

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD
ELECTRONICALLY ON THE 24th OCTOBER 2021

ONCE AGAIN THE REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION IS CAST IN THE SHADOW OF THE COVID 19 VIRUS.

THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA WAS COPING QUITE WELL IN RELATION TO THE VIRUS UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE ' DELTA ' VARIATION WHICH HAS RESULTED IN SOME MORE STRINGENT REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO CROWD NUMBERS ETC WHICH HAS ADDED TO THE DIFFICULTIES IN MANAGING SHUFFLEBOARD PLAY.

HOWEVER OTHER THAN FOR A FEW COMPLETE LOCKDOWNS THE CLUB, SUBJECT TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP BOTH THE ELANORA AND COOLANGATTA COURTS OPEN FOR PLAY FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

THE MOST DIFFICULT PART IS THAT COOLANGATTA IS IN THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND AND IS BORDERED BY THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND DIFFERENT REGULATION APPLY IN THE TWO STATES.

AT THE MOMENT ALL OUR N,S,W, MEMBERS WHO AMOUNT TO ABOUT HALF OF THE MEMBERS WHO PLAY AT THE COOLANGATTA COURTS ARE LOCKED OUT. WE CAN WAVE TO THEM BUT THEY CANT COME OVER THE BORDER WHICH IS PATROLLED BY THE POLICE WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINES APPLYING.

LOOKING AT THE MORE POSITIVE SIDE MOST OF THE MEMBERS ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED, NO MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TESTED AS POSITIVE AND THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO COME HAVE HAD A VERY PLEASANT YEAR OF SOCIAL SHUFFLEBOARD.

WE WISH YOU WELL FOR A SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING AND OUR THANKS GO AGAIN TO DIETER HUSSMANN FOR AGREEING TO ACT AS THE PROXY FOR AUSTRALIA

NANCYE SKINNER
PRESIDENT A.S.A