

CLUB URUNGA

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Welcome, everyone, and thank you for attending.

It is pleasing to report that Club Urunga remains in a very healthy financial position, with funds in the bank and five investment properties continuing to generate income for the Club.

Throughout the year, the Club has continued to invest in its facilities and operations. Our computer systems have been upgraded with the latest technology, including facial recognition.

The subdivision of the Fitzroy Street property has now been completed, and we are awaiting Council certification.

New Club signage at both the front and rear of the Club has also been completed, greatly improving the appearance of the property.

The pedestrian crossing project has also been completed.

Moving Forward

Before we can progress with any major extension of the Club, we need to resolve the issues surrounding the sewer main that runs through the Club grounds.

A number of complications arose in relation to this project, and the Board engaged project manager to map the sewer, progress the required works and assist with obtaining tenders.

As the previous concept plans had become outdated, the Board passed a resolution in July to have two new concepts prepared, taking into account the sewer encasement requirements.

This work is currently underway.

Once the concepts have been received and considered by the Board, they will be placed on the Club noticeboard for members to view. Member feedback will be welcomed before the Club proceeds.

It is important that any future development is properly planned, financially responsible and undertaken in the best long-term interests of Club Urunga.

Supporting Our Community

Club Urunga has continued to support our local community and worthwhile organisations throughout the year.

This support has included:

- \$3,388 towards new nipper boards for Urunga Surf Life Saving Club;
- \$2,100 towards cancer research;
- \$15,000 to Bellingen Rotary for medical equipment for Bellingen Hospital; and
- a number of smaller donations and contributions to local organisations and community causes.

Supporting our community remains an important part of who we are as a Club.

Acknowledgement of Directors

This year also marks the departure of three directors who have made significant contributions to Club Urunga.

Garry Carter has served the Club for approximately 12 years and has held the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Garry has given a great deal of his time and commitment to the Club over those years and has also contributed greatly to the social side of the Club, including our Christmas functions.

Paul Spencer has brought thoughtful consideration to Board matters and has always been prepared to examine issues carefully before making decisions. Paul has also put considerable effort into investigating grant opportunities for the Club.

Brian Irwin has brought considerable knowledge and experience to the Board as Social Director and now a full bowling member. His understanding of Club projects and past decisions has been extremely valuable.

On behalf of the Board and members of Club Urunga, I sincerely thank Garry, Paul and Brian for their service, commitment and contributions to the Club.

Conclusion

Club Urunga is in a strong position, and much has been achieved during the year.

There are still important decisions ahead, particularly in relation to future development and the sewer project. However, we have a sound financial base from which to make those decisions.

I would like to thank my fellow directors, our Club Manager and staff, our volunteers, our bowling members and all Club members for their continued support throughout the year.

Most importantly, I believe that every decision we make must continue to be guided by one principle:

The best interests and long-term future of Club Urunga must always come first.

Beverley Cloake

Chairperson