

DIGGERS MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1974 - 75

Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I submit the first Annual Report of the Diggers Memorial Bowls Club. Over the last twelve months this Club has grown from the Diggers Social Bowls Club, to a fully affiliated Club with a green of our own. It has been a year of hard work for the members of the Club, as many of you turned out every week-end to working bees, for this I extend my personal thanks. The hours you have worked have saved us many thousands of dollars.

A soil shed has been built, and in this we are carrying on, until such time as we can build the Club House. To the members of my Committee I extend many thanks, for without your type I could not carry on. We have been very fortunate that Joe Gutekunst offered to take over the Treasurership from Bay Connor who after many years of sterling service for the Social Club found the new set-up hard to keep pace with. We hope that Joe is long spared to assist the Club in his present capacity, for he seems to have a natural bent for the job.

To our Ladies Auxiliary I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your help on our big days was magnificent, Ladies once again Many Thanks. To Coo-ee and Leila who have been ever present to get the afternoon teas of a Saturday and Sunday afternoon also many thanks. We are grateful to the Media for their assistance in advertising, and publicity.

We have had some problems with our green, but this should now be solved. The City Council have now completed the sewerage line to our alignment, so we can now go ahead with our toilets. Many thanks to the Band Boys, for the loan of their Hall. One sad note in my report is that we have lost a very good Digger friend and bowler in the death of Dick Harald. He will be greatly missed by Diggers and Bowlers alike.

During the year we played our usual games against the various Club. We travelled to Bundaberg to play the Bundaberg Diggers, and Mackay Diggers visited R'ton and played a week-end of matches on our green. Thanks again to the donors of trophies for which we played throughout the year, too numerous to mention in this report they add to the enjoyment of having a game of bowls. The Euny Smith Memorial Trophy, which is a pairs competition, for 1974 was won by Immed Past Pres. Fred Field and Bert Challands the latter has won this trophy for the third time, trophies of a specially struck hat badge and suitably encribed pencils donated by Avis Smith were presented on Diggers Day which had to be postponed to November 30th due to the weather.

Next year we enter into Pennants and District Competition, so we are preparing for another busy year. It is necessary that members who belong to two Clubs declare for which Club they intend to play, by the end of this Month, as nomination have to be in to C.Q.D.B.A. by the end of December. The Club is indebted to Sister Clubs in the District for their financial support and advice, and to the City Clubs for their loan of equipment and green keepers etc in the early days of our existence. It is my intention to nominate for the position of President again for another term, and if elected I sincerely hope that I can count on the support of all members, for next year will be another year of hard work, but, I am sure progress.

GORDON MEARES

President.