



Vermont South Club Inc.

**Livingstone Road
Vermont South 3133**

**29th Annual Report
& Financial Statement
for year ended
30th June 2021**

VSC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2020/21

President	David Dressing
Vice President	Pauline Cullen
Secretary	Jim Baker
Treasurer	Martin Haines
Committee	Laurice Webb (M/ship Sec.) Liz Henwood Libby Fergusson Gwen Baker * Daniel Shell * Ken George Lachlan White * Spiro Agius
	* Stood down mid-term
Bowls Chairperson	Michael Keel (auto secondment)
Tennis Chairperson	Damien Whaley (auto secondment)

LIFE MEMBERS

1990	Kevin Donovan Gary McDonnell	2013	Gary Simmons
1994	Geoff Iles	2015	Mike Emery
1995	Ian Strong	2017	Trevor Holland
1997	Lynton Reid John Allen Chris Moule	2018	Christine Holland Barrie Brown Andrew Ross John Temple
1999	Nellie Sutherland	2019	Ron Vogeles Noel Bennett
2002	Jill Raymond	2020	Ian Heatley Ed Benetti
2008	Jock Halley		
2009	Clive Wilson		
2011	John Mead		

Meritorious Service Award

The following members were specifically recognized this year for their outstanding service over many years:

Margaret Borden
Geoff Bryant
Keith Horlock
Allan Lamb
Michael McFarlane

PRESIDENTS REPORT



The Annual General Meeting has always been a time of reflection and this year is no exception. It has been “*a year of two halves*” resulting in a dramatic difference between the stability of the first 6 months and the fractious environment created in the months since our last AGM. Much has happened behind the scenes which has unfortunately adversely affected our Club in so many ways. This has brought me to the conclusion that my President’s Report on this occasion should not only reflect my viewpoint, but also that of the

Vice President (Pauline Cullen), the Secretary (Jim Baker) and our Treasurer (Martin Haines). From the outset we have all worked closely as a team and we firmly believe this Report should be dedicated to addressing individual matters that appear to have either purposefully been misrepresented or perhaps misunderstood by some.

It is no secret that during these past months politics has reared its ugly head and has severely weakened what was (up to April 2021) a very happy Club environment. Over these past weeks our attention has been brought to what seems to be a significant amount of innuendo, conjecture and rumour circulating amongst the membership. It disappoints us greatly that rather than approach us to verify what members may have heard; many have instead chosen to repeat what, in some instances, can best be described as malicious gossip. It is a sad indictment on those who have cast groundless aspersions suggesting “black shadows” hang over the character and honesty of some members of the Executive – surely our Club is better than that !

In preparing this Report we feel it important to provide you with the background behind many of the issues as the AGM is your opportunity to gain an understanding of the agenda and philosophies of those determined to lead the Club so you are aware of the direction in which they will take it from this point forward.

At this juncture we particularly want to acknowledge the enormous amount of time and effort so many past Committees have dedicated to developing a strong & friendly VSBC which up until April 2021, was much admired amongst the bowling fraternity. Strengthened by an enviable culture of progression and a measured program of fostering youth, we were well placed to cement our position in the higher rankings (finishing a creditable 6th at the end of the 20/21 season) and therefore ensure the Bowling Club could remain viable throughout the years ahead - bringing with it considerable benefit to ALL members of the entire Vermont South Club (Bowling, Tennis and Darts). Up until the outbreak of COVID, we were well on the way to achieving the goals first put in place by many of our founding members long ago. Throughout the past 5 years, Pauline, Martin, Jim and I have resolutely supported the initial objectives of those before us. After discussions with key stakeholders within the Club, we determined the best approach to ensuring a resilient and sustainable future for the Club was to recruit young people to the game. We make no apology for the decisions we have made in our effort to secure the longevity of the Club.

Lamentably the change in direction to a more internal perspective stridently pursued by some within the Club has directly resulted in the loss of all our young members – a major blow to our future. As this proclaimed need for a shift in focus conflicts with what the Executive Team have always believed to be the most progressive way forward for the development of the Club, we cannot, in all good conscience, support what we

consider to be a short- sighted approach to the challenges the Club will face in times ahead.

It is with regret therefore that we step away from our various roles on the VSC Committee and have not lodged nominations for the next term.

Please review the following information to acquaint yourself with the background on many of the issues currently affecting our Club:

TENNIS CLUB

Membership

2020 = 166members

2021= 117 members

Lighting/Contract – At the time of writing this Report a Permit is yet to be granted by Council. Over many weeks the VSCC Executive have requested Damien Whaley (President VSTC) provide the VSCC with contractual documentation so we can ensure the appropriate protections are in place before further funds are expended. This has only just come to hand together with Damian’s timeline on the next steps (*see below*). The working plan Damien presented to the VSCC required the VSC to fund the major portion of the project with repayments to be made over a 10 year period. However, our concern is that with a significant drop in membership numbers and limited opportunities for fund raising, Damien’s budgetary justification will need to be reviewed.

