

# president's report



## The year in Review

The year 2025 saw a general rise in the cost of living. Business costs also rose. Despite these twin pressures, the club turned a profit of over \$200k.

It is a good result considering the business environment and the considerable expense of the recent renovations.

## Future Plans

The Board has developed a conceptual plan aimed at increasing the Club's long-term revenue. The plan will include introducing new food and beverage offerings and exploring opportunities for commercial facilities that the Club may lease out. We aim to lodge the Development Application (DA) with the Council by July this year.

## Improved Services to our members

Members are enjoying the popular \$20 for \$20 promotion, simply spend \$20 in the Club within a calendar month and receive \$20 worth of food and beverage points the following month as a reward.

New lighting fixtures have been installed in the Club's main bar and bistro lounge areas, as part of our commitment to continuously improving the Club's facilities. Our dedicated team has been trained to deliver exceptional service, ensuring every patron enjoys a warm, welcoming experience at the Club.

## Club Grants

In 2025, the club provided a total of \$165,015 in grants. Our sub clubs received \$71,887 which is directed to the local Penshurst community. Patrons are encouraged to join one of the many Penshurst RSL Sub-Clubs, including Rugby League, Golf, Youth Swim Club, as well as the RSL Sub-Branch, Travel Club, and Palace Patch Workers.

## Community

Penshurst RSL Club is the biggest employer in Penshurst. Apart from providing grants to the community and our sub clubs, we also provide a meeting place for many local community groups. Last year we provided a prize to the Penshurst Public School for academic achievement. We intend to further extend our reach into the local Penshurst community to give a helping hand.

## Award of Life membership

I would like to extend my warm congratulations to Kim Thompson on being awarded Life Membership at the club's recent Annual General Meeting. This honour recognises Kim's outstanding commitment, positive impact, and continued support of the Club and our community.



*Pictured left to right: John Hoban (President) congratulates Kim Thompson on receiving his Life Membership Award on 25 May 2025,*

## Thanks, and Best Wishes

In 2025 we farewelled Kevin Kelly from the board after many years of service and welcomed Sean Willett from the Penshurst "Kookaburras" Junior Rugby League Club. Many will know Sean who is well known for running the Friday night footy club raffle and as a well-known local businessman.

I would like to thank the Board, management, and all staff for their outstanding effort over the past year, it has truly been a remarkable team achievement.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, may I wish each and everyone a healthy and prosperous 2026.

Kind Regards,

*John Hoban*

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President