

Bob Taylor Statement for Election as Treasurer

I have held the position of Club Treasurer now for 10½ years and have been willing to do this to serve the club. Over this time the club has required significant input from the treasurer starting with the major developments in 2012, the reconfiguration of the artificial grass courts in 2013, the clay surfaces in 2017, the installation of lights on the artificial grass courts in 2019 and the conversion of the grass courts last year. All of these developments have been facilitated by the effective managing of the clubs cash flow. I have had a good relationship with the club's lenders and have been able to deal with raising additional funding when necessary in the past. The club is now, however, in the fortunate position of being able to pay off the remaining member loans over the next twelve months.

I have worked successfully with the club's management and staff and have kept the club on a stable financial footing. My background is that I am a chartered accountant and had a career with a respected chain of wine bars in the city and was then subsequently in the financial services sector for a time.

Some feel it is less desirable to have a treasurer who is also employed on a weekly basis to look after the finances of the club. It has been my view since taking on this additional role a year after originally becoming treasurer, that there are distinct advantages to the club with this arrangement, as it facilitates a very close understanding, management and scrutiny of this critical area.

If elected I shall serve out the full term. Whilst I do not intend to go on forever I feel this is an inappropriate time for me to step down. This is especially the case as we return back to normal following the pandemic and we handle complex membership credit issues for all categories of members.

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