Timeline provided by Damien Whaley:

** Next Generation Lighting will issue an invoice for the payment covering the cost of the lighting hardware minus the deposit already paid – this is due to be paid now.*

** Damien is working with Council to approve the project.*

** Damien has now followed up Next Gen Lighting who will provide the Contract document*

** Once approval is given from Council, the works will be scheduled*

** The lights will be installed over a 3 day period*

** A final invoice will be issued by Next Generation Lighting for the installation costs*

This project was initially approved by the VSCC based on receiving a rebate of around 30% of the overall costs from Tennis Australia. To date a large deposit has been paid at Damien’s request and a further Invoice for \$1,600 odd has recently been received.

BOWLING CLUB

Membership

2020–233 members

2021 - 203 members – average age of BC membership now stands at approx 76 years.

Finance- contrary to baseless rumours being circulated amongst members, the VSC remains in a strong position financially. This is confirmed by the Financial Statements provided by our Treasurer which, as always prior to an AGM, have been audited by an independent Accountancy firm. Whilst we have suffered during COVID, we have been able to maintain a fairly strong financial position.

Payment of Players – records confirm that the 2020 VSC Committee were **NOT** party to the “payment” of players. Whether that be by way of incentives, reduction of fees, provision of free uniforms etc. The fact is there are details within the BC records that

can be directly attributed to decisions made within the BC providing such inducements to Players. The BC Membership Officer was advised to waive the fees of 2 members. We subsequently found the records show that fees of 5 were actually waived. The accusations that the 2020 VSC Committee actively participated in the payment of players is totally unfounded and is a misrepresentation of the truth.. Despite requests for the BCC to produce credible evidence to the contrary, they are yet to do so. The VSCC were aware of the outline of the “Division One to Premiership Model” however, we were never privy to the finer details.

Sponsorships – Over the last 5 years we have attracted a number of sponsors. Large contributors being:

\$2,500 - Helloworld

\$15,000 - Ryman – per year for 3 years – they originally contributed \$5,000. Unfortunately due to COVID this figure has now reduced back to \$5,000 per annum.

\$26,000 - Bekdon Richards – thanks to those who organised the sale of their homes through them.

Sale of superfluous streaming equipment –we have secured a sale for the superfluous used streaming equipment – we originally paid \$4,800 and have recouped \$3,850.

Tree Roots –thanks to John Ispanovic and his team of volunteers, the tree roots have been removed from the east green by KCL. Both the Council Arborist and our independent Arborist have agreed that the roots from the gum trees outside the Bowling Club boundary are the main contributing factor and as previously advised, ongoing negotiations will take place to recover the cost from Council.

Max Goldsmith – costs etc – This appears to have been a significant bone of contention amongst some members. However, the arrangement with Max was to earn his expenses via sponsorship and other means over a 5 year period. He had already attained sponsorship agreements to around \$5,000 last year and we were assured by Proquip and the Bendigo Bank that they would be with us again this year, with a possible increase in their involvement. The recognition his efforts brought to the VSBC by exposure during tournaments is immeasurable. We will never know the outcome of Max’s contribution, so let’s hope those now handling marketing, seeking new members & the organisation of tournaments on behalf of the 2021 BC Committee can achieve similar results during their tenure.

Coach (CJ) – payments – there has been considerable speculation surrounding this matter. In fairness to CJ, we provide the following information. Despite verbal confirmations provided to the 2021 incoming BCC by CJ and on several occasions, by those present when a fee agreement was made, there appeared an unwillingness to accept there was a clear verbal Contract between the outgoing BC Committee and CJ. Unfortunately, the then BCC had not included a written report of the agreement and its details in their Club records. However, it was simple – the budget covering the coaching position for the 2020/21 year had been set at up to \$15,000 (as can be confirmed by the Financial Budget Statements available to all members). In seeking to provide Club members with as much access to coaching as possible, CJ had offered to forego a portion of his allocated fee for the 2020/21 season and put it toward enlisting the services of Zac Woning as Assistant Coach (a 2 for 1 proposition). Of course it did not hurt that Zac would participate in our youth program and was a very able player. 2021 saw Zac’s departure meaning CJ would need to cover the coaching Zac had undertaken

and hence he was due his full agreed fee for the 2021/2022 year. The insistence by the BC President and her supporters that there was no evidence that such an agreement had been in place, necessitated those present at the initial fee agreement meeting to provide written statements. The disinclination by the current BCC to accept CJ's word left him with the impression that they believed him to be untruthful resulting in him having serious misgivings regarding the BCC and their ongoing agenda with respect to his position at the Club

Loss of young members – we will not labour the point on how detrimental this has been to a Club recognised for its progressive youth program, other than to say that those who either did not understand, failed to act or worst still, purposefully ignored the signs, must accept the responsibility for the sad outcome.

