



# UNBIASED October 2020

## Welcome To Our First Edition!

There is no denying that 2020 has been a year full of surprises. From natural disasters and pandemic, to political uncertainty and recession - it has been a roller coaster! Unthinkably, the recent lock-down has even seen the *Table of Knowledge* removed! No wonder the world has been off kilter.

We hope that this publication will provide members and guests with information about our Club Bowls, Barefoot Bowls, events and anything else that is note worthy.

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# President's Address

Dear Members;

As you are all aware the entire community has been living through a very difficult period since the COVID-19 pandemic commenced earlier this year. Many businesses have closed.

The impact on the Club has been significant and the effect can be clearly demonstrated by reference to the net end of year result.

Whilst the net profit was approximately \$81,000, down from \$155,000 at the end of the previous year, this modest result would never have been achieved but for substantial financial support provided by all levels of government.

i.e.	Commonwealth Government Jobkeeper	: \$ 91,500
	Commonwealth Cash Flow Boost	: \$ 62,500
	NSW Apprentice Subsidy	: \$ 5,175
	NSW Government Grants	: \$ 15,228
	Local Government : Rent Subsidy	: \$ 6,727
	Total Subsidies	: \$181,130

But for these subsidies our net loss for the year would have been approximately (\$100,000) and given there was so much uncertainty around trading without these subsidies the Board would have had to consider closing the Club.

The achievement of a positive result is due to the efforts of the entire Board. All Board members have given me unstinting support. They have variously provided me with up to the minute advice on changing government requirements which were happening daily at one point; attending urgent Board meetings at short notice, personally managing funding applications, reworking promotional material as needed, and continuously working in the best interest of the Club and its members.

Whilst I shouldn't single out anyone in a President's message I must particularly congratulate and thank Gary Sant, Vice President & Treasurer, who in his last year of many years of voluntary service to the Club has met an extraordinary range of challenges to provide the Club with a positive result.

We remain operating in a climate of great uncertainty. As we meet it is very unclear how long current trading restrictions will remain in place and whether or not we will remain eligible for the Job Keeper subsidy. Government policies are still fluctuating. The Board will continue to monitor our financial situation on a regular basis and consideration will have to be given to a range of adjustments including price increases for both visitors and members. Since the future is so uncertain it is critical that our reserves are managed with great care. It has taken a decade to build our reserves and they must not be squandered. Our reserves provide a critical buffer for trading conditions which are likely to remain restricted, or at least variable for years to come.

I must pay tribute to all the staff who have proven to be adaptable and incredibly supportive in dealing with the challenges that the Club continues to deal with. But in conclusion I must thank all of you, Board members, staff and all Club members for your co-operation in implementing the COVID-19 Safety regulations without which the Club would not be able to operate.

**Brian Bagshaw, President**



# New Life Memberships



It was with great pleasure, love and pride that two of our most beloved members received Life Memberships. During the Clovelly WBC AGM it was unanimously voted to make our President, Betty Skinner, a Life Member. Then on 27th September at the Club AGM the same was done for Patrick Brennan.

Below are the beautiful and moving nominations that were read to the members.

Congratulations Betty and Paddy!

## Nomination for Patrick Brennan

Fellow Members,

I wish to propose Mr Patrick Brennan for Life Membership of Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd.

Pat has been a member of this Club since 1996 and a member of the Board of Directors for the last 17 years. During this time he has personally overseen extensive renovations of the club house and it's surrounds to great effect. Pat has volunteered countless hours to the day to day operations of the Club including the daily bar and weekly poker machine reconciliations. His deliberations at the monthly Board meetings are always greeted with the greatest gravitas.

An integral member of the Men's Pennants team for many years, Pat is quite rightly recognized as the best jack roller in the Club, most notably by Patrick himself.

Pat has been a significant contributor to the social fabric of the Club. His jovial disposition and engaging persona has welcomed and entertained many a member and visitor alike. Often first time visitors to the Club would be regaled by Pat with witty anecdotes and charming intercourse that would leave an indelible memory that reflects upon Clovelly's reputation as the friendliest Club on the coast.

