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Mr Kevin Nieass

Mr Raymond Smithson

Mr John Lloyd

Mr. John Hoban

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MR SYDNEY WHITE

Mon - Sat: 10:00am - Late, Sun: 9:15am - Late Bistro Hours: Lunch 12-2pm & Dinner 5.30 - 8.30 Christmas Day: Closed



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presidents 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 10 & 11.

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 26th May and all board members were re-elected. The club AGM for 2025 will be held on Sunday 25th 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.

Kind Regards,

John Hoban

JOHN HOBANPresident

Penshurst

ceo's report



Hello Members,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my best wishes for prosperity and good health to all our members in 2025, and offer my deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

It is a privilege to present the CEO's report for 2024, which highlights the progress, achievements, community support, and future outlook for Penshurst RSL.

COMMUNITY

In 2024, we continued to provide strong support to our sub clubs and various local community groups, contributing over \$150,000 in funding. This included a \$20,000 contribution for re-tiling the toilet amenities at Penshurst train station, organized by the community group "Project Penshurst." Additionally, the club supported more than 900 community events throughout the year, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to positively impacting the lives of people in our local community.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT

The club's membership has experienced substantial growth, reaching 6,622 members by the end of the year, reflecting an 8% increase from the previous year. Both the three-year and five-year membership options have proven to be particularly popular.

Additionally, Penshurst RSL saw over 181,000 visitors last year, which represents a 7% increase compared to the prior year.

Furthermore, we were able to return over \$2 million to our members through various discounts, entertainment and promotions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The past year was both busy and productive for the Penshurst RSL team, highlighted by the successful completion of club renovations in December after a 30-week program. We extend our sincere thanks to Denton Projects for delivering the renovations seamlessly, ensuring minimal disruption to members and club operations. These enhancements have significantly improved our facilities, including expanded parking, additional dining space, and a more spacious, relaxed, and comfortable atmosphere for all members.

In total, \$2.7 million was reinvested into the club, fully funded in cash with no borrowing required. These achievements allow us to continue enhancing our facilities for the benefit of our members.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The club anticipates a FY24 annual profit of approximately \$709,000. However, as of this report, the auditors have not yet finalized this figure. Total members' funds are projected to reach \$19.6 million, marking a notable increase of nearly 45% over the past five years.

The club remains debt-free. The complete audited annual report will be available on the club's website starting in early April.

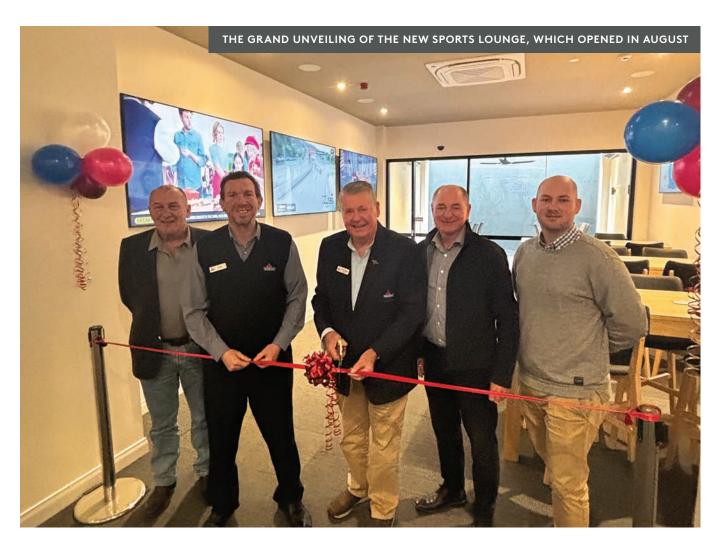
LOOKING AHEAD

The future success of Penshurst RSL relies on our ability to adapt to the evolving needs of our members and community.

We aim to grow our membership, expand our reach, and preserve the friendly, welcoming atmosphere that defines our club.

By promoting a positive culture among members, patrons, and staff while staying true to our core values, we will strengthen our foundation, embrace new opportunities, and build a bright future together.





Pictured above: Director Garry Johnson, CEO Chris Hendley, Penshurst RSL President John Hoban, and Mark & Tim from Denton Projects

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our caterer, Andy, and his dedicated team for their exceptional service and high-quality food throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following staff members for their dedicated service to the club:

Charisma Paz - 5 years

Ji Jia Ng - 5 years

Suzanne Palomino – 10 years

These three women are vital members of our team

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our staff for their outstanding customer service, and to the management team for their strong leadership. Special thanks to our operations manager, Matt Hill, for his unwavering support and positive attitude.

A sincere thank you to the President John Hoban and the board of directors for their invaluable guidance, active involvement, and constant support. I look forward to continuing our work together as a unified team.

In closing, I want to express my deep gratitude to all our members for your continued support. It is thanks to you that we have had another successful year. We're excited to keep growing and serving our community, and we look forward to welcoming you to the club soon.

See you at the club!

Kind Regards,

CHRIS HENDLEY

Chris Hendley

CEO



notice of annual general meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Penshurst RSL Club Limited will be held in the Club's Auditorium at the premises of the Club, 58A Penshurst Street, Penshurst, New South Wales on Sunday 25 May 2025, commencing at 10:00am.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. To receive and consider the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th May 2024. Business Arising.
- 3. To Receive and Consider the:
 - a. Financial Report;
 - b. Directors' Report; and
 - c. Auditor's Report,

for the year ended 31st December 2024*.

