

BURLEIGH HEADS BOWLS CLUB



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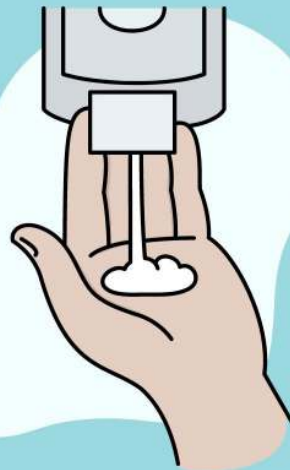
Dear Members,
We regret to advise that Burleigh Bowls Club is closed until further notice including all of our greens.
This decision is in the best interest of our members.
We look forward to seeing you when we re-open and we will keep you updated on any developments.
Regards
BHBC
Board & Management

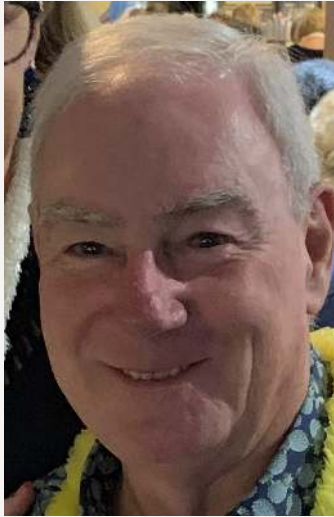


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Chairman's Report

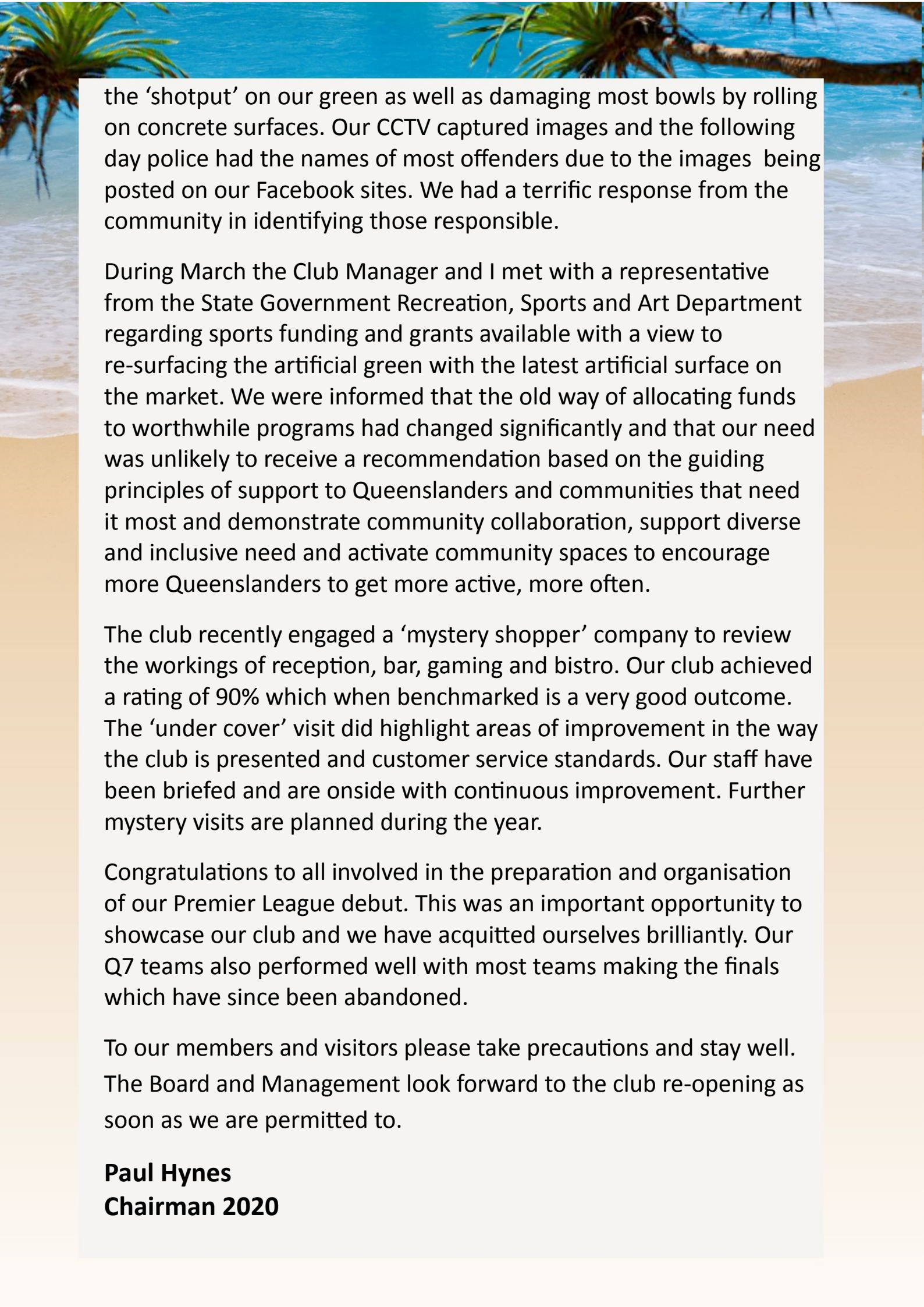
By Paul Hynes

The main topic of conversation and concern currently is the impact of Covid-19 and the mandatory closing of pubs, clubs, restaurants etc. Our club from day 1 of restrictions worked tirelessly to comply by removing tables and chairs with staff acting to ensure distancing rules were complied with. Unfortunately due to the actions of groups of people and the health of the nation the Government has seen fit to introduce more stringent measures with possibly more to follow. At the time of writing this we are all awaiting news regarding government packages to keep people in work as it is our staff and contractors that are impacted most.

As the club enters the second half of the financial reporting year I am pleased to report that changes implemented last year with the contracting out of the Bistro and Green keeping had a positive impact on the clubs finances. However, the winter months have traditionally been the most profitable months with the influx of southern visitors. This is not expected under the circumstances to happen this year so we must budget for perhaps a less than expected financial outcome after a great start to the year.

Over the last couple of months meetings have occurred with Design & Construction companies regarding a 'refresh' to the visual look of the club both externally and internally. Further action regarding designs has been placed on hold due to the current circumstances.