Special Meeting – Ambiguity of Rules – Many will be aware that 60 odd members tendered Notice to the VSC Committee requesting a Special Meeting to censure the VSC Committee as having broken the rules.

BACKGROUND:

Those in attendance at the 2020 AGM will recall the heated exchange regarding the non receipt of Spiro Agius' nomination to the 2021 VSC Committee. Whilst Dianne Agius insisted she had mailed the nomination, it had not been received by the Returning Officer by the due date in accordance with the Rules. To cut a long story short, I (in my capacity as President of VSC) took Dianne's assertion on good faith & accepted Spiro's nomination. Within days of the AGM, Spiro referred the VSCC to the Rule where it states that only 11 members can be elected to the VSC Committee. Several past Committee representatives were consulted and they too, were unaware that the number of Committee members had been capped at 11. Considerable debate ensued thereafter as to how best to handle the situation where we had been fortunate enough to attract 14 members to the Committee and how the Rules should be interpreted. It had been suggested that 3 members of the VSCC could step down and then be elected to Sub-Committees as Chairpersons. Whilst this was possible, the contentious issue was whether they could then have full voting rights.

Three (3) members (who had served on the Committee for some years & had been democratically elected) unselfishly stepped aside to allow the Committee to continue to conduct business whilst we sought advice on the matter. In seeking that advice, the Club Solicitor, pointed out that the Rules were created from a template quite some years back and there were anomalies. The ultimate advice received confirmed that those who stepped aside and took up Sub-Committee positions would not have full voting rights on the VSCC. It is worth noting that the Solicitor strongly recommended that as the Rules appeared to have been taken from an outdated template, it would make good sense to have the Rules reviewed and drawn up in accordance with the direct wishes of the VSC membership.

The insinuation made to some that the Special Meeting was being called to address concerns over "*finances*" appears to have been a misnomer being espoused during the collection of signatures.. One can only speculate as to the actual motive behind this.

Moreover, the question must be asked that if we had "broken the Rules" as far as the number of persons elected to the Committee was concerned, should we have insisted on those last to be elected step aside? We find it incongruous that on one hand there is an outcry suggesting Rules had been broken, yet on the other we are being asked to turn a blind eye.

Communication – BC and VSC Presidents – in the early days of Dianne Agius' appointment as President of the BC, the VSC President (David Dressing) had been advised via several reliable sources that Dianne had allegedly commented to some within the BC that he had been aggressive in his verbal communication with her – others who participated in that first meeting held a completely different view. On seeking advice from experts in the HR field as to how best to approach this matter, it was recommended that all his future communications with Dianne should be either in written/email format or whilst others were present. David has followed this advice to avoid further allegations of a similar nature. However, it seems that he is now being reproached as not being able to verbally communicate with Dianne as he does not ring her. We will let you draw your own conclusions on this issue. The old adage of “*damned if you do and damned if you don't*” comes to mind.

DARTS – our Dart numbers have increased slightly. Unfortunately COVID has had a massive say on when they can actually use the Club but now we are open, they are off again. Neil Ramage and his lads continue to go about their business with little to no fuss. We hope they continue to enjoy their involvement well into the future.

BUILDING - The current building allows for the seating of 128 Saturday Pennant Bowlers and our social activities are curtailed at around 90 people due to comfort concerns. Larger numbers can best be described as a “crush” where the ability to move easily between tables, the bar and the toilet facilities is seriously restricted. In the time leading up to COVID the Club held very successful social events where we had to limit numbers meaning that some missed out. The VSC were fortunate to receive a \$300,000 grant from the Fed Govt (Michael Sukkar) to be spent on new building extensions. Thanks to 5 years of hard work by Raylene Carr, we also succeeded in having the Whitehorse Council put aside \$1.9 m in their budget to add to the amount granted by the Fed Govt on the proviso that the VSC would also contribute \$150,000 – payable in 2023. These new extensions would achieve first class facilities where we could comfortably and safely accommodate larger numbers. The current VSCC considered that a significant amount of the \$150K could be raised by fund raising efforts and sponsorships. The fund raising to be along the lines of “buy a brick” where the donors would receive ongoing recognition of their support. In the realm of sponsorship, David held productive meetings with the Bendigo Bank who have indicated their willingness to explore substantial funding possibly over a 3 year period. There is some water yet to go under the bridge in this respect.

Whilst elevation drawings have been available for viewing – *refer to the notice board at the VSC* – Architects employed by the Whitehorse Council are in the process of drawing up detailed plans. Once completed, these too will be available to the membership to view.

