

President's Report
Annual General Meeting 2021

Opening:

Another eventful year! We have become great furniture removalists with all the changes to the table layouts we have had. Unfortunately, because of the Covid19 epidemic, as with other clubs in the country we have had to cancel some events and curtail one in the middle of play.

Operations:

There are many volunteers who are generous with their time and ensure the smooth running of our club – I do not need to name them individually or their valuable contributions – you know who you are! I thank you all for your efforts throughout the last year.

Committee:

Your committee is essential to run the affairs of the club for your benefit. I thank all of them for their contribution during the year. Bev Northey the Vice President also manages the club memberships, Gabrielle Elich, Secretary, makes sure our committee runs smoothly and unfortunately is stepping down. Mike Phillips our Treasurer is continuing to improve the financial operations of the club.

Alison Dawson is our prime source of new members and improves our bridge knowledge through the variety of classes she offers. We need to encourage others (friends, neighbours, and family) to come and experience our wonderful game so the club can grow and prosper.

Lorraine Kaszas is the providore and keeps the kitchen well supplied. Gary Petterson makes sure the rest of the club has sufficient essential items. John Gilmour manages the maintenance and keeps the clubhouse shipshape. Tricia Merefield stepped into the role of congress secretary at the last meeting and has done an excellent job in her first year.

Carmel Dwan looks after the welfare of members including the delicious cupcakes she provides for birthdays. Sally Weedon was appointed to fill the casual vacancy left by Mike at the last AGM but unfortunately stepped down after 3 months. Mike Phillips agreed to then come back onto the committee and resume the Treasurer's job.

Facilities:

We replaced the outdated solar panels with more, higher efficiency ones, so that we should have little or no electricity costs. Quotes are being sought for a computer equipment upgrade to improve security, reliability and to facilitate backups for our data.

Events:

There were reduced numbers of events due to the circumstances in the last 12 months. Those that we did hold were well attended and participants were reasonably satisfied with the alternate catering arrangements we had to have in place.

Closing:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Secretary, Gabrielle, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the club running efficiently and for her invaluable assistance to me during the last year.

I have been pleased to serve as your President for the last year and coping with all the difficulties with the help of the committee and volunteers. I look forward to a growing club in the next 12 months and to working with the new committee members.