



Chairman's Report 2017-2018

Once again I am pleased to announce that our club has achieved a good profit in difficult times. After years of struggling financially, we have achieved a profit for the last five years. Our auditors have closely inspected our records and we have made a profit of \$103,465.00 after substantial depreciation expenses. If we add the expenses changing our front bowling green to a new type of grass to our increased depreciation we have achieved a profit very similar to last year. We should feel confident that our small friendly club has a strong future ahead of it while many clubs are under financial stress and some are seeking amalgamations to stay financially viable.

Our new bar should be completed in September and more improvements will be coming as we are able to afford them. Many features of the new bar are designed to improve efficiency and service as well as an attractive décor. We are always looking at ways to develop our open area clubhouse into smaller defined areas to suit groups. For some functions we still need the large open area, so it is a challenge. We all owe special thanks to Deputy Chairman Bruce Urquhart who has liaised with the builder, cabinet maker, electricians, beer and refrigeration mechanics and painter to develop a modern functional bar of which we can all be proud. Additional pressure has been placed on our staff as the changes occur. They have risen to the occasion and performed admirably.

The outside of the club has been painted recently and has made a great improvement to our aged bowling club façade. Bruce Urquhart also organised the painting. We now have a much more modern look and the club is easier to see from the road.

Our new LED sign is operating and is a dynamic advertisement for Husky Sports.

We still own the name 'Club Husky' and we will continue to keep it. Constant problems with confused customers and companies dealing with our club prompted us to use a new name which more accurately describes our purpose and aspirations. Hopefully the name Husky Sports will help to clearly distinguish us from Club Jervis Bay.

We are endeavouring to build relationships with sporting groups in our area as well as community groups. We support schools whenever we can. It is said that "**sporting clubs are the glue which binds our communities together**".

We are proud of our remarkably strong group of volunteers who assist in many ways. It is a widely recognised fact that a sporting club is as strong as its volunteer base. It is rare that someone needs to be asked to help. Our volunteers see a need and fill it.

I would like to thank all volunteers. There are some who do spend a great deal of time and effort in supporting our club. Special thanks to Bob Strauss and Doug Easey who regularly assist in office activities. Don Booth often assists in many ways especially with our bus and courtesy car.

Big Dave's Trivia is an activity which attracts members and visitors. Dave Caldwell, Don Booth and Paul Winchester combine to make trivia fun for all.

Dave Caldwell as Bowls Organiser is actively promoting our club by organising and taking teams to many bowls events in our area.

We also have a great team who help with social bowls on Wednesday and Friday.

Thanks to our umpires and match committees for bowls for both men and women. These are thankless but important positions which must be filled.

HUSKY SPORTS APP is a way of rewarding members for supporting our club. All you need is a smart phone. The app is available on both Apple and Android platforms and you can be rewarded regularly for connecting with Husky Sports. There are prizes which are chosen to brighten your day. Give it a go!

We endeavour to use social media to promote club activities wherever possible.

This year as usual three positions are available for directors on the board of directors.

Three nominations have been received so far:

Bruce Urquhart Deputy Chairman

Ray Noon Director

Mark Hassall Director

As usual we are constantly looking at ways to diversify our income streams and it is interesting to note that Mini Golf has generated a profit which is equivalent to almost half our profit this year. Thanks to Harry Croft and Ray Noon who have been regularly working to keep the golf course attractive for customers. Thanks to our staff who manage mini golf and barefoot bowls as part of their duties.

Thanks also to the ladies in our Ladies Bowling Club. Both our bowling clubs work well together and help each other whenever necessary. Our Line Dancers group is also an enthusiastic group which gathers together for activities which often support charities.

While Bingo runs at a loss it is an important part of our local social fabric and provides important opportunities for social interaction.

Our new constitution was passed at the last Annual General Meeting and now is reflective of changes to the Registered Clubs Act and the Corporations Act. It can be read on our website and hard copies are available on request from the office.

Felicity White has been our club manager for quite a few years and does an admirable job integrating the huge number of responsibilities required by various acts and laws governing NSW clubs. Thanks Felicity.

Norm Parkes has been club treasurer for many years and has an extensive knowledge covering club finances, electronic gaming machines and most aspects of the workings of our club. Norm is a special part of our team. My wife Lorraine has been a great support in many ways and is a real asset to the club.

During the year we have lost some good friends and colleagues. Our best wishes go to the families and friends of those who have passed away.

I stress the importance of positive attitudes, so that we may continue improving our community club.

Mark Schofield

Chairman