

Chief Executive Officers Report

Well, after being appointed the CEO's position, 12 months has passed on but I'm happy to report that Inverell Sporties is heading in the right direction, finishing the year in a reasonably strong financial position, despite working in a very challenging industry we must deal with.

This year we have been informed of new cashless reforms, a new Gambling Code of Practice, more Directors training courses that just makes it harder and harder for everyone to comply with, not only financially but mentally as well. As most people in the bush do with limited resources, you just get on with it and get the job done! In my opinion I think Sporties has made the right decision into continuing to improve the Club and making it a relaxing and enjoyable place to be and visit for Members and Guests.

We currently employ over 25 local people, sponsor multiple sporting teams including Bowls, Cricket, Darts, Touch Football, Ladies league Tag, Horse Racing, Polo Cross, Poker, Motor Cross just to name a few. We also contribute to many local charities- Salvation Army, Inverell Breast Cancer, Men's Prostate Cancer group, which all goes back into the local community.

This last financial year we have had over 1000 new members join, which now puts us up over 4000 members, which is very impressive for a town of our size. I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all staff that have been involved throughout the past 12 months- bar and kitchen staff, our green keepers, Clayton especially for his service over the years and would like to wish Sam and yourself all the best for the future and to Daniel- keep up the good work and all the best for new adventures on the greens. To the girls in management- thank you for all the countless hours of phone calls, emails and conversation that were done to get us up to speed in 'Club Land'!

To the Board and the Directors- those out going Alan Mepham and Bob Adamson- all the best with your next chapter. To the incoming Directors, I would like to welcome Stephen Pearce and Rob Sides to the committee. To John and the rest of the Board, thank you for your efforts and resources that you bring to Sporties. To the sub-Bowling committees- Joe, Kay and committees for their tireless work and thank you for your contribution to the Club over the past 12 months.

Finally, to our Members- we all thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Damien Smith
CEO