At around 7pm on the 26th March our club received an unwelcome visit from a group of around 10 teenage boys who proceeded to break into the barefoot bowls cabinets and practice



the 'shotput' on our green as well as damaging most bowls by rolling on concrete surfaces. Our CCTV captured images and the following day police had the names of most offenders due to the images being posted on our Facebook sites. We had a terrific response from the community in identifying those responsible.

During March the Club Manager and I met with a representative from the State Government Recreation, Sports and Art Department regarding sports funding and grants available with a view to re-surfacing the artificial green with the latest artificial surface on the market. We were informed that the old way of allocating funds to worthwhile programs had changed significantly and that our need was unlikely to receive a recommendation based on the guiding principles of support to Queenslanders and communities that need it most and demonstrate community collaboration, support diverse and inclusive need and activate community spaces to encourage more Queenslanders to get more active, more often.

The club recently engaged a 'mystery shopper' company to review the workings of reception, bar, gaming and bistro. Our club achieved a rating of 90% which when benchmarked is a very good outcome. The 'under cover' visit did highlight areas of improvement in the way the club is presented and customer service standards. Our staff have been briefed and are onside with continuous improvement. Further mystery visits are planned during the year.

Congratulations to all involved in the preparation and organisation of our Premier League debut. This was an important opportunity to showcase our club and we have acquitted ourselves brilliantly. Our Q7 teams also performed well with most teams making the finals which have since been abandoned.

To our members and visitors please take precautions and stay well. The Board and Management look forward to the club re-opening as soon as we are permitted to.

