

## 2010 AND BEYOND

The AGM on October 24, 2010 for the year ending June 30, 2010 noted membership had reached 2636. Peter Tornaros and Les Hoffman continued as chairman and vice chairman respectively, with Merv Brady as treasurer, Peter Moyle as golf rep, Bob James as bowls rep, and directors Bob Baxter, John l'Anson, Anne Slater, Marie Anders, and John Thomas.

The annual report noted that the Club was incorporated under the Companies Act 2001, "*and as an entity limited by guarantee, if the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting the outstandings and obligations of the entity.*"

The AGM on October 23, 2011, for the year ending June 30, 2011, recorded membership at 2578, The annual report noted that Greens Superintendent, Duncan Lamont, was replaced by Shane Heaney on July 18 of that year.

Office bearer included: Peter Tornaros, chairman, Les Hoffman vice chairman, golf rep Peter Moyle, bowls rep, Bob James, and directors Ray Bartlett, Bob Baxter, Merv Brady, Tony Dahl, Anne Slater, Ian Wingad and John l'Anson.

During that year, most of the old wooden bridges that were erected when the golf course was first built, were replaced with modern maintenance-free pre-formed concrete structures, providing significant future savings on maintenance and repair costs.

There were eight timber bridges on the golf course. All had previously been rebuilt using the existing headblocks in the banks, new logs for bearers, and new decking. Some of the headblocks subsequently deteriorated, requiring replacement. The surface decking needed constant maintenance.

It was argued at the time that future bridges would need to be built to comply with public liability requirements. To that end, bridges would need to be designed by a qualified engineer and have council consent approval.

Member and former chairperson, Merv Brady, takes up the story. "*These new bridges were constructed of precast core planks. Each bridge consists of two planks side by side mounted on reinforced concrete footings 2.8 metres wide, 1.8 metres long and 450mm deep.*

*"Tony Baggio offered to design and supply drawings for the bridges at no cost. The development application was submitted to the Byron Shire on September 10, 2010 and the planks were ordered from Precast Hollowcore Pty Ltd in Brisbane and arrived in April 2011.*

*"To minimise disruption, the board agreed to the bridges would be replaced in conjunction, where possible, with renovation of the greens, except for the 2nd and 10th holes, which have alternate crossings.*

*"The first bridge was installed on the second tee in August 2011, followed by the 12th hole in October, the 10th in November, and the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th holes in February 2012, with the last bridge being replaced on the 4th in October 2012.*

*"Average cost per bridge was around \$8364 for a total cost of \$75,276, or about \$5000 under budget. The team responsible for the project included myself, Tony Baggio, Jimmy Stewart, Ian Wingad, Tom Clark and the Goonies, plus contractors Ducky Smith, North East Cranes, Terry Mason, Wards Trucks and Holcim Concrete."*

At the AGM on October 21, 2012, for the year ending June 30, 2012, membership was listed at 2607. Peter Tornaros was Chairman, Les Hoffman vice chair, Merv Brady treasurer, Peter Moyle golf rep, Bob James bowls rep, and other directors Bob Baxter, Tony Dahl, Anne Slater, Ray Bartlett and Ian Wingad.

The Club constitution was changed to declare that the board comprise eight directors, including the chair, deputy chair, treasurer, a golf rep, a bowls rep and three ordinary directors.

The annual report noted that Stage 1 and Stage 2 of major clubhouse renovations had been completed, resulting in a substantial loss of \$231,607. Roof repairs and painting alone cost \$160,000.

The AGM on October 27, 2013, for the year ending June 30 that year, showed that membership had climbed to 2798. Peter Tornaros remained in the chair as did Les Hoffman as vice chair, Peter Moyle remained golf rep, and Bob James bowls rep. Directors included: Bob Baxter, Tony Dahl, Merv Brady, John Maddock, Anne Slater, Ian Wingad, Ray Bartlett and Tom Clark.

It was announced that as from July 1, 2013, new directors would be required to undertake mandatory training within twelve months of their appointment--as a Government requirement.

By the AGM on October 19, 2014, membership had reached 2879. A solar electricity system was installed, which also involved expenditure on roof reinforcements. An energy efficiency audit had earlier identified where energy costs could be reduced. A block of land adjacent to the 10th hole was acquired by the Club for \$46,483.

