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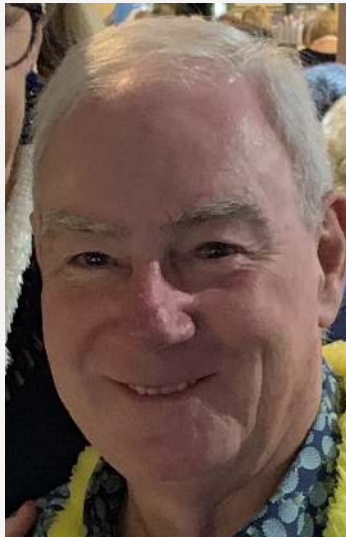
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# Chairman's Report

By Paul Hynes

To all our valued club members a very warm welcome back to the club. The last Bowler News was published at the end of March. On the 23rd March our club was forced to close due to the impact Covid-19 was having on the community. The club remained in lockdown until the 1st July, 13 weeks in total. During that period our Secretary Manager Justin and Bowls Co-ordinator Barrie produced mandatory CovidSafe plans for both the clubhouse and the greens in anticipation of a re-opening in addition to playing a co-ordinating role for a much needed internal refresh of the clubhouse. Many volunteers came forward and to those people a thank you for a job well done.

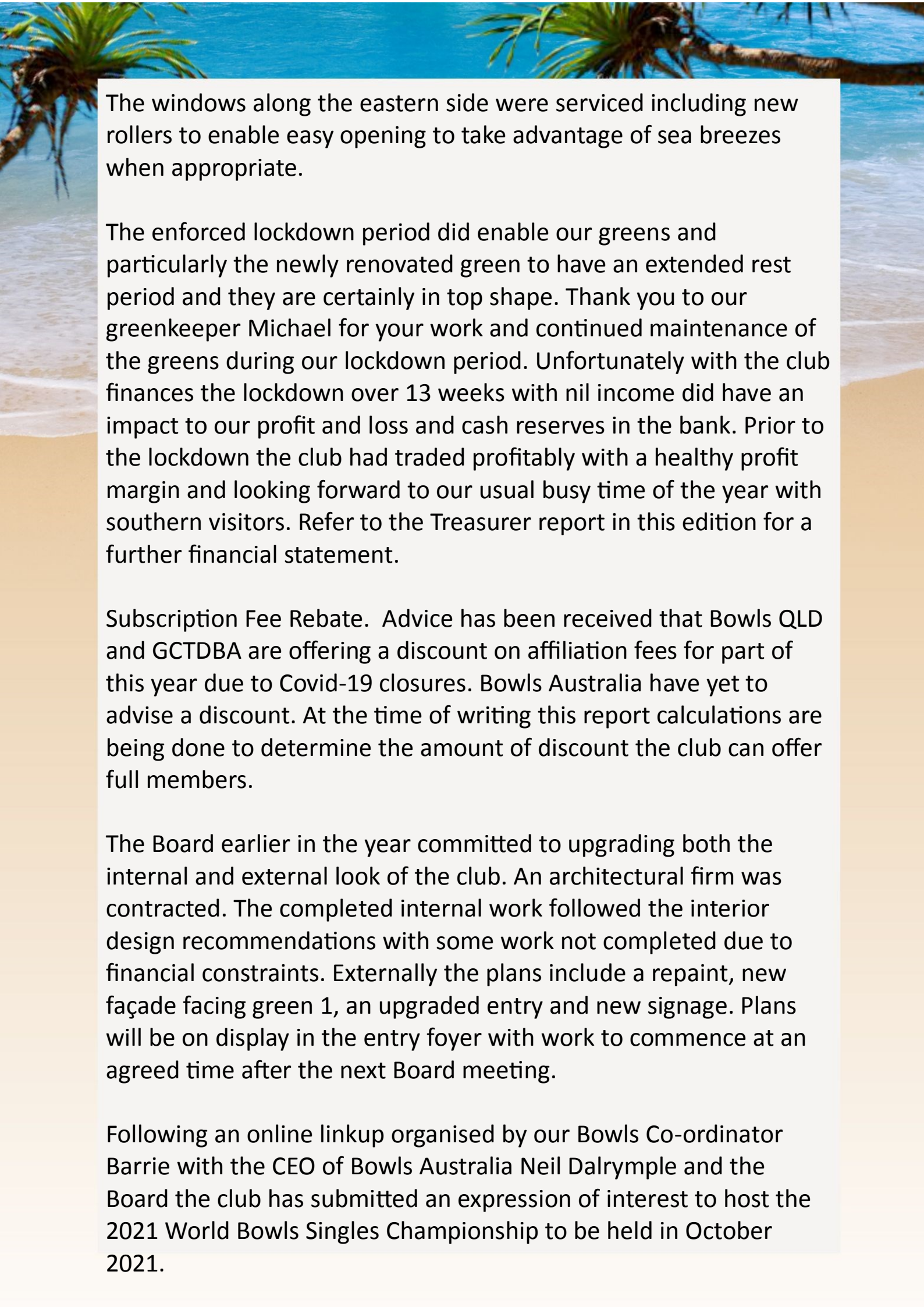
The work undertaken inside the club included:

