

Toucher



August/September

Coolangatta Bowls & Recreation Club Inc

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Chairman's Report

As announced in the last edition of Toucher I am not standing for the position of Board Chair at the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Sunday 27th August. Nominations will soon be called for a number of Board positions as a result of the upcoming AGM.

The Board positions which will be vacated and or are not currently filled include: -

- The Chairperson
- The Secretary
- The Director, Bowls Operations and Greens
- The Director, Bowls Recruitment and
- The Director, Building and Maintenance

As you might be aware the critical position of Board Secretary has not been filled for a number of years. As a consequence, the position has had to be provided by our General Manager, Tracey Evans. While Tracey does a wonderful job as our Secretary/Manager it would be advantageous to have a club member filling the important Secretary position.

With relation to myself I have been asked by fellow Board members, as well as club members, if I would consider staying on the Board as a Director. Whilst being truly appreciative of members' support of my continuance at Board level; I believe it is necessary to make a clean break and provide the incoming Chair, freedom to influence his/her future direction of our club.

In relation to the incoming Chair position, it has generally been accepted for continuity purposes, although not mandatory, that the incoming chairperson be an existing member of the Board. This in fact, was how I became the Chair back at the 2019 AGM, when the majority of the Board positions were vacated.

I am pleased to announce that our current Director, Bowls Recruitment - Mark McLatchey has confirmed that he will accept a nomination for the position of Board Chair. Mark's nomination has my full support as I firmly believe he will make an excellent Chairperson. During his working career Mark has filled a number of management positions which will hold him in great stead to represent our club membership.

I further understand that our hard-working Director, Bowls Operations and Greens - Miriam Jackson is also proposing to accept a nomination to stand for re-election to this important position. Miriam's commitment to this role over the past few years has been exemplary and she has my unqualified support to continue in this very much underestimated role.

Dave McCarthy who has provided the role of Director, Building and Maintenance over the past two years sadly advises that he will not be accepting a nomination for the position at the AGM.

If you have ever considered how, you can support your club and make a real difference, I implore you to consider nominating for any of the above vacant positions on the Board or at the subsequent Bowls Committee general meetings.

Thanks again for a truly memorable experience representing you.

Kind regards

John

Bowls Operations & Greens Report

Now that the dust has settled on what was a very busy June with the Australian Open and the Bonanza we went straight into Ladies and Men's Pennant and the Champions of Club Champions.

This year was the biggest Australian Open held with over 3,700 entrants and as a consequence they needed more greens which we were able to offer, the men were still able to play on Thursdays. It meant early starts and late finishes and to know we ran the event without any problems is a credit to all involved, our ladies under the leadership of Trish Walters made nearly 900 sandwiches. We received compliments from officials and players on how well the event is run and how professional our markers performed. A big thank you once again to all our volunteers and staff you all make Cooly the club that it is, friendly and welcoming.



Thanks to those winners of Championships for entering into the Champions of Club Champions. Our A Singles winners Laurina Howarde and Peter Brady, Ladies A Pairs Winners – Joan Taylor and Pat Auld and Men's Fours winners – John Menzies, John Seward, John Waters and Mark Kenning, you all performed well on the day and were competitive. Peter had a loss in the second round 25-24 and Joan and Pat made it through to the 3rd round – semifinals, well done.

Congratulations to the ladies for making the final of the Ladies Cross Border Shield, they were competitive all season and whilst we beat Club Tweed on the Monday, we were unable to repeat at the final on Friday, a great effort from everyone who competed let's keep up the good work for Pennant.



Sunday Funday is still held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, it is a nice relaxing day to play bowls, have a great lunch, win prizemoney and raffles. Why not bring your family or friends down to try bowls, it is also a great day for new bowlers to show our skills to them and get some game practice.

The Annual Commemorative Shield which is usually played in July has been pushed back to 7 August because of Club Tweeds busy schedule, this year we play at Tweed. A list is up in the ladies' locker room and men's notice board to put your names down.

On the 23 August the inaugural Mixed Medley will be held, it is filling up fast and if you have not done so make sure you get your team entered, it can be played as 2 men 3 women or 3 women 2 men, flyers are around the Club.

The Clubs AGM will be held on the 27 August followed by Ladies AGM - 30 August and Men's AGM – 31 August.

A farewell was held for Edna Harrison on the 5 July, she is moving to Helensvale into an aged care facility near her family. In her time at the Club Edna besides being a fierce competitor has held many Committee positions, won championships and pennant, ran the Friday morning pairs for a lot of years, achieved Life Membership and of course sold raffle tickets at the Friday night raffles for over 20 years. A local legend inside and outside the Club she will be missed.



