

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

The Club is aware of an article published recently by the *St George and Sutherland Shire Leader*. In that article, the President of the Bowls Sub Club, Ted Torossian, made a number of statements about the financial performance of the Club. He went on to make allegations about a land sale.

He states that, in his view, the financial affairs of the Club have been mismanaged by current Directors. That is an issue for each member to determine, especially when Club elections are happening at this very time

In the Board's view, the financial affairs of the Club have been managed soundly, as the Club recorded a surplus this year, following a loss in the previous year, and the financial performance in the current financial year has also been solid.

Again, each member will determine how they think a Board performs in governing the financial affairs of the Club.

However, while each member will form their own view on the Club's financial performance, statements in relation to selling land are simply not true.

The Bowls Sub Club president is reported as saying that the Club could be required to sell one or more of the bowling greens.

The Board is also aware of other rumors that directors want to sell Club land.

**All of these statements are false.**

There is no current plan to sell any bowling green or indeed any land of the Club. There is no need to sell the greens to ensure the financial viability of the Club. A proposed development was considered a number of years ago but the Board walked away from this as it was not in the best interests of the Club.

Furthermore, the Board does not have the legal authority or power to sell the land. This is because the land is part of the core property of the Club and members further declared the land to be core property

Under the *Registered Clubs Act*, a board cannot sell core property without the approval of members.

**Any statement that the Board can do this or wants to do this is absolutely false and completely refuted.**

**We do not know why some members keep making false allegations that the Board is going to do something it does not have the power to do and does not want to do.**

The Club also does not understand why some members refuse to accept the publications and statements by the Board that there are no agreements or plans in place.

Finally, the Club is aware of a meeting held at the Northies Pub last Thursday where a group purported to pass resolutions to remove the current Board and appoint replacements. This gathering was not a valid general meeting of the Club and there has been no change of directors.

As noted in other notices to members, the Board encourages all members to be involved and have their say through the election process.