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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE BOARD (2017-18)

Chair	Mrs Brenda Wild
Director - Treasurer	Mr John Eddes
Director - Secretary	Mr Steve Thornton
Director	Mr Tony McArthur
Director	Ms Roberta Flint
Director	Ms Nerida Taylor (Resigned December 2017)
Director	Ms Tricia Vierra (Resigned December 2017)

ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board held 15 meetings between the 2017 AGM and early August 2018. A number were face to face but many included attendances via SKYPE or phone. Attendance of Directors is tabulated below:

Mrs Brenda Wild	15/15	Mr Tony McArthur	9/10
Mr Steve Thornton	15/15	Ms Nerida Taylor	4/4
Mr John Eddes	14/15	Ms Tricia Vierra	4/4
Ms Roberta Flint	11/13		

CNSW MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

<i>As of August:</i>	<i>Affiliated Clubs</i>	<i>Affiliated Members</i>
2015	69	2976 (2125 Country 851 Metro)
2016	69	3152 (2307 Country 845 Metro)
2017	70	3059 (2186 Country 873 Sydney N&S)
2018	67	2985 (2126 Country 859 Sydney N&S)



From the Chair of the CNSW Board

On behalf of the Board it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2018 Annual Report for Croquet NSW.

Our year started out a little rocky but then went from strength to strength. We have finished the year as a very strong, committed Board with the interests of all members of Croquet NSW (CNSW) at the forefront.

Our playing members have excelled themselves wherever they played and have made NSW proud. The Trans-Tasman AC Test Series (against NZ) was won convincingly by Australia with all the women being members of CNSW – congratulations & well done ladies!!

During 2018 CNSW has been successful in having two grant applications approved by the NSW Office of Sport. These grants will be used for the Player Pathways to Excellence Program and for Regional Development.

During the second half of the year our members would have seen CNSW's new logo and front page of our website. I would personally like to thank the Visual Identity Working Group for their huge effort in developing the new logo and for the design of the front page – both look fantastic – thankyou!! And of course thanks to David Archer for the final implementation.

CNSW is again hosting the Australian Golf Croquet Championships and Interstate Shield. Events are being contested at Tempe, Newcastle National Park, Toronto, Maitland & EDSACC Croquet Clubs during September. I would suggest if any member of CNSW is able to make their way to any of the aforementioned Clubs they will see some of the best players of GC in Australia competing. I wish all players every success & let's keep the trophies within NSW!!!! GO NSW!!!

After much discussion a revision to our Constitution and a number of associated policies will be finalised soon for members to peruse and vote upon. The proposed changes will ensure the Constitution aligns with best practice and the NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Steve Thornton for his many hours of work and dedication in getting the constitution to this point.

To finish – I'd like to thank every member of the Croquet NSW family who volunteer their time and energy to progress our great sport. Thankyou.

Keep the participation levels up and I look forward to seeing you on the lawns soon.

Brenda Wild - Chair



Financial Report

This year there was an overall surplus of \$10660 which was a decrease of \$6300 compared to last year. In view of the number of unusual items this year that was a satisfactory result. The deficit for General Operations increased by \$3400 to \$7800 whilst the surplus from Investment activities decreased from \$21300 to \$18500.

Income was very much in line with last year with the only significant change being the loss of the sponsorship of \$1000 due to restructuring of the sponsoring company. There were a number of unusual items in the expenditure which resulted in an overall increase of \$4200. These were:

- The maintenance of the facilities at our HQ were reorganised and lawn expenses were reduced by \$10300.
- Expenditure of \$4800 on compliance issues relating to the member protection policy and a selection appeal.
- \$13800 on legal advice concerning revisions to the constitution and policies, and on issues raised by members.
- \$3300 on audit fees for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 accounts.
- Repairs and maintenance was down \$3500 although significant improvements were made this year to the outdoor areas with new seating, renovating the shelters, new ball barriers, signage relating to our rights of use and improved access for the mower. The managers/players room was also renovated. In total this was less than last year which included the renovation of the bathroom.

A number of purchases were made to improve the maintenance of the lawns and surrounds. A motorised lawn roller and a rotary mower were purchased which are treated as assets in the accounts so only depreciation appears in the expenses.

In last years accounts CNSW had received two grants from the NSW Office of Sport for improving the delivery of coaching and hosting of the Interstate Shield and money has been expended from both these grants. This year we received two new grants being \$27500 to develop a Player Pathway Program and \$22000 for implementation of Regionalisation. These two activities have commenced planning but no expenditure (other than GST) has been incurred yet.