Sunday 17 September will be the Clubs Annual Chariry Day, this year all money raised is going totj a local charity Kids In Need, please come and support the day.

Welcome to new members please make yourself known to Cooly members and good luck to everyone playing Pennant.

Miriam

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Kids in Need Association
CHARITY DAY
**A helping hand
for local children**
SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Vale



It is with great sadness that we inform members of the passing of Luke Gray, he was a great club man and will be missed.

Luke has been involved in all aspects of the Club, as a Board member, Men's Committee and All Sports President and he competed in all events, Championships, Pennant etc. One of the last events Luke played in was the 2022 Bonanza where he won the raffle prize of a new set of bowls and bowls bag and quickly donated these back to the Club to include in the raffle for the Charity Day. He was also a very generous anonymous sponsor.

Our condolences to Judy, Kevin, Tracey and all the family.

Ladies President

This is my last toucher report and I would like to thank my committee for all their work and support in the last twelve months.

In the last two months Trish and her team of many volunteers who have catered for major events such as the Australian Open where nearly 900 sandwiches were made, 2 meals for the Bonanza and Ladies Pennant.

However one of our most notable events was the farewell lunch for our life member Edna. It was a festive occasion, food was provided by the club, Joan and Connie decorated the tables with flowers and balloons, speeches were made, a cake was cut and an orchid was presented to Edna for her new room. Edna has since settled into an Arcare Aged care facility at Helensvale. She is now only eight minutes from her daughter but too far from us to continue doing the Friday night raffles which she has been doing every week for the last twenty years.

The AGM for the club is on 27 August and the Ladies AGM follows before bowls on Wednesday 30 August. Both are important and I urge you to attend. At the club AGM as well as Board positions, the Ladies President, Secretary and Games Co-Ordinator are appointed and at the Ladies AGM other roles are decided - e.g. providore, welfare officer, selectors etc.

Again, thank you Lyn for always supporting me and stepping up in my absence, Bev for doing the secretarial work and Fun Sundays, Trish for being a brilliant providore, Maria for all the work in the box and for her endless encouragement to increase the numbers in the championships etc., to Gaye for being the quiet worker always there helping and to Jan for being a caring welfare officer. Great work ladies and I thank you sincerely.

Finally thank you to all of you our members who continue to come to the club, to bowl, to socialize, to build friendships. You make our club.

Happy bowling

Gail

Ladies Games Co-Ordinator

The weather held for the Australian Open and all went very well, thanks mainly to the amount of work done by Miriam & Tony, who needed a holiday badly after. The food was prepared by Trish and all her helpers of which there were many, they also were glad it was over.

The B singles is well on its way with great games and close results. The nomination sheet for the 100 up is in the lady's locker room and has good numbers, I think that the ladies are enjoying the championship a bit more now and they are also playing in the mixed pairs.

The Cooly Mixed Medley is on the 23 August, this is the first time this event is being held and has proven popular we have 18 entries. Having the tournaments on a Wednesday works well, it gives the ladies who can only play on a Wednesday the opportunity to participate in the event.

This will be my last touch report, as my time as Ladies Game Co-Ordinator is coming to an end, thank you to everyone, for their help along the way and all the best to Jo McLeod who is taking over, she will do very well, please support her all the way, as I will.

Maria

COOLY BOWLS CLUB

MIXED MEDLEY
2 Ladies 3 Men OR 2 Men 3 Ladies

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
CHEMPRO AT THE STRAND & OCEAN PLAZA RESORT

• WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST •

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 President

Congratulations to winners of club events and good luck to those that are still on going. Your committee has been working hard to ensure that these events run smoothly and better into the future. I thank the committee for their ongoing support. Members should be reminded that the committee works for the members and any issues should be raised with your committee. New committee members will be sought at the upcoming AGM so if you have what it takes to help out you should consider putting your name forward.

The pennant season is upon us again with the Division 6 team currently in 3rd position at the time of writing this report. Division 4 have been very close and now have had a win and are in 6th position. It would be great if we can bring a flag home for the club. It is great to see so many spectators when we have home games which goes to show the support the teams have from within the club.

Our volunteers do a fantastic job at the club and I will be putting a sheet up near the bowls office for new and current volunteers to assist with the barefoot bowlers. This can be very enjoyable and I will be looking for both men and ladies to assist with the bare footers into the future.

Regards

Rod

Men's Games Co-Ordinator

What a busy time of year June to August is for our Club and valued members.