Of particular interest to the Bendigo Bank was the concept of providing an area where members could gather in groups to socialise in a friendly and comfortable environment away from the variable temperature fluctuations for which Melbourne is renowned. There are many members who are not residents of retirement villages who would appreciate an opportunity to spend time with friends - perhaps playing cards, watching the bowls, viewing TV special events together or simply enjoying a coffee and a chat. This aligns with the ethos of the Bendigo being a community bank who see their visions and values towards being good community citizens.

We feel it appropriate to address criticisms directed toward the efforts to upgrade our facilities providing opportunities for the Club to embrace ALL members at functions and attract others to hire the premises for larger events achieving greater revenue. We understand there have been comments suggesting the membership had not been consulted and that this is a Club and not a business. In response to those who are of that belief, we make the following observations:

Consultation – updates and information regarding the progress of the building have been consistently published in the Newsletter inviting members to contact us if they had any concerns or queries. It is worth noting that in the recent Survey circulated by the Bowling Club, many members confirmed they wanted the new extensions to proceed.

Operating as a business – it is a sad fact that for any Club to survive in these modern times and exist beyond its immediate membership, enduring Clubs need to operate on a business model. There are many examples (some of them local) where a Bowling Club has failed to put in place long term plans resulting in their demise. Change is difficult to accept and can be confronting. However, we owe it to the next generation of bowlers to safeguard the future of the Club. Progress is a moving thing and cannot be denied regardless of our personal feelings. One of the most generous & selfless gifts you can bestow on the next generation of Vermont South residents is to ensure they will have a local Club where they too can enjoy the sport and the fellowship it brings.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline Cullen (Vice President), Jim Baker (Secretary) and Martin Haines (Treasurer) for their unwavering support during my tenure as President. Both the Club and I have been the beneficiary of their experience, sound advice and proficient management of their responsibilities. This, together with their commitment to ensuring the best interests of the Club remained paramount, along with the advice I have received from various founding members over the years, has been the cornerstone of the decision-making process during the last 5 years.

It would be remiss of me not to mention, Gwen Baker, Lachie White and Daniel Shell. For those who may not be aware, it was Gwen, Lachie and Daniel, who put the interests of the Club first when they unselfishly offered to step away from their VSCC portfolios in an effort to rectify the situation regarding the number of persons who can serve on the VSC Committee in accordance with the rules. This was an admirable demonstration of their care and concern that the Club should be able to continue to function effectively while the matter of how many Committee members could be elected was being resolved. It is disappointing that we have subsequently lost both Lachie and Daniel from the Club.

Our record over the last 5 years stands for itself and I am proud of the achievements that the Executive team (with the support of Gwen, Lachie & Daniel, together with Michael Keel & his Committee) have accomplished for the Club during that time. Pauline, Jim, Gwen, Martin and I intend to retain our membership of the Club and we extend an open invitation to those who may seek further information to discuss any concerns or queries you may have with us personally – we stand by the decisions made during our term and take solace in knowing that our efforts were rewarded with very satisfying results up to April 2021.

Only time will tell if those supporting a platform with a more insular and short term approach can look back with the same sense that the actions they have set in chain have truly been in the best interests of the Club. The loss to the Club of many good friends, the departure of our youth and the disharmony caused by the methods adopted to alter the course of the Club, is in itself, its own tale.

On behalf of myself, Pauline, Jim, Martin and Gwen, I send our best wishes and look forward to catching up on the green.

Finally, in closing, I wish to express my gratitude to the many members who took the time to contact me, Pauline, Jim and Martin over these past contentious months. Your reassurance, encouragement and support has been greatly appreciated. We will watch with interest as to how the administration of our Club unfolds from this point forward.

David Dressing
President

Pauline Cullen
Vice-President

Jim Baker
Secretary

MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

The Vermont South Club seeks to occupy a position as the most recognisable and respected sporting club in the district.

MISSION

The Vermont South Club serves the community through the provision of healthy and competitive sporting activities and provides, for its members, excellent sporting facilities within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

We adhere to a fundamental belief that a healthy lifestyle and positive community spirit is enhanced by the provision of social and competitive sport for people of all ages and abilities at an affordable price.

VALUES

We will turn our vision into reality by:

- Focusing on participation rather than winning at all costs
- Fostering a sense of fair play and sportsmanship
- Embracing equality of opportunity
- Being financially prudent & delivering value for money
- Seeking continuous improvement
- Conducting our activities with integrity
- Planning for the future: being open to the challenge of new ideas
- Working constructively with our sporting partners

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

As at 30 June 2021

	Tennis	Bowls	Darts	Non Playing	Total
Adult	46	138	22		206
Concession	8	53			61
Junior	53				53
Life		9		10	19
Night Tennis	8				
Non-Playing					0
Family	2				
Friends of VS				41	41
TOTAL	117	200	22	51	390

BOWLS REPORT



Michael Keel completed his second and final term as Bowls Section Chair Person and I was elected in April 2021. We say thank you to Michael for his years of contribution to the running of the Bowls Section.