The accounts for 2016-17 have been audited and distributed to clubs. The accounts for 2017-18 are in the hands of the auditor.

John Eddes - Treasurer



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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018			
GENERAL OPERATIONS		2018	2017
INCOME			
Affiliation fees		129653.00	130733.50
Tournament entry fees		14695.00	13130.00
Dept of Sport & Recreation grant		16500.00	16500.00
Interest received		442.76	525.39
Revenue from	Merchandise profit	142.11	404.20
	Coaching	-50.00	855.00
	Referee instruction	305.00	320.00
	Use of HQ lawns & equipment	1187.15	720.10
	Sponsorship	0.00	1000.00
Public liability insurance levies		11098.00	10575.00
Sundry income		1582.70	120.50
Total Income		175555.72	174883.69
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees paid to Croquet Aust		80798.50	77237.50
Tournament entry fees paid to Croquet Aust		1710.00	1610.00
Lawn maintenance		18878.53	29188.20
Administration expenses	Stationery	723.29	658.34
	Postage	2327.47	2466.45
	Telephone	415.29	413.57
	Computer expenses	1898.97	2164.07
	IT fees	2933.58	2500.00
	Printing	419.80	965.90
	Insurance	987.17	943.61
	Sport NSW	936.00	0.00
Expenditure on	Coaching	0.00	3293.98
	Refereeing	1142.79	1825.75
	Lawn hire fees to clubs	2903.00	3768.00
	Travel	3063.08	3423.38
	Newsletter	4337.30	4195.40
	Year books (net)	1007.60	595.10
	State team	11568.86	13727.83
	Schools development grants	400.00	371.75
	Publicity	180.00	300.40
	Presentation day (Net)	500.00	416.80
	Trophies	1426.81	2144.57
	Catering & Housekeeping (net)	1107.64	800.54
	New equipment	0.00	403.70
	Repairs and maintenance	6771.94	10274.75
	HQ lease & cleaning	0.00	386.30



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		2018	2017
Auditors fees		3300.00	0.00
Compliance		4792.73	0.00
Professional fees		13753.30	0.00
Public liability insurance		11031.32	10734.44
National Champs GC 2018 & AC 2021 provision		882.50	500.00
Net GST expense		1671.00	2082.00
Depreciation		1390.00	1267.00
Write off assets		93.00	480.00
Sundry expenses		53.50	108.82
Total Expenses		183404.97	179248.15
Surplus (Loss) on General Operations		(7,849.25)	(4,364.46)
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Interest & Distributions		14762.91	15661.92
Movement in value		3746.62	5642.54
Surplus on Investment Activities		18509.53	21304.46
Total Surplus on consolidated activities		10660.28	16940.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
Coaching Accreditation	Balance of grant at 30 June 2017		8,568.07
	Less Expenses	3,635.92	
	Balance at 30 June 2018	4,932.15	
2018 GC Interstate Shield Hosting	Balance of grant at 30 June 2017		10,000.00
	Less Expenses		
	Distribution to clubs	4,000.00	
	Balance at 30 June 2018	6,000.00	
Player Pathways	Office of Sport Grant	27,500.00	
	Less GST	2,500.00	
	Balance at 30 June 2018	25,000.00	
Regionalisation	Office of Sport Grant	22,000.00	
	Less GST	2,000.00	
	Balance at 30 June 2018	20,000.00	



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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2018				
			2018	2017
Current assets				
	Cash on Hand			
	Commonwealth Bank - cheque accounts		653	26,184
	Commonwealth Bank - cash invest account		142,218	84,024
	Quay credit union - term deposits		223,122	216,834
			365,993	327,042
	Accounts Receivable and other debtors			
	Sundry Debtors		572	787
	Accrued interest to 30 June 2018		505	1,717
	Stock on hand at cost		780	675
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		367,850	330,221
Non current assets				
	Investments			
	Australian Unity Healthcare Property Trust		75,362	66,691
	Cromwell Direct Property Trust		39,893	36,994
	Total investments		115,255	103,684
	Equipment			
	at written down value		6,543	5,077
	Pre payments		489	977
	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		122,287	109,739
	Total assets		490,137	439,960
	Less			
Current liabilities				
	Sundry Creditors		5,666	3,758
	Affiliation & entry fees paid in advance		1,748	3,503
	Provisions		3,000	1,000
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,414	8,261
	Net assets		479,723	431,699
General funds				
	As at 1 July 2017		72,684	77,048
	Surplus (Loss) from general operations		(7,849)	(4,364)
	Balance as at 30 June 2018		64,835	72,684
Special Funds				
	HQ/Building fund			
	As at 1 July 2017		340,447	319,143
	Surplus from investment activities		18,510	21,304
	Balance as at 30 June 2018		358,957	340,447
	NSW Office of Sport Project Grants			
	Balances as at 30 June 2018			
	Coaching Accreditation Grant		4,932	8,568
	2018 GC Interstate Shield Hosting		6,000	10,000
	Player Pathways		25,000	
	Regionalisation		20,000	
	Total Funds at 30 June 2018		479,723	431,699



