

## **President's Report**

### ***A Profitable Year***

The calendar year 2024 proved to be another successful year for Penshurst RSL Club. Our financial position is sound and the club is well positioned for future improvements. The Board of Directors wishes to thank the CEO, Chris Hendley and his team for another great effort. More details about our club's performance can be found on pages.....

### ***Renovations Completed***

Members will have noticed the completed renovations which have given the club a facelift and improved amenities. Our thanks to the builders, Dentons, who worked quietly behind the scenes, tap tapping away whilst the club carried on business as usual. In addition, the board has approved new electronic doors for the front entrance of the club which will be fitted early this year.

### ***Future Building Plans***

During the renovations, the board began planning the next phase of future improvements to the club. An architect has been appointed to produce a Feasibility Study of the club premises to identify what building/ renovation options are possible under current Council and State Government planning rules and in line with the concepts listed in the Board's Master plan.

### ***Improved Services to our members***

The Board wants to secure the long-term future of the club by providing outstanding facilities and services to our members. This year, we have introduced a new monthly rewards scheme that rewards active members. The club meat raffles, held every Wednesday and Sunday, (tickets on sale from 5.30 pm) now have larger and more exciting prizes which has proved a big hit with our regulars. I think it would be fair to say that we have the best prizes in the St George area. The club also provides a range of activities to members including ballroom dancing, trivia, patchwork group, salsa dancing, karaoke, and bridge. Please see reception for details.

### ***The Local Community***

I was pleased to represent the Club at Lugarno Public school to lay a wreath for their ANZAC commemorations in April and to attend the annual prize-giving at Penshurst public school in December. Our club is an important community asset being the biggest employer in Penshurst and the meeting place for many local community and sporting groups. Our membership stands at over 6,600 members, the majority being from the local area.

### ***Club AGM***

The Club AGM was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May and all board members were re-elected. *The club AGM for 2025 will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am.* There will be a limited agenda as we are not required to hold Board elections this year. (elections are held every second year). All members are invited to attend and enjoy light refreshments afterwards.

### ***Club Grants***

It is pleasing to note that the club provided a total of \$111,000 in cash donations to various charities and \$40,000 of in-kind funding to our own Penshurst sub clubs (Golf, Swimming, Rugby League, and Sub Branch). I encourage all members to join one or more of our sub clubs, you will be made to feel very welcome.

### ***Best Wishes for 2025***

On behalf of the Board of directors, a big thank you to all members for your patronage. I wish each and every member, best wishes for a healthy and happy 2025.

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