- *Please Note: Members are asked to respectfully submit any questions they may have, in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting to the Chief Executive Officer, so informed responses can be provided at the meeting.
- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the Three Ordinary Resolutions (set out below) conferring of benefits on Directors and specific members of the Club.
- To consider and, if thought fit, pass a Life Member Resolution (set out below) conferring Life Membership of the Club on a member of the Club.
- 6. General Business: To transact any business of which due notice has been given.

FIRST ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to Section 10(6A) (b) of the Registered Clubs' Act 1976, the members hereby approve and agree to the Board and the other persons referred to below, during the period preceding the 2026 Annual General Meeting, receiving the following benefits outlined in sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) and the members further acknowledge that the benefits are not available to members generally but only to those members of the Club specified in this Ordinary Resolution:

- the reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each Director immediately after a Board or Committee Meeting on the day of that meeting.
- (ii) the reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each Director, whenever each Director is performing a duty at the Club.
- (iii) the reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in relation to such other duties including entertainment of special guests to the Club and other promotional activities performed by Directors, such activities and expense being approved by the Board before payment is made, on the production of receipts, invoices, or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure.
- (iv) the reasonable cost of a Board Christmas Lunch attended by the Directors and their partners and senior management and their partners.
- (v) the reasonable cost of providing each Director a half ham prior to Christmas.
- (vi) the cost of providing each Director with up to fifty (50) drink vouchers per annum to be redeemed at their discretion.
- (vii) the provision of two (2) reserved car spaces as follows:
 - a. one (1) for a Director;
 - b. one (1) for the Sub Branch Secretary.
- (viii) the cost associated with management issuing drink vouchers to those members who carry out volunteer work within the Club.
- (ix) the reasonable expense in the provision of free refreshments to members who have attended the Annual General Meeting at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for a period not exceeding two (2) hours as determined by the Chairman or his nominated representative.



- (x) the reasonable cost of Club apparel being provided to directors as required.
- (xi) the reasonable cost of an electronic device being provided to directors (for example laptop or iPad).

SECOND ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to Section 10(6A) (b) of the Registered Clubs' Act 1976, the members hereby approve and agree to the expenditure by the Club of a sum not exceeding \$20,000 during the period preceding the 2026 Annual General Meeting, for the professional development and education of Directors as follows:

- (i) the reasonable cost of a delegation of Directors attending the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) the reasonable cost of Directors attending seminars, lectures, trade displays and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time.
- (iii) the reasonable cost of Directors attending other registered clubs for the purpose of viewing and assessing their facilities and method of operation providing such attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary for the betterment of the Club.

The members acknowledge that the benefits conferred in this Second Ordinary Resolution are not available to members generally but only to those members of the Club specified in this Second Ordinary Resolution.

THIRD ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to Section 10(6)(b) of the Registered Clubs' Act 1976, the members hereby approve and agree to the confer the following sums of honoraria on the Directors specified in respect of their services as a member of the Board:

- President sum of \$1,875 per quarter
- Vice-President sum of \$1,625 per quarter
- Each Ordinary Director sum of \$1,375 per quarter

The members acknowledge that the benefits conferred in this Third Ordinary Resolution are not available to members generally but only to those members of the Club specified in this Third Ordinary Resolution.

LIFE MEMBER RESOLUTION

That in accordance with Rule 11.10 of the Club's Constitution, Mr Denis Kimble Thompson, RSL Member (number: 4), having been a member of the Club for (21) years, being a member of good standing and having rendered long and meritorious service to the Club during that period, be elected to Life Membership of the Club.

EXPLANATORY MESSAGE TO MEMBERS REGARDING THE ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

Section 10(1) (i) and (j) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976 prohibits the Club from offering a benefit or advantage to any member unless it is offered equally to all members of the Club.

Section 10(6) provides an exception to section 10(1)(i) and (j) where the benefit comprises an honorarium conferred on Directors of the Club.

Section 10(6A) (b) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976 allows a member to receive a benefit if the benefit conferred is not in the form of money (ie is in the form of meals, drinks, car parking spaces etc.) and those benefits are approved by an ordinary resolution of the members of the Club in general meeting prior to the benefit being provided.

The First Ordinary Resolution is to have the members in general meeting approve, in accordance with section 10(6A)(b) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976, reasonable expenditure by the Club in relation to the conferral of non-monetary benefits on Directors and specific members as specified in the resolution.

The Second Ordinary Resolution is to have the members in general meeting approve, in accordance with section 10 (6A) (b) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976 non-monetary benefits including the reasonable expenditure by the Club for the Directors to attend seminars, lectures, trade displays, and other similar events, including the registered club industry's peak industry association (Clubs NSW) Annual General Meeting, and to visit other clubs, to enable the Club's Board to keep abreast of current trends and developments which have a significant bearing on the nature and the way in which the Club conducts its business.

The Third Ordinary Resolution is to have the members in general meeting approve, in accordance with section 10(6) (b) of the Registered Clubs Act 1976, the conferral of an amount of money (ie honorarium) on the President and Vice President of the Board in recognition of their services as members of the Board.



