



# CANBERRA CITY BOWLING CLUB

*85th Annual Report 2013-2014*

**Canberra City Bowling Club operates within The Ainslie Group which is the incorporated body. The Bowls Committee is endorsed by the Board of The Ainslie Group**

14 December 2014



### 2013-14 Office Bearers

|                           |                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President                 | Bob Powell                                                                        |
| Vice President            | Sue Lalor                                                                         |
| Vice President            | Frank Hornblower                                                                  |
| Secretary                 | Lexie Webster                                                                     |
| Treasurer                 | Nancy Connor                                                                      |
| Greens Director           | Peter White                                                                       |
| Women's Bowls Organiser   | Hilary Merritt                                                                    |
| Men's Bowls Organiser     | Mike Woolley                                                                      |
| Member Secretary          | Nancy Connor                                                                      |
| Assistant Secretary       | Ron Cannings                                                                      |
| General Members           | Mick Fogarty, Bill Jackson, Ken Dowrick,                                          |
| Men's Match Co-ordinators | Ron Hawke, Frank Hornblower, Mick Fogarty, Jim Norton,<br>Ron Cannings, Ron Hawke |
| Women's Selectors         | Pam Armour, Lyn Cannings, Barbara Parker                                          |
| Men's Selectors           | Ken Dowrick, David Lalor, Geoff Brewis, Col Dalton,<br>John Gerakiteys            |

### Other Roles and Appointments

|                        |                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Life Members           | Doug Blake, Faye Taylor, Ron Taylor, Nancy Connor,<br>Audrey Kennett, Frank Hornblower                                                      |
| Delegates to Bowls ACT | Cliff Gilbert, Ken Dowrick                                                                                                                  |
| Umpires                | Robyn Banks, Lyn Cannings, Hilary Merritt, Ron<br>Cannings, Cliff Gilbert, Ken Dowrick, Ron Hawke, Ian<br>Hueston, John Howard, Jenny Clout |
| Coaches                | Ken Dowrick, Bev Dowrick, Cliff Gilbert, Hilary Merritt,<br>John Merritt (specializes in coaching new members)                              |

## Conduct of Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting has been given to members of the Club in accordance with Rule 21.1(b) of the Objects and Rules of the Canberra City Bowling Club.

### Agenda

- i. Opening of Meeting and Welcome
- ii. Apologies and Obituaries
- iii. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting
- iv. Presentation of the Annual Report 2013 – 2014
- v. Declaration of election of officers
- vi. Financial Statement
- vii. General Business - a representative of AFSC will be in attendance at the meeting to address any questions that members may have.
- viii. Close.

## **Sponsorship**

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for their continuing support:

Ainslie Football & Social Club  
ACT Sport and Recreation  
ActewAGL  
Ainslie IGA  
WR Home Additions  
Wright Dunn Real Estate  
Doug Blake  
Ron and Faye Taylor  
Snail & Petal Florist  
Ten Deli Cafe  
Les Crawley Memorial Fund

## **Obituaries**

Canberra City Bowling Club regrets the passing during the year of the following bowlers who were long time members and great contributors to the club.

Beryl King

Geoff Taylor

The club also extends its sympathies to members who lost loved ones and friends during the past year.

## President's Report to Members

It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report of the Canberra City Bowling Club. The year has been a busy and productive one for the bowling club and I would like to thank all members of the hardworking Committee for their efforts during the year.

Thanks also must go to Ainslie Football and Social Club for their commitment and support to bowls at Canberra City, particularly to Director David Lalor who represents our interests at Board level.

AFSC provided a Fund to financially assist players selected to represent the ACT at the elite level. This is much appreciated and CCBC continues to be well represented at these interstate and Australian events. During the year, the following members were selected as State Representatives – Loretta Gillespie, Bev Dowrick, Sue Lalor, Ruth Moore, Jenny Clout, Lexie Webster, Charles Smith, Graham Read, Cliff Gilbert, Michael Bielski, Breeze Howard.

Sponsors are an adjunct to our activities and I am pleased to acknowledge the support of WR Home Additions, Wright Dunn Real Estate, Les Crawley Memorial Fund, Ainslie IGA, Doug Blake, Ron and Faye Taylor. Their confidence in our Club is greatly appreciated.

