

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2022

Yet another year has gone. Fortunately, we have all been able to enjoy a full year of bridge without interruption from any more outbreaks of viruses. The club continues to get a great roll up at all our sessions which has put us in a very good financial position. We will continue to put funds aside into our sinking fund to cover future equipment purchases and replacements.

I would like to thank Pat for organising a very enjoyable trip to Hervey Bay earlier this year. The members at Hervey Bay really put on a delicious spread for lunch – their hospitality was going to be difficult to surpass. Unfortunately, the players from Hervey Bay couldn't make a return trip up here. Never mind I am sure we can arrange another trip down there next year and hopefully we will get a few more members to join us for a fun day out.

If anyone has any ideas for functions, outings, or anything from which we can all benefit let me or someone on the committee know of your ideas or suggestions.

Our annual Xmas party was once again a great success, thanks to everyone who did all the organising and Jim for doing a marvellous job as our MC. Thanks also to Glen and his band for the great entertainment for the evening – he can certainly get everyone up and dancing.

Once again Susie has provided tuition to ladies who have shown interest in learning bridge. I believe there could be a few graduates coming along to our sessions shortly. Susie is currently conducting a directors training course for those who would like to become a director or for the benefit of providing more insight into the rules and regulations of the game. We thank her for her continued dedication to the game of bridge and our club.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for all their help and support during the year. You have all made the club run like a well-oiled machine. I would like to thank those who give a little bit extra of their time – in particular Claire, Bernie and Laurel for helping with the dealing each fortnight. Julie, thanks for taking on the Treasurer's position and of course, Pat for taking on the secretarial position. And a special thanks to Steve for always being there to fill in when needed.

During the year the construction of the new RSL club was finished which gave us more exclusive use of the old building. As you are probably aware the bowlers were dissatisfied with the new building because it did not adapt well to their requirements. In the great scheme of things this has worked in our favour. We have now taken over the exclusive use

of the manager's office which is a great outcome for us. We can now set up our equipment and supplies and not live out of boxes.

Congratulations to all the winners over the year and in particular Jim and Susie for taking out the club championships this year. This has become a hotly contested competition.

I look forward to another year of continued success for the club and some great camaraderie amongst our members in the bridge.

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President