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President's Report for Annual General Meeting 28th July 2022

We started our fiscal year being in lockdown. The Club had no face-to-face Bridge, or any on-line Bridge. Our AGM had to revert to the same format as the previous year. Our Club did offer on-line Bridge, using the RealBridge platform, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 21st September. Our Congress could not be held and we opted for a Pairs event on-line, using the StepBridge platform, instead. The Pairs were held on 6th October and attracted 40 tables.

Face-to-face Bridge came back on 21st October. We offer Monday, Monday eve, Wednesday and Friday face-to-face sessions. There were many changes to our COVID-19 Safety Plan, with the most recent dated 25th February, which recommends the wearing of masks.

Eunice de Vries started a beginners' class on Thursday evenings, from 24th February, for eight weeks, when they were replaced with supervised play.

Following the March floods in Northern Rivers, the Club had held a fund raiser for the Lismore Bridge Club for the week starting 21st March. It raised \$1100. This was an initiative from our Wednesday players.

The State Seniors Championships were held in the Parkview Room on 14th to 17th June, directed by Ronnie Ng. The table numbers were down, with only 10 in the Pairs and 14 in the Teams. The catering this year was excellent. The Pairs were won by Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer, the strongest Australian players, with Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman, and Di Coats & Jan Clarke filling the places. Di Coats & Jan Clarke teamed up with Greg & Sharon Mayo to come second in the teams.

At the end of the presentations, Peter Gill, from the winning team, complimented the club on the catering, directing, friendliness and organization of the Championships. He then asked for the microphone back and said "We spent the last week in Melbourne, at the Victor Champion Cup, and this was 5000 times better". This was quite an accolade from a senior Australian player.

The Club held its Open Pairs Championship on the 30th June. There were only ten pairs and the winners were Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins.

It is the Committee that manages the Bridge Club and it is their contributions that make things happen. It is a team effort! I thank them wholeheartedly for their unstinting efforts during the last year. Fortunately for me, they have all signed up for another year.

Louis Koolen
President, CCLC Bridge Club