The last 2 years have seen us face the biggest challenge we have ever experienced - the COVID-19 pandemic, the shutdowns, not allowed on the green for many months, not allowed to have face to face meetings and having to follow the restriction rules. It has been very disruptive and isolating but thanks to the vaccinations available now we are opening up and the new season gives us the chance to get back on the bowling green with a new sense of excitement.

During this reporting period Michael advised

- The Bowls Club membership was 202 full members as at of end March 2021 and we have 37 members in the “Friends of Vermont South” category (not all bowlers), some of them will be joining the barefoot bowls games. A number of Jack Attack players – 23, decided to join via a promotional offer the barefoot bowls brigade. It is hoped they will join as full members in the future. Try Bowls run by a great team of volunteers is currently underway at the time of writing and we will no doubt get some new members this year. Whilst our numbers of full fee-paying members are down, they won’t be for long with the great work being done by the Try Bowls, Jack Attack and Barefoot Bowls teams. Jack Attack, Barefoot Bowls and Corporate Bowls are great initiatives, and our goal is to increase bowls participation and improve community awareness about our club.
- Financially, the bowls club finances are down, to be expected as we have been closed for many months. Our Treasurer has provided more detail in his report.
- We continue to be a very proud part of the local community and two of our bowling club members were recognised by receiving Deakin Community Awards. The Hon Michael Sukkar MP presented these at our club rooms in January to Keith Horlock, for the volunteering work he does for the club and to Lloyd Iaccarino for his coaching efforts involving juniors and adult coaching over many years. Unfortunately, we did not hold our charity events like the biggest morning tea and men’s health fund raising events due to the COVID lockdowns.
- The pennant teams results are included in another section of this report.
- Michael acknowledged the support of the selectors who spent a vast amount of time dedicated to selecting teams and managing emergency players when needed. Thank you to all of the selectors for their commitment to this important task and its contribution to the success of our pennant teams.
- During this reporting period we were able to secure the services of a new Head Coach, CJ Snary. We welcomed CJ who has taken on the role with enthusiasm. He is getting to know our members and understands the areas where coaching can be of benefit to all players. Our former coach, Lloyd Iaccarino, after years of good service has moved on in his career, now as the Sports Co-Ordinator of the Sunbury Bowls Club complex and we wish him well.
- Our Greens team, like so many of our volunteers, have a very important and specialised function by keeping the greens in top playing condition. They were able to continue on with the green’s maintenance, working within the COVID restrictions we had for most of 2020. We are still faced with the east green tree root problem which will be addressed in this pennant off season. As reported last year, the east green drainage is a problem after heavy rain, it does take a “long” time to drain, however the

costs to fix were excessive - \$40k+. The green life expediency is 2 – 3 years and we will accept the risks until the green is replaced.

- Our gardens have been kept in great condition considering the COVID restrictions. A small team regularly attended when allowed and were able to keep the gardens maintained. When the restrictions eased, we were able to ramp up our gardening efforts. Thank you to our garden volunteers. And we must not forget to thank our maintenance team who managed to keep our assets in good condition.
- Social Bowls was severely impacted with only a small number of games convened during the 2020 autumn/winter/spring, but we are back now with Wednesday, Wednesday night and Thursday social bowls. The numbers are down, but we believe that they will improve.
- The Tournament Committee were able to run a limited number of championships matches this year. We did hold the inaugural Proquip Super Singles tournament in late December which was a success. This event was live streamed over Facebook/YouTube which provided huge exposure to the game, our club and sponsor.
- The social committee were restricted like everybody else, but they are back! Holding their comeback event in March – the Elvis function. The club was rocking, with all who attended so pleased to share in this fantastic social function. More events are being planned for the next 12 months.
- The house keeping team, an unnoticed but an important function, have kept our club rooms and supplies in good order. As stated, they go unnoticed, but you would see very quickly if they were not available – No tea, coffee or biscuits, the kitchen unkept, tables not clean – I could go on. I'll bet that many members don't even realise this work happens every week.

And from Di

Only a couple of months in the Chairperson's position in this reporting period and we have a number of things underway, The Bowls Survey results, the coaches forum and an action plan for the next couple of years.


At our AGM in April where I was elected our committee undertook to consult and listen to members, to understand the for and against view on issues, to communicate, to make decisions based on facts and evidence and to provide the understanding of why those decisions have been made.