- Painting of the ceiling including cleaning and painting of ceiling tiles
- Painting of all walls and columns including locker rooms
- Painting of the ceiling sculpture surrounding the poker machine area
- Removal of the old 'booth settee' near the Bistro
- All internal downlights changed to cool look LED

In addition tub chairs along the eastern windows were re-covered with a commercial grade cleanable material

A meeting/training room was built utilising part of the ladies locker room

Ladies lockers were repositioned and the remainder of the room was repainted with new carpet, new shelves and a new ceiling



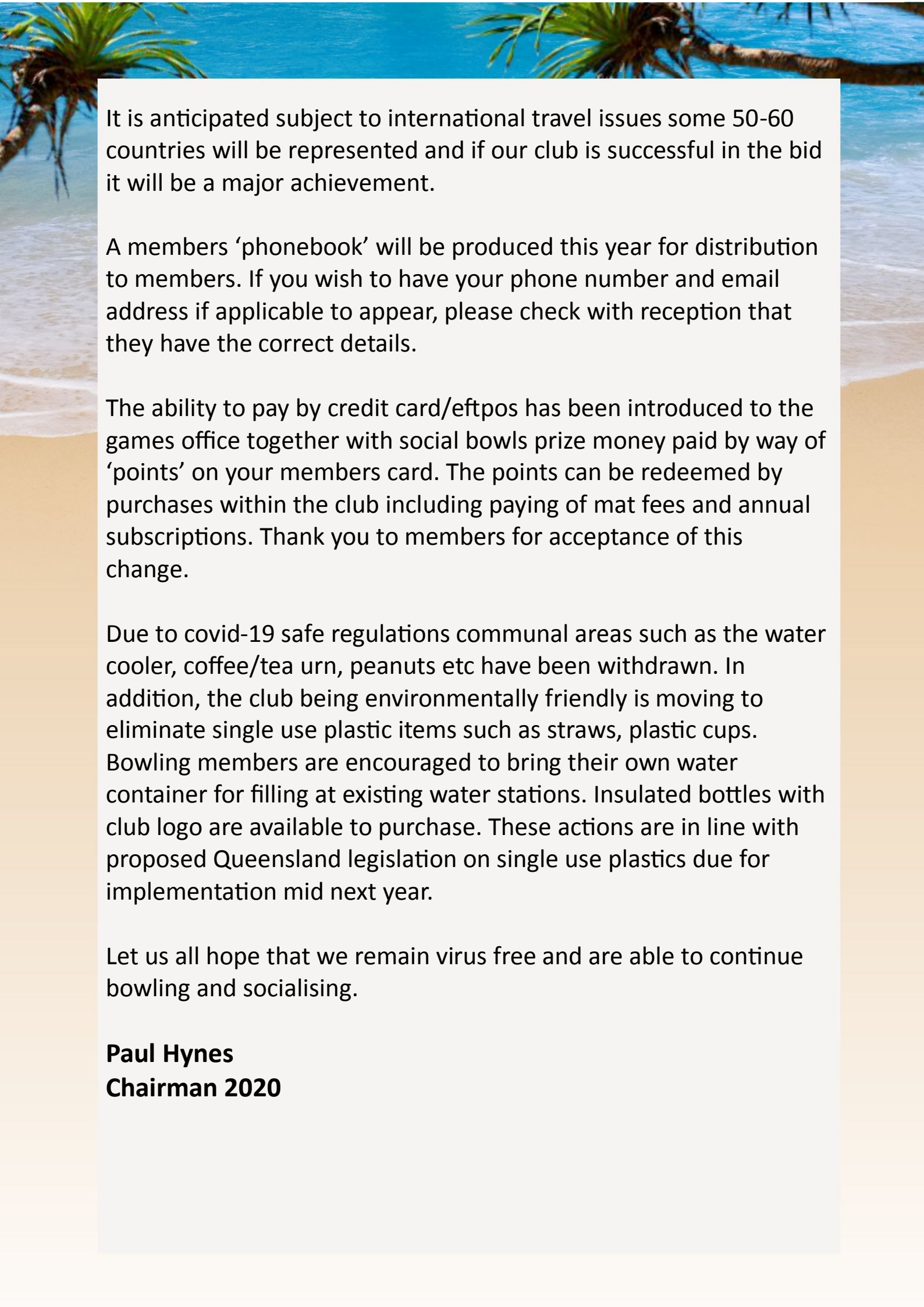
The windows along the eastern side were serviced including new rollers to enable easy opening to take advantage of sea breezes when appropriate.