EXPLANATORY MESSAGE TO MEMBERS REGARDING THE LIFE MEMBER RESOLUTION

In December 2024, Mr Garry Johnson (Member No: 7924) proposed and Mr Colin McDonald (Member No: 2565) seconded, a written nomination for Mr Thompson to be elected as a Life Member of the club. The written nomination was then presented to the Board of the Club.

The Board (excluding Mr Thompson) considered the nomination at a Board Meeting conducted in December 2024 and resolved to accept the recommendation and to put the Life Member Resolution set out above, to the members for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Club in May 2025.

By way of background, the nominee for Life Membership, Mr Denis Kimble Thompson, joined the Club as an RSL Member on 11 March 2004. Mr Thompson has been a continuous member of the Club for (21) years. Mr Thompson has also served on the Board of Directors of the Club for (9) years including (7) years as Vice President.

The written nomination of Mr Thompson stated:

For the past 15 or so years this Club has been managed by the Board of Directors and Senior Management admirably which has taken it from being in a perilous position financially and organisationally to where the Club is now in a very strong position moving forward. Board members and Management during that time ALL are deserving of praise for their commitment.

The Constitution only allows one member each financial year to be nominated as a candidate for Life Membership and I believe Kim, a long-term member of the Board and in the position of Vice President is overdue for such recognition.

The nomination is in recognition of the contribution Mr Thompson has made to the Club over the years.

The Board commends the Life Member Resolution to the members.

GENERAL NOTES TO MEMBERS

- All Life Members, and financial RSL Members and Associate Members (except employees of the Club) are entitled to vote on the Ordinary Resolutions and the Life Member Resolution.
- 2. To be passed, each Ordinary Resolution must receive votes in its favour from not less than a majority (50%+1) of those members who being eligible to do so, vote in person at the meeting.
- 3. To be passed, the Life Member Resolution must receive votes in its favour from at least two-thirds (67%) of those members who being eligible to do so, vote in person at the meeting.
- 4. As a result of the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, the Ordinary Resolutions and the Life Member Resolution must be considered as a whole and cannot be altered by motions from the floor of the meeting.
- Members should read the Explanatory Message to Members following the Ordinary Resolutions and Life Member Resolution which explains the nature and effect of each Ordinary Resolution and the Life Member Resolution.
- Please direct any question or concerns about the Ordinary Resolutions or the Life Member Resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of the Club, if possible before the meeting.
- 7. Members of the Club, who are employees of the Club, cannot vote on the Ordinary Resolutions or the Life Member Resolution.
- 8. Members are asked to respectfully submit any questions they may have regarding the Financial Report, Directors Report and the Auditor's Report, in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting to the Chief Executive Officer, so informed responses can be provided at the meeting.
- 9. Proxy Votes are not allowed under the Registered Clubs Act 1972.

By order of the Board

CHRIS HENDLEYChief Executive Officer

Chris Hendley





2025 MEMBERS PROMOTION





Visit the Club



Ensure Contact Details are up to date

Mobile OR Email

(To receive notification of eligibility)



Minimum Monthly Spend of \$20

(Within a calendar month period)

Present your OWN member card for all purchases

\$20* Points will be allocated the following month
(*\$15 Bar & \$5 Bistro Points)



Swipe your membership card at the Rewards terminal

(After receiving notification of eligibility)

a glance at your club

2024 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS















How every dollar you spend at your club is making a positive impact to the local community.

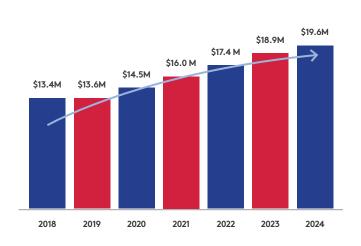


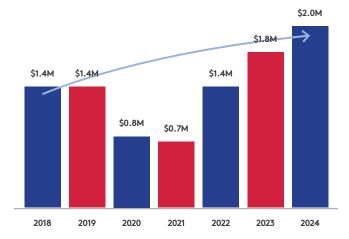
our financial performance

2024 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

MEMBERS FUNDS

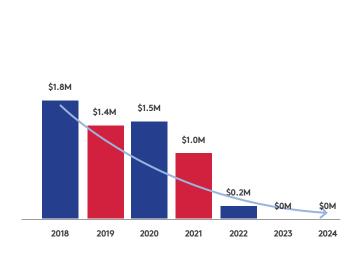
MEMBER BENEFITS

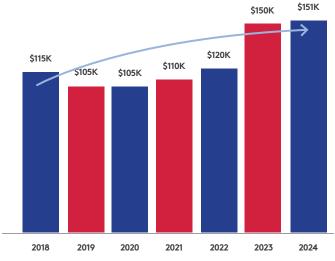




BANK DEBT

COMMUNITY SUPPORT





SUPPORTING OUR Community



Over **\$150,000** has been donated by Penshurst RSL to your local community. This support comprises of cash donations along with in-kind donations.

