

Presidents Report 2020/2021

This current financial year has been the most tumultuous year for our Club.

The impact of COVID has caused your Committee to deal with many challenges mainly with HOTA restrictions imposed to deal with the current Government requirements. We saw our HOTA Paradise room capacity reduced from 320 to 212 then 112 as number restrictions and lockdowns were imposed.

This meant the cancellation of many of our shows over the current financial year.

Our heart goes out to many of our Artists who have suffered immeasurably during these times when gigs were cancelled. We have all suffered together during these times.

Despite these challenges, your Club has endured this financial year reasonably well, and reduced our costs accordingly. This has resulted in having more members than ever before in our Club's history and our bank account has reflected a good year of new members, cost reductions and marginal profits from our gigs and raffles. We really thank all our members for supporting the Club in these difficult times.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Committee who have endured these times and agreed to take your Club forward for the next year by nominating again. THANKS!!!!

The Committee is looking at ways to "quarantine" your Club from future uncertainties including discussions with HOTA to pursue possible collaborations to share the load into the future.

We also thank HOTA management for their cooperation during these difficult times and work closely with them to secure the future of our Club. It is a 'moving feast' with dates and restrictions with which we are living.

Finally, our Club is in a strong position to continue to provide great shows for our members as we navigate the ongoing challenges. I urge all members to continue to support your Club and ensure a strong and successful future for live music on the Gold Coast. I will be stepping down as President next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed guiding our Club through some very challenging times over the years and look forward to taking a "back seat" and enjoying the music offerings in the future.

John Purnell

President