### **Membership:**

During 2014 the bowling membership of our Club has been maintained, with the Club continuing to attract a small but steady stream of new members. Currently CCBC has 154 financial and active members. Programs to encourage new bowlers to the sport were again implemented this year and thanks must go to the many volunteers who assist in this area.

### **Achievements on the Green:**

Canberra City maintained its active contribution to competitive bowls in the ACT and continued to enjoy a high level of success. Achievements this year include:

- Winners in 5s and 7s Men's Pennant;
- Loretta Gillespie and Charles Smith both being named as Male and Female 'ACT Player of the Series' for the Over 60's Australian Sides competition in Tweed Heads
- Breeze Howard was ACT Player of the Series in the Australian Sides Competition in Tasmania
- Winning the Doran Bowl competition in its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year (bringing the cup home to its origin)

The Club again ran a full Championship program during the year. Senior bowlers continued to have success but there will also be some new names appearing on the Club honour boards.

### **Umpires and Coaches:**

Volunteer officials are important not only for our own championships but also particularly if we are to conduct events on behalf of Bowls ACT. Ron Hawke conducted another Umpiring Workshop during the

year and five members sat the qualifying examination. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to Ron for his hard work and dedication and also to the newly qualified and re-accredited umpires.

Ken Dowrick continues to provide leadership on the coaching front with Club coaches Bev Dowrick, Cliff Gilbert, and Hilary Merritt available to help members of all standards.

***Relationship with Bowls ACT:***

The Club contributes strongly to the administration of the sport of bowls in the ACT. Bev Dowrick is the energetic and successful State coach, Loretta Gillespie and John McDonald have been appointed State selectors, Bev Dowrick and John McDonald sit on the Board of Bowls ACT, Ken Dowrick heads the Coaching Panel, and Hilary Merritt and Cliff Gilbert are members of the ACT Match Committee.

***Club Facilities and Activities:***

The Club's greens continued to play well this year, with high ratings received from Bowls ACT in 2014. The work of Greenkeepers Grant Nicholson and Peter Wall, together with our volunteers is greatly appreciated.

The Club also successfully hosted the Men's State Champion of Champion Pairs Event, the Women's State Triples Event in September and members from Sussex Inlet Turf Bowlers visited us in October for a day on the greens.

We also held a four week bowling program for the year 7 students from Bergmann College. This program saw 130 students trying bowls for the first time and hopefully is the start of an ongoing yearly program with the College. Many thanks to our volunteers who once again came along to help out.

Barefoot bowling has again proved popular with interest maintained throughout the year. Patronage at the Club has steadily increased this year.

I am happy to report that Canberra City has finished 2014 in a very healthy state and every indication is that 2015 will be just as successful.

Bob Powell  
**President**

## Membership

Our numbers are steady this financial year. Some of our men did not rejoin, as they went to other clubs. Unfortunately we lost Beryl King and Geoff Taylor during the year and they will be sadly missed by all members.

Registered Bowlers:

Men-108

Ladies-48

Juniors-1

Nancy Connor

Membership Secretary

## Women's Bowls Organiser's Report

Canberra City women bowlers had a very successful year during 2014. Highlight of the year was the return to the Club of the prestigious Doran Bowl trophy. Competition for this trophy for women bowlers of less than five years standing is always intense and congratulations must go to Claire Barton, Kay Dobliger, Norma Gee, Karen James, Christine Krikowa, Sue Lalor, Robyn Phillips, Kate Schipp and Lexie Webster who managed to outclass all other sides to bring the trophy home.

Our membership has increased slightly and we now have 48 women members. Although this is a relatively small number compared to some other clubs, Canberra City bowlers are notable for their competitive success and continue to perform at a high level. Six City players have been selected in the ACT State Squad: Jenny Clout, Loretta Gillespie, Karen James, Sue Lalor, Ruth Moore and Lexie Webster; while Bev Dowrick, Loretta Gillespie and Sue Lalor also represented the State at the Over 60s National Titles. In a stunning result, long-term member Ruth Moore was a member of the Gold-Medal-Winning triples team at the National Sides Championships and a finalist in the ACT Sports Star of the Year Award.

The Club fielded sides in both the midweek and the Weekend Pennant series, and was represented in all ACT State Championships. We sent teams to all sports days held by other clubs, hosted the Women's ACT Triples, and held a sports day that raised almost \$1000 for the club equipment fund. Our champion women's triples team of Enid Rushforth, Bev Dowrick and Loretta Gillespie took out the Champion of Champions Triples Crown.