Paul Hynes
Chairman 2020



Men's President Report

By Brian Bottrell

Hello Fellow Bowlers (albeit non-bowlers at the moment),

I hope you are all keeping safe and finding ways to fill your time now that there's no bowls. These are strange times and we need to do our best to keep our sanity

Due to the closures and social distancing rules it is unlikely that our Burleigh Classic will run this year. We hope to make it a stellar event next year with a new format that we had envisaged using for this year's tournament.

I haven't much else to say at the moment. See you all on the over side of this pandemic for a game of bowls and a nice cold beer.

Brian Bottrell
Men's President 2020



Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

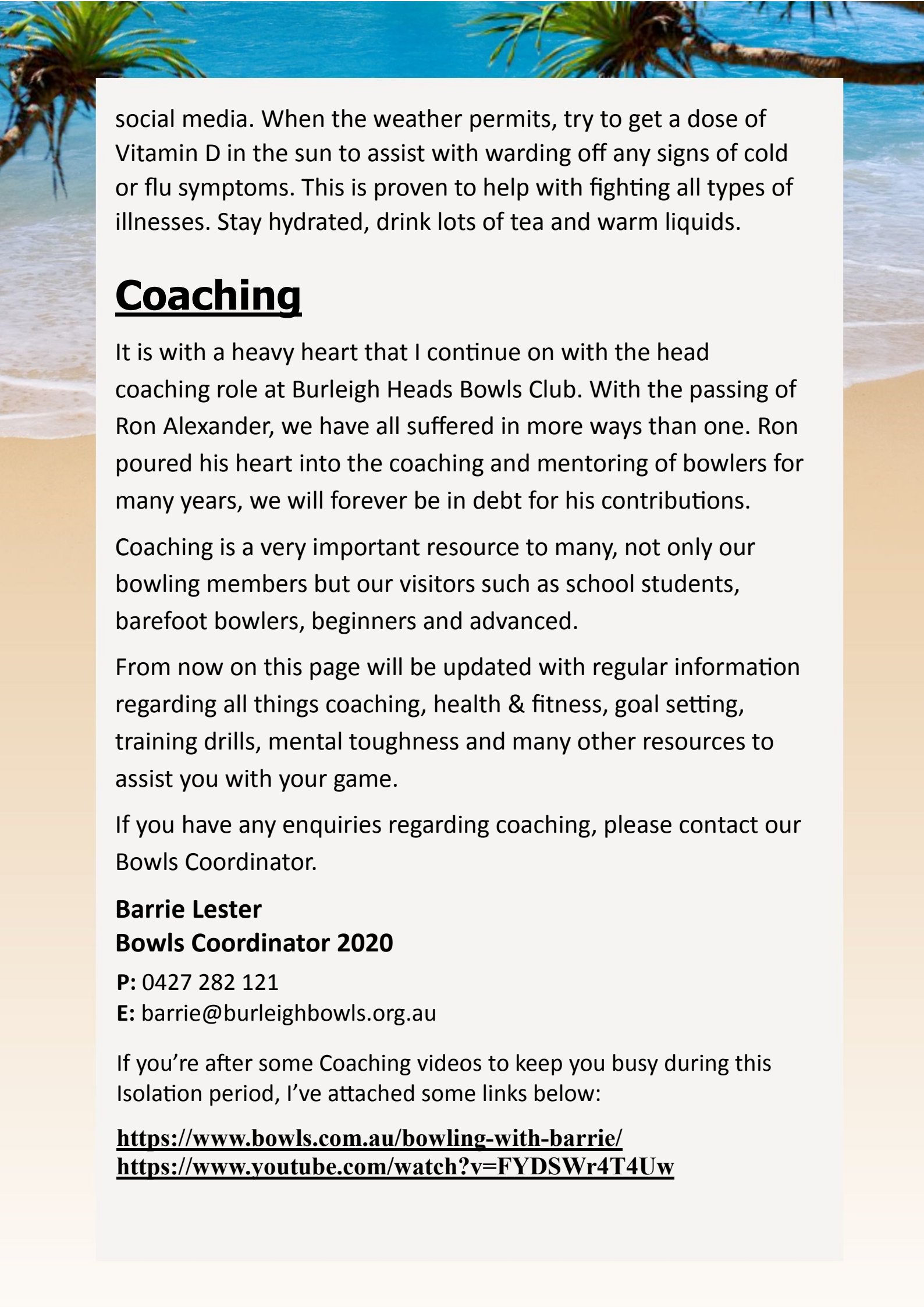
By Barrie Lester

It has been a very difficult month in terms of bowls operations. Due to COVID-19 our events have all been suspended. It's a tough time for all our members and I know you all are missing visiting the club and enjoying a game of our wonderful sport. I will keep members up to date with all bowling matters at the club through social media and email. I will also upload regular content regarding coaching and staying active.

I have been working on a list of projects with many of them active at the moment.

- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) Analysis – This is being completed by our mens and ladies committees and will be used for the clubs strategic plan moving forward.
- Player Code of Conduct Policy
- Premier League Queensland Player & Official survey

I would kindly ask that you take care and try to keep yourself active physically and mentally. Perhaps try delivering a soft ball to another person, to simulate the action of lawn bowls. This will help keep your muscles and joints active, as well as your mind stimulated. Try to keep in touch with at least 5 other people from the club. Perhaps call them or stay in touch via



social media. When the weather permits, try to get a dose of Vitamin D in the sun to assist with warding off any signs of cold or flu symptoms. This is proven to help with fighting all types of illnesses. Stay hydrated, drink lots of tea and warm liquids.

Coaching

It is with a heavy heart that I continue on with the head coaching role at Burleigh Heads Bowls Club. With the passing of Ron Alexander, we have all suffered in more ways than one. Ron poured his heart into the coaching and mentoring of bowlers for many years, we will forever be in debt for his contributions.

Coaching is a very important resource to many, not only our bowling members but our visitors such as school students, barefoot bowlers, beginners and advanced.