Mr Patrick Brennan is a credit to Clovelly Bowling Club and I am proud to call him my friend. I commend to you that we bestow the honour of Life Membership of Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club to him.

**Greg Fitzjames, President Clovelly MBC**

## Nomination for Betty Skinner

We would like to propose Betty Skinner as a life member of Clovelly Women's Bowling Club.

Betty has been an affiliated bowler for 15 years, all of that time at Clovelly.

She has represented our club with pride and dignity, at Pennant and District /State level. She has been a selected player for Eastern Suburbs District in Regional events. Betty is a respected member of our larger bowling community.

More importantly, Betty's contribution to Clovelly Women's bowling club has been nothing short of incredible.

Her generosity of spirit within the club is well known and she is much loved and respected by all.

As President for numerous years she has been counselor, welfare officer, taxi driver and friend to so many of our members.

Betty has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Women's Club at Clovelly has not only a competitive presence, but is also a club that has a caring and inclusive environment for all.

Betty is an admirable and worthy person who totally deserves the honour of life membership.

**Sue Snape, Treasurer Clovelly WBC**

Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club

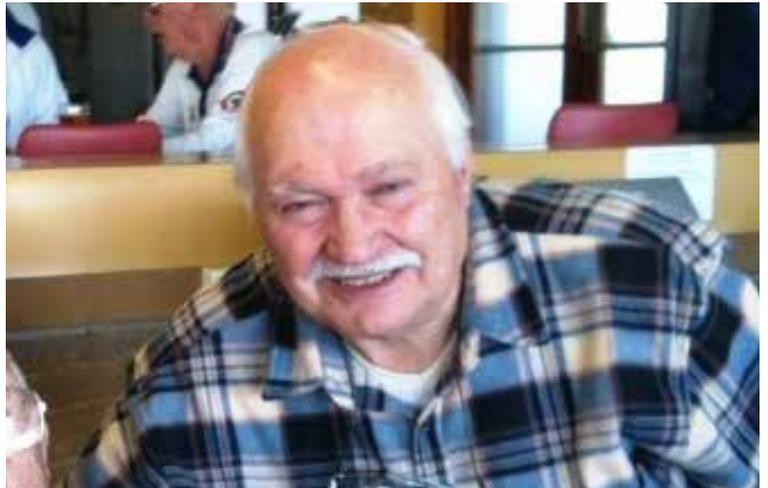


# Retirement of a Legend

It was with great reluctance that we accepted the retirement of Gary Sant from the Board of Directors at the AGM. His smiling face and friendliness has always made him a much loved member of the Club so, although he will no longer be Treasurer, we look forward to many years of his presence at the Table of Knowledge!

Below is a reflection on Gary's retirement written by Brian Bagshaw, President.

Thank you Gary from all of us!



Gary Sant, Legend

## **Gary Sant : A brief reflection on his retirement.**

I've been working with Gary for about eight years now, I think. The first time I met him, when I joined the Board, was when he walked up to me at the fence at Green No. 2, pointed to the badge he was wearing and introduced himself as Vice-President.

Gary has consistently demonstrated a great commitment to lawn bowls, bocce and the Club as a whole. I've seen him be both tough and clear in Board debates. At the same time he has great empathy and sympathy towards others and in the last year has given me sound, common sense advice at critical times which has been greatly appreciated.

I know that retirement from the Board has been a difficult personal decision for Gary to make and marks a new phase in life which I trust will be a long and happy one with Lucy and all of his family and friends.

I will personally miss Gary's calm temperament on the Board particularly during very difficult times but I have no doubt that he will continue to attend the Club, perhaps with increased involvement in Bocce.

Gary, on behalf of the Board and the entire Club I can only thank both you and Leo, who is also retiring from the bookkeeper role, for your many years of service and wish you and all your family the best of health for many years to come.

