



## January 2020 Monthly Report from the Committee

*The committee would like to wish all members and their families a happy, safe and healthy 2020.*

- **Lawn Renovations**

With the dry weather and restrictions on using grey water the lawn refurbishments will take longer than expected.

There was a wonderful response with help from members at the early stages in the refurbishment of Court 1. Thank you so much. Hopefully members will be able to help with work on Court 2 on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

- **Our thanks to the “firies’**

In spite of having four fires in our area, we have been spared the horrendous effects of fires and tragedies experienced in so many parts of Australia.

We have been very fortunate, thanks to the sacrifices made and skills applied by so many of the fire-fighting community.



- **Seniors Expo**



On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, during Seniors Week, our club will have a table at Panthers for the promotion of croquet. We have a couple of members who ‘sell’ the game very well. If you are prepared to help for a couple of hours, please put your name on the roster on the noticeboard. Thank you.

- **First Aid Session**

A 2 hour First Aid course will be held in the clubhouse from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

The session will be appropriate for people of our ages and will include CPR for adults and children, care of an unconscious person, treating cuts, actions for heart attacks, strokes, snake bites, seizures, ...

The cost will be \$5 per person, payable on the day.

Please write your name on the notice on the noticeboard if you would like to attend.



- **Inter-Club Competitions**

During the first half of the year there are Inter-Club competitions between teams from the Forster, Gloucester, Taree and Port Macquarie Croquet Clubs. These clubs form the Mid North Coast Croquet Council (MNCCC).

All games in these competitions are handicap games, where the higher handicapped players are awarded extra strokes when playing against better players. We have seen good potential in some of our newer members and hope that they will consider being part of our teams.

Players without a handicap in golf croquet will need to be given one – see Merv Clarke or John Hincks. Before our first match a session will be held on the effective use of extra strokes.

The dates and locations of these matches can be found on the club's 2020 calendar.

- **Hydration**

The next few months are likely to be very hot. It is important to keep well hydrated. As the clubhouse is now locked during play, it would be a good idea to have your own named bottle for easy access to water.

A sun hat and sunscreen are also advisable.



- **Croquet Socks**

John still has a few short and ankle length croquet socks for sale. Please see him if you would like to buy any of these socks.

*Bridget Earle (Secretary)*