The enforced lockdown period did enable our greens and particularly the newly renovated green to have an extended rest period and they are certainly in top shape. Thank you to our greenkeeper Michael for your work and continued maintenance of the greens during our lockdown period. Unfortunately with the club finances the lockdown over 13 weeks with nil income did have an impact to our profit and loss and cash reserves in the bank. Prior to the lockdown the club had traded profitably with a healthy profit margin and looking forward to our usual busy time of the year with southern visitors. Refer to the Treasurer report in this edition for a further financial statement.

**Subscription Fee Rebate.** Advice has been received that Bowls QLD and GCTDBA are offering a discount on affiliation fees for part of this year due to Covid-19 closures. Bowls Australia have yet to advise a discount. At the time of writing this report calculations are being done to determine the amount of discount the club can offer full members.

The Board earlier in the year committed to upgrading both the internal and external look of the club. An architectural firm was contracted. The completed internal work followed the interior design recommendations with some work not completed due to financial constraints. Externally the plans include a repaint, new façade facing green 1, an upgraded entry and new signage. Plans will be on display in the entry foyer with work to commence at an agreed time after the next Board meeting.

Following an online linkup organised by our Bowls Co-ordinator Barrie with the CEO of Bowls Australia Neil Dalrymple and the Board the club has submitted an expression of interest to host the 2021 World Bowls Singles Championship to be held in October 2021.



It is anticipated subject to international travel issues some 50-60 countries will be represented and if our club is successful in the bid it will be a major achievement.

A members 'phonebook' will be produced this year for distribution to members. If you wish to have your phone number and email address if applicable to appear, please check with reception that they have the correct details.

The ability to pay by credit card/eftpos has been introduced to the games office together with social bowls prize money paid by way of 'points' on your members card. The points can be redeemed by purchases within the club including paying of mat fees and annual subscriptions. Thank you to members for acceptance of this change.

Due to covid-19 safe regulations communal areas such as the water cooler, coffee/tea urn, peanuts etc have been withdrawn. In addition, the club being environmentally friendly is moving to eliminate single use plastic items such as straws, plastic cups. Bowling members are encouraged to bring their own water container for filling at existing water stations. Insulated bottles with club logo are available to purchase. These actions are in line with proposed Queensland legislation on single use plastics due for implementation mid next year.

Let us all hope that we remain virus free and are able to continue bowling and socialising.

**Paul Hynes**  
**Chairman 2020**





# Treasurers Report

By Phil Westlake

As mentioned in the Chairman's Report the covid-19 caused a club closure for 13 weeks. This closure just prior to our premium trading period of April to September and with continued border closures and travel restrictions, there has been a blow to our bottom line.

Prior to closure our profit to end of February was in the \$60,000's. During our closure all of the eligible staff were on Jobkeeper and the club received the Jobkeeper payment and the club also received the government cash flow boost subsidy. The club has ongoing fixed expenditure, e.g. rates, insurance, electricity, affiliation fees, audit fees, rubbish removal greens upkeep etc., which amounted to \$142,000 during the period of closure and this has reduced our cash on hand.

Even with all that has occurred, our year to date (Oct. to Jun.) trading profit and loss is (-\$14,000) which is \$40,000 better than the same period last year.

