

HEAD DOWN & FOLLOW THROUGH

CROQUET NSW NEWSLETTER



BUSHFIRE UPDATE

It is great to hear all our members up north are safe, we know there is still a dangerous season ahead. To all clubs and members in the middle of this terrible disaster we are thinking of you and we are with you. If there is anything CNSW can do please let us know.

From all clubs and members in NSW

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Thanks for the great ground work of Roberta Flint, the Clubs Forum and the previous Board we are well on the way to having a draft Operational Strategic Plan to go out to clubs in mid-December for feedback in late January.

All the effort will be worthwhile as we will have a solid plan to us to move forward together in 2020 and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

6/12/2019 Gala Day

Victorian Open AC
from 27th of December.

INVITATION!

***TO THE CNSW
CHRISTMAS GALA DAY AND
CELEBRATION OF JOHN EDDIES
CONTRIBUTION TO CROQUET***

Friday the 6th of December 10am to 2pm

ALL WELCOME

BETTER COMMUNICATION

Would you like to receive CNSW club notices straight to your own Inbox? Tournament Information and Updates from the Board and Sport NSW are now available direct to members, please contact Rosie on:

Email: secretary@croquet-nsw.org to be put on the mailing list.

WHATS HAPPENING WITH GRANTS?

WITH RICHARD HUGHES

LOCAL SPORTS GRANT PROGRAM

The program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport. There are four project types within the program:

- Sport Development
- Community Sport Events
- Sport Access
- Facility Development.

Clubs must be incorporated (have an ACN or ABN), and contribute to the project. The higher the contribution the more favourably it will be looked upon. This can be a financial contribution or through use of voluntary labour, donated materials and/or equipment or other resources directly related to the project. Third party organisations are also encouraged to contribute, including Local Government Authorities and these contributions will be counted as part of the club contribution.

CASE STUDY

Ballina Croquet successfully applied for one of these grants. The application was for \$2000 to purchase a set of primary and secondary Dawson 2000 International croquet balls and some new mallets for come and try days, classes run for U3A students and school groups. The club liaised with the local Men's shed and 2 members who made and sold mallets to local members. The relationship with U3A, the local high school, and the Men's Shed were highlighted in the grant application to demonstrate the wider benefit of the grant to the community. Ballina's contribution was the development of the training resources, having members who are accredited coaches run the classes and the liaison with the other community groups.

The result is Ballina now has a stock of new mallets with various handle heights which are used by students, prospective members and new members. New croquet balls are always needed!

The closing date for grant applications is 25 November 2019. <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/localsport>



Hello NSW Croquet Enthusiasts!

December already, and we want this newsletter to have a focus on the things that CNSW are getting done.

The Board held a Strategic Planning Meeting in October to look at immediate issues but more importantly [and excitedly!] to look to 2020 and the wonderful opportunities ahead for croquet and mallet sports in NSW.

After a meeting with the Office of Sport we now know the current Constitution must be updated, this is so it can be brought into line with our obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act. The easiest way to do this is to create a new Constitution in the correct format that is easy to read, understand and use. This is not going to be an onerous or time consuming proposition for clubs and everyone's feedback will be welcomed. We hope to begin the process of sending out a draft with explanatory notes in January, with follow-ups as required. The issues rejected by clubs in the 2019 drafts will not be included in the new draft document.

I personally would like to thank all those clubs and individuals who responded to my survey. What I hear from you is that clubs want more support around applying for grants, helping clubs grow members and attendees at events but most importantly much better communication.

In the last few months I have attended a number of events as a visitor and also played in my first couple of competitions. The Mosman Prize is a really friendly and fun event and I encourage everyone to attend. I also attend the visit by the Korean Gate Ball Team which was very interesting. I'm on my way West next year with Orange and Young Tournaments on my list. I know other Board members will also be out and about at Events too. If you would like a Board member to attend your event, please don't hesitate to let me know and we will do our best to join you.

More information about updating our membership base and information will be coming out soon. You will be able to receive all CNSW notifications direct to your own inbox by simply letting Rosie Landrebe know secretary@croquet-nsw.org

Steve Miles our Treasurer has been busy finalizing the outstanding audits and they are now complete. A financial update is available on the website.

CNSW have moved to Bendigo Bank which reduces transaction costs, makes online payments in and out easier, and aligns us with a Bank that supports small not for profit organisations with sponsorship.

Club culture and how that effects growing membership will also be a focus in 2020 and I encourage everyone to be welcoming, inclusive of others input and to help create a fabulous club environment for all. The draft Operational Strategic Plan will also address culture and growth and will be circulated for clubs to provide feedback in the next week.

Let me take this opportunity to remind everyone about our Xmas Gala Day and Celebration of John Eddes contribution to croquet on Friday the 6th of December is on at Tempe, everyone is very welcome and be prepared for a fun day!

Happy hooping! Kate

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



CNSW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

***YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT
TO WIN IT!!***

*Tickets will be on sale at
the Christmas Gala Day at
Tempe*

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5

You can win a lovely Christmas hamper of Tea 2 goodies; Aesop hand cream a stunning George Jensen wine pouring set, a bottle of Bubbles Chocolates and more!

If you can't be there and would like to buy some tickets just email Rosie at:

secretary@croquet-nsw.org

and she will arrange tickets for you.



AROUND THE CLUBS



The Mosman Prize

Congratulations to Bridget Earl on winning the over 80 competition at Port Macquarie Croquet Club. Well done Bridget.



The Korean Gateball Team visits Strathfield



Division 3 Competition Nowra





WHAT DO I GET FOR MY AFFILIATION FEE ?

Currently members don't get a whole lot for \$12.00 per year. The Board would like to be able to provide better support for Clubs. The reality is \$12.00 per member doesn't cover the basics for the Association. It appears that CNSW hasn't had an increase in affiliation fees for a long time.

We have a great opportunity to get back on track from 2020, and the Board has developed a budget to go with the Draft Strategic Plan. We hope you agree that a reasonable increase in the affiliation fee is well and truly due, and we would like to hear your feedback about what that first increase should be.

Below are the affiliation fees of other States in 2019

	Adult	Junior	Country	ACA Levy	Total Fee	Club Affiliation Fee
QLD	\$62	\$49	\$62	\$30	\$92	\$185 [more than 15 members]
VIC	\$42	-	-	\$30	\$72	-
SA	\$77.80	\$33.30	\$42.50	\$30	\$107.80	\$100 City, \$66 Country
TAS	\$30	-	-	\$30	\$60	-
WA	\$50	\$10	-	\$30	\$80	-
NSW	\$12	-	\$12	\$30	\$42	-

Next Newsletter

- Gateball Championships Report
- Upcoming Carnivals and Events
- New Pennant Team Entry Information
- Constitution Feedback
- Update on the New AC Laws changes.
- Roqueting Tips and Tricks