Chair was Peter Tornaros, vice chair Les Hoffman, golf rep Peter Moyle, bowls rep, Bob James, and directors: Nicholas Comer, Tony Dahl, John Maddock, Anne Slater, Danny Taylor, Ian Wingad, and Bob Baxter.

The 2014-15 annual report, tabled on October 18, 2015 showed membership exceeding 3000 for the first time at 3060. Total club revenue embraced \$4 million for the first time at \$3,928 510, with profit reaching \$103,227.

Chair was Peter Tornaros, vice chair Les Hoffman, with Anne Slater treasurer, golf rep Ian Wingad, bowls rep Danny Taylor, and directors: John Maddock, Nick Comer and Tony Dahl.

On April 14, 2004 the Byron Echo reported that the Club was considering a proposal from the Wallis Group for a deal whereby the Group would fund a new \$12 million clubhouse and facilities, and in return the Group would build units where the existing clubhouse stands, giving the group title to the existing clubhouse, carpark and bowling greens.

The proposal was later rejected by members, with the benefits of the new facilities, and the upheaval of Club activities, exceeded by the natural conservatism of many older members, and the assumed threat of an influx and invasion of a proposed 140 residential unit owners and their families at the Club's front door, plus some apprehension about the bona fides of the Wallis Group.

On July 6, 2017, the Ocean Shores Country Club Heritage Foundation was officially launched to receive gifts and bequests from Members and friends, to be used for significant capital acquisitions and/or projects deemed appropriate and of benefit to the Club by its seven Trustees, and approved by the Board.

The Foundation was conceived by a special Heritage Fund Committee comprising James Cotta, Les Hoffman, Peter Thorley, Merv Brady, Wayne Keating, Tom Clark and Trevor Johnston.

The foundation donor to the Foundation, announced at the launch, was Gladys Todd, with a generous initial donation of \$10,000, as outlined in the following correspondence.

From the Gladys Todd donation, a \$200 prize has been assigned annually for the Arthur Todd memorial GOBO (Golf and Bowls) event. Other activities are under consideration.

A further donation of \$3500 was received from the Fraser Family as a memorial to former golfing member, Bill Brennan, comprising \$2500 to build a water fountain on the 1st hole lake, and \$1000 for a Junior Golf activity over five years.

*Mr. James Cotta  
Chairman  
Ocean Shores Country Club Heritage Foundation*

*6<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

*Dear James*

*I have pleasure in forwarding to you my donation to the Heritage Foundation Fund of ten thousand dollars in memory of my late husband Arthur.*

*Arthur and I came to this area in the early seventies and Arthur soon became very active in the emerging community of Ocean Shores. He was elected Community Centre Treasurer in 1976, and then in 1977 he was elected as President. That year he was also elected to the Byron Shire Council where he served for the next six years.*

*During his second year as President of the Community Centre, 1978/79, he responded to an urgent appeal by the golfers for the Community Centre to take over the Golf Club. This was a very eventful time. He was invited to Sydney by the Managing Director of Princess Properties to negotiate the transfer of the golf club land to a new entity, the Ocean Shores Country Club. At this time he became Foundation Chairman of the Ocean Shores Country Club Board.*

*He was President of the Bowls Club for three of the years between 1981 and 1987. Then in 1987 he was again elected as Chairman of the Country Club, which position he held for four years until 1991.*

*I have no particular wish as to how the dollars are expended other than, in the process; it serves to recognize in some tangible way Arthur's contribution to the Club.*

*I am very proud to have been given the privilege of being the founding donor to the Heritage Foundation. I wish the volunteers involved every success in their endeavours to progress the interests of the Country Club into the future as well as preserving its heritage.*

*Yours truly*



*Gladys Todd*



**Gladys Todd presents a cheque for \$10,000 to Heritage Foundation chairman James Cotta (right) with trustee Peter Thorley looking on.**

**The 2016-17 annual report (October 2017) reported membership at 3063, including 567 golfers and 156 bowlers. Revenue was marginally lower at \$4.077 million and the club incurred an operating loss of \$173,593. Directors were listed as Chair, Peter Tornaros, Deputy Chair, Les Hoffman, Anthony Dahl, John Maddock, Anne Slater, Danny Taylor, Ian Wingad, Nicholas Comer (Resigned 20/11/16) and James Cotta (20/11/16).**