Significant Results during 2017-18

Championship Events	Winner
NSW Mens Singles Championship (AC)	Peter Landrebe
NSW Women's Singles Championship (AC)	Alison Sharpe
NSW Open Singles Championship (AC)	Peter Landrebe
NSW Open Doubles (AC)	Alison Sharpe & Alan Walsh
NSW Men's Singles Championship (GC)	John Levick
NSW Women's Singles Championship (GC)	Liz Montague
NSW Open Singles Championship (GC)	Peter Landrebe
NSW Open Doubles (GC)	John Levick & Rob Elliott

Pennants Events	Winners
AC Gold	Chatswood
AC Silver	Cammeray A
AC Bronze	Strathfield
GC Division 1 Pennants	Killara
GC Division 2 Pennants	Cheltenham
GC Division 3 Pennants	Sutherland

From the CNSW Secretary

The administrative load on CNSW was never higher than this year and again I can only applaud and thank the Club Secretaries who maintain the club details and membership information on the database. We are starting to see some meaningful statistics emerge which will help our interaction with the ACA and the NSW Office of Sport, who provide us with our annual grant.

The ability to hide some personal details have been built into the database and it will be interesting to see how many members decide to restrict the amount of information that can be shown in the next yearbook.

Reviewing the CNSW Constitution and creating some new policies to accompany it has been more complex and time consuming than originally contemplated. The final result however will be governance documents that will serve CNSW for many years.

Steve Thornton - Secretary



Report from the Membership/Records Officer

At the end of August 2018 Croquet NSW membership stands at 2985 members. Country Clubs accounting for approx. 71% of NSW members. The split between female & male members has stayed the same for many years. Two Clubs have over 100 members being Canberra with 118 and Mosman with 139 members. The largest grouping of clubs are those with memberships of between 30-45 members.

Many Clubs during the year have held “Come n Try” days and these have provided Clubs with new members – congratulations and well done.

During the year a Members Area has been set up on the Database (DB) for members to amend any personal details including handicaps and indexes and access Board minutes. For members to have access to this area their email address needs to be entered into the DB by their Club secretary. It’s great to see so many members accessing this area.

As part of my duties Croquet NSW keeps a record of all members who have received Working With Children Check registrations. These checks last for 5 years starting in 2013. The NSW Government Office of the Children’s Guardian began forwarding renewal notices in March 2018 for those members who first applied in 2013. Once you have renewed your WWCC can you please advise me as I need to keep CNSW records up to date - thankyou.

Brenda Wild

Report from CNSW Website Administrator

The CNSW website now has a new home page and updated page headers. The design was commissioned from Design Crowd by our Visual Identity working group, coordinated by Roberta Flint, and approved by the Board, who support it as a fresh, contemporary and friendly look.

Between 1st July 2017 and 30th June 2018, the following page content changes were made: Club History 1, Club News 6, Club Results 2, Clubs 3, Coaching 4, Contact 2, Downloads 1, Equipment 3, Governance 25, News 27, Newsletter 4, Refereeing 1, Results 34.

During this period, the following database events occurred:

- 2696 sign ins by 68 clubs
- 1169 sign ins by 174 individual members
- 870 sign ins by CNSW officials
- 0 clubs added, 3 deleted, 119 updated
- 190 events added, 29 deleted, 324 updated
- 566 members added, 664 deleted, 4729 updated
- 8 sign in accounts added, 14 deleted, 17 updated



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269 CNSW event entrants added, 32 deleted, 14 updated
2053 handicap changes logged

During this period, 40 changes were made to the website database application, of which the most significant was online CNSW event registration.

Future plans for the CNSW website are likely to include changes that reflect the emerging regionalisation policy.

