East News

# October 2022

### ANOTHER SEASON OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED



Another good attendance for our second Season Opening Day, reviving an 80 year old Club tradition.

The day also served as a welcome to new members Chris Hurford and Stan and Rebecca Gottschalk and a farewell to Jennifer Dignam, who is moving to Port Macquarie.

Nearly 30 members gathered on a beautiful spring day for some spirited croquet, a BBQ lunch and some interesting wines.

Secretary Sue celebrated her birthday and introduced the Sueburger to the BBQ mix. Trevor raised the Club flag and we all look forward to a long balmy summer of croquet, hopefully with a bit more pennant success than last year. Thank you to all who helped out with feeding the masses.





## LAWN CLOSURE – FROM (ABOUT) OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 20



The time has come for a major lawn refurbishment. The last major renovation was in 2019, and our lawn consultant thinks it needs freshening up. This involves a full selective herbicide spray, scarifying and coring. This will be followed by a light top dress of sand and seed.

Work will commence when weather permits between October 26 and 30 and the lawn will be closed for about three weeks to allow the new grass to

establish. The lawn should re-open between November 16 and November 20. Just a reminder too that the NTCC lawns at St. Leonards will be closed for a week from November 21 for the national BMX Carnival.

#### **SPARE THE HOOPS!**

Our expensive quad hoops are starting to look a bit battered and losing some paint. If you have to firm the hoops please use the rubber mallet in the equipment shed and NEVER USE YOUR MALLET!

#### **OUR NEW GARDEN READY TO BLOOM**



Thank you to the Garden Committee and all the volunteers who helped out with the establishment of our new garden separating our lawn from the bowling club. Even the bowlers think it is going to be an asset to our mutual grounds. Work on the shelters and seats to go on the slabs will commence soon.

#### PENNANTS OFF TO A FLYING START

Good wins to A and B Grade to kick off the Spring Pennants. B Grade have two straights wins with victories over Latrobe and Devonport, and the Open team made a good start with a win over Latrobe.

#### TWILIGHT CROQUET IS BACK

Our first croquet and wine twilight event will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, from. 5pm** There will be some finger food, and winemasters Gerard and Tony will produce four interesting (and delicious) wines for you to try for a modest \$5 contribution. Plenty of good croquet too.

#### SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ADELAIDE



Congratulations to our three competitors at the ACA National Championships in Adelaide. Janis Brooker made it to the last 16 in the Women's Singles GC Championship, a remarkable achievement for a 6 handicapper against Australia's best players.

Chris Hurford was being called the "burglar from Tasmania" beating some of the country's top players in the Men's GC Championship, causing his handicap to plummet from 7 to 4!

And our official State Team member Paul Godard played very well (and lowered his handicap) in GC Singles, with only a last game 7-6 loss keeping him out of the final 16. Paul was also part of the Tasmanian team's best ever result, meeting their target of 1000 hoops for the Interstate Shield. The team came within one hoop of beating Queensland in the final test.