CATEGORY 1 RECIPIENTS 2023 - 2024

- Shopfront Arts Co-Op
- Cancer Patients Foundation
- Epilepsy Action Australia
- Project Penshurst 2222









CATEGORY 2 RECIPIENTS 2023 - 2024

- The Salvation Army: Red Shield Appeal
- The Knights of St George Heart Association
- St George Sutherland Medical Research Foundation
- Morris Children's Fund Inc.
- St George District Cricket Club
- St George Foundation
- Nova Employment
- Penshurst RSL Sub Branch
- Penshurst RSL Midweek Golf
- Penshurst RSL Youth Swim
- PRSL Kookaburras Junior Rugby League Club





















GRC Category 1 Club Grants Presentation



Project Penshurst 2222 \$20,000

PICTURED:

Chris Hendley (CEO), Nicky Parras (Chair) & John Hoban (Club President)

Shopfront Arts Co-Op \$12,500

PICTURED:

Chris Hendley (CEO), Cathy Nisbit (Shopfront Arts Co-Op Director), Lesley Hitchens (Chair) & John Hoban (Club President)



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Epilepsy Action Australia \$7,265

PICTURED:

Chris Hendley (CEO), Anjali Bhardwaj (Volunteer) & John Hoban (Club President)

Cancer Patients Foundation **\$7,000**

PICTURED:

Chris Hendley (CEO), Di Amey (Volunteer), Judy Schweighoffer (Volunteer) & John Hoban (Club President)





PRSL Category 2

Club Grants Presentation



Penshurst RSL Kookaburras Rugby League Club \$30,000

PICTURED:

Kevin Kelly (Director), John Sarraf (Secretary), Sean Willet (Kookaburras President), Toufic Fakih (Jnr Vice President) & John Hoban (Club President)

Penshurts RSL Youth Swim \$9,930

PICTURED:

John Hoban (Club President), Nary Wong (Treasurer), Ray Roy (Youth Swim President), Colleen Furze (Secretary) & Susie Bourke (Director)



Penshurst RSL Golf Club \$9,500

PICTURED:

Graham Grant (Director), Enzo Corvino (Golf Club President), Colin McDonald (Outgoing Captain) & Michael Korfias (Director)

Penshurst RSL Sub Branch **\$6,000**

PICTURED:

Michael Korfias (Director), Mary Teasdale (Secretary) & Graham Grant (Director)







Penshurst RSL Trravel Club Complimentary Club Facilities

PICTURED:

John Hoban (Club President), Gary McCoullough (Treasurer), Elizabeth Northcott (Travel Club President), Lesley Windley (Organiser), Heather Driscoll (Organiser) & Susie Bourke (Director)

The Palace Patchwork Group Complimentary Club Facilities

PICTURED:

Michael Korfias (Director), Lyn Sharpe (Vice President), Christine Cox (The Palace Patchworkers President), Helen Vaughan (Secretary) & Graham Grant (Director)





Oatley Lions Club Complimentary Club Facilities

PICTURED:

John Hoban (Club President), Peter De Meur (Vice President), Richard Sheahan (Oatley Lions Club President), Bethany Pankhurst (Director, Marketer), John Perkins (Secretary) & Kevin Kelly (Director)



Mhats on A PENSHURST RSL

MONDAY'S

5-6PM Happy Hour

5:30PM Chicken Schnitzel Dinner Special

6:45PM Latin Salsa Dancing

TUESDAY'S

11AM Indoor Bowls 5-6PM Happy Hour 5:30PM Curry Night 7PM Trivia

WEDNESDAY'S

5-6PM Happy Hour5:30PM Meat Raffle

5:30PM Fish & Chips Dinner Special

6PM Club Taxi

THURSDAY'S

1:30PM New Vogue Dancing

5-6PM Happy Hour

5:30PM Burger Dinner Specials

6PM Club Taxi

7PM Rock n Roll dancing

FRIDAY'S

5:30PM Steak Night

6PM Footy Club Meat Raffle

6PM Club Taxi

SATURDAY'S

MIDDAY Race Day 6PM Club Taxi

7:30PM Karaoke (End of Month)

SUNDAY'S

5:30PM Meat Raffle 6PM Club Taxi





MORTDALE / PENSHURST / OATLEY SUB-BRANCHES ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE TO BE HELD AT OATLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS

Meet at 5:45am for a 6:00am service followed by breakfast & refreshments at Oatley RSL.

Dawn Service Breakfast tickets available at reception at Penshurst, Mortdale & Oatley RSL clubs approximately from a week prior. Member \$5, Visitors \$10, Sub Branch members & service personnel free.

MEMBERS \$5/NON-CLUB MEMBERS \$10 SUB BRANCH MEMBERS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL FREE

ANZAC SUNDAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Commemorative Service will be held at the memorial in Bridge Street, Penshurst on the 13th of April 2025 commencing at 2:00pm. If marching please assemble at the rear of the RSL in Connelly Street by 1:45pm.



TICKETS FROM 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

MEAT TRAYS, CLUB POINTS, WINE PACKS & BISTRO VOUCHERS TO BE WON

BONUS TICKETS AWARDED UPON PURCHASE

DRAWS FROM 6:30PM

30 PRIZES

ClubSAFE

Penshurst RSL is partnered with ClubSAFE, a leading responsible gambling and compliance program operated by ClubsNSW.

CLUB MEMBERSH Swipe your membership card at the rewards terminal, bar and bistro to receive points. Use your points on food, beverage, gift cards, club taxi and more... ALL POINTS ON EMERALD AND SAPPHIRE CARDS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2025.