With the resumption of trading from 1 July, we will have additional trading costs to ensure we comply to the requirements of the covid-19 safety plans. We will be keeping a close watch on our ongoing expenditure and baring further hiccups due to the pandemic we are looking forward to a better final quarter.

**Phil Westlake**  
**Treasurer 2020**



# Men's President Report

By Brian Bottrell

Hello Fellow Bowlers,

It's great to be back on the greens again after the COVID lockdown.

The greens are a pleasure to play on. Well done Mick Turner.

After being rained out last week tomorrow we'll be having our return to bowls Gala Day with lots of prizes and a good day of bowls for all. Thanks to Barrie, Justin and Karen Harding for their help with this. Also thanks to all the sponsors who donated prizes.

I hope our bowlers will support these sponsors in these trying times. Men's Championships have resumed with our program being pushed forward due to a change of dates for the Champion of Champions. Please get your matches played ASAP. We are hoping to run all our Championship events but time may not be on our side.

Our games office procedures have been updated with POS and EFTPOS facilities. Remember to swipe your membership cards for club points.

Along with Barrie the Men's Council hope to run some new format bowls events over the next few months. Your support in these will be appreciated.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped over the last few months around the club.

Please remember to follow the guidelines of our COVID SAFE plan – sanitize regularly and adhere to social distancing rules. No hugs, handshakes or high fives.

Good Bowling

**Brian Bottrell**

**Men's President**



# Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester

It's great to be back on the greens at Burleigh!!!

It has been a very difficult few months and it's great to see many of you back at the club. Thank you to all the members who are following the new guidelines.

I would like to give a huge thank you to all our volunteers that have done a mountain of work at Burleigh bowls to see that we have an amazing club to be a part of in these difficult times.

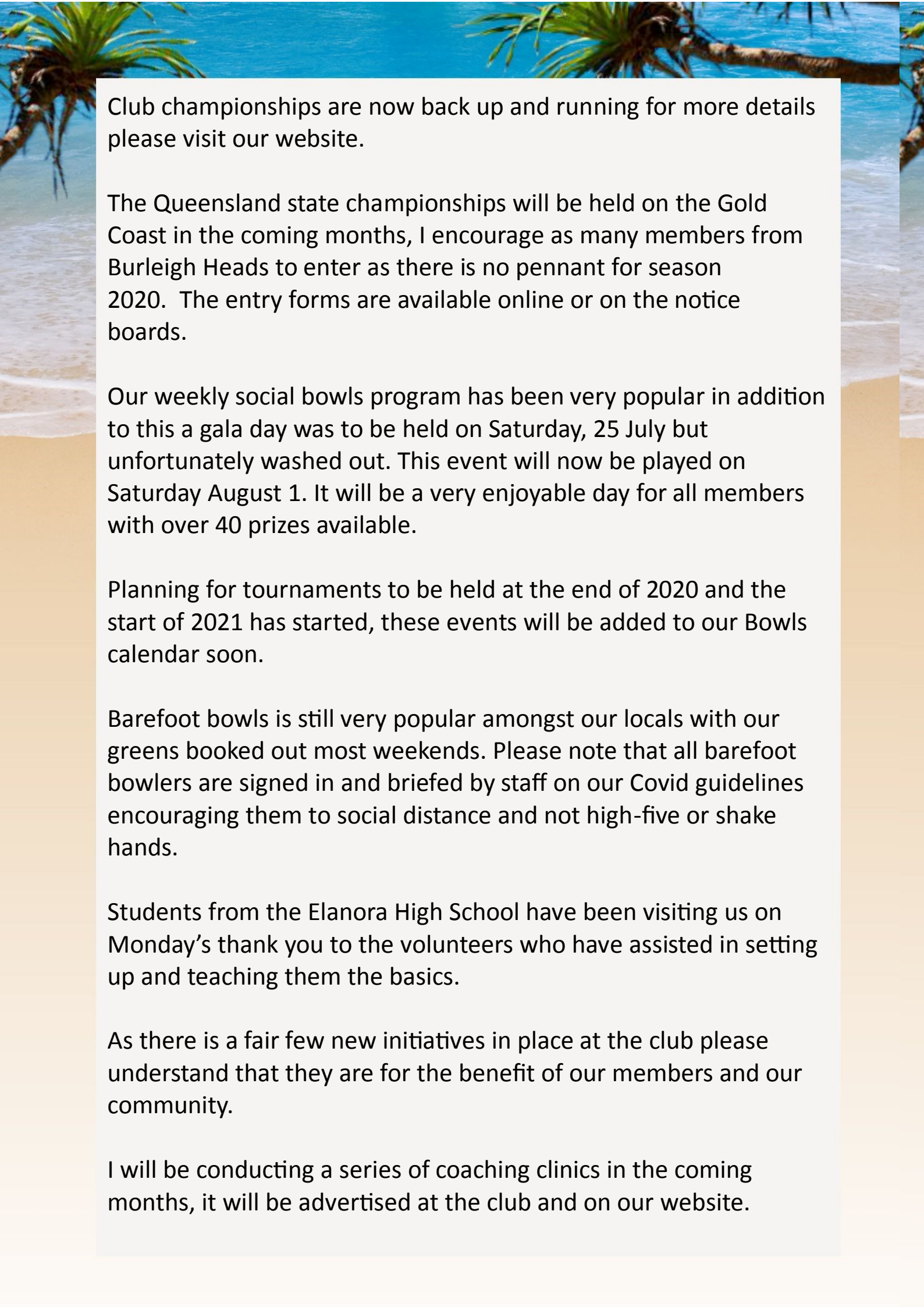
For those who have visited the club recently you will have noticed many changes such as:

