuation of this will hold us in good stead well into the future.

The hard work undertaken by your club management team and respective club Boards is a credit to our small club and as members you are now the beneficiaries. Critical advancements such as the engagement of permanent greenkeeping staff as well as completion of an expansive important capital works program could not have occurred without the viable financial means to do so.

Well in excess of \$225,000 has been expended undertaking improvements in and around the club on your behalf over the past 2 years alone. These improvements have been undertaken to ensure a more enjoyable playing and club experience for members and visitors alike. Further improvements can, and will, only occur with ongoing member financial support and the equally important support of the future Board and Bowls Committees.

I would like to personally thank all club members and our entire club staff who have supported me over the past 6 years. I have made some dear friends through the process and am hoping, lower back ailment permitting, to spend more time out on the greens once my club commitments have abated.

I would also like to make special mention of a number of special people whom have risen well above their positions to support myself and the club over the past years.

Firstly, Miriam Jackson who has been my deputy and advisor on all bowls related matters. In my own opinion the position of Bowls Operations and Greens Director is unquestionably the most challenging position on the Board. Miriam along with husband Tony, seldom get the credit for the amount of work they undertake on behalf of members and our club. On behalf of all members, I offer a sincere thank you to you both.

Secondly, a big thank you to our Treasurer Charles Rottier whom has brought a real sense of professionalism to the financial management of our club. Without Charles sage advice and support over the past 2 years many of the projects that we have undertaken may still have only been in planning.

Furthermore, many thanks to our General Manager Tracey Evans, whom has fulfilled the Club Secretary role over the past 6 years. Tracey undertakes a large amount of unseen and undervalued work and has been instrumental to a number of the improvements made within our club. Thank you, Tracey, along with your management team and all of our wonderful staff.

The Club will soon be holding AGM's for all sections in August/September and I encourage all members new or old to consider standing for positions.

Finally, to all other Board members, Committee persons, volunteers and all others involved in any operational activity here at the club, I thank you for your personal sacrifice and work over the past years and hope that you might continue these roles into the future.

Kind regards

**John Rossiter**

## **Bowls Operations & Greens Report**

I will start this report by addressing the proposed changes to the By Laws as the process has created some unanticipated responses to what was intended to be a routine update based on committee discussions.

Some of these changes were initiated at Committee level and were recommended to the Board for review, display and assessment of feedback before either adoption or setting aside by the Board. Based on specific and constructive written comments the Board withdrew one of the initial proposals and will continue to work with the men's committee in particular to refine the wording of the posted amendments to ensure they achieve the outcome intended.

It is disappointing that we received a general objection to the proposed By Law changes with some 20 members names listed as opposing the changes, none of whom has approached Committee members or Board members about their concerns.

We are not a big club and members should be able to find someone on the Committees or Board to talk to privately if you do not want to be publicly identified.

It has also come to the Board's attention that one (unwritten) reason for objecting to the proposed changes was that the changes would give more power to the Bowls Co-Ordinator and Bowls Operations and Greens Director. Please be very clear, none of these changes have in any way changed the roles, authority or responsibilities of either of these positions, nor has any request been made to make such changes. The Committee and Board members of this club commit significant time and effort to supporting our bowls activities and to suggest that these changes are designed to somehow give more power to these roles is very misplaced, very disappointing and hurtful to those who give their time to this club.

As the Chairman has stated we have an AGM coming please feel free to nominate for the Board, Ladies Committee or Men's Committee and then you will see that decisions made are not done lightly.

To the majority of members who are happy to come to bowls and are grateful to still have a Club with its doors open after Covid and know that our Club is in a sound financial position because of decisions made by your Board and Committee members, thank you.

Congratulations to all our championship winners, Ladies A Singles was won by Laurina Howarde and the Men's A Singles was won by Peter Brady. All our A Grade events have been completed and the B Grade events are well under way, thank you to all the players who kept the games on track, only a couple of hold ups this year. The introduction of an ON day for the men kept games going forward and the ability for games to be organised on the same day, we received a lot of compliments from members and visitors to the Club on these days saying how good it was to see the men playing in uniform. Good luck to all those going to the Champion of Club Champions your Games Co-Orinators will inform you of the play dates.



The ladies held another successful Fiesta Triples tournament in April, well done to all the winners. Our ladies competed well once again with 2nd and 4th place.

Preparations are well on the way with the 2023 Australian Open, if you have not done so and would like to be a volunteer the lists are on the Notice Board outside the bowls office, all help is greatly appreciated.

Straight after the Australian Open is the Cooly Bonanza on the 23 & 24 June, 2 day Open 2 bowl triples, it is quickly filling up so if you are thinking of getting a team in now is the time.

Well done to the Ladies competing in the Cross Border, this is the ladies equivalent to the Tweed Valley Shield, currently they are 2nd on the ladder and doing really well, keep up the good work.

Pennant starts in July, Men – 1 July with the finals weekend 19 & 20 August and Ladies start on the 7 July – 11 August. Again, nominations sheets are on the relevant notice boards, good luck to those competing.

