**President’s Report 2020-2021**

I would like to thank the Committee and all those who have volunteered during the year for their efforts in supporting the Club. The efforts of volunteers are very important to the smooth running of the Club

I would like to thank the three retiring members of the committee, our past President, Pam Crichton and our Treasurer, Lyn Turner, for their work on the Committee over several years, and Committee member Sally Barber, who is not restanding.

COVID and its resulting restrictions have had a major impact on the Club and its operations.

While the Club was able to hold f2f sessions in the Club rooms through the last year, player numbers were initially limited by Government regulations, with the result that tables were limited to 19 in the BTR and ten tables in the OLR. However, player numbers also remained low due health concerns held by many of our members, and by staggered re-introduction of f2f sessions in the Club.

With the limit on table numbers and the concerns of club members, the support of the Government via JobKeeper and the ATO Cashflow Boost were very beneficial for the Club, such that the Club is now in a much better financial position than expected from previous financial reports.

Player numbers in the Club did not return to pre-COVID numbers until earlier this year. A major factor in the increase in player numbers was the closure of the Grand Slam Bridge Club in March of this year. Over the financial year, more than 240 people have joined the Club, most of these new members are former members of Grand Slam, such that membership of the Club is now in excess of 800 members.

Another major change in the Club was the introduction of CBC Pay in February of this year. Instead of cash being collected at the table, members are depositing money into the Club’s bank account with moneys being withdrawn with each session the member plays. One major advantage of CBCPay is that large sums of cash are no longer held in the Club or need to be carried and deposited in the Club’s bank.

And Lastly, I would also like to thank the employees of the Club for its continued smooth operations over the past difficult year, in particular the Club’s three managers.