David Archer

Report from the Newsletter Editor

Another year has come and gone with much activity on the croquet lawns of clubs far and wide.

Special mention, then, needs to be made of those clubs whose articles have filled the pages of the past year's issues: Bathurst, Ballina, Blue Mountains, Cammeray, Cheltenham, Coogee, Cowra, Dubbo, EDSACC, Forster, Gloucester, Hazelbrook, Lismore, Lithgow, Mosman, Myall Park, Mt Sugarloaf, Nelson Bay, Newcastle, Northern Rivers Association, Nowra, Port Hacking, Port Macquarie, Strathfield, Sutherland, Taree, Toronto and Wagga Wagga.

Other articles related to the Annual Makara Competition, Health Benefits of Croquet, Gateball Championships, GC World Championships, Coaching Course at Manly, Tips on the use of Social Media, Ricochet Referees training, and a day for Junior players. We also celebrated the nomination of Peter Landrebe and Alison Sharpe in the Champions of Sport event.

Nambucca Heads was welcomed as a new club and look forward to hearing more from them in future issues.

There were reports on Coaching Courses, GC Referees, Ricochet Coaching, Celebrations of Australia Day and World Croquet Day, and matters relating to Regionalisation. Neil Hardie's AC Coaching tips are well received. Various State competitions fill some pages, with varying degrees of comment depending on the availability of a manager for the event. It was good to report on our win in the Trans Tasman event and our good results in the Eire Cup.

Just a reminder, I actually resigned as Editor a while ago but no one else has yet put up his or her hand to carry on the task, so I keep going. However, if there is someone who would like to take on this task, please let me know! My computer skills are limited and I am sure there is someone who could do a better job.

Thank you for all the contributions – keep them coming, especially the silent clubs.

Wendy Fothergill



Report from the NSW State Coaching Coordinator

During the past 12 months I have presented Coach Accreditation courses in Forster, Sawtell, Warawee, Maitland, Canberra, Mosman and Nelson Bay, with 17 coaches accrediting in Association Croquet, 23 in Ricochet, and 41 in Golf Croquet. The Level 1 Foundation coach course has been very well accepted, and we are all looking forward to the introduction of the Level 2 course, being written by the Australian Croquet Coaching Committee, but unfortunately with no date yet set for its completion.

New South Wales now has 54 Association Croquet coaches, 66 Ricochet coaches, and 106 Golf Croquet coaches, as well as 13 Gateball coaches. I would like to thank John Park for his work with the Gateball coaching. There is at least one coach in 35 of our clubs in NSW.

I encourage any player to consider the most rewarding experience of becoming a croquet coach, and I would like to thank all those players who have taken the step and volunteer their time and energy into improving the skills of their players.

In the next year I am planning to run coach update workshops around the state. Please keep an eye on the CNSW website for dates for your area. I would like to catch up with as many coaches as possible.

Pam Gentle

Report from the SD Refereeing - Association Croquet

Since the last AGM two new umpires have qualified, another two umpires have upgraded to referee, and we have acquired a referee from inter-state. We now have 10 examining referees (distributed across the regions), 22 referees and 25 umpires, making a total of 57 officials in NSW.

Sufficient officials have been provided for all the CNSW bronze, silver, gold and handicap tournaments in Sydney (elite events are self-refereed). I would like to thank the Sydney officials for the way they have volunteered to serve at these tournaments – a great response.

Laws and lawncraft courses have been conducted throughout the state to meet the ACA re-accreditation requirements, and I am grateful to the examining referees who have organised and run those courses.

I made a number of offers to run laws courses for players, but only Hazelbrook and Cowra took this up, which is disappointing.

A number of players have done the umpiring course and completed the ASC Certificate, but have not yet done the examination – I hope they do so soon.



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I am stepping down as State Director this year after three years in the role. I wish my successor well, and will be pleased to help them in any way.

Neil Hardie

Report from the SD Refereeing - Golf Croquet

Thank you to the many Referees who have given their time to officiate at Club, State, National and International events during the year. Your expertise and commitment is very much appreciated by players and organisers.

During the past 12 months Rules workshops and updates have been conducted at Ballina Cherry Street, Branxton, Forster, Lismore, Mosman, Maitland and Northern Rivers. The workshops reinforce and enhance players understanding of the rules and have been well received.

During the year, 15 players successfully met the requirements to become qualified GC Referees and have been presented with their badges of Office. Well done, I look forward to your participation in the future.

