



### **Chairman's AGM chat**

Hello to you all in these very trying times.

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."

Our past year due to the pandemic, was effectively 10 months out of the 12. So many plans and tasks have been achieved throughout this year whilst still achieving a remarkable, \$470,546.00 profit! This represents a huge effort and dedication from Keith Langelaar and ALL of his hard working staff! My hearty CONGRATULATIONS to you all!! As in all businesses, you are only as good as your management and staff. When you are enthusiastic about what you do, you feel the positive energy. IT'S THAT SIMPLE! Let me also thank Mike Skuftris and his staff of The Gymea Grill, for their continued service and superior meals!

When we all return to our great Club, you will see it sparkling throughout. Again, our hard working staff has done it all. Hopefully by the time of our AGM, our brand new north facing terrace off the Bennelong Lounge, will be completed! This construction and furniture required, will be completed without the requirement of a bank loan! Our current bank loan, which was reduced by over \$600,000 last year, has again reduced this year by \$165,200!

Further to the above, our very hard working bees, under the guidance (instruction) of Marc Worthington, have achieved so many different tasks. I would like to describe all of the tasks completed and ALL of those many hard working members but there are so many, not allowing me to add them here! Suffice to say on your return, have a look around and you will spot many changes. If you would like to help, please see Marc!

Over the year we introduced a Grants Committee and a Sponsorship Committee. We applied for 3 various grants and at this time, two have been approved with 1 awaiting approval. We received three new sponsors. Moving forward, it will be difficult attracting new sponsors! Congratulations to both committee's and we look forward to your new achievements!

Our 5 year project prediction put in place last year, is on track! Our next project is to replace our roof that we have patched to get us through until such time that it is replaced with solar panels installed at the same time, hopefully within two years without the need of another bank loan!

GYMEA BOWLING CLUB, STATE CHAMPIONS!!! A fantastic achievement by our grade 5 pennant team with the final played at Halekulani Bowling Club. Also our grade 7 only just missed out on the state finals!

In this financial climate, we need to call out for NEW BOWLING MEMBERS! Our Club is making predictions, dependent on the increase of Bowling Membership! If you are looking for some non-contact exercise, being outdoors whilst improving mind and skills, I would encourage you to have a go (for free) and see how enjoyable a game of Bowls is and the mate ship that will be achieved!

My sincere thanks and appreciation to our Board of Directors, Ian Clark, Debbie Brooking, Greg Leitch, Marc Worthington and John Geraghty for their time and support throughout the year!

Finally to Keith Langelaar, who has managed our Club for the last 9 years profitably, always supported by all of our wonderful staff! Keith and all of our staff, I know I can say on behalf of all of our Members and the Board of Directors,

**Thank You** so very much!!!

As always in the best interest of our great club

Kevin Jeffree  
friendly club"

Chairman of the Board

"the