Boz has requested that you walk around the greens when arriving at or leaving the Club and not across the greens. It would also be helpful if signs for greens or rinks closed be observed and once again as members of the Club please assist if you see someone not observing the signs, rolling up in the wrong direction or putting a bowl down wrong if you could approach and rectify, remember the greens are for all members.

You can now pay for green fees by card, pay at the bar and then take your receipt to the box, simple. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings if the staff are not available, please see Tracey who will assist you.

There was no truth to the rumour that our dear Ladies Patron Imelda was trying out for a role in the next Silence of the Lambs movie, she had a fall on Green 3 and hurt her knee, lucky Brian Pearce and Jan were around with the trolley to help her to her car.



Last but not least we have to say goodbye to a few people. Pam and Greg Bews are moving to Hervey Bay, they both will be greatly missed and have been great club members at Cooly. Pam has held the position of Ladies President and Secretary and Greg has held positions of Games Co-Ordinator and Secretary for All Sports, Pam was a Coach and Greg an Umpire and both have won numerous Championships, check out the Honor Boards.

They gave their time freely to the Club and participated in almost all of the events held at the Club. Another thing Pam can claim is that she is very lucky winning raffles. Good luck and any Club up there will be lucky to have you both as members, keep an eye out for surprise visits.



Mikayla, is also leaving us to head back to Tasmania at the beginning of July. She will be missed, she was always willing to help and no task was too big or small. Good luck with the cold and your next venture.

**Miriam**

# VALE



Rex Jermanus passed away on Thursday 11 May peacefully at home, he was 94, Rex was a member of the Club up until a couple of years ago and was still competing in Club Championships, in 2019 Rex and Bruce Skilton were runners up in A Pairs.

Unfortunately, Rex's health was failing him in his last years at the Club which did not allow him to bowl as much but when he did, he was still very competitive.



## LADIES FIESTA TRIPLES

The Fiesta Triples was held on the 19 April, the weather was lovely not too hot and the greens were looking and playing fantastic. It was a great day of bowls, friendship and food. Thanks goes to President Gail and all her volunteers and Maria and Tony in the box.

Congratulations to all the winners especially Cooly Teams who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Winners: Margaret Panoussis, Janice Lynn, Rhonda Forrester from Mermaid Beach Bowls Club**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bev Goodwin, Joan Taylor and Pat Auld - Cooly**



**3<sup>rd</sup>: Kate Hardcastle, Val Young and Chris Hawkins from Club Tweed**



## Ladies President

Our dearly loved life member Edna Harrison has had a fall and is at present in John Flynn hospital. She is now in rehab and is very cheerful and very happy to have visitors. At this stage it seems the long term solution may be an aged care facility. Regardless she is still determined to return to Friday raffles, a task she has done for almost twenty years.

In bowling news, the Fiesta Triples were held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and were a great success. These days require a lot of organization, from advertising the event, to receiving the entries and running the box and we thank Tony Jackson for assisting Maria on the day. Thanks must go to Trish Walters and her band of helpers who organised the catering, served the food and then cleaned up. The raffles prizes were all donated, the majority by the ladies but also Don from Chemart and the club also contributed, with over \$400 being raised on the day.

The Cross Border competition has commenced and Coolangatta is doing well, at this stage being in second place.

Congratulations to our club champion Laurina Howarde and to the runner up Miriam Jackson. Congratulations to the winners of the A Grade pairs Pat Auld and Joan Taylor and to the runners up Miriam Jackson and Pam Bews.

At present the weather is perfect, attendance is good and we are all enjoying our bowls and preparing for a busy month ahead with the Australian Open and Bonanza.

Happy bowling

**Gail**

## Ladies Games Co-Ordinator

The Club Championships have been moving smoothly with B championships now being played and only the 100 up and Novice to be played.

The A Pairs championship was won by Pat Auld & Joan Taylor, they had a very good game with Runners Up Pam Bews & Miriam Jackson, thanks to all the supporters that come along, it is good to see interest in ladies' championships

Cross Border we are coming second on 45 points with a margin on 77. We are having a bit of pressure from the governing body that feels we are too strong, never mind Club Tweed is 57 points and 144 margin, what can you say but keep up the good work ladies.

The weather has been the best, here is hoping it continues for the Australian Open.

Our new players are doing well and participation in the Club Championships and Cross Border has given them confidence and improved their game, Pennant next ladies.

Thanks every one for your help and keep up the good work, the numbers on Wednesdays have been up with a couple of regular visitors which have been made welcome.

Ladies Pennant list is in the ladies locker room, please put your name down, we should be in Division 5 this year and we need you all .

Don't forget to start getting your teams together for the Mixed Medley in August.

**Maria**

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*2 Ladies 3 Men OR 2 Men 3 Ladies*

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**TOTAL PRIZES \$1,825**  
**FIRST \$750 / SECOND \$500 / THIRD \$400 / MYSTERY \$175**

• **\$125 PER TEAM** •

INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

**ENTRIES CLOSE 14 AUGUST (NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE)**

## Men's Games Co-Ordinator

Another successful Friday Challenge was completed in April and all who competed enjoyed the games. We propose another will run in September/October post pennant.