I wish to start this my final contribution to the Toucher by thanking all those members who gave their time to participate in the running of the Australian Open. Without your assistance in marking, catering, cleaning, umpiring and all the other facets of keeping the program running, we would never have been able to achieve our aims and ultimately receive the glowing reports back, well done indeed.

Our pennant players are currently engaged in the early stages of the season and we all wish them the best in the coming weeks.

Our greens have received very positive reports during our recent events and along with club members we are all appreciative of the work from Boz, Brian and Fraser in achieving such good results.

The Club AGM is not far away and it would be nice to see a few more members attend to show interest in your Clubs future and support those members who do the hard yards on your behalf.

Attendance at last years Men's AGM amounted to 16 members and 2 apologies, barely a quorum! With all the suggestions and advice received during the year the number for this year's AGM should surely improve. You do not have to stand for Committee positions, simply show support for those who do stand and declare your interest in our clubs' activities.

To all those gallant box workers, who ensure our bowls operate successfully I thank you for your challenging efforts i.e., Longy, Larry, Graham, Tim, Rod and everyone on the roster. To those who have not tried it, challenge yourself and become a member of the Bowls Starters Team, it is not difficult or time consuming but assists your fellow members considerably.

In conclusion I thank my wife Miriam for all her help during my time as Bowls Co-Ordinator. I thank our Cooly Board, specifically Chairman John, Deputy Chair Miriam and Manager Tracey who have convincingly led us through the hard times of covid and now offer an even brighter future for the Club.

For those members I have failed to mention I thank you for all your advice and participation in all our events and look forward to bowling more often in your company.

Jacko



Annual General Meeting Dates

BOWLS CLUB - SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023

LADIES - WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2023

MENS - THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2023



The poster features a large graphic on the right side consisting of a red and blue checkered pattern with a white and black semi-circle at the bottom. The logo is a circular emblem with a yellow border containing the text 'COOLANGATTA BOWLS & RECREATION CLUB INC.' and a central design of a sunburst over a map of Australia.

2023 Bonanza

The Coolangatta Bonanza proved again to be a popular and well supported event with teams from around Australia. With a full field and great weather all players gave their best and enjoyed all our Club had to offer. Thanks again to all who participated whether on the field or assisting and to our sponsor Alden Automotive.



TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS



**Starts 11 July
12.30pm for 1.00pm**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

Dawn Magnuson, Gail Rottier, Murray Heath, Chris Gray, Percy Louden, Brian Drewett, Peter Grant, Gary Coppin, Mark Kenning, Peter Flynn, Edna Harrison, Rod Vandermaat, Byron Ross, Janelle Donataccio, Charles Rottier, Bruce Tai, Ken Cummins, Mark Everson, Sue Blows, Roz Gilligan, Tim Morran, Terry Bevan, David Lawler, Robyn Worthington and Doug Murray



September

Leon Anesbury, Pauline Adlam, Barbara Weston, Joan Lewis, Darin Gersbach, Tony Jackson, Tony Parsons, Julie Coppin, Peter Brady, Allan Freeman, David Titmarsh, Peter Long, Matt McCann, Karen Hancock, Dot Clowes, Sue Robertson, Shane Knight, Don Walters and Paul Davidson

Happy 70th Birthday to Mike Feeney

And

Very Happy 80th Birthday to
Graham Roberts and Shirley Eason

May you all enjoy your Special Day



AUGUST ENTERTAINMENT
FROM 6.00PM

FRIDAY 4TH - JASON BULL

FRIDAY 11TH - WENDY GOLD

FRIDAY 18TH - DARREN J RAY

FRIDAY 25TH - ALICE ANDERSON



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

FACTS AND FUNNIES

Big Ben's clock **stopped** at 10:07 p.m. on 27 May 2005, most likely due to an extremely hot temperature of 31.8 degrees Celsius.



Ketchup was once sold as medicine. The condiment was prescribed and sold to people suffering with indigestion back in 1834.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. This could be why the birds often run round in circles when trying to escape predators despite their fast running speed.



The longer I look at this the more I understand why aliens don't visit us anymore.



ALL MY
PASSWORDS ARE
PROTECTED BY
AMNESIA

I couldn't resist. 😊



They sing because they can.

Hmmm, I found a strange piece of plastic on the floor that looks like it broke off of something, but I have no idea what. Better save it in the junk drawer until I die.

Of all the
utensils
invented
to eat rice,
how did
two
chopsticks
win?



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**WHO REMEMBERS
HAVING TO DO THIS?**