**Brian Bagshaw, President**



## Womens' Club Pairs Champions

Congratulations to our new Pairs Champions Gina O'Reilly and Carmel Sowden who won against Sharron Scarcella and Betty Skinner. It was a tight final that went nose to nose until the last few ends when Gina and Carmel stormed ahead and won.

The match was watched eagerly by a large crowd of supporters from the warmth of the Club on this blustery and chilly day. The mighty wind caused all players to have to reach into their banks of experience and expertise in order to make it to the jack instead of being short or in the ditch.

This session has been disrupted and interrupted by COVID19 and thus everyone enjoyed finally relaxing with each other (at a safe distance) and watching an exciting match! Well done to all!



Sharron Scarcella, Betty Skinner, Carmel Sowden and Gina O'Reilly.

## Womens' Singles Major Winner

On Tuesday 23rd June Gina O'Reilly played Kimberley Freed in the final of the Clovelly WBC Major Singles and won after a wonderful 25 ends! It was a cold and windy day but that didn't disrupt the bowling.

The final score was 25/18. Sandra Starrett was an excellent marker and everyone was tired but thrilled with the result! Well done Champion Gina!



## Bowls is a game, a very good game.

There is a lot more to it than just "chucking a bowl down and seeing where it ends."

If you look closely at the game it has a lot of intriguing bits and pieces. These include;

- calculating weight & length
- mental composure
- environment
- etiquette
- and social interactions.

I would like to talk about *Social Interactions* today.

Bowls brings together people of various ages and gender groups who may not normally associate on the sporting field. Bowls is a leveller - we all start with the same abilities. It is how you use your abilities that will ultimately determine your game skills.

My own interest in bowls started after watching my sister, Jo, play at the elite level for a number of years in a lot of excellent bowls games - State Championships, Premier League Pennants and State Carnivals. This proves that there is a level of bowls that everybody can enjoy.

The one thing that stood out for me was the after game "drinks".

This is where the social aspect comes into play. I have met some of the nicest people after the game .

The most common comments made after playing is "what would you like to drink?" and "quick get to bar before the bare footers get there". The result of the game is left on the green.

You can go to any bowls club in Australia and will be welcomed, whether to play, watch or just have a "drink".

**Gina, Club Coach**

FREE COACHING  
(Bowling Members Only)  
Ask at the bar



Our fully certified coaches are eager to teach you the finerpoints of Lawn Bowling!

Did you know it's an official Commonwealth Games event? The Australian champions are in their 20's!



# A Poem

## Which are you?

Sue Snape writes:

I was going through some old Bondi stuff the other day and came across this poem which I believe Tom Spencer - a very good

and well known bowler many years ago and ex president of Bondi BC - wrote. I thought it was nice!

**Some members keep a club so strong  
While others join just to belong.  
Some dig right in, some serve with pride  
Some go along just for the ride.**

**Some volunteer to do their share  
While some sit back and just don't care.  
Some do their best, some help, some make,  
Some do nought but only take.**

**Some help the club to grow and grow  
When asked to help they don't say "no"  
Some greet new members with a smile  
And make their coming more worthwhile.**

**While some go on their merry way  
Neither a kind word or greeting say.  
Some pull, some drag, some don't, some do  
Ponder over which of these are you.**

**Tom Spencer**

**HA HA!**

*There are only two times you should drive in bowls... to bowls and home again!*



# From the Past



**Dave Masters**



**Greg and Daniel 2012**



# Green 2

## Availability of Greens and Rinks from 14th September, 2020

Green 3 will be unavailable from Monday 14th September, 2020 for maintenance and other greens will be taken out sequentially until 30th March 2021. A revised schedule is attached for Green 2. Updates will be issued as necessary.