Thank you to the Tutors who assisted in their preparation and thank you to the Examining Referees who officiated at their examinations.

In September, the Australian GC Championships will be held in the Hunter Region. Thirty NSW Referees have volunteered, along with four Interstate Referees to officiate during this most prestigious event. My sincere thanks, I appreciate your expertise and commitment.

January 2019, brings the introduction of the 5th Edition of the Golf Croquet Rules. Workshops will be conducted in each Region to ensure that all players have an understanding of the changes involved.

My goal for 2019 is to have ONE qualified Golf Croquet Referee in every NSW Croquet Club.

Thank you for your support during the year.

Bev Smith

Coordinator of Junior Croquet

At the last Croquet New South Wales Junior Championship held at Tempe the Winner was Charlie Sharpe (Killara) with Jamie Gumbrell (Canberra runner up. This year it has been pleasing to see the results from Jamie in the Selectors Eight. The Bronze Medal, the CNSW Open GC Singles Championship. This has culminated in his selection in this years State Golf Croquet Team to play in the Hunter Valley in September.



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All clubs were informed of a Junior Croquet Day to be held at Tempe in the April school holidays. Unfortunately, there was absolutely no interest. In July I conducted a Junior Day at Nowra which was most enjoyable and at the end of August, I will be attending Strathfield Croquet Club who is conducting lessons for Strathfield Girls High. A Junior Day has been organised for at Toronto and I would like to be able to do the same thing in other regions.

At the risk of repeating myself ad nauseum all clubs need to consider ways of attracting more junior players – schools visits, grandparent/friends days and junior days. These young people are the future of our sport

Jacky McDonald

Ricochet Development Officer

Ricochet is growing in NSW!!

During the year Margaret-Rose Thompson & I have received more requests from clubs around the state about learning Ricochet. At present in NSW there are 65 coaches and 25 referees who are enthused to promote Ricochet to anyone wishing to learn.

Also Margaret-Rose was invited to Victoria to examine & pass 4 referees and whilst there held a workshop on the tactics of the game with approx. 28 players representing 5 Clubs in attendance. It is great to see another state learning the game with the possibility of a future Inter State event being contested.

Nowra CC hosted this years State Doubles and Singles events with Margaret Sawers & Glyn Williams being crowned the State Doubles Champions for the 2nd time with Glyn backing up to take the Singles crown – well done to both Margaret & Glyn and also Nowra for hosting the events.

With ACA taking control of Ricochet the 2016 Edition of the Laws of Ricochet will eventually be updated to correct the many mistakes within. A list of errors and an Index chart has been produced which can be forwarded to Clubs on request.

Finally – thank you to every player playing Ricochet – it's a great game!!

Brenda Wild

Report from Gateball NSW

The Australian Championship was held at EDSAC club at Bateau Bay NSW on the 14th and 15th of October 2017 and was contested by teams from NSW, Qld, Vic, South Aust, ACT, Korea, China and Paraguay. The finals were fought out by our overseas visitors when Korea – Unicorn Club defeated Zang Bang – Jianxi China for the trophy. There were two more teams who missed out because of difficulties with their visa applications, one from Indonesia and another Chinese team.



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NSW Championship was played at Young Croquet club on 17th - 19th Nov 2017 where doubles and teams events were contested and the doubles winner was Kerrie with Philip Brown from Kew in Victoria. The teams event went to Kew Victoria who narrowly beat a team from Jamberoo in NSW.

The 2018 Gateball champion ships will be held at Canberra Croquet club on 16th - 18th November.

National championships are only held every second year and the 2019 championship will be hosted by Victoria at Cairnlea.

We have also secured Taree Croquet club to host the 2019 Gateball Teams and Doubles championship in September 20th - 22nd.

Manuel and Glenda Guterriez are now co-ordinating refereeing for NSW and are keen to get moving on holding some refereeing camps as so many are required in team events. At the moment we only have 13 qualified level 1 referees and more are required as each game requires 2 referees a recorder and linesmen. In championships you might have 5 or 6 games in progress at one time.

Kerrie Sutherland from Newcastle Nat Park has accepted the position of State Co-ordinator of Gateball - Coaching

There have been two really well presented tournaments in NSW recently. Jamberoo Super triples which was contested by 15 teams and was won by a team from Jamberoo who edged out a team from Lithgow. The other was a fun event held at Newcastle and attended by 7 teams and was where teams and doubles were played over three days.

Mary Dunn