

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 2018

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Shepparton Club and in my short time as President of the club, I am pleased to present this report for the year ending 2018.

The club has seen significant growth financially taking into consideration rising costs in maintenance, wage and extra costs incurred in the purchasing of the building. Months of negotiations with the Copulos Group and the Bendigo Bank in securing a loan, legal requirements and endless hours of fine tuning as we move forward to become the club of choice in Shepparton.

I thank the current and previous board members for 2017/2018 for their endless contribution in ensuring that we secure a solid future for the club as we move forward.

Management and Executive Directors have worked endlessly in Club Governance to promote and maintain the highest standards of directorship. Persistent lobbying of Ministers of Local, State and Federal Governments for a better deal not only our club but for "Community Clubs" throughout Victoria.

As a "Community Club" we are proud to have sponsored approximately \$40,000.00 in total to Hospice, Shepparton Access, Greater Shepparton Basketball, Shepparton Lawn Tennis, Shepparton United Football Club and money donated through the community chest promotion.

A big thank to our Executive Assistant – Lynn Merkesteyn, who is dedicated and a great asset to the club. I would also like to congratulate Lynn for yet another year of accounting accuracy (two years in a row).

Many thanks and congratulations must go to the clubs General Manager – Don Field for his passion and hard work in moving the club forward with limited resources. This has been achieved by keeping up with gaming trends and having the newest machines and technology to hit the floor in Shepparton. Don has bought years of knowledge in the industry to the club which in turn has been very beneficial in bringing the club into such a positive environment financially. Don's vision for the club's future has always been strong and he has lifted the club from near insolvency when arriving in 2013 incurring a debt of \$4 million dollars created by previous poor management to today when we have just purchased the building.

An integral part of the success has also to be attributed to the staff. Senior Duty Managers, Duty Managers and floor staff. Your professionalism and friendliness is what continually brings the patrons and public back into our venue time and time again, many thanks.

To Jordan and your team, what an asset you are to the club in producing top quality enticing meals with great variety to suit all palates with friendly service.

As a Committee, we look forward to a very progressive year ahead and thank you our Patron's for making the Shepparton Club, the Club of your choice. Without your support we wouldn't have a club.

April Hipwell - President