

## Members,

Following the recent board meeting, we are providing this information to keep you all up to date with things that may be of interest.

Very shortly the audited end of financial year financial report will be available to read in detail on the clubs' website. We are very pleased to report that despite all the challenges thrown at the club in 2020 the club has been able to achieve a small profit (after depreciation) of just over \$28,000. This is a remarkable result and thanks to all the people who have worked so hard to achieve this result, particularly staff and management of the club. This is the first time a positive result has been achieved for many years.

Members need to be guardedly optimistic with this result as it has been influenced by the government intervention on COVID 19 and insurance claims following the January bushfires. This year has been unprecedented so there is simply nothing to compare it with, but the result is what it is.

The club has been trading very positively following post-COVID reopening with the latest information we have is that August trading results were about \$20,500 in profit even after making adjustments for the COVID support.

All that is great news, however, the club no longer qualifies for government financial support so we are on our own like a number of small businesses. The only way we are going to continue this positive result is to continue to support the club through your patronage, participation in entertainment and sporting events and supporting your respective sub-clubs.

Just a quick reminder that the club is conducting raffles on Wednesday and Friday and the Bistro has a new menu, and weekly specials available. It is a great opportunity to try our luck, have a meal and relaxing drink.

Our membership base continues to be strong. Compared to August 2019 (1460 social members) we now have 1465 social members and we expect the usual influx of membership over the Christmas holiday season.

The club is planning to provide a limited program of entertainment for adults and activities for kids over the October long-weekend. This program is of course subject to COVID restrictions and a couple of bands have been booked to provide music, but, they are sit down events and unfortunately no dancing is allowed. The club will be enforcing our club COVID plan and using COVID marshals, please follow their directions.

While we are on the matter of COVID restrictions, when you are at the club please follow social distancing rules, the single front door access and exit and sign in procedures for club access and sporting participation – even social bowls and golf. Unfortunately, people are becoming complacent and, by law, the club is required to enforce the COVID rules and maintain records for 28 days. If a member or guest is detected contravening the clubs COVID plan the fines are prohibitive. We have received a number of visits to check compliance and to date have a clean bill of health (so to speak) but it only takes one breach.....

The Club is pursuing several other options for grant funding to improve the facility for members and we will keep you updated. Work has commenced on concrete pouring for the new bowls shade cloths which have been funded by a successful grant application. It was most rewarding to see a number of volunteers and greenkeeping staff sweating away barrowing concrete on Monday (Board members were at a Board meeting so could not help – but they would have).

The Golf Advisory Committee had the opportunity to meet Rob Green the PGA golfing professional who has set up a coaching clinic and pro-shop on course thanks to the hard work of the team lead by Peter Nikolic who have converted a space in the old clubhouse with the cooperation of the Men's shed. Rob will have a small stock of gear to meet your golfing and coaching needs – we are reliably informed he has the patience of a saint. Rob is supporting our club so please support him.

While talking golfing matters, just take care on the course the snakes are out – and we don't mean players.

Planning is underway to conduct the club AGM on 13 December, please bear with us it will be challenging with the restrictions in place, but the club will do its best. Please put the date in your diary.

Finally, the club wanted to remind members and guest that we do have our COVID plan and restrictions in place and secondly there is a dress code we apply. If you have any doubts please check with the staff of the club and comply with their advice.

We look forward to seeing you at the club.

**THCC Board**

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