We were looking to have a number of things up and running over winter including a review of our Social program and a Pennant Success Forum but at the time of writing this report we have just come out of another 3 months of lockdown which has had a huge impact for us all. Hopefully in the next reporting period I will be able to advise how we have been able to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and move forward into an exciting time in the Bowls section.

Di Agius

Bowls Chairperson

BOWLS CLUB CHAMPIONS

2020/21	Event	Men	Women
	Singles	Max Goldsmith 	Not Held
	Pairs	Max Goldsmith Zac Woning	Not Held
	Mixed Pairs	Ron Short & Mary Farley	
	100-Up (Open)	Not Held	
	Pres. H/cap	Not Held	
	Novice	Not Held	
	Pennant MVP	Saturday: Viv Bennett	
		Mid-week: John Ispanovic	

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 Eastern Ranges Open Mens Pairs

Max Goldsmith & Zac Woning



2021 Eastern Ranges Open Mixed Pairs

Mary Farley & Zac Woning



TENNIS REPORT



We all hoped that 2021 would be better than 2020. It turns out that it was fairly much the same as 2020. We had a little bit of freedom, then COVID lockdowns for a lot of the year. Thankfully we now have effective COVID vaccines which keep us all safe. Thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves we now have achieved 80% double dose vaccination. This means that we are regaining our freedoms. Including playing tennis!

I'm really proud of all of the players who compete for Vermont South Club. Competitions this year have been stopped because of COVID but they are now starting to resume. I'm also really grateful for everyone who competes or plays socially with other club members. I encourage members to get involved in the competitions. We don't play for sheep stations, and it's a great opportunity to improve your tennis, meet new people, and have fun at the same time.

We are especially lucky to have "We Are Tennis" providing our coaching. Jess O'Meara, Sean Wilkeson, and Kylie Wilkeson run a great program with enthusiastic coaches. Coaching has been severely interrupted this year, but has resumed recently. It is fantastic to see full classes full of smiling faces. 2021 has been a tough year, and we're glad that "We Have Tennis" have survived the challenges, and we're doing everything we can to support them. I strongly encourage signing up for a coaching class or a cardio class if you are at all interested.

We are now using Tennis Australia's Book a Court system to display the court availability. In the next couple of weeks, we will have online reservations and bookings. We're becoming a bit more modern! Be on the lookout for more information as we improve the online availability, reservations, and bookings.

We are only a couple of weeks away from having the new LED floodlights installed. While the club has been closed we have been working behind the scenes to secure a grant from Tennis Australia, and this has enabled us to engage D&A Lighting to install our new lights. They will be twice as bright and are able to be turned on and off when we want. No more having to wait for the lights to warm up or cool down.

We have a couple of big projects we are looking to complete in the coming year. The heaters in the tennis clubroom have stopped being reliable, so we will be looking to replace them with reverse-cycle air conditioner/heater. We have a couple of quotes already tendered, and we have one more quote to get. Hopefully this will be installed before winter hits us.

Our poor sprinklers are reaching the end of their life. They've provided good service, but are now starting to struggle. We are looking at options to repair or replace them. This will ensure we continue to maintain great courts, as well as saving costs through using less water, and being able to use rain water.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have donated their time and expertise to help around the club. We've had some really productive working bees (and there's more to come) which have neaten up the club grounds. We have continued to be active on social media thanks to Jasmina. You will see more activity as

we continue to promote the club. We are on the lookout for more volunteers. If you can help out the club we would really like to hear from you.

I'd like to express my thanks to the tennis committee and competition convenors. In no particular order I would like to thank Daniel Shell, Libby Fergusson, Jess O'Meara, Janet Liebler, Sean Morris, Mark Judd, Sean Lee, Joe Pitt, and Braydyn Chong. You have helped so much to ensure the competitions run smoothly, and keeping things in order. A special mention to Daniel who has decided to step down as secretary - thanks for everything you have done. And thank you everyone!

We are looking for a treasurer and a secretary. If you would like to help out, please get in touch (damien.whaley@vermontsouthclub.com.au or 0417 350 546).

As always, our focus is to make sure that Vermont South Club is a place where members and visitors enjoy spending time at. We're a community club and we want to really make sure we're fostering a welcoming and warm environment. Be on the lookout for more social events!

I look forward to seeing you all on the courts!

Damien Whaley

President, Tennis Section

DARTS REPORT



VSC DARTS CLUB - A SHORT HISTORY

The VSC Darts Club was formed in early 1994 by a group of 5 or 6 Tennis Players, who I believe were looking for an excuse to spend an extra night out under the guise of sporting pursuits, although the enjoyment of a drink or two was high on the agenda.

Initially playing with one team of 6 in the Southern Darts League, this grew to 2 teams by 1996. After the 1997 season ended most players decided that the travel requirement when playing away every second week was too onerous & not fair on the nominated drivers.

Thus in 1998 the in-house competition was born with 4 teams of 3 players.

