

## **Presidents Report 2019-2020**

I never thought I would write a report like this one. 2020 has been the craziest year I have ever experienced.

Never did I think in my lifetime would I see a stage where the country was in lockdown and that the club industry and others would be closed for three months.

Amazingly through the turmoil of the bushfires, floods and then COVID – 19 the club has managed to have a relatively good financial result and you can see details of this in the treasurer's report.

The Country as a whole will never be the same again after 2020 and it will take a long time for every business to recover from the downturn in trade we now see across the country.

COVID was cruel in so many ways as we lost some old members during this time and unfortunately due to restrictions in place funerals were not allowed to be attended or wakes held.

Instead members of the club and the community watched from the road to pay their respects to members that had passed.

In positive news the efforts of the clubs CEO Paul Alexander and some very dedicated staff ensured that the club stayed alive during COVID -19. The golf course stayed open for the whole community for the major benefits of mental health, the bottle shop was available seven days a week to stop people having to travel to town. Then we reopened the restaurant a couple of nights a week for the convenience of the mountain community again to stop people having to leave their homes.

These efforts helped the club bring in some vital income during these times which enabled the club not to run at such a significant loss for the financial year.

I must also thank Gwen Ward for all of her efforts as Clubs have never been closed down before and the amount of work that was involved in shutting down this business was unheard of. The efforts to both Paul and Gwen over this time was amazing I believe they probably worked longer and harder during COVID-19 than when we are actually open.

The golf course was the shining light for the year as many people have now taken up golf or have at least been to play golf at our course during COVID-19. Hopefully this continues as golf has never been busier.

A thankyou to all the efforts from the green keeping staff and the army of volunteers that continue to improve the clubs facilities and the course.

We have also done some renovations this year as we continually look at improving the clubhouse for our members and guests. The balcony is now fully enclosed with Glass windows and two air conditioning units to make the area comfortable all year round to enjoy the wonderful view.

We are slowly getting back to some sort of normal and I thank the members for their support of the club especially since we reopened in June. We still have some restrictions on us in place but hopefully they will be lifted over time and we can hopefully go back to some sort of old normal.

I must thank my fellow directors for all of their efforts in this very strange year indeed, the goalposts were changing at every meeting we had with the government changing restrictions constantly and a massive thankyou to you all.

Lastly of course our wonderful members who couldn't wait to get back to normal and visit the local club and show their support for all

of the efforts the club has been putting in to be here for the community.

Without your loyalty the club would not be here and I hope your support continues for years to come.

As always in the club industry it is getting harder and harder and more small clubs are amalgamating at an alarming rate, however we continue to be self-sufficient and plan on this continuing for many more years.

Once again thank you

Keith Robson

President