From now on this page will be updated with regular information regarding all things coaching, health & fitness, goal setting, training drills, mental toughness and many other resources to assist you with your game.

If you have any enquiries regarding coaching, please contact our Bowls Coordinator.

Barrie Lester

Bowls Coordinator 2020

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If you're after some Coaching videos to keep you busy during this Isolation period, I've attached some links below:

<https://www.bowls.com.au/bowling-with-barrie/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYDSWr4T4Uw>



Green's Supervisor Report

By Ossie Moore

#2 Green has taken a lot of traffic, considering events in the past weeks - Q7's, Premier League and Club Championship events, along with training and daily competitions. It has played well, considering the work load, thank you Michael and your team.

The Synthetic green is now clean and clear of "carpet rubble". The large amount of debris removed in the process is concerning for the life expectancy of the surface. Michael is looking at using this procedure once a month.

#1 Green has progressed wonderfully. After mowing the new grass several times, a number of volunteers helped Ian and Michael spread the sand mixture on the bowling surface. The mowing incidentally helps the grass spread, rather than grow up, providing better knitting of the grass growth.

The levelling machinery then returned to check the final levels. Weeks later the green was "air-cored" with a machine that sends down spikes that blast air to open up the structure below the surface to improve drainage and nutrient distribution to the roots base. This process was followed the next day with a light sand dressing and later fertilisation.

As anticipated the #1 Green will be ready for play very early April, unfortunately with Covid-19, this will not be possible.

After discussion with the board, Michael will modify his hours to maintain the greens and will return to his contract base when Clubs reopen.

As the greens are part of the licence area of the Burleigh Bowls Club, they are off limits for now! Please stay safe/healthy and return to bowls when appropriate.

Ossie Moore
Green's Supervisor 2020





Ladies President Report

By June O'Dea

An April Hello to all,
2020 has started out with extremes of everything. First came the horrendous bushfires which our bowls club raised over \$800 mainly at our Mixed Australia Day Bowls. Then came the torrential rains which we admit helped gee along our Green No 1 which is under maintenance & coming along nicely then throw in the heat & humidity as well. We thought that was our cross to bear but we were wrong as along came the BIG C

- CORONAVIRUS. A rude awakening for us all.