Women selectors for 2014 were Pam Armour, Lyn Cannings, Hilary Merritt, and Barbara Parker and they all worked hard to select teams for Pennant as well as organising Tuesday social bowls games. Lil Watson and Nancy Connor again provided invaluable assistance with administrative tasks while Ron and Fay Taylor ran our regular Tuesday raffle.

Several club umpires gave their time freely to umpire championships and home pennant games: thanks must go to Ron Cannings, Ron Hawke, John Howard, and Ian Hueston. Thanks are also due to Cliff Gilbert, Bev Dowrick and Ken Dowrick for their coaching efforts.

Hilary Merritt  
Bowls Organiser (Women)



### 2014 Championship Results

| <b>Event</b>         | <b>Winner</b>                                                 | <b>Runner-up</b>                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Major Singles        | Hilary Merritt                                                | Sue Lalor                                    |
| Major Pairs          | Karen James<br>Hilary Merritt                                 | Sue Lalor<br>Lexie Webster                   |
| Triples              | Enid Rushforth<br>Bev Dowrick<br>Loretta Gillespie            | Gill Lumsden<br>Elaine Hallam<br>Jenny Clout |
| Fours                | Bev Dowrick<br>Jenny Clout<br>Ruth Moore<br>Loretta Gillespie |                                              |
| Minor Singles (2013) | Lexie Webster                                                 | Sue Lalor                                    |
| Minor Singles (2014) | Not Played                                                    |                                              |
| Minor Pairs          | Robyn Phillips<br>Hilary McClure                              | Claire Barton<br>Kate Schipp                 |
| Most Improved        | Claire Barton                                                 |                                              |
| Consistency          | Sue Lalor                                                     | Kay Moore                                    |

## Men's Bowls Organiser's Report

### ACT Pennants

The pennant details have been reported elsewhere in this report, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the selectors for a job very well done. Congratulations to all concerned, two out of four Pennant titles is a great result.

### Results of Club Championships and Events

The results of the Club Championships and events for 2014 were as follows:

| Event         | Winner                                                 | Runner-Up                                                    |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Major Singles | David Hill                                             | Charles Smith                                                |
| Major Pairs   | Michael Bielski<br>Bill Jackson                        | Cooper Pike<br>Michael Bermingham                            |
| Triples       | Bob Mullens<br>Ken Dowrick<br>Cliff Gilbert            | Michael Bielski<br>Col Dalton<br>Jamie Freeman               |
| Fours         | Tony Barry<br>Bob Mullens<br>Mort Schipp<br>David Hill | Brian O'Connell<br>Deddo Wolthoff<br>Ron Hawke<br>Ian Armour |
| Minor Singles | Ron Rooks                                              | Dave Franklin                                                |
| Minor Pairs   | Ted Smith<br>Ron Rooks                                 | Peter Webster<br>Darren Lethlean                             |
| Mixed Pairs   | Sue Lalor<br>Dave Lalor                                | Ruth Moore<br>Breeze Howard                                  |
| Open Singles  | Breeze Howard                                          | Charles Smith                                                |

Congratulations to all winners and runners up. Thank you to all who entered these events and making them the success they were. Without you, there would be no championships.

Following feedback from members on the running of the 2014 Championships, we are working to improve the scheduling of events in 2015.

### Greens

Many thanks to our greenkeepers, Peter, Grant and their assistants from the Football/Golf Club. Peter and Grant have prepared our greens in an excellent manner and have been most willing to help out whenever help has been needed. Great efforts are being made to improve greens, unfortunately the weather is not co-operating as well as we would wish.

### **Thanks to Volunteers**

Many thanks to all of the club members who have volunteered their assistance in many different ways over the year. These include such duties as working bees on the greens and surrounds, preparation of flyers for events, marking of singles events, umpiring, corner flags, water containers, jacks, mats, running raffles etc. They all assist in the running of bowls operations. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and are invaluable to the smooth running of the Club.

Special thanks go to our Bowls Secretaries Frank Hornblower, Ron Hawke, Jim Norton, Mick Fogarty and Ron Cannings. Their tireless efforts to keep the Wednesday and Saturday operations going as well as they do is also appreciated.