Within a couple of years this grew to 6 teams averaging 20 to 22 players per year.

2021 despite COVID lockdowns saw us grow to a high of 27 players although one has since left due to ill health.

Who knows what 2022 will bring? but one possibility is that we may be able to expand to an 8-team weekly competition.

Our **2021** seasons were again disrupted:

AUTUMN SEASON: luckily, we only lost 4 nights to lockdown with **LIMONCELLO** (Darren, Sid, Dom & Gerhard) winning 12 of the 17 games played to take the title.

SPRING SEASON: started in early July with only 3 games completed before lock-down once again closed us down. We started back on 5th November & hope to add another 5 games to complete the season with a total of 8 games, well short of our usual 20 game season.

COUNTRY WEEKEND: For the second year running our annual trip to Yarrawonga was abandoned. Thanks again to Matt Petruccelli whose efforts to get us there with multiple date changes and all the extra work that that entails. Fingers crossed we will be able to make up for it next year with two trips. The first in early March, during which we will play the postponed 2021 Country Championship, with a second trip on our usual timeslot in November.

Individual winners for the past 12 months were:

2020 CLUB CHAMPION: **Darren Lightfoot** (beating John Dawborn in the final 2 games to 0.)

2021 COUNTRY CHAMPION: The Mike Emery Memorial trophy - postponed.

Neil Ramage

Secretary, Darts Section

TREASURER'S REPORT



The finances in the 2020-2021 have been affected by the start-stop COVID 19 pandemic however they are still healthy as at this report.

The income from social bowls, tennis, bar sales and corporate events has diminished dramatically. A bright spot being the successful PROQUIP Tournament held last December which showed a \$4500 profit. There were 96,000 hits to the live streaming of the 2020 tournament and very complimentary remarks were received from Bowls Vic executives. The promotional expense of \$20,000 could have been recouped in 4 years not including other ventures planned. The 2021 tournament has already been cancelled and refunds will need to be returned to the players who had committed to the event.

Fundraising was limited as venues could not adequately operate under the covid conditions. We look forward to upcoming events.

Sponsors were supportive wherever possible however many were seriously affected by the pandemic as their own businesses and still struggle to survive. We need to support our sponsors as much as possible this coming year.

Bank interest rates have fallen to very low levels, and we need to recover the \$5000 to \$6000 income from some other source.

We have a commitment of up to \$61,000 for upgraded LED lighting covering 5 tennis courts. We have received an \$18,000 grant from Tennis Australia towards this venture. A 10-year funding plan was prepared based on adult membership growth. Adult membership has fallen, so the funding plan needs close, regular scrutiny as the anticipated increase in court usage will require additional maintenance costs by our external contractor, who turns up during council-imposed CORONA virus closures, and then bills us for time and material. There is NO CONTRACT.

Our overall power bill should reduce due to the LED lights and the provision of power from our solar panels. To get full benefit from our solar panels we should investigate the installation of a battery storage unit.

For several years the VSC has been pursuing financial support for the upgrading of our club buildings and largely due to the efforts of President David Dressing we have in place funding from the Federal Government of \$300,000 and \$1,900,000 from Whitehorse Council. Our contribution to the project is \$150,000 which it is anticipated will be provided by sponsorship and fundraising efforts over the next 2 years. This expansion will enable us to hold member functions in comfort, provide a separate social space for our members and provide opportunities for commercial hiring of meeting rooms to supplement our income in the future.

Our current building loan repayment is \$30,000 per annum and runs for a further four and a half years. A total of over \$500,000 will have been paid over the period of the twenty-year loan.

Finally, I would like to comment about player payments. I received a claim form from a senior player seeking payment of green fees. I queried this request with the bowls president and was instructed to refund the fees. This was the only payment paid by me to any player.

Due to recent criticism of the Vermont South Club executive, I do not wish to continue as Treasurer of the club and will not be nominating for any position on the incoming committee.

Martin Haines
Hon. Treasurer

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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

VERMONT SOUTH CLUB INC.

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Vermont South Club Inc.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

2020		2021
\$		\$
	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	Current Assets	
1,366	Cash	1,421
30,984	Cash Management Account	28,941
846	Debit Card	729
261,360	Term Deposits	252,747
35,855	Cheque Account	35,832
<u>330,411</u>	Total Cash Resources	<u>319,670</u>
6,803	Inventory - Bar	5,657
3,230	Inventory - Uniforms	6,656
200	Other Assets	200
6,760	Accounts receivable	6,580
-	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	-
<u>347,404</u>	Total Current Assets	<u>338,763</u>
	Fixed Assets	
<u>730,512</u>	At Cost less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>686,144</u>
1,077,916	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	1,024,907
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
	Current Liabilities	
-	Accounts Payable	-
-	Prepaid Members Fees	-
-	Retention Green No 1 Upgrade	-
1,905	GST Liability	1,345
<u>1,905</u>	Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,345</u>
	Long Term Liabilities	
<u>161,451</u>	Bendigo Bank Loan	<u>139,506</u>
163,356	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	140,851
<u>914,560</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>884,056</u>
	<u>MEMBER FUNDS</u>	
-	Surplus - this year	-
931,035	Retained Earnings	30,504
<u>914,560</u>	<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>	<u>884,056</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