No social bowls & no roll ups... all competitions have been cancelled home & district... our bowls clubs are closed... no socialising... please practice social distancing of 1 & a half metres. All good rules to keep us all safe.

Now our borders are closed & yet STILL some of us can't see the wood for the trees.

Bowlers, stay home mow the lawn, do some gardening, baking, watch Netflix, go for a walk, do some home exercise, get to know that other person you share a dwelling with you may get to like them!!

We will be crossing off our 2020 Bowls Calendar week by week. We will get through this together by having the right attitude. Keep in touch with your friends & your enemies by social media & phone.

Everyone take care & stay safe

June O'Dea

Ladies President 2020



Ladies Games Director Report

By Karen Harding

As you all know we had not began our Championships and when we return (and return we shall) we will decide if and what we can safely get through.

Please everyone take care of yourselves and your Families as I want to see ALL your lovely smiling faces when we return. We will all miss our social bowls and chats over a few wines but remember, it will end, and think of how much we will have to talk about then! We will all need to keep some panadol handy as I can hear the noise and laughter already!!!

Thinking if you all

Karen Harding

Ladies Games Director 2020



Camels Corner April 2020

By Bruce Stotesbury

The Camels had an Extraordinary General Meeting on March 22nd at the club before a home alone game. The meeting was for a re-alignment of the executive and updating the membership of some of the changes coming for the remainder of the year. A big thanks to Paul (Cigar) Baggaley for his commitment and work he put into the Camels as President this year. Cigar has resigned from the position due to health issues and a new President was announced with Ron (Ronny) Perkins taking the helm.

President: Ron (Ronney) Perkins

Vice President: Andrew (Doog) Opferkuch

Treasurers: Mick Boland,
Assistant Treasurer Anthony (Hyrd) Taubman

Selector: Grant (Grumpy) Fehlberg

Committee: Darcy, Ronny, Wally, Doog, Grant and Hydro

Flag Bearer: Robert (Cowboy) McNamara.

The Camels once again were victorious in the Bowly Grail match that took place in March. It was a perfect day on the greens

followed by a welcomed sausage sizzle with Chef Hydro on the grill.

The Camels were lucky enough to be the last bowlers to take the greens before the B.H.B.C. closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic spreading across Australia. It was a great day, and it got brighter as Cigar arrived at the club to a warm welcome in the lounge.

Earlier in the season the Pumice Stone Pirates of Bongaree from Bribie Island made the long trip down south to Burleigh Heads with seven teams. It was another bright day on the greens for the Camels who dominated with five wins, one tie and one loss. Well-done Camels. The Camels were also lucky to take on the Robina Rebels twice during the past two months with positive results in both matches. Normanby also make the trek to Burleigh for an enjoyable day on the greens during our shortened season.

The Camels wish everyone at the Burleigh Heads Bowls Club, their friends and family good health during these challenging times with the COVID 19 pandemic striking the world. We are all navigating through uncertainty for our loved ones, our community and ourselves. Please stay healthy and safe. Take care everyone and we will see you on the greens soon.

Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)



“Rona” Jokes to keep you smiling

**I still haven't decided
where to go for Easter**



**debating between the
bedroom or the living room**

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION

Wash your hands like
you just got done slicing
jalapeños for a batch of
nachos, and you need to
take your contacts out.



**One roll
safely
hidden
from
anyone
under the
age of 40**

Here's Sue. 31 years old, home schooling her kids for the last 5 days. Great job Sue. Keep it up.

sun-gazing.com
INFINITY

**THEY SAID A MASK
AND GLOVES WERE
ENOUGH TO GO TO
THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED,
EVERYBODY ELSE
HAD CLOTHES ON**



DAY 3 OF ISOLATION:

**'ALREADY FED UP OF
BABYSITTING MY MUMS
GRANDKIDS'**

Day 2 without sports:

Found a young lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she's my wife. She seems nice.

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**STAY SAFE & WELL
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL SOON**



**Thank you for supporting
our Great Club**

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