



# Newsletter

February 2021

Brighton Croquet Club Inc Stopford Rd Hove 5048 [www.brightoncroquetsa.com](http://www.brightoncroquetsa.com)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### From the Brighton Croquet Club President, February 2021

It is pleasing to have new people playing on Wednesday mornings. Some have attended more than twice. Graham has been coaching up to 6 newbies at a time. Many thanks Graham.

We welcome Julie Grindrod as an associate member.

Membership is well down this year and has contributed to our budget woes.

Our Gala day held on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Great to see many members who gave their time to ensure the day was successful. We raised close to \$500, a total team effort. We anticipate holding another Gala day sometime in April/May.

The Holdfast Council wish to hold a Community day on the Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of April. This will involve all clubs in the Sporting Complex being open to the Public.

We will advise members of our club's plans soon. This will be an opportunity to showcase our Croquet club to possible new member opportunities. We will require members to assist introducing new players on to the courts. Suggested time is from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

As mentioned earlier Pennant games has commenced. Go - Brighton Croquet club.

Wendy Williams with the support of club members is pursuing various grants. We wish Wendy good luck. It is quite a task to gather all the information and prices to support our proposals. Thank you, Wendy.

Following the night at Lim's for Chinese New Year our next social night will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Menu will be a BBQ and salads.

Many thanks to those members who work and plan behind the scenes to ensure the clubs future. Our club rooms are looking magnificent.

Our club has been successful in negotiating the Covid Path, we need to ensure that we all stay safe and to follow and adhere to our Covid Plan that was implemented by Howard Wood.

We have requested the Council to externally paint our clubrooms, so they blend in with all the other surrounds.

Stay safe.

Barry Teague

## *Gala Day*



### *Letter from the Vice President Facilities February 2021*

I received an email from Chloe Drogemuller (Holdfast Council) on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> requesting that we attend a meeting on 10-2-21 to discuss with all other clubs a planned opening of the upgraded sporting complex tentative date Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie and I attended the meeting with representatives from the other clubs. Council's plan is to have a large display of their trucks, excavators, fire brigades and heavy machinery etc for families to explore and climb on. They have successfully used this type of display at Wigley Reserve and would hope to attract perhaps 5,000 visitors over the day which will probably commence at 9.30am and run through to about 3.00pm. They would like clubs to advise what they are prepared to undertake to show case their facilities and what they have to offer. Food will be the responsibility of the clubs and it is expected that most clubs would run BBQ's and food vans would be used to complete the food options. The bar will be open at the football club at least and they are looking to promote their venue as a function venue option. Each club can choose what they would like to offer by way of Come and Try options or demonstrations of play or inspection of their facilities. Chloe requested all clubs to forward their proposals together with copies of their current Covid Plan and insurance policies by Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and Council will prepare a Covid Plan for the overall event. (Jackie could you please email me a copy of our insurance policy to include in my response to Council).

Based on my discussion with Barry my suggestion is that we would want to run our BBQ with sausages onions bread and sauce similar to the Bunnings BBQ that we have done in the past with a Come and Try option for the whole day ie 10.00am to 3.00pm. Clearly we would need a lot of support from the members to assist on the day with running of the BBQ and handling anyone wanting to try playing croquet. Clearly it does provide an opportunity for great exposure to the general public. We may want to have club information sheets available to give to any interested participants.

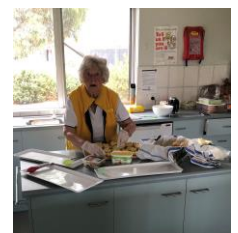
Because of the Covid restrictions I suggest that the club room be only open for the use of our toilets and not be open for inspection.

The carpark has now been practically completed and we now have parking via Highett Ave to the south side of the Clubhouse and from Stopford Road to the northern end of the oval. I have had further discussions with the Council regarding the new bollard in front of our "driveway" which is removable but finished as polished stainless steel which is not as obvious to drivers as the brightly painted bollards used elsewhere near the grandstand. This will be rectified. The Council has provided new seats to our garden area as requested. We have requested that maintenance work and painting of our building be given priority.

Howard Wood

Vice President

*Gala Day cont.*





### Millswood Nears its Centenary

(Based on an article in the suburban newspaper Eastern Herald)

Millswood Croquet Club is set to become one of the very few South Australian croquet clubs to survive and thrive over 100 years. The clubrooms were built in 1922 and it is believed that this was the year that Millswood C.C. was founded.

