

## Chair Report

My second and final year as Chair has been a year of two halves. It began with the first lockdown, then a brief partial opening, before being plunged into lockdown again. It felt so good to get back to some semblance of normality at the end of last year and to meet up with you all again. Thank you all for your patience and understanding of the restrictions that we had to put in place to make that possible.

I mentioned the upgraded bar in my last report in September, even though we hadn't had a chance to use it! Isn't it great? It looks so smart. I know that the RSAs who struggled with the difficult and time-consuming stacking of the old fridges are absolutely loving the new coolroom and fridges. They are so much easier to refill and a lot easier on the knees!

We were informed by the Shire that our old, sub-standard windows were to be replaced. Once more, Quadracon were awarded the contract and work began in October 2020. The new windows are a great improvement and are enhanced by our new blinds kindly installed by Glenn Taylor.

Due to our extremely depleted funds after Covid, all other planned improvements have been delayed. Our sincere thanks go to David Youl and Peter Fairchild who put themselves forward to fill the vacancies of Barefoot Bowls Coordinator and Functions Manager when no one put their hand up at the AGM. Thank you to Ray Metherell who held the fort for both these roles in the interim period between May and September. Thanks too, to those who stepped in to help the Barefoot Bowls Manager with setting up and clearing away and those who manned the barbeque and the bottle and glass collectors on function nights, which took a lot of work off the RSAs. Because of you our funds are improving

Improvements to the club and facilities will not happen in the coming year without the hard work of members working barefoot bowls and functions. It is these areas which raise the money to pay for the improvements.

Grateful thanks too, to the other volunteers that work around the club doing the jobs that no one notices, but are necessary for the smooth running and upkeep of the grounds and clubrooms. You know who you are.

Thanks to our Bowls Committee who work tirelessly and the Selectors who do such a difficult job.

Finally, to my fellow Board members, thank you for all your help and support. You are amazing. I know the Club will go from strength to strength.. Thank you!

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