Club Championships games completed so far with the winners being:

A Singles: Peter Brady  
 A Pairs: Graham Latchford and Bob Bowen  
 Fours: John Menzies, John Seward, John Waters and Mark Kenning  
 B Singles: Hamish Rutherford

Congratulations to all participants and good luck to Peter Brady and all the Johns & Mark in your Club Champion of Champions games. Fours 1 & 2 Round is 2 July and 9 July SF & Final and Singles Rounds 1,2 & 3 Sunday 30 July the venue for both is TBA.

It is that time of year again – Yes Pennant Season is upon us. Your Selectors Les Yule and Ken Hill along with President Rod will guide us through the dilemmas and traumas that erupt annually at this time of year.

A trial game is being held on the 3 June at South Tweed and 4 June an internal home trial, the proposed teams have been posted on the notice board near the Bowls Office please advise your availability to assist our Selectors.

Farewell to one of our stalwart bowlers – Rex Jermanus. Remembered for his participation in all events and his humour and contribution to the maintenance of our Club. Keep them rolling old mate.

Thanks to all those volunteering for the Australian Open. This year is our busiest yet with the number of singles games, we require a lot of markers, first day we need 20. There are a lot of jobs that require assistance and you can watch some good bowls at the same time. Lists of your days will be posted on the notice board outside bowls office.

Let our busiest time begin, keep assisting when and where you can.

Keep smiling and promoting Cooly.

**Jacko**

# Coolangatta Bowls Club

## BONANZA

FRIDAY 23RD & SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2023

**\$6,450 PRIZE MONEY**

OPEN 2 BOWL TRIPLES - SEEDING DRAW DAY 2

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## Catch the action at Cooly Bowls Club

- Sat 10/6 - Mens Singles
- Sun 11/6 - Mens Singles
- Mon 12/6 - Mens Singles/Womens Pairs
- Tue 13/6 - Mens Pairs/Womens Pairs
- Wed 14/6 - Womens Singles
- Thu 15/6 - Mens Fours
- Fri 16/6 - Womens Fours
- Sat 17/6 - Mens Singles
- Sun 18/6 - Mens Singles
- Mon 19/6 - Mens 0/60s Pairs
- Tue 20/6 - Womens 0/60s Pairs
- Wed 21/6 - Womens 0/60s Pairs

## OCEAN PLAZA

# Sunday Funday

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

9.00am for 9.30am start

**MUSIC ON THE GREEN**

Raffles to be won

**Just \$20 per person includes bowls + lunch**

**\* \* BAREFOOT BOWLERS WELCOME \* \***

Please book by 23 June and put your name on the board

**Cooly Bowls Club - You're welcome**

## Coaching

Thanks to Les Yule for running a refresher course for markers to assist with Australian Open, Gail Rottier was on hand to answer questions from an Umpires viewpoint.

The Club Coaches are available every Tuesday afternoon between 2-3 pm (please note the new time), they give up their time to be at the Club to assist you, if you would like coaching or thinking of changing to an arm, don't be shy about asking for their help. A list with phone numbers is on the Noticeboard as well as a coaching roster.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE

Pat Auld, Peter Everett, Carol Johnson, Daphne Jones, Liz Nicol, Ian Gardner, Bev McDonald, Clive Weston, Ken Hill, June Kirk, Malcolm McDonald, Doug Jamieson, Ross Doherty, Karen Ridgeway and Bernie Walsh



## JULY

Steve Taylor, Margaret Muldowney, Laurina Howarde, Kevin Brennan, Gavin Brinkworth, Doc Hickey, John Turner, Peter Uther, Ray Meehan, Graham Callaghan, Brian Pearce, Robert Wilson, Evelyn Vojtisek, Tony Lockwood, Gary Fraser, Dan Hook, Wayne Price, Patricia Constance, Carolyn Stirton and Max Fisher

Very Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Gaye Maloney on 12 June

And

Very Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to

Ivan Grasis on 14 July &  
Bill Long on 15 July

May you all enjoy your Special Day



# Annual General Meeting Dates



BOWLS CLUB - SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023

LADIES - WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2023

MENS - THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2023



## LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS IN JUNE

from 6.00pm

2nd - Phil Guest

9th - Wendy Gold

16th - Darren J Ray

23rd - Paul Mulqueen

30th - Steven Michael



**We think our staff and volunteers are fantastic!**

**Please don't kill their spirits with the use of negative or unkind words.**



If you feel you can do their job better, we are accepting applications

# FACTS AND FUNNIES

*Every Day is a Gift  
That's why it is called  
The Present*



**Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.** Teeth are coated in enamel which is not a living tissue.



**It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland.** It's considered animal abuse because they're social beings and get lonely.



**A chef's hat has 100 pleats.** Apparently, it's meant to represent the 100 ways you can cook an egg. Wonder if Gordon Ramsay knows that.

**You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from over 2 miles away.** Blue whales weigh an average of between 130,000 and 150,000kg, with their hearts weighing roughly 180kg.



**You can't hum if you hold your nose.** Hands up if you just tried it!