- New lighting through the club providing a much lighter ambience throughout the venue
- Many weeks of painting, new colour scheme on the walls and ceilings
- We have new training room, perfect for committee/selection meetings (please see reception to book)

Our memorabilia looks very smart in the men's locker room

We had very strong numbers through our roll up only period. Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. Thank you Brian Bottrell for your brilliant work setting up our online booking system.





Club championships are now back up and running for more details please visit our website.

The Queensland state championships will be held on the Gold Coast in the coming months, I encourage as many members from Burleigh Heads to enter as there is no pennant for season 2020. The entry forms are available online or on the notice boards.

Our weekly social bowls program has been very popular in addition to this a gala day was to be held on Saturday, 25 July but unfortunately washed out. This event will now be played on Saturday August 1. It will be a very enjoyable day for all members with over 40 prizes available.

Planning for tournaments to be held at the end of 2020 and the start of 2021 has started, these events will be added to our Bowls calendar soon.

Barefoot bowls is still very popular amongst our locals with our greens booked out most weekends. Please note that all barefoot bowlers are signed in and briefed by staff on our Covid guidelines encouraging them to social distance and not high-five or shake hands.

Students from the Elanora High School have been visiting us on Monday's thank you to the volunteers who have assisted in setting up and teaching them the basics.

As there is a fair few new initiatives in place at the club please understand that they are for the benefit of our members and our community.

I will be conducting a series of coaching clinics in the coming months, it will be advertised at the club and on our website.



We have all had our challenges in the last few months, the unity of the members keeps our club strong.

“If you can stay positive in a negative situation, you have won”

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Barrie Lester**  
**Bowls Co-ordinator 2020**





# **Green's Supervisor Report**

**By Ossie Moore**

Roll ups started on the first week of June and co-incidentally this was the first use of green #1. It is playing true and flat, a credit to Michael and his team!

July 1st was the return to club bowls with limited numbers on 2 great bowling surfaces. The north end of green #1 has been planted with Sir Walter buffalo grass as a trial to prevent couch mite migrating from the park to the green. The carpet green #3 has been double brushed with the brush mower. This leaves a desirable result without stripping the surface of thread.

The garden boxes are flowering well and will also be positioned along the southern wall of green #3.

The results of soil testing on green #1 came back with very positive numbers in most areas for ideal growth. The minor issues will be addressed when renovation occurs in late September, only spiking and leaf thinning, no core holes.

Both greens will be available for the summer months (November until February).

Great to play on splendid greens for the members to enjoy - All thanks to Michael and Ian and team!

**Ossie Moore**  
**Green's Supervisor 2020**









# Ladies President Report

By June O'Dea

Hello All,

It's a while since we've had our Bowlers News magazine to read. We closed down on 23 March & we are all aware of what's been happening since then. We thank the volunteers who helped painting & sprucing up the club in the COVID time but I also want to doubly thank the sensible people who stayed home & followed the health rulings of our government. Most of us did the right thing & we are very grateful, seeing now what Victoria has had to endure & recent news now Sydney & beyond are not COVID free.