TUESDAY'S FROM 7PM MUSIC AND BINGO GAMES

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON
CLUB POINTS | DRINK VOUCHERS
CASH PRIZES

HOSTED BY NEIL



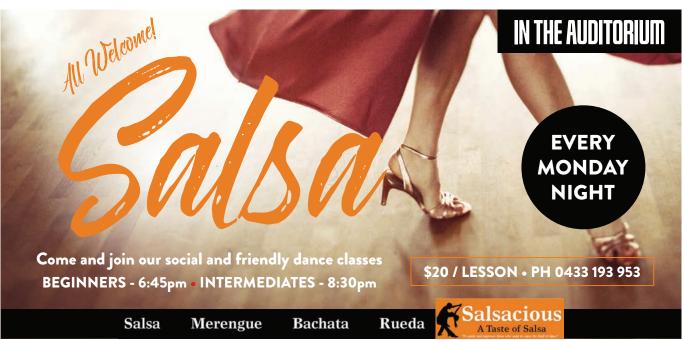
















CLUB TAXI SERVICE

WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY FROM 6PM

\$3 PER DROP OFF ADDRESS

Contact reception to make a booking!







CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

IS WELCOME!

We are always looking to improve our service to you, so please let us know if we can improve anything!
Fill in a feedback form at reception or online at
info@penshurstrsl.com.au





MEMBERS BIRTHDAY REWARD

BIRTHDAY REWARD TO BE REDEEMED AT BAR OR BISTRO ONLY

Member card must be presented to redeem your birthday reward.

Birthday Reward expiries 31 days after swiping your card at the rewards terminal













REDEEM YOUR POINTS AT THE PIT STOP CONCIERGE

Convert your points into Gift Cards at our Concierge. With so many brands & retailers to choose from, you'll be spoilt for choice



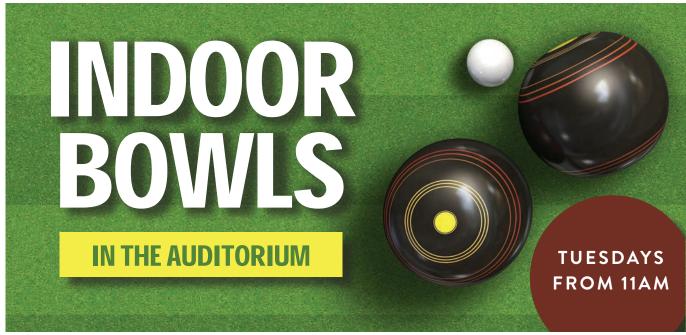
















WATCH THE RACES LIVE ON OUR BIG SCREENS

SWEEPS, TAB FACILITIES, CLUB OPEN FROM 10AM

Complimentary glass of house bubbly with any Lunch main meal purchase

LUNCH SPECIALS AVAILABLE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL





RENEW ONLINE!









get to know



ANGELA

DEPARTMENT

Accounts Manager

LENGTH OF SERVICE

14 years

DREAM TRAVEL DESTINATION:

I would love to visit Antarctica, as it fascinates me with its breathtaking landscapes, unique wildlife, and sheer remoteness, making it a oncein-a-lifetime experience.

FAVOURITE HOBBY:

I enjoy cooking different cuisines, traveling to explore new places, collecting porcelain items that I find fascinating and beautiful, and driving fast cars, which gives me an exciting sense of freedom.

FAVOURITE FOOD

Seafood

FAVOURITE SPORT/TEAM

MOST REWARDING PART OF MY JOB

The most rewarding part of my job is the sense of accomplishment I feel when I see tangible results from my hard work. Whether it's completing a project successfully or meeting a challenging deadline, the feeling of achievement is incredibly motivating.

ALEX

DEPARTMENT

Bar & Reception Staff

LENGTH OF SERVICE

4 years

DREAM TRAVEL DESTINATION

Dagestan, to get the opportunity to wrestle a bear

FAVOURITE HOBBY:

Medieval Joustina

FAVOURITE FOOD

Extra salty Pigeon soup

FAVOURITE SPORT/TEAM

Favourite Sport is MMA and my favourite team is AC Milan



MY JOB

Brightening members days by making them laugh!

NAYAN

DEPARTMENT

Gaming Attendant

LENGTH OF SERVICE

3 years

DREAM TRAVEL DESTINATION

Amsterdam and I would also love to go visit Switzerland as well due to their scenic landscapes similar to Nepal.

FAVOURITE HOBBY:

lifting weights, calisthenics, headbanging and attending heavy metal gigs.

FAVOURITE FOOD

MO:MO (Nepalese style dumplings)



FAVOURITE SPORT/TEAM

German national football team (DFB) since 2006 world cup tournament and FC Bayern Munich when UEFA champions league tournament.

MOST REWARDING PART OF MY JOB

Getting appreciation and support from my team members, managers and club members. Working at this RSL club is one of the most rewarding part as well.

OLGA

DEPARTMENT

Gaming Attendant

LENGTH OF SERVICE

2 years

DREAM TRAVEL **DESTINATION:**

Somewhere in Europe

FAVOURITE HOBBY:

Relaxing at a spa

FAVOURITE FOOD

Korean Barbeque (KBBQ)

FAVOURITE SPORT/TEAM

Whichever team wins!



