

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**BUNDANOON BOWLING CLUB FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019**

Our relatively small band of dedicated bowlers have managed to keep this Club surviving. It's been good to see the enjoyment and camaraderie each week together with stiff but friendly competition.

The voluntary help we get to prepare our No1 Green and keeping it watered has my appreciation particularly for Neville O'Mallone.

**1. FEES**

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As mentioned last year the negotiated fee reduction (44%) for membership of Bowls NSW has not yet realised the benefits nor seen increased numbers. Your Club in good faith absorbed the annual fee of \$650 last year. We need every bowls member to join the "Royal" as full or individual members to offset this annual fee and in so doing, it allows them to represent our club officially

**2. FINANCES**

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You will see from the Treasurers Report that we are travelling quite well financially we have been helped with raffles, grants and our regular green fee incomes. Our thanks are extended to our long-suffering treasurer Peter Cowling.

**3. WATER LEAK**

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Due to some very dry and wonderful weather, I don't think we have lost a days play since the renovations were completed in January and even earlier on our No2 green which we used during the renovation, our income has been helped by this continual usage. However it has prompted our Ltd Club to bill us \$1000 for water usage. We hope not to see this burden imposed on us in the future. Hopefully the W.S.C. takes some responsibility in this matter.

**4. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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It was very pleasing for me to see all the club championships completed this year without any problems. Thanks to all participants and congratulations to the winners. Awards will follow at the conclusion of this meeting.

<u>Minor Winner:</u>	<b>Neville O'Mallone</b>	<u>Runner Up:</u>	<b>Tony Campbell</b>
<u>Major Winner:</u>	<b>Bob Burnham</b>	<u>Runner Up:</u>	<b>Peter Kellond</b>
<u>Pairs Winners:</u>	<b>Steven Granger</b>	<b>Peter Kellond</b>	<u>Runner Ups:</u> <b>Allyn &amp; Daniel Wray</b>
<u>Triples Winners:</u>	<b>Peter Kellond</b>	<b>Steven Granger</b>	<b>Steven Beveridge</b>
<u>Fours Winners:</u>	<b>John Witney</b>	<b>Neville O'Mallone</b>	<b>Beverly O'Mallone</b> <b>Kevin Dale</b>
<u>Most Improved:</u>	<b>Kevin Dale</b>		

**5. OPERATIONS**

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A warm welcome to all our new members, I trust you will also come to love the game of bowls and learn a little of the bowls etiquette from the older bowlers.

Our current numbers are now 24 members and are on the increase.

We basically being a “social club“ our committee meetings have been few and far between over the past year, but this is not to say we don't have excellent communication to keep things going - well done to the Secretary Steven Granger in this regard did a great job under a heavy workload from both clubs.

During the year we moved our bowls day from Thursday back to the traditional Wednesday. Currently we are thinking of transferring our Saturday bowls to Sunday in an endeavour to attract the working families and peoples of Bundanoon to actively participate in the game of bowls.

In late August we entertained a visit of children from Moss Vale High School who specific needs of students with additional learning and support needs, including disability. We have introduced them to lawn bowls under the guidance of our players and their teacher/carers. It has been a rewarding experience for us and them to see their enjoyment and smiles; we hear that Bowls NSW is preparing a new programme for these children to foster our game and we look forward to helping these youngsters to play bowls into the future.

## **6. GREENS**

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The engagement of our contractor Andy Rocca to regularly mow and roll has helped our No.1 green to play at a reasonable condition following last year's renovation. We need to thank sincerely the W.S.C. for the initial grant and the further grant of \$600 this year. This will help towards the cost of maintenance and upkeep. The contribution from our volunteers must be acknowledged. To keep a good standard we will need professional expert help and this assistance is costly and will dent our finances considerably. My correspondence to The Club Ltd addresses demarcation between expense of preparing the greens and full maintenance and renovations. It's perhaps a lost cause to ask “The Club Ltd” for assistance as they have their own financial problems. JCG quarterly news bulletins have been regular and my thanks are extended to them particularly Mike Swinden for his editorial expertise.

## **7. SUMMARY**

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I have served this Bowling Club with great pleasure for the last two years as President and previously as secretary for too many years to remember and it's now time for me to relax and hand over the reigns to the new committee. I'm most grateful to have had this opportunity to serve also many thanks to the committees the players and The Club Ltd whom have helped us through some difficult times.

I hand over to the new Club committee with the assurance they will keep this Bowling Club on its feet I will also be available to assist when and if required.

This club has survived now for 70 years and I'm confident that it will “keep on keeping on” and hopefully gets back to its former strength. I admire the dedication and thank all volunteers who helped make this possible.

Good Bowling to all.

John Witney  
President 2017- 2018

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