Many Brighton players have competed at Millswood, particularly in the balmy summer evening competition held annually. Indeed, our World Hall Of Fame star Creina Dawson performed her first triple peel there whilst playing the Association format.

The present clubrooms are very inadequate in size for a club of some 70 members and so a brand new building is to be erected, centrally situated on the Club's land with an outlook over all three courts and will be equipped with a larger kitchen and bar area and be disability accessible. The significant Norfolk Island Pine on site will be preserved and car parking will take the space occupied by the present clubhouse. Well-respected long-standing member Jane Lewis is Secretary.

## Chinese New Year Celebrations





## Who is our Mystery Member

My family emigrated to Australia from the UK in 1955 and I quickly assimilated into an Aussie kid. I did well at school [when I tried] and began at Western Teacher's College in 1966. In 1967 I had a five-week voyage to England which was very exciting and challenging for an 18-year-old! Ostensibly this was to visit my large extended family and ageing grandparents but being in England in the Swinging Sixties "may" have had something to do with the decision. It was during the year I was away that my mother died. As a self-absorbed teenager, I had not even realised that she was sick. I discovered that she wanted me to be with my aunts and uncles at this time and did not want my father to have to deal with his headstrong, ebullient and flighty daughter.

I returned and finished my course and in 1969 was sent to Katherine Area School for a year. I then taught in Adelaide where I met my future husband and moved to Woomera when he was transferred with his employment. Woomera was still thriving at this time, so my classes were always changing due to many countries arriving for their different projects. It often felt like another state of the USA. The school celebrated Thanksgiving, Halloween and other American customs.

Last year, I developed serious health issues which necessitated open-heart surgery

Over the years I have played tennis, basketball, netball, golf, squash and eight-ball. So, I was hoping to find something a bit physical within my limits. A friend suggested croquet, which I would never have thought of or considered, however I telephoned Jackie who sounded very friendly and informative. It was with some trepidation that I began lessons but before long I was hooked!! The Brighton Croquet Club has been a godsend for me. It has provided an activity that is mentally stimulating as well as within my fitness ability. Most of all though it has been the friendly and welcoming environment in which I have not felt like an outsider. I also admire the patience shown and help and advice given to me as I have tried to improve my game. Thank you everyone!!



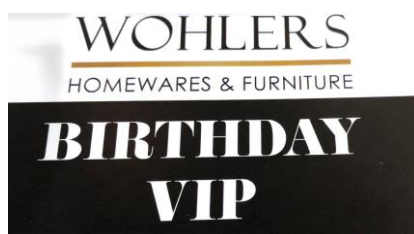
## Letter from the Vice President Administration February 2021

A busy month for all the committee to whom we thank & are very grateful for all their hard work to continually improve all the club's facilities for members.

Many thanks to our Grants Officer, Wendy Williamson who is busy working her way through a possible council grant at the moment. The grant is up to the value of \$20,000 and the club's requests are at the top end of that price. Thank you all who got the relevant quotes to be submitted. Fingers crossed 🍀 now. You are doing a great job Wendy.

Thank you to David Kennedy who is working hard as our new Bar Manager & also Health & Safety Officer. David is doing plans of the croquet club and talking with the Fire Service, to see if they will come to the club to do a talk & an evacuation plan.

Howard is doing a lot of work, continually talking with the council, trying to get work done on the clubhouse etc. You will know that the Grand Opening of the \$13.7m Brighton Oval is planned for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April. All clubs will be open to the public. The Croquet Club will be doing a Come & Try, Barbecue & soft drinks. Again Howard is talking with council re – the planning of the day. The council are expecting 5000 people, we will be looking for as many members as possible to help on the day. It's going to be a busy day.



We have now received from Wohlers the VIP Birthday Card for each member. Some members have already received theirs, please let me know if you haven't got yours yet. The voucher will give you a free coffee when visiting Wohlers and 20% off non sale homewares. Wohlers have also donated a Hamper for our next event at the club for a raffle prize. To Wohlers the Brighton Croquet Club thank you for your support & kindness.



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Our next Social Night is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Social play is from 4.00pm with supper at 6.00pm. It will be a sausage sizzle with salads & magnum ice cream. \$10 members & \$15 non-members. Limited numbers due to Covid, so please put your names down early.

Pat Lawson.



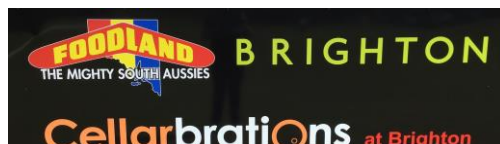
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