I would ask that players who are nominated for a triples game on these days accept this fact with good grace as the organisers face awkward decisions under difficult circumstances at times.

Also, a big thank you to the Canberra Turf Bowlers for their donation of 14 mats to our club during the year. Their donation was gratefully appreciated by all members.

### **Winter Tournament**

This year we had 2 sides entered in the Winter Tournament. This is a mixed event consisting of 2 triples teams per side and is played in mufti during the winter months. This year neither of our sides won, but a great time was had by all. Many thanks to those who participated in this event.

### **General**

There were two major sponsored events during the year. Ruth Moore and Brian (Breeze) Howard were crowned Lord and Lady of Bowls at the event sponsored by Faye and Ron Taylor. The family Lott (Murray, Ros and Neville) were successful in the WR Home Additions Mixed Versatile Triples event. Our particular thanks to those two sponsors.

Other sponsors were The Ainslie Group, Wright Dunn and also Doug Blake. We extend our gratitude to all other sponsors also, listed earlier in this report.

### **Barefoot Bowls**

We continue to attract a large number of barefoot bowlers over the seasonal period and beyond. Members are encouraged to offer assistance to our barefoot bowlers, if needed and to also point out safety and other conditions such as no heels or drinks on the green, no 'tossing' of bowls in the air and no sitting on the banks. We have provided undercover seats for this purpose.

Mike Woolley  
Bowls Organiser

## Men's Pennant Report

The weekend of 3-4 May saw our CCBC Pennant Grade teams contesting the ACT State Pennants Final Series held over the weekend with Elimination rounds held at Weston Creek and Tuggeranong on the Saturday and the Grand Finals at Canberra Bowling Club at Forrest on Sunday.

All four grades are to be congratulated on making the finals and due credit goes out to the selectors and players for representing our Club so well throughout the 2014 Pennant Season.

And to top it off the Men's Grade 5 and Grade 7 teams won their grand final appearances and were the proud recipients of the Bowls ACT 2014 Pennant Flag for their Division.

The Pennant Grade 1 Team finished a very credible 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder after the home and away series contested by nine (9) clubs but were eliminated by Queanbeyan on a very difficult synthetic surface at Weston Creek that provided a playing surface which the majority of ACT bowlers are unaccustomed to.

Unfortunately, our Pennant Grade 2 Team also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder but suffered the same fate on a very slippery and slick surface bowing out to the Weston Creek Team.

Our Pennant Grade 5 Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder and advanced straight to the Grand Final after a gritty win against Tuggeranong at their home club on the Saturday. The Grand Final was contested in good conditions at Canberra Bowling Club and our Team once again faced Tuggeranong which won the preliminary final. True to their good form in the latter half of the season our Team won the premiership winning 2 rinks and drawing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> rink.

The Grade 7 Team which also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder did not do it so easily going down to Tuggeranong in its first game on the Saturday but then advancing to the Grand Final after a good win against Weston Creek in the preliminary final. Tuggeranong had set the benchmark all year and were going to be hard to topple but our teamed triumphed after a strong start to finish with up a close 1 to 2 rink win/loss ratio but managed a higher aggregate score to take out the premiership.

The results for the 2014 Pennants Season auger well Season 2015 and congratulations are extended to those players that contributed to the Grade 5 and 7 premiership winning performances throughout the year.

Your Selectors,

Ken Dowrick (Chair), Geoff Brewis, John Gerakiteys, David Lalor and Col Dalton

## Greens Director's Report

Overall, the greens have played well throughout 2014. Bowls ACT inspected and rated the greens in April, using a revised inspection grading system. The revised system moved away from the previous A, B and C ratings to numeric ratings for each green surface and a separate rating for surrounds, banks, ditches etc. The three green surfaces rated very well, with ratings of 39/40, 35/40 and 38/40.

As part of the annual maintenance program each green is being rotated out for work over the coming months. This year major work is being undertaken on Green 1, which involves the green surface being shaved back and then laser levelled.

Thanks again to our greenkeepers, Grant Nicholson and Peter Wall for the good work they have provided in maintaining the greens during the year. Also, particular thanks and appreciation to the club members who contributed their time to work on the greens and surrounds in 2014.

