



December 2020 Monthly Report from the Committee



The committee would like to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.

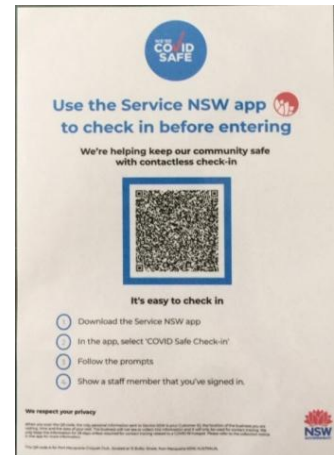
- **We're Opening the Clubhouse!**

After 9 months of lock-down we are delighted to be able to use our clubhouse again.

We have submitted a Covid-19 Safety Plan to the NSW Government, NSW Health and Croquet NSW. We will need to follow this meticulously and I ask you all to cooperate. The kitchen will not be open yet and there is to be no sharing of food or drink (other than people from the same household).

I will send you, in a separate email, our Covid-19 Procedures as at 11th December 2020. It will also be on our club website.

We now have a QR code for Covid-19 and ask those of you with smart phones to sign in with these, after downloading the Service NSW app, as well as registering for play in the green fee register.



- **Break-In**



Recently there was a break-in at the club. The Police responded very quickly and the Forensic Police were able to identify the culprit by her fingerprints! Nothing was broken or stolen – we had no money on the premises.

- **Covid -19 Practices**

Thank you all very much for your cooperation in our Covid-19 practices – booking all play with me, pre-paying green fees by bank transfer or bank deposit, signing the attendance book and washing the balls, hoops ... at the end of play. It has been a good team effort. One area that needs a little improvement is physical distancing on the veranda! Please be aware of this.

- **Hydration**



The next few months are likely to be very hot. It is important to keep well hydrated. As the clubhouse is now locked, it would be a good idea to have your own named bottle for easy access to water. A wet towel around your neck takes the heat out of your head! A sun hat and sunscreen are also advisable.

If you feel unwell, sit down in the shade, drink water and cool yourself down with water.



- **“How can I help”?**

A small group of members work very hard for the club. Below are a few ways you can all help.

- Set hoops.
- Get a few chairs from the equipment shed to put on the veranda, to help with social distancing.
- Observe social distancing (1.5m) at all times.
- Wipe down tables, chairs and surfaces used in the clubhouse at the end of sessions.
- As the last person to leave, sign the **Locking-up** sheet before locking the clubhouse door. This sheet is kept on the table just inside the door. Sometimes we need to contact this person.
- Remove some weeds from the garden beds.
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- **Wash hands thoroughly**



Remember to wash hands thoroughly – chemicals are used on the courts.

- **Association Croquet Handicap Singles Competition for 2021**

After taking months to complete the 2020 competition this 6 player round robin was completed in record time.

At the end play Tim Woolford-Smith and Paul Mitchell had 4 wins each and both had a net score of +42. After the third level countback, Tim won as he beat Paul 17-16 in their head-to-head game. Congratulations, Tim! Thank you Sue Moss for organising all the competitions.



- **Membership of the Westport Club**

For many years the Westport Club has supported our club. As well as financial donations most of our indoor and outdoor furniture was donated when they upgraded their club. We encourage our members to become social members, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.

- **Our new equipment shed**

Sadly, our application for a grant for a petrol-driven roller and another equipment shed was not successful. Realising the need for more storage space we invested in a shed.

Thank you Brian for erecting this, on the concrete slab behind the new water storage tank, with help from Tony Holmes, Eric Gadd and Tony Earle. It was a marathon effort by Brian.



- **Renovation of Court 3**

Thank you to the members who helped to rake up the clippings from the scarifying of Court 3. The court will probably be out of action for 6 weeks.



- **Christmas Day**

In this strange year, some of our members will not be going away or joining their family for Christmas.

If anyone is interested in playing croquet and having a picnic lunch, Tony and I are happy to join you.

Bring your own everything – sharing food and drink, other than with members of your household, is still not permitted. We will be able to use the clubhouse, unless there is some unforeseen incident between now and then.

10.30 a.m. is probably a good time to start – bookings required as usual!

At this stage, I have cleared the booking sheet for Friday 25th December.



- **Lost property**

Items of clothing, hats, visors, ... have been in our lost property box for many months. When the clubhouse opens check the contents of the large plastic box which is now placed inside, to the left of the door. After a couple of weeks the box will be emptied.

It is advisable to name clothing that you take off at the club.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)