We have started back this week with Ladies Social bowls & we are all happy to be here. We have a change in our monetary system we will be getting club vouchers instead of money for prizes.

There is no Pennant for our Ladies this year. We will also be looking at any Championships that may be played, also at our Calendar of Events. We are having Hazels Day on August 13 & Presidents Day on Thursday Sept 17.

Any lady who has been ill or had an injury we are thinking of you. Let's hope our state stays COVID FREE.

**June O'Dea**  
**Ladies President 2020**



# Ladies Games Director Report

By Karen Harding

Well it's been a quiet and reflective 3 Months! We're very thankful all our Ladies have stayed safe and healthy and I'm looking forward to you all returning, and catching up over a wine or two, although some of you are way ahead of me on that!!!  
(No naming names of course!)

As soon as we get back, as half the year has already gone, our Club Championships have to be decreased so we have decided to hold the Triples and the B-Grade Singles. This gives everyone the opportunity to compete if they so wish.

Hazel Eastons Sponsored day will also go ahead on the 13th of August and a revised Calendar of Events will be organised.

Look forward to seeing you all and fingers crossed for a trouble free second half of the year!

**Karen Harding**

**Ladies Games Director 2020**



# **Camels Corner August 2020**

**By Bruce Stotesbury**

Welcome back Camels!

The Camels were the last bowlers to take the greens before the B.H.B.C. closed due to the COVID19 pandemic and were the first large group to return to the greens with 34 bowlers. The first Sunday back after the greens closed at the club was a welcome sight for everyone. It was a perfect day under clear blue skies and wide smiles across the greens and the familiar sounds of banter.

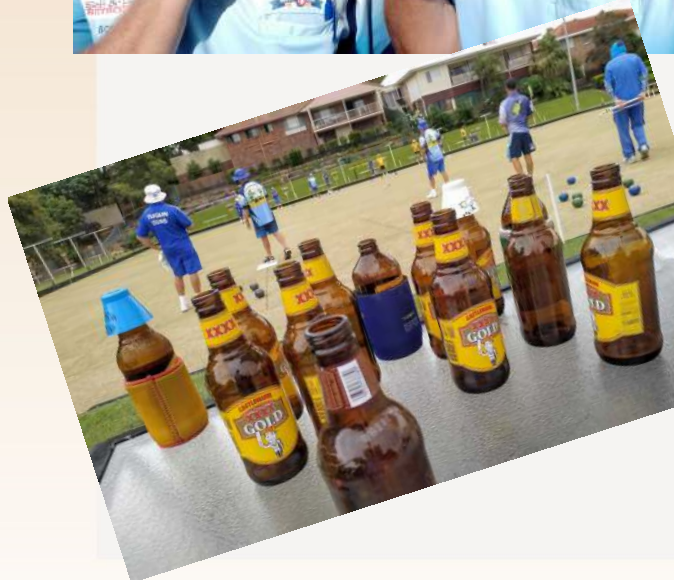
The reopening Camels day all looked very familiar with driving by Denny and Tas to the delight and entertainment of the opposing teams, nothing had changed, except for social distancing. But a couple of changes that were very apparent were the amazing renovations to the interior and exterior of the club. Many thanks to the volunteers and club staff who put their skills to work to make our club shine inside and outside, the #1 green renovation is stunning, well done Onion.

It was also great to see Paul (Cigar) Baggaley keenly watching the proceedings and even making his way back onto the greens for a few ends.

The upcoming weekend trip to Bribie Island to take on the Pumicestone Pirates of Bongeree is approaching fast, please sign up in the locker room so that the travel arrangements and confirmations can be completed. This is the highlight weekend trip of the year and is not to be missed.

**Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)**







# JOKES CORNER



**So you're staying inside,  
practicing social distancing  
and cleaning yourself?**

Congratulations!  
You've become  
a house cat.



**Which bear  
is the most  
condescending?**

**A PAN-DUH!**

**RollUP**

EVER BOWLED  
A WRONG  
BIAS?

THE WIND  
HAS CAUGHT  
A FEW

ROMANUSON



**Due to social distancing  
guidelines, I will no longer be  
shaking hands or hugging.**

In lieu of these, you may kneel or bow  
(from a safe distance). You are welcome.



**HUSBAND: One nice thing about  
the quarantine is we haven't  
been out spending money.**



WIFE: (clicks add to cart) So nice.





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