MOST REWARDING PART OF MY JOB

Being able to interact with customers and hopefully making someone's day a little

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Penshurst RSL Sub Branch

Secretary - Mary Teasdale Ph: 9580 8719

Email: subbranch@penshurstrsl.com.au Website: penshurstrsl.com.au/sub-branch

Penshurst RSL Travel Club

President – Elizabeth Northcott

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Penshurst RSL Panthers Junior AFL Club

President: Natasha Clayton

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Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League Football Club

President – Sean Willett Ph: 0437 149 326

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Penshurst RSL Youth Swim Club

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Penshurst RSL Social Golf Club

President & Handicapper - Enzo Corvino Text Only: 0421179 913

Website: penshurstrsl.com.au/social-golf-club/

sub branch vale

2024

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Sub Branch Club Report

OFFICE BEARERS EXECUTIVE	2023 to 2026
President Vice Presidents	Mr Keith Pratt Mr Kevin Kelly Mr Thomas Lyons
Secretary Treasurer	Mrs Mary Teasdale Mr Ross Bryant
COMMITTEE	
Welfare Recruitment & Membership Social	Mr Michael Korfias Mr Peter Sanders Mrs Pam Kelly ** Mr Kevin Kelly
Curator	Mr Sean McManus
SMDC delegate SMDC alternate delegates	Mr Ross Byrant Mr Kevin Kelly Mr Thomas Lyons
Assistant Secretary Assistant Treasurer School Liaison Officer	Mrs Marjorie Madden Mr Ronald Morcom Ms Jennifer Thompson ##
TRUSTEES	Mr John Barker Mr Ross Bryant Mr Ronald Morcom
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MEETING DATES

Meetings to be held in The White Room, Level 1, Penshurst RSL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sunday 10 February	9.00am		
Thursday 6 March	4.00 pm		
Sunday 6 April	9.00 am		
Thursday 8 May	4.00pm		
Sunday 15 June	9.00am		
Thursday 10 July	4.00pm		
Sunday 10 August	9.00 am		
Thursday 11 September	4,00pm		
Sunday 12 October	9.00am		
Thursday 13 November	4.00pm		
Sunday 14 December	9.00am		

GENERAL MEETINGS

Sunday 10 February	10 30am
Sunday 9 March AGM	10.30am
# Sunday 6 April	10.30am
## Sunday15 June	10.30am
Sunday 10 August	10.30am
Sunday 12 October	10.30am
Sunday 14 December	10.30am

ANZAC Sunday commemorative service at our memorial in Bridge Street, Penshurst will be held on 13 April commencing at 2.00pm. If marching please assemble at the rear of the RSL in Connelly Street by 1.45pm.

Remembrance Day service at our memorial in Bridge Street, Penshurst on 11 November commencing at 10.45 am.

Anzac Smoko Sunday 6 April commencing around midday after the General Meeting.

Meeting 15th June as the 2nd Sunday is the King's Birthday long weekend.

Christmas Cheer Sunday 14 December commencing around midday after the General Meeting.



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A busy year with most activities involving commemoration, friendship and camaraderie.

On 21 April we held our Anzac Sunday march and service. The Riverwood Hornets led the traditional march from the RSL to the Memorial in Bridge Street where the service was conducted. The Catafalque Party from Richmond Air Base was supported by the Memorial Guard supplied by the Riverwood Hornets. The Salvation Army band played an integral part in the service providing the vocalist and bugler. Wreaths were laid by representatives of a number of organisations including local RSLs, Legacy, War Widows, local schools and Penshurst RSL junior sporting clubs. A special thanks to the students from Marist College who addressed the assembly on what the Anzac spirit means to them.

The Bridge Street Memorial was also the venue for a short informal Remembrance Day service. Following the President's address there was a minute's silence to remember all those who have died or suffered in wars and other military operations. Wreaths were then laid by official guests and representatives from local schools.

Last year for the first time the sub-Branch commemorated the Battle of Coral/Balmoral FSB. Between 12 May and 6 June 1968, 25 Australian lives were lost, with many more wounded. These actions made up Australia's most costly and protracted battle of the Vietnam War. The service was held in the John Hamilton VC foyer at the entrance to the Club. Vice-President, Kevin Kelly, read details of the Battle which was followed by lunch in the renamed Neville & Gwen Swadling Auditorium.

Sub-Branch representatives also attended a number of other commemorative ceremonies, including Vietnam Veterans Day at Bankstown Sports Club, Victory in the Pacific Day and Remembrance Day at the Kokoda Walkway and 'The Price of Freedom Remembrance Service' at War Grave Cemetery, Rookwood.

While there were no outings organised for 2024, the ANZAC 'Smoko' and Christmas lunch were very well attended by members, partners and friends. In 2025 the dates for these functions are 6 April and 14 December respectively.

Last year Vice Presidents Kevin Kelly and Tom Lyons and myself attended the RSL State Congress in Newcastle. The Official Opening included an Address and Awards Presentation by the governor and RSL NSW patron, the Hon Margaret Beazley. The Congress highlighted how RSL NSW is providing a platform for veterans' wellbeing, policy advocacy and the delivery of support services for veterans and families. Congress for the next three years will be in Tamworth.

As usual, Penshurst RSL Club Ltd has been very supportive of the sub-Branch. The recent Club renovations saw the relocation of memorabilia to the car park entrance. Feedback to date has been very positive. Additional work is proposed to further enhance the display area.

The contribution of two sub-Branch members were recognised last year. Treasurer & Trustee, Ross Bryant, was awarded the Australian Day Medallion by RSL Australia and I was awarded a 2024 Banks Volunteer of the Year award.

Recently, President Keith Pratt announced that Jennifer Thompson, one of the sub-Branch's newer members, has agreed to be our Schools Liaison Officer, a position that has not been filled for many years.

