

president's *Report*



The year in review

The year 2023 ended with a very pleasing trading result for the club. I am happy to report to members that the club is in a very sound financial position. We can fully fund the minor renovations that are planned to commence this year and still hold a substantial cash reserve for the future.

Constitution update

Our Club Constitution is like a handbook of laws and procedures that the club must follow. It must be approved by the members and any amendments must also be approved by the members. A meeting to approve some changes was held on Sunday 4th February 2024. The changes were drafted by the Club's solicitors. Unfortunately, the motion to amend our Constitution did not enjoy the support that was required. This is something that needs to be addressed in the future.

Memorabilia cabinets

Members have grown accustomed to seeing the memorabilia cabinets as they enter the club. Due to the forthcoming renovations, these cabinets will be relocated downstairs near the rear entrance (opposite the cabinets already there). The club will work with the sub branch to create a Remembrance Walkway from the club's rear

entrance. When the club undertakes a major rebuild, the memorabilia will be given a prominent pride of place near the front entrance. The board and management note that a key part of our mission is to promote the spirit of ANZAC and remember those who served.

Foxtel

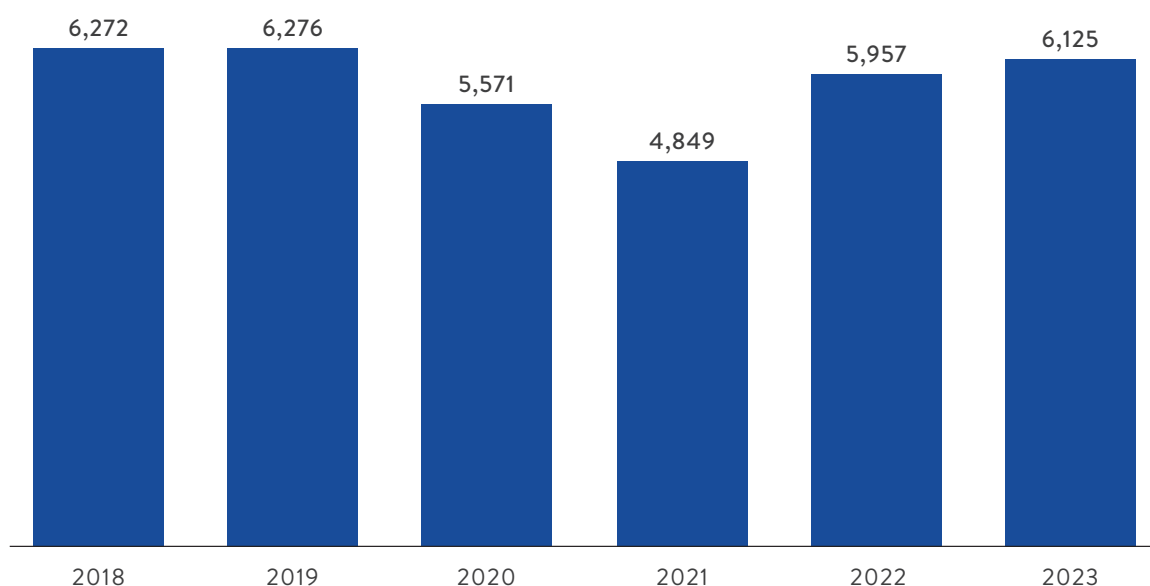
I am pleased to note that we have signed a new agreement with Foxtel that gives better dollar value than previously offered by them. Patrons will be able to watch the footy as the new 2024 season unfolds.

Meat raffle

The club runs meat raffles on Wednesdays and Sundays. I am happy to announce that the club meat trays will be bigger and better than ever. Our aim is to give away the best meat trays in the St. George District!

Membership

Our membership declined during the Covid era. Several steps have been taken to increase our membership including the member voucher system. Once a month members may claim food and beverage vouchers. Our membership now stands at 6125 members; we are now nearly back to our original numbers as the following graph illustrates:



Total Financial Members

Renovations

Members will notice workers in the club in the ensuing months and I will briefly remind members of the planned renovations:

- Enlarge the dining room
- Build a brand-new smoking area and sports lounge
- Enlarge the outdoor gaming area
- Develop additional car parking spaces
- New furniture and fittings

New caterer

We farewell our caterers, Yvonne and Kenny, who are moving back to Malaysia to be with family. They have worked long hours over many years and deserve a welcome break. They go with our best wishes for the future. We welcome our new caterer Andy, who has retained a number of the existing staff.

Sub clubs

Elsewhere in this magazine you will see contact details for all our sub clubs. Please consider joining a sub club. As a club member, you will be made to feel very welcome. Our sub clubs include, travel, golf, swimming, rugby league, AFL and the sub branch. There are many other

activities available to you such as ballroom dancing, trivia, patchwork group, salsa dancing, karaoke and cards (bridge). Please see reception for contact details.

Thanks

On behalf of all members, I would like to thank our CEO, Chris, the management team and staff, not only for a fantastic trading result, but also for making Penshurst RSL Club a safe and welcoming place for our members to visit and enjoy.

I would also like to thank our board members who have undertaken legal and financial training to contribute to board affairs and who also give up their free time to attend board meetings and attend training and strategy sessions.

Finally, a big thank you to all our loyal club members. Your continued patronage is much valued. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024, the Year of the Dragon.

John Hoban
President



Director Garry Johnson, Kookaburras President Sean Willet & Club President John Hoban

President of the Penshurst RSL Kookaburras Sean Willet presenting the 2024 Kookaburras jersey to club President John Hoban and Director Garry Johnson.