DAY	Time	Use : Roll Ups or Social	Notes
Monday	After 12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Ups/ Comp games</li> </ul>	All Greens Closed on Monday mornings to allow for watering
Tuesday	9.30am - 1pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies Social &amp; Competition Games</li> <li>Roll Ups/Comp games after 1pm for members: 2 rinks only available if bookings made for barefoot bowlers.</li> </ul>	<Call Betty 0407 706 166 to play Cost <b>\$10</b> .
Wednesday	Before 12pm 12.30pm - 3pm After 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll ups allowed with Green Keepers permission</li> <li>Social Bowls Only NO ROLL UPS</li> <li>Roll Ups permitted if not booked by barefoot bowlers.</li> </ul>	< <b>Phone in</b> to book a game between 11.30am - 12pm. Tel: 9665 1507 Cost \$8.
Thursday	10am - 3pm	Roll ups/comp games permitted	
Friday	Before 12pm 12.30pm - 3pm After 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll ups allowed with Green Keepers permission</li> <li>Social Bowls Only NO ROLL UPS</li> <li>Roll Ups permitted but only 2 rinks available for members. Other rinks must be available for barefoot bowlers.</li> </ul>	< <b>Phone in</b> to book a game between 11.30am - 12pm. Tel: 9665 1507 Cost \$8.
Saturday	10am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 5.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comp Games, Coaching or Roll Ups. Comp games/coaching have priority.</li> <li>Roll Ups permitted but only 2 rinks available for members. All other rinks must be available for barefoot bowlers.</li> </ul>	
Sunday	9.30am - 12.45pm 12.45 - 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Bowls Only NO ROLL UPS</li> <li>Roll Ups permitted but only 2 rinks available for members. All other rinks must be available for barefoot bowlers.</li> </ul>	< <b>Phone in</b> to book a game between 11.30am - 12pm. Tel: 9665 1507 Cost \$8.

N.B - All Social Games are open to both Ladies and Men and the Green Keeper may need to close Green 2 for various reasons from time to time.

# In Memoriam

## VALE Kylie Hartley

In September a much loved member, Kylie Hartley, passed away. Several of our members joined other clubs to attend her crowded funeral and create a Guard of Honour. The following tribute was published on the Clovelly Woman's Bowling Club website:

### **Farewell Kylie, you will always be in our hearts**

It is with great sorrow we inform you of the passing of our much beloved Kylie Hartley yesterday at her home. Her friendship and love has been a joy to us all, not only at Clovelly but to every club that has had the honour to have heard her laugh and enjoyed her smile.

Her illness was short but intense however she remained positive and uplifting throughout, which was her way. Her sweetness and humour made this awful journey easier for everyone which is a rare thing.

Her positive input at Womens' Bowls NSW was an asset to the game. Her mother, Toni, is monumentally proud of her – as are we all. These amazing two women have made Lawn Bowls more accessible and enjoyable for hundreds of women throughout Sydney and beyond.

Their enthusiasm and dedication helped to make Moorefield Bowling Club a thriving, competitive club and helped introduce us to the amazing women from that area.

It is hard to image the game without her however she has ensured that it will thrive into the future and we thank her for that. There will be holes in the air where you used to be. We love you Kylie, we thank you and we will never forget you.

From your friends at Clovelly and the Bowling community.

