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### President's Report for Annual General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Our Club held its Inaugural Weekend Congress on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It coincided with the Metropolitan Grand National Open Teams Finals, which impacted our number of entries. Nevertheless, the numbers were more than respectable for our first Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club congress. The Leagues Club catered for a most enjoyable lunch, and drinks and nibbles at the end of play each day. Our Congress Director was Alan Bustany. There were 29 tables on Saturday, and 32 tables on Sunday.

We held our Melbourne Cup party in the Parkview Room and 67 people attended the pre-race lunch, a lovely seafood buffet, catered by the Leagues Club.

With bushfires up and down the coast, our club decided to hold a fundraiser for Bushfire Relief. This was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January in our club rooms, as the Parkview Room was unavailable. This restricted our numbers to 15 tables and \$1550 was raised, which was donated to the NSW Rural Fire Services.

The Summer Inter Club Teams was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February in our club rooms, with 18 teams competing, the Parkview Room still unavailable.

Then we got hit by the novel Corona virus: we cancelled our Bridge Holiday; closed our club rooms and next the Leagues Club itself closed. A large number of people decided to play on Stepbridge and the ABF facilitated a virtual club for us on BBO.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020, I walked the management committee through our COVID-19 Safety Plan. The Entry Protocol and the Health questionnaire posed no problems, but when it came to Physical Distancing, as I explained the implications of maintaining 1.5 metres distance between people, it became obvious that the boards, cards and bidding slips could not be sanitised in between the touching of our members.

It was therefore agreed that the Central Coast Leagues Limited Bridge Club would not return to face to face Bridge until such time that the 1.5 metres physical distance requirement is dropped. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Louis Koolen

President, CCLC Bridge Club