

QBTC AGM 2015 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board can look back on the year with a significant degree of satisfaction and some areas of concern. The responsible state government department have approved the format of our long term Lease. Our Loan was reduced by \$ 140,000 and we negotiated a more favorable ongoing arrangement with the Bank and we must record and acknowledge the outstanding volunteer work by Bruce Wayth in managing our Financial affairs.

We purchased more Machines and reduced our debt to the Victoria Commission for Gaming by \$160,000 at year-end and still had a Cash and Cash Equivalent of \$160,000. Our years' trading shows a profit of just on \$107,000 in a year where we spent \$ 422,500 on Capital Expenditure. We therefore were able to maintain our Policy of providing current members with benefits now as demonstrated with Membership fees being reduced by just on 30 per cent and the elimination of some other fees. For the third full year we have maintained our current Bar charges absorbing six Government Tax increases together with well deserved wage increases Awarded over the three years. Obviously this will be difficult to maintain, as early indications are that our Capital expenditure for next year may well be in the order of \$250,000. Government regulation charges will be significant.

The real negative and serious problem is the continuing membership downturn in our Bowl sections and we were required this Year to further reduce teams. To their credit they have significantly reorganised and the Board is seeking additional staff to assist in the drive for reinvigoration. We sincerely thank those members who served the Ladies and Men's Committees over many years particularly Elly Anwyl as Treasurer and Husband John as Secretary. On a very sad note Life member and very long time Board member, President, Secretary and Committee member Keith Wayth died and we are also deeply saddened by the untimely death of former President, Secretary and Committee member Rhonda Stephens. We also wish Geoff Stephens and Gary Norris best wishes in their battles with their health.

The Management have ensured that our Objective of being a Community Club and being a good Community citizen has been achieved by our Good Friday Royal Children Hospital activity, which received an Award, our assistance to the Anzac Day celebrations and our support to a wide range of other activities in the Borough, including the wide use of our courtesy bus.

We acknowledge the hard work of our Sporting Committees and welcome increased use of these facilities. Our volunteers lead by master of everything John Anwyl deserve our deepest thanks.

Given that the current State Government have provided significant funds to enable the relocation of the Netball Courts to the Sporting Clubs leased area we now need to finalise draft plans for the use of this area and the future

requirement of our Association looking to the next 10 to 20 years. We have benefited from the foresight and hard work of those wise members who over the last 30 years planned and delivered on their vision. It is now our turn.

Long time Board director, former Chairman and Deputy Chairman Trevor Pigdon has decided not to seek re-election to the Board. Trevor has an outstanding record of service to our Association and his wisdom and business knowledge will be sadly missed. His vision dedication and support has ensured we have made significant improvement in many areas. These include out negotiations with Council, our Gaming entitlement negotiations, our Banking discussions our Building improvements, the change in approach to Catering, our Green's management and many aspects of our Business and pleasure. On a personal note he has been my opening bat, demon fast bowler and wicketkeeper. We will all on the Board miss his Board participation but we are confident he will be available and remain a very active member.

We wish all Members good health and happiness and look forward to increased activity at the Club in the future.

Bob Merriman