

President's Report 2022

I have great pleasure in presenting the 2022 President's Report.

Firstly, I would like to thank the members for their participation and commitment to bowls at Springwood Men's Bowling Club. We are a club that provides bowlers opportunities to participate at all levels in our sport.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of you for your constant support over the past year and during the past four years of my presidency. It's been a challenging four years; Covid, changing Sports Club Management and priorities, changes at a state and district level, changes to bowls calendars and some of the wettest months on record. Who said bowls were not challenging?

I also want to thank all members of our committee who put in many hours of work without complaint. Much work goes on behind the scenes, and the committee should be recognised for their commitment to making things happen at our club. Without the hard of the committee, we would not have our bowls program.

Several members of our club have asked me to acknowledge Bruce Hawthorne's work in his role as Welfare Officer. I know this role is greatly appreciated by the members of our club, and many members and their families have been appreciative of the work Bruce does in this area.

Congratulations to all bowlers who competed in the various championship and tournaments held throughout the year. Thank you also to those bowlers involved in this year's Pennants Competition that operated under the new division format.

I was extremely pleased with the results of some of our initiatives this year, including;

- long service certificates recognising 10,20, 30 or 40 years of membership of our club;
- the updating and renaming of several of our club championships;
- the purchasing of new equipment to support our bowlers;
- the introduction of a new structure, the Tournaments Committee, to manage events such as Weekends at Burney's and Springwood in Springtime;
- the acceptance of the increasing use of electronic means of communication with our members.

As we move into 2023, the challenge that lies ahead is the amalgamation of the Men's and Women's Bowling Club and the structural changes that this will bring about in the governance of our clubs. It is essential that all members of our club work together to ensure that our amalgamation is successful and moves our club in a forward direction.

Best wishes to the incoming committee for 2023.

Graham Hodgkins