

YOKINE DISTRICTS BOWLING CLUB (Inc.)

Report by the President, Mr. E.W. Newton, presented to the First Annual General Meeting held in the Yokine/Joondana R.S.L. Hall on Friday 5th August, 1960 at 8 p.m.

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this Report is to give members an outline of the formation and activities of the Club since the first public meeting was held on 11th June, 1959 and to summarise the progress that has been made.

FORMATION OF THE CLUB.

For record purposes it might be interesting to note that in May, 1959 the question of starting a worthwhile activity in the district was discussed by 2 or 3 persons, and the original idea was a Bowling Club, plus Community Tennis Courts. It was quickly realised that in view of the requirements of the Licensing Act, the two activities could not be worked together. Mr. Arthur Cousins made the original suggestion regarding the Bowling Club, and following discussion with other male members of the Community, it was decided to call a public meeting which was held in the Yokine/Joondana R.S.L. Hall on 11th June, 1959.

The attendance at this meeting was 29 persons, and on the motion of Mr. L.A. Kranz, seconded by Mr. F. Berry, it was decided to form the Yokine Districts Bowling Club, which later became an incorporate body.

MEETINGS.

The first meeting of the Club was held on 25th June, 1959 and altogether 6 General Meetings and 10 Committee Meetings have been held.

ATTENDANCE

Attendances at General Meetings could have been much better, in view

of the early interest in the formation of the Club, but Committee meetings were well attended, there being very few absentees over the period.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB.

The following Officers were elected for and during the year:-

President	- Mr. E.W. Newton
Vice Presidents	Mr. A.J. Cousins Mr. L. Barnes.
Secretary	Mr. K.G. Plowman
Assistant Secretary	Mr. S. Barnes
Treasurer	Mr. W.J. Dawson
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. K. Martin
<u>General Committee</u>	Mr. F. Berry Mr. R. Barry Mr. W. Forrest Mr. R. Lord Mr. L. Krans Mr. B. Richards
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Mr. H. Emerson Mr. L. Krans Mr. K. Martin
<u>Social Committee</u>	Mr. S. Barnes Mr. A.J. Cousins Mr. Dix Mr. F. Berry Mr. R. Penny
<u>Publicity Officers</u>	Mr. L. Krans Mr. L. Barnes
<u>Land Sites Committee</u>	Mr. A.J. Cousins Mr. F. Berry Mr. G. Roydhouse.
<u>Auditors</u>	Mr. W. Atkins Mr. L. Barnes

CLUB SITE

The question of the location of the site for the Club was one of the early major problems. In the early stages the possibility of securing Hector Street Reserve was considered.

However, it was quickly obvious that the allocation of this land

was most unlikely to occur, and application was made for six acres of land in the Wordsworth Avenue area, on the edge of that portion of land known as the Scaddan Pine Plantation.

After receiving advice that there might be considerable delay in this area being made available, application was made for land in Woodrow Avenue. It appears that the allocation of this area also would be subject to considerable delay, and, bearing in mind the urgent necessity of having a site allocated, further enquiries were made and the original suggested area of land was re-applied for, and subsequently granted.

Realising that the early development of the site was essential, tentative arrangements were made for clearing, but these were delayed until the title of the land concerned was transferred from the Crown Land Department to the Perth Road Board.

The Club eventually received the "all-clear" from the Perth Road Board and the playing area was cleared on Sunday 10th July, 1960.

In applying for 6 acres of land, consideration was given to the tremendous potential of a new and rapidly-growing area, and the need for expansion and development in the future. It would appear that other Clubs have been severely restricted by this lack of foresight.

MEMBERSHIP

After what appeared to be a promising start, the number of members did not increase as quickly as was anticipated. A number of people paid portion of their nomination fee and decided not to go on with their membership.

This temporary lag in membership was no doubt caused by the inability of the Committee to give definite information regarding the Club site, and by incorrect information published in the press.

Details of Membership up to 30/6/60 are as follows:-

Nomination Fees

109 members have paid full amount of £5 each.

28 members have paid £1 each on account, and it appears that many of these will not carry on with their membership, although they have been given plenty of opportunity to do so.

1 member has paid £2/15/- on account.

Subscriptions

47 Members have paid full amount of £5/5/-

1 member has paid £5 on account

1 member has paid 5/- on account.

These figures have improved during the last month or so, and the latest information will be given to you by the Treasurer Mr. Dawson.

