

Tasmanian Report to ACA for 2018/19

The State Executive has undergone a massive change with many office bearers choosing to retire. This enabled some new faces to join the committee and look towards advancing croquet throughout Tasmania. A supportive and well-credentialed team was assembled at the 11th hour, thank you all for assisting the TCA.

For future years it would be opportune if the ACA requested special reports such as these via State secretaries as the current new executive were only aware when papers for AGM were sent out 14th of March.

Back in June, Kingston Club attracted many mainland competitors to their 19 point golf competition with Robert Fletcher winning. This was played in great spirit on well prepared lawns and was enjoyed by all. Everyone is now looking forward even more, to this event this year.

AC Laws and Referee re-accreditation day was held in September and successfully run by Lizzie Bassett, this was well attended and can only help everyone's games by having a good working knowledge of the laws.

The Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre has been working hard preparing their lawns ready for GC Nationals in 2020, they are being complimented regularly on their lawns which are improving rapidly, huge thankyou to the able team of volunteers. Works are now underway to establish a full complement of 8 full size lawns, this requires the re-location of some parts of the sprinkler system, which will take place prior to late April 2019.

All clubs need volunteers and Tasmania is no different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who assist around their clubs to enable us all to enjoy playing croquet.

Competitions have been well supported over the year with many new players getting involved, which is great to see.

Coaching has continued throughout the year with hardworking club members. But special mention of Ian Bassett should occur, as he is always willing to assist all levels of players, ably assisted by his wife Lizzie

We recently enjoyed a day at Government House where a Mayoral Challenge was played between Mayors from across the State. Even the governor's husband picked up a mallet and played, on two modified smaller lawns. A light lunch was kindly provided and many key members of staff were present. An invitation to use the facility for croquet was kindly accepted and plans for events or gala days are currently in motion.

Our website has continued to have Forte Web Design provide technical support and key advice. As Sally Liggins our web administrator is stepping down in May the TCA will be endeavouring to automate more functions subject to quotes

being assessed. Thanks Sally for your efforts on this front, an able replacement is currently being sought, hopefully we will find a willing replacement soon.

As mentioned last year Eastern Shore is still investigating the possibility of a new four court venue. Newtown has also been approached with the chance of relocation, but this is seen as an exercise some years in the future. Both are subject to local council action.

Our treasurer Peter Tracey has been working diligently to change the financial year for the TCA this will be brought to the Tasmanian AGM in May.

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