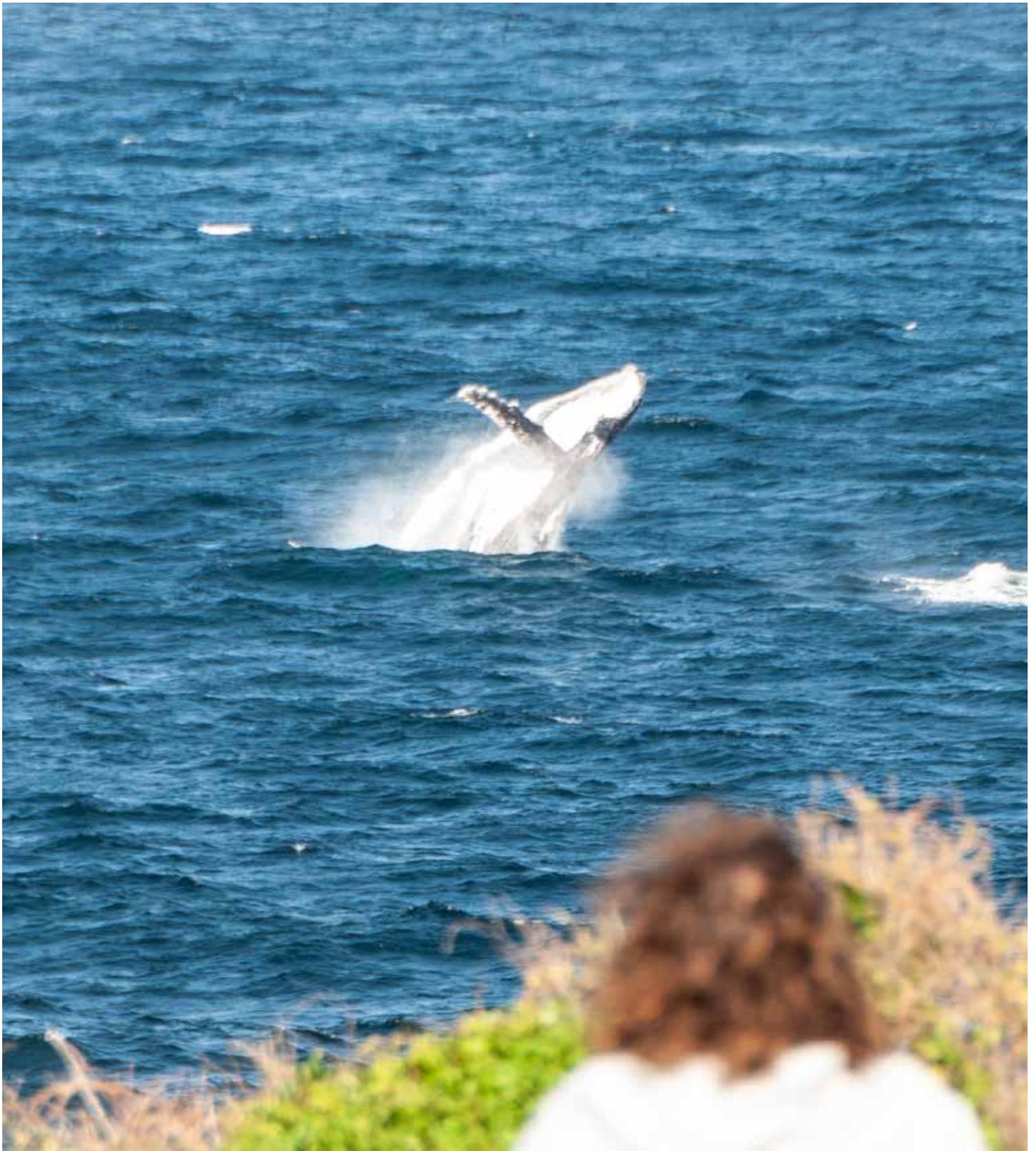


## COVID 19 Safety Measures at Clovelly Bowling Club

The following measures must be adhered to when attending the Clovelly Bowling Club but of course, if you are experiences any symptoms of illness, please do the right thing and stay at home. We are striving to ensure that our Club is a safe place, now and into the future.

- Patrons cannot enter the Club if they have symptoms of COVID 19 and/or have been in contact with an infected person or attended a "hot spot" in the last 14 days.
- Patrons must Sign In either with the QR code (preferred) or writing down name and phone number in our logbook.
- Your body temperature will be taken on entry. Temperatures over 37.5° will be excluded.
- Capacity limits must be observed in each area of the Club
- Personal distancing must be maintained
- Patrons must be seated when drinking.
- Signage on all Greens explains COVID 19 safety requirements. Max of 20 people per green.
- BBQs are not available at this time.
- COVID 19 Marshalls are on duty at all time to assist with compliance.
- We recommend you download the COVID 19 Safe App.





**Whales dancing at the Club, September 2020**

**Why not subscribe to our digital newsletter? Fill out this form and give it to the Bar Staff or fill out the form behind the bar.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_