Peter White  
Greens Director

## CANBERRA CITY BOWLS CLUB

|                                                    | 12 Months to<br>30/09/2014 | 12 Months to<br>30/09/2013 |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                      |                            |                            |
| Donations & Grants                                 | \$455                      | \$0                        |
| Bowls Subscriptions                                | \$11,028                   | \$13,006                   |
| Other Income- Bowls                                | \$278                      | \$0                        |
| Bowls Championship Entry Fees                      | \$662                      | \$495                      |
| Green Fees                                         | \$43,463                   | \$42,298                   |
| Bowls Equipment Sales                              | \$1,399                    | \$1,948                    |
| Barefoot Bowlers                                   | \$33,891                   | \$39,516                   |
| Special Days                                       | \$0                        | \$631                      |
| Bowls Raffle Income                                | \$5,552                    | \$8,300                    |
|                                                    | -----                      | -----                      |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                | <b>\$96,728</b>            | <b>\$106,196</b>           |
| <br><b>GREENS OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE</b>           |                            |                            |
| <b><i>Bowls Administration</i></b>                 |                            |                            |
| Affiliation Fees                                   | \$6,594                    | \$9,707                    |
| Pennant/Rep Fees                                   | \$872                      | \$780                      |
| Junior Development                                 | \$0                        | \$24                       |
|                                                    | -----                      | -----                      |
| <i>Sub Total</i>                                   | <i>\$7,465</i>             | <i>\$10,511</i>            |
| <br>Stadium Turf Management                        | \$82,910                   | \$83,883                   |
|                                                    | -----                      | -----                      |
| <i>Sub Total Course Labour</i>                     | <i>\$82,910</i>            | <i>\$83,883</i>            |
| <br><b><i>Other Administration Expenses</i></b>    |                            |                            |
| Advertising                                        | \$72                       | \$0                        |
| Printing                                           | \$90                       | \$226                      |
| Stationery                                         | \$181                      | \$20                       |
| Waste Disposal                                     | \$880                      | \$0                        |
|                                                    | -----                      | -----                      |
| <i>Sub Total Administration</i>                    | <i>\$1,224</i>             | <i>\$246</i>               |
| <br><b><i>Course Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i></b> |                            |                            |
| Bowls Equipment Purchases                          | \$3,835                    | \$1,587                    |
| Machinery & Equipment                              | \$1,054                    | \$1,179                    |
| Greens Maintenance                                 | \$0                        | \$4,538                    |
| Repairs - Water & Irrigaton                        | \$214                      | \$391                      |
| Depreciation - Plant & Mach.                       | \$4,290                    | \$6,718                    |
|                                                    | -----                      | -----                      |
| <i>Sub Total - R &amp; M</i>                       | <i>\$9,393</i>             | <i>\$14,413</i>            |

**Promotions & Amenities**

|                                            |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sundry Expenses                            | \$177            | \$977            |
| Bowls Players Snacks                       | \$0              | \$218            |
| Bowls Raffle Prizes                        | \$2,980          | \$2,129          |
| Bowls - Prizes & Trophies                  | \$1,982          | \$3,432          |
|                                            | -----            | -----            |
| <i>Total Promotions &amp; Amenities</i>    | <i>\$5,139</i>   | <i>\$6,756</i>   |
|                                            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>Total Greens Operations Expenditure</b> | <b>\$106,131</b> | <b>\$115,809</b> |
|                                            | -----            | -----            |
| <b>Club Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>            | <b>(\$9,403)</b> | <b>(\$9,614)</b> |
|                                            | -----            | -----            |

**NB: This report was provided by The AinslieGroup Finance Department**

## CANBERRA CITY BOWLING CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 DECEMBER 2013

Meeting opened at 1 pm

*Attendance: 54 Members*

Ian Armour, Pam Armour, Brian Bailey, Graeme Barrow, Doug Blake, Geoff Brewis, Barry Browning, John Bruce, Ron Cannings, Jenny Clout, Nancy Connor, Col Dalton, Kay Doblinger, Bev Dowrick, Ken Dowrick, Paddy Flynn, Mick Fogarty, John Gerakiteys, Cliff Gilbert, Jim Gillespie, Loretta Gillespie, Ron Hawke, David Hill, Frank Hornblower, John Howard, Bill Jackson, Lionel James, Jouko Karjalainen, David Lalor, Sue Lalor, Gill Lumsden, Bob McCaskill, Glenda McDowall, Hilary Merritt, John Merritt, Doug Nancarrow, Brian O'Connell, Barbara Parker, Bob Powell, Graham Read, Vince Reid, Raymond Russell, Mort Schipp, Alan Taylor, Faye Taylor, Geoff Taylor, Jan Taylor, Ron Taylor, Alan Thatcher, Alan Tindale, Lily Watson, Peter White, Deddo Wolthof, Mike Woolley.