Membership of Penshurst RSL sub-Branch remains steady. However, membership for Service members decreases each year. Any former ADF member male or female would be warmly welcomed and can apply on line at rslnsw.org.au. and nominate Penshurst RSL sub-Branch in the application.

MARY TEASDALE

Secretary



Junior Rugby League Club Report

Despite a challenging year, the Kookaburras achieved many milestones. This success is thanks to our dedicated participants, volunteers, and members. As President, I extend my gratitude to players, coaches, managers, trainers, committee members, and volunteers who supported us in many ways, including canteen assistance, running raffles, coaching clinics, and development programs. To everyone involved, THANK YOU.

Our club continues with our 4-pillar approach which is the cornerstone of our commitment to creating a safe and energised club environment where our participants can grow and

- 1. Engage with our community, membership, and participants.
- 2. Inspire our kids to be the best that they can be.
- 3. Develop of our players, coaches, team staff.
- 4. Enjoy The whole reason we are all involved in Rugby League.

In 2024 we fielded two new teams for the first time at our club. The first of which was our U16s Girls team as we continue to foster the development of women's Rugby League and secondly our over 35s men's League Tag Team which was designed to give our parents the opportunity to participate and grow our volunteer base. Both teams were a resounding success and achieved the goals that they set out to achieve.

Our on-field results again were extraordinarily strong. Of the 6 teams that are eligible to play semi-finals, we had 5 teams make it. 4 of those teams winning through to the grand finals being Under 11s, Under 16s Boys, Under 17s and Open Women's teams two went on to play in the Grand Final. We came away with two premierships with the Under 11s and Under 17s Lifting the Trophy. A great result and I congratulate all our players and team staff on a great season. Regardless of competition standings, everyone put in a great effort and a lot of hard work and improvements were made. It makes

me proud to be part of something special, when I see the passion and commitment that our players, staff and volunteers show, and I love being part of that week in and out.

We are now looking ahead to 2025 with significant plans. Our focus will be on developing and growing our junior ranks, using our momentum in Women's Rugby League, and relaunching a Senior Men's (A-Grade) team. We also plan to field an Over 30s Women's League Tag team. We are confident that the Penshurst RSL Kookaburras Junior Rugby League club will continue to grow and achieve a prosperous future. We expect a successful 2025 We express our gratitude to the Penshurst RSL club for their ongoing support and financial assistance. Our relationship with the RSL club is highly valued, and we aim to strengthen it further in the future. The ethos of our community is integral to our club's values and identity. Additionally, we thank our sponsors whose support is essential in enabling our kids to play rugby league at our club. Thank you for supporting Penshurst RSL Kookaburras Junior Rugby League Club and grassroots rugby league in 2024.





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Midweek Golf Club Report

The fellas at Penshurst RSL have enjoyed a very good year in 2024. The retirement of some of our senior members led to the recruitment of new members, including former club member Ken Mundy, who rejoined after being away since 1995.

Our game is based on camaraderie, with sledging playing a key role in maintaining a competitive spirit. Tee-off time is at 7 a.m., and our game is subsidized by the RSL, which is greatly appreciated by our players. A special thanks goes to Chairman John, the board, and CEO Chris, along with his high-quality staff.

The club could not operate without the hard work of a few key individuals:

- Enzo Corvino, our extremely tough handicapper and results organizer.
- Colin McDonald, our hardworking captain, who is busy organizing groups to tee off.

 Last but not least, Garry Johnson, our treasurer and board member, who collects the fees and ensures we have a great day.

The venue is Hurstville Golf Course, which is in good condition at present, with a variety of challenging golf holes.

Our reigning Club Champion is Enzo Corvino, but a few of our younger players, including some 50-year-olds, are eyeing the title for 2025.

Many thanks to everyone associated with the club. May 2025 bring health and success to all.

FORE,

Kevin OʻSullivan 0414 511 623





Travel Club

The Travel Club has been a sub-club of Penshurst RSL Club since 2002, so we are not new! The past 23 years have gone amazingly quickly but, during that time, we have packed so much in from some overseas touring to regular day trips and theatre parties. We're pretty proud of the fact that our club has travelled to much of our lovely country including several of Australia's islands, but there is still more to see and we're very happy to receive suggestions from our members!

In 2024, there were seven day trips (after a couple of others were cancelled by the venues), five theatre parties and two extended tours – five days in the Coffs Harbour area in March and, in September, a wonderful 13 days in the Flinders Ranges SA (including the highlight Arkaroola) and finishing off with a relaxing three nights on the 'PS Murray Princess'.

Much of 2025 has already been planned and tours are already selling well. There are no outings in January so we're starting in February with a theatre party and a Hawkesbury River cruise on the famous Riverboat Postman. A six-day tour in May to the Capricorn Coast & Yeppoon is already close to full and another six-day trip down south to the Murray & High Country in October will be opening at our

February meeting. Day trips are mostly held on a Thursday and can be anywhere from the Shoalhaven in the south, west as far as Canberra, and the Hunter Valley area to the north. Morning teas and lunches are usually included.

Domestic travel can be expensive, but a huge effort is made to keep the costs affordable. Day trips/ theatre parties are payable in full at the time of booking, but the longer tours only require the nominated deposit up until the final payment date which is normally several weeks before our departure (unfortunately the Travel Club does not yet have credit card/EFTPOS facilities). As cancellations do occur, a passenger waiting list is kept for each of our outings, so it's worth registering your name if a trip is advertised as full. The upcoming tours, itineraries and further information can be found on our website, as well as reports/photos of our past travels: https://pentravelclub.weebly.com/ or type Penshurst RSL Travel Club into your browser.