It is imperative that Club Membership be increased without delay, and that the right type of member be enrolled.

DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Early this year, the Club was asked to submit a Financial and Development Plan to the Perth Road Board and this was submitted in February, 1960.

Development

The Club has indicated its intention of clearing and levelling the site in accordance with the requirements of the Perth Road Board Engineer, and to provide a Bore Pump and Motor when these become necessary.

The "Board" has been asked to construct four Bowling Greens and supply balance of Reticulation and Fencing.

The clearing and levelling of the site is now well underway.

Finance

The Club has submitted that the number of enrolled members will be 250, fully paid, by June 1961, that £3,000 will be raised by the sale of Debentures, and that the Bank will loan the Club £2,500 under joint and several Guarantors.

Repayments to Road Board will be made at six monthly intervals over a 20 year period. Therefore these important points must be emphasised.

Fully paid membership (nomination fee and annual subscription) must be increased to 250 without delay.

Sale of Debentures must be increased, because the building of the Club House (and granting of a Liquor Licence) and the whole development of the Club will depend on our making our proportion of finance available as outlined.

The loan by the Bank of £2,500 under Joint and several Guarantors has not materialised, and although it is still possible that such a loan may be raised, we must constantly be aware of the huge financial programme before us.

THE LADIES BOWLING CLUB

On August 20th, 1959 a meeting of ladies held in the Yokine R.S.L. Hall formed the Yokine Districts Ladies Bowling Club.

Vice President Mrs Rodgers and Secretary Miss Adams of the W.A. Ladies Bowling Club were in attendance, and much helpful advice and information was given during the meeting.

On the motion of Mrs Chester seconded, by Mrs Stubberfield, the decision to form the Club was carried.

The Officers of the Ladies Club are:-

President	Mrs Plowman
Vice Presidents	Mrs Chester Mrs Bolton

Secretary	Mrs Cousins	
Assistant Secretary	Mrs Brooks	
Treasurer	Mrs Dawson	
Committee	Mrs Sayers	Mrs Lane
	Mrs Stubberfield	Mrs Chester
	Mrs Martin	Mrs Bolton
	Mrs Western	
Social Secretary	Mrs Western.	

SOCIALS

Since the formation of the Club, six social nights have been conducted with the purpose of enabling members to get to know each other, and of creating a good club spirit, and these objects have been achieved due to the splendid work done by both Ladies and Men's Social Committees.

Most functions were reasonably well attended, and the Club gained financially as well as socially from these various evenings.

GENERAL

I believe that the Club has been formed on a very sound basis and on the right lines and that every possible consideration has been given to the future development of the Club.

We have progressed much more quickly during the short period of our existence than most other Bowling Clubs, but it is now essential that our membership be increased and our financial agreement be adhered to.

It is also recommended that the social activities be increased so that the best possible Club spirit can be developed. I also recommend that until the greens are handed over to us in a playing condition by the Road Board, the members avail themselves of every opportunity of visiting other Clubs and gaining Bowling experience.

APPRECIATION

I feel that all we have achieved during the short period of 12 months

has been largely due to the excellent advice and co-operation received from the Perth Road Board Officers and Members. We can honestly say that we have received every possible consideration and we can really demonstrate our appreciation by making the Yokine Districts Bowling Club (Inc) the best Club in the Perth Road Board area.

The Club should also be very grateful to the Secretary, Mr. Ken Plowman, for the excellent work he has done, most of the Administrative work has fallen to his lot and the efficiency with which he has carried out the various tasks has no doubt influenced, to some extent, the Board to co-operate in the manner that it has done. I think we should all show our appreciation to Mr. Arthur Cousins who was not only the one who originally suggested the idea of the Bowling Club but who worked extremely hard to see that the Club was founded on the right lines.

The social activities of the Club have been very successfully carried out under the supervision of Mr. Stan Barnes and Mrs Western and their Committees and we hope that their future activities will receive even greater support.

I am personally very proud to have occupied the position of President during this first difficult year of the Club's foundation and I am extremely grateful for the excellent support and co-operation which has been so willingly given by those who have had a job to do, and I feel that if we can achieve as much in the coming twelve months it is not hard to imagine that at the end of that time we could be playing on nice roomy greens and a spacious Club House that will reflect nothing but credit to the Yokine Districts Bowling Club (Inc.)

Ernest W. Newton
PRESIDENT