Simon Patterson and Malcolm Scholes representing AFSC.

*Apologies:*

S. Blake, K. Schipp, B. Tindale, L. Webster

*Obituaries:*

The meeting acknowledged members and former members who had passed away during the year:

- Alf Rendell
- Neil Brodie
- Shirley McDermott
- Keith Heydon

*Minutes of the Previous Meeting:*

The minutes of the AGM conducted on 16 December 2012 were distributed. Moved that they be accepted: Raymond Russell, seconded Barbara Parker. Agreed on a show of hands.

*Business Arising from the Minutes:*

None.



*Annual Reports:*

The annual reports were distributed. Moved that they be accepted: Ron Taylor, seconded Graeme Barrow. Agreed on a show of hands.

*Election of Office Bearers:*

The Returning Officer, Graeme Barrow, noted that the number of nominations matched the vacancies. Consequently the following were declared elected:

| <b>Position</b>         | <b>Nominee</b>                                              | <b>Nominated By</b>                              | <b>Seconder</b>                                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| President               | Bob Powell                                                  | H. Merritt                                       | M. Schipp                                               |
| Vice President (Men)    | Frank Hornblower                                            | B. O'Connell                                     | P. Webster                                              |
| Vice President (Women)  | Sue Lalor                                                   | L. Webster                                       | B. Tindale                                              |
| Secretary               | Lexie Webster                                               | S. Lalor                                         | B. Mullens                                              |
| Treasurer               | Nancy Connor                                                | L. Webster                                       | S. Lalor                                                |
| Greens Director         | Peter White                                                 | L. Webster                                       | P. Webster                                              |
| Bowls Organiser (Men)   | Mike Woolley                                                | B. Powell                                        | P. Routcliffe                                           |
| Bowls Organiser (Women) | Hilary Merritt                                              | J. Norton                                        | C. Smith                                                |
| Committee Members       | Ken Dowrick<br>Ron Cannings<br>Mick Fogarty<br>Bill Jackson | R. Kirk<br>N. Connor<br>M. Bielski<br>D. Trovato | L. Gillespie<br>H. Merritt<br>P. White<br>J. Gerakiteys |

The Returning Officer further noted that following selectors had been elected for the 2014 season:

*Men:* Geoff Brewis, Col Dalton, Ken Dowrick, John Gerakiteys, David Lalor

*Women:* Pam Armour, Lyn Cannings, Hilary Merritt, Barbara Parker

*Financial Statements:*

Statements pertaining to the Club's finances were prepared by AFSC and distributed at the meeting.

*Recommendations concerning Life Membership:*

The Chairman noted that the Club currently has a full complement of Life Members and that no recommendations for further members had been made.

*General Business:*

1. The Chairman invited the President of AFSC to address the meeting concerning the future of the Club. Mr Scholes noted that following a \$1.95 million loss by the Ainslie Group in 2012, the Board had engaged KPMG to conduct a review of the Group's operations. That review had prompted a number of recommendations, in particular that the Group divest itself of the Elder Street site.

Mr Scholes assured the meeting that AFSC was committed to continuing support for bowls but not on the current site. He noted that no firm decision had yet been made and that the Board was pursuing a number of options including relocation to the Gungahlin or Ainslie Clubs, redevelopment of the Elder Street site and/or sale of the site. He expected that the likely outcome would become clearer towards the end of January and that the process could take up to three or four years. He undertook to keep members informed of progress. Members asked several related questions and were again assured that the Board was committed to lawn bowls as an integral part of the Ainslie Group operations.

2. Mr Schipp asked whether barefoot bowlers could be confined to Green No 3. In reply, the Greens Director, Peter White, said that the Club did endeavour to reserve Nos 1 and 2 greens for members but noted that commercial realities meant that some barefoot bowls were held on all greens during the busy Christmas period. He further noted that Green 1 would be back in limited play during the coming week and go out again for a fortnight in early January. It was essential to take Green 2 out this week to ensure adequate grass growth for the year.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2:10pm.