The Travel Club still has some loyal members from 2002, but we welcome anybody who would like to join. If you are interested, but prefer to chat with a committee member first, please contact Elizabeth on 9533 5809 (leave a message if necessary) or e-mail Jenny our Secretary at pentravelclub@gmail. com. Current membership of Penshurst RSL Club is an essential requirement and there is an annual Travel Club fee of \$6 (covering the period 1 July to 30 June or part thereof) plus a new member form to complete. Our monthly meetings are held upstairs in the Auditorium on the first Wednesday of each month from 6.45 pm or we can be found in the Bistro on the third Monday of each month between 5-6 pm. Our "Travel Talk" monthly newsletter is available from the reception desk following the Wednesday meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

ELIZABETH NORTHCOTT

President

(Photo shows Sillers Lookout on the fantastic, but hair-raising half-day Ridgetop Tour at <u>Arkaroola SA)</u>



Youth Swim Club Report

At Penshurst RSL Youth Swim Club, we pride ourselves on being a family-oriented, volunteer-run organization dedicated to fostering swimming and water safety skills in children aged 4 to 25. Sponsored by the Penshurst RSL Club, our program provides a supportive and nurturing environment for young swimmers to grow in confidence and ability. Lessons are open to children of financial members of the RSL Club.

Our season fee is \$260, which includes \$20 for insurance and covers a one-hour Saturday morning session each week. Classes are structured by ability, encouraging children to build their water confidence, enhance safety awareness, and refine their swimming techniques in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

We are thrilled to share highlights from our recent overnight bonding session at Pennant Hills Scout Camp. This memorable experience allowed our swim teachers and committee members to come together through engaging team-building activities such as making damper and toasting marshmallows around the campfire. The exceptional facilities and welcoming hosts made this event a true success, strengthening the camaraderie within our club.

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our talented swimmers this year. Across three carnivals, 23 swimmers represented our club with distinction, earning an impressive total of 51 ribbons. Their hard work and dedication have resulted in 17 swimmers qualifying for the Zone 2/7 Championship on 14 December 2024. Of those, 15 swimmers have secured their places at the prestigious State Championships in March 2025. We wish all our participants the best of luck as they prepare to compete at these exciting event. Your commitment and perseverance continue to inspire the entire Penshurst RSL Youth Swim Club community.

In addition to celebrating our swimmers, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our President, Raymond Roy, who was a finalist for the 2024 Bank Volunteer of the Year Award. Ray's extraordinary dedication spans over 42 years, beginning as a youth member at the age of 14. His unwavering commitment includes 35 years as a Zone 2/7

volunteer delegate and 20 years as a state-level delegate. As an Auswim amateur coach, Ray has led our Learn to Swim program, mentored future instructors through "Teach the Teacher," and consistently gone above and beyond to support our swimmers by funding club expenses and providing transportation to events. Ray's leadership, generosity, and tireless dedication have made an indelible impact on our club and its members.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making Penshurst RSL Youth Swim Club the vibrant and supportive community it is today. We look forward to many more milestones and achievements in the months ahead.

COLLEEN FURZE

Secretary













The Palace Patchworkers

The Palace Patchworkers were formed in 1983 when a group of ladies joined together to promote the art of patchwork and quilting.

The group has been going strong now for 42 years and presently we have 26 members.

The group has always been involved in charity work and has supplied baby quilts to St George Hospital Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit since the group formed.

Presently we make and donate quilts to St George Hospital NIC Unit, and the Intensive Care Ward where they are used in their "End of Life" program to soften some of the hospital feel for the families involved, and afterwards the family get to keep the quilt that has been with their loved one.

Our other charity we support is the Sydney Childrens' Hospital Pain and Palliative Care Unit, where the children are given a quilt for them to use while in hospital and then to keep.

The ladies all enjoy making quilts for these purposes and will continue to do so.

Palace Patchworkers are very grateful to Penhurst RSL for the use of the space we meet in as it is necessary for us to get together for this work.

HELEN VAUGHAN

Secretary









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TOTAL POINTS ACCRUED IN A TWELVE (12) MONTH	EMERALD	SAPPHIRE	RUBY	DIAMOND	DOUBLE DIAMOND
PERIOD Earn (1) point for every \$10 spend on EGMs Earn (1) point for every \$30 spend on MTGMs	0-4,999	5,000-19,999	20,000-29,999	30,000-49,999	50,000 +
EARN (1) POINT FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT ON FOOD & BEVERAGES			*	•	
ENTRY INTO MEMBERS ONLY PROMOTIONS					
BIRTHDAY REWARDS			\$100 WORTH OF POINTS	\$200 WORTH OF POINTS	\$300 WORTH OF POINTS
DISCOUNT ON FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
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POINTS MULTIPLIER (STANDALONE EGM ONLY)	-	-	X2 POINTS	X4 POINTS	X5 POINTS
EXCLUSIVE OFFERS	-	-			4
ANNUAL GIFT	<u>-</u>	-		•	44
EXPIRY OF POINTS	31ST DECEMBER	31ST DECEMBER	NEVER	NEVER	NEVER