



Chairman's News Release:

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment made by the previous Board of Directors. Chairman, Eileen Taylor & Deputy Chairman Ron Graham were pivotal in the success of the legal litigation between RCAS and the Club which absorbed and consumed a number of years of their lives on behalf of the club. Their diligence and commitment as directors at the time prevented the Club from legal disaster and we now enjoy our Club today as a result of their efforts. In summary, in 2014, 7 days was set aside for a legal battle in the Queensland Supreme Court for a claim of "Breach of Contract" by RCAS and being sued for \$4.8 million dollars which the Club defended but whilst this was happening, they also had to deal with the NAB forcing the Club to sell the Club land and settle the \$4.9-million-dollar debt. I would like to personally offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to them both on behalf of all members who enjoy our club facilities today who may not have been fully aware of their efforts and what occurred behind the scenes during this very dark period within our Club. As Directors we have to deal with a lot of Confidential matters which cannot be discussed for legal reasons and the Board are to be congratulated for their commitment in keeping our Club opened for us all to enjoy today and it must be known that we came very close to not having a club due to the legal action. I would also like to thank and congratulate Director Bob Jack for his commitment to the Board over his 4 years, Bob's industry knowledge has been pivotal to the Club's current financial position and as the newly elected Chairman I wish to thank him for his guidance and friendship over this period.

On Sunday 28th of October a new Board were appointed and I wish to congratulate those elected and I look forward to working with them as we move forward for the success of our Club. The new Board on Monday 29th of October moved to declared full support for the current "Strategic" plan as it was presented to the members at the member's information session in May 2018. The new Board fully understand the concerns by some members in relation to the plan, however also acknowledge the needs of the club's future growth and why this strategic plan is so important for the Club's future success. The new Board have acknowledged the work and information from the previous Board and have unanimously moved to continue with the plan as it was presented. It is important to note, that whilst the Board are fully supporting the plan, members should remember that the Board have been elected to ensure the future success of the business for all members to enjoy. The DA has now been lodge with Tweed Shire Council and it may be some months before the Club receives final approval, once the Club receives approval it does not automatically mean work will commence. The Board will then start planning the works in stages and ***it may be 5 years before any work begins.***

As the newly elected Chairman, I understand I have some learning to do, but I can assure all members that I will be committed to my role and will work hard on behalf of our members to continue to provide great facilities, service and entertainment for all members not only bowlers to enjoy. We have over 5000 members of our club with 261 being full bowling members and the Boards role is to run the Club Ltd and support our elected Bowls Committees which I will continue to do on behalf of the members.

If you have any concerns, please speak with either myself or one of the newly elected Directors who will try and resolve any concerns raised. However, if the concern is of a serious nature we do request this be put in writing to our General Manager.

Ray Breen
Chairman of the Board