

Life Membership Nomination for Bryan Collis, to Brindabella Ski Club

Moved: Mike Bromfield

Seconded: Rob Griffin

10th December 2022

Bryan Collis has made significant contributions to Brindabella Ski Club over an extended period. He joined the Club in 2003 and was an active member of the Business Planning subcommittee for several years prior to joining the committee in 2008 and expanded upon the financial principles and operating procedures established by his predecessors, by which the Club operates today.

At the time of Bryan's initial involvement, the Club was dealing with residual issues from the completion of Waragun and new issues involving the rebuilding of Tiobunga. The financial principles developed involving cashflow management, budgeting and financing were key in keeping the Club on track and building it into the resilient organisation that it is today, with very solid financial underpinning. This is amply demonstrated today by the club having built Waragun, rebuilt Tiobunga and substantially renovated Kyilla over a period of a dozen years or so without calling any financial levies on members, by having weathered the financial difficulties brought on by the pandemic and being in a position where the Club could choose pay out its loan facility, now at a nominal level.

Bryan has put in substantial effort on a number of specific issues, including dealing with the builder and subsequent warranty claims on Waragun and Tiobunga, and the Club's finance and insurance facilities. He ensured that the club was properly and adequately insured for a wide range of risks. He project managed the insurance claim and contributed to managing remediation of Tiobunga after the very substantial water damage at the end of the 2018 season, in time for the last minute re-opening at the start of the 2019 season. He negotiated refinancing of the club's debt under terms favourable to the club, in difficult circumstances. This loan, with a redraw facility, has been critical in providing a buffer against unexpected expenses and keeping the club afloat, particularly during the pandemic, without calling upon levies on members.

He has managed the Club's relationships with key partners, including the NSW Department of Planning, NPWS and Kosciuszko Thredbo management over key issues including lodge leases, management, development applications and approvals.

In addition to this contribution to financial planning and execution, Bryan has put in place key committee processes and checks and balances to ensure the club is run with high fiduciary standards and in the best interests of the membership. He has contributed to amendments to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Bryan has served the club in elected committee positions for 13 years:

- 2008: Business Planning Officer 2008
- 2009 – 2013: Treasurer
- 2014 – 2017: President
- 2018 – 2020: Treasurer

For many of these years he hosted other Sydney-based committee members in a meeting room at his office for committee and sub-committee meetings. Since stepping down from the committee, Bryan has provided ongoing assistance to the incoming Treasurer and the President in several areas. This continues with protracted negotiations with NPWS over pandemic rent relief in Guthega, which have yet to be resolved. Bryan also was responsible for identifying and successfully applying for the pandemic relief made available by the NSW and Commonwealth governments, including small business grants and Jobkeeper, which helped offset the reduction in the Club's revenue.

Bryan has always acted in the best interests of the club, often putting in substantial efforts to achieve the desired outcome and doing so for well over 15 years. He is deserving of recognition by granting of Life Membership of Brindabella Ski Club.