2019-2020		2020-2021
\$		\$
	Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
	Payments	
(184,914)	Suppliers	(153,540)
(989)	Prizes & Trophies	(600)
	Receipts	
63,110	Bowling Green and Tennis Fees	41,403
56,039	Subscriptions	45,086
51,022	Bar Sales	43,567
20,418	Sponsors & Advertising	17,434
4,641	Hire of Club House and Tennis Courts	8,476
2,500	Sales of Shirts & Bowling Items	1,149
19,133	Fund Raising	12,137
5,161	Interest Received	2,779
241	Other Income	4,311
222,265		176,341
3,090	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts receivable	180
(4,058)	Decrease/(Increase) in Stock on hand	(2,280)
99,224	Decrease/(Increase) in Other assets	-
-	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	-
9,917	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liability	(560)
144,535	Net Cash from Operating Activities	19,541
	Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
(152,914)	Capital Purchases	(8,337)
	Cash Flows From Financing Activities	
(13,313)	Repayment of Borrowings	(21,945)
(21,691)	Net Increase in Cash	(10,741)
352,102	Cash at Beginning of Year	330,411
330,411	Cash at End of Year	319,670
	Comprising	
30,984	Cash Management Account	28,941
261,360	Term Deposits	252,747
35,855	Cheque Account	35,832
1,366	Cash on Hand	1,421
846	Debit Card	729
330,411	Total Cash	319,670

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation.

The committee has determined that Vermont South Club Inc. is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial statement is a special purpose financial statement prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (VIC). The committee has determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

1.2 Inventories

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is based on first-in first-out cost method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the stock and bringing them to the existing condition and location. Net realisable value is determined on the basis of the normal selling pattern.

1.3 Property, Plant & Equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment including buildings and other leasehold property are recorded at cost less depreciation. As there is no expectation that existing leases with the Whitehorse Council will not be renewed, depreciation is applied on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets.

The useful lives are:-

Asset Class	Depreciation Term
Leasehold buildings (Existing)	40 years
Greens and Tennis Courts	12-25 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-15 years
Fencing	20 years
Lighting	10 years
Water Storage	20 years
Machinery Shed	10 years
Groomer	10 years
Ground Improvements	10-20 years

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1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation charge is a charge against the Net Income of the Club. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets, with annual reassessments for major items. The Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 30 June 2021 reflects the normal accounting treatment.

1.5 Goods & Services Tax

Transactions are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

NOTE 2: Property, Plant & Equipment

Asset Class	Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Written Down Value
Leasehold Buildings	369,975	345,154	24,820
Lighting	41,376	41,376	-
Greens & Tennis Courts	225,269	225,269	-
Fencing	29,252	29,252	-
Furniture & Equipment	96,892	76,370	20,522
Greens Fixtures & Fittings	11,645	11,645	-
Green No.1 Upgrade	230,388	127,880	102,508
Green No.2	296,403	90,382	206,021
Lower Club House	416,989	132,408	284,581
Machinery Shed	6,791	6,791	-
Mower/Groomer	20,315	13,088	7,227
Water Storage	49,175	30,125	19,050
Solar Power	24,347	5,423	18,924
Ground Improvements	16,591	14,100	2,491
	<u>1,835,408</u>	<u>1,149,263</u>	<u>686,145</u>

NOTE 3: Bendigo Bank Loan Account

The loan from the Bendigo Bank is secured by a guarantee for advances given by the Whitehorse City Council in favour of the Bendigo Bank, to cover borrowing by the club for the development of the Club House and the new green for a term of 20 years. The Club has not provided any security to the Council for its provision of the guarantee, other than that covered by the lease from the Council to the Club for all of the Club's improvements at Charlesworth Park.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE VERMONT SOUTH CLUB INC.**

Scope

I have audited the attached general purpose financial report of the Vermont South Club Inc. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021. The Committee of Management is responsible for the financial report and they have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the needs of the members.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Vermont South Club Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance in this report or on the financial report to which it related to any person other than the members or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Club's financial position and the results of its operations.

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practical for the Vermont South Club Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over fund raising activities and other activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to these items was limited to the amounts recorded.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Vermont South Club Inc. as at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

W.P. Smith
Chartered Accountant



Clayton 5 November 2021