

# **LAURIETON UNITED SERVICES CLUB LIMITED**

ABN 44 000 969 522

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of LAURIETON UNITED SERVICES CLUB LIMITED will be held at the Club premises, Seymour Street, Laurieton, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 10.00 am.

### **BUSINESS**

1. Chairman to declare meeting open
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of Minutes of the Thirty Eighth Annual General Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010
4. Business Arising
5. To receive and consider the Financial Statements for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011
6. To receive the reports of the President, Treasurer and Secretary Manager
7. To declare the candidates for the Board of Directors elected
8. Ordinary Resolutions – Directors' Benefits
9. Motions on Notice – Club Patrons  
Moved G Armstrong, seconded K Whyte that the incumbent Federal and State Members of Parliament be invited to act as Patrons of Laurieton United Services Club until such time as they are no longer the Member.
10. Special Resolution
11. Appointment of Welfare Officers
12. General Business

### **FIRST ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

1. The members hereby approve and agree to reasonable expenditure by the club for professional development and education of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting and being:
  - (a) The reasonable cost of Directors attending at meetings of the Registered Clubs Association and the Club Managers' Association Australia, including their Annual General Meetings, Conferences and Trade Shows;
  - (b) The reasonable cost of Directors attending seminars, lectures, trade displays, organised study tours, fact finding tours and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time;
  - (c) The reasonable cost of Directors undertaking formal training activities as may be determined by the Board from time to time;
  - (d) The reasonable cost of Directors attending other Clubs or similar types of businesses for the purpose of viewing and assessing their facilities and methods of operation.
  - (e) The issue of a suitable uniform to each Director as required;

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2. The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (1) above are not available to members generally but only to those who are Directors of the Club and those members directly involved in the above activities.

### **SECOND ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

1. The members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club in the sum not exceeding \$8,000.00 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for the following expenditure and benefits for Directors:

- (a) The reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each Director immediately before, during or immediately after a Board or Committee meeting;
- (b) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling to and from Directors' meetings or other duly constituted committee meetings as approved by the Board from time to time on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure;
- (c) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in attending Club activities and functions including entertainment with partners where appropriate, providing the expenses are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of receipts, invoices or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure;

2. The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (1) above are not available to members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club

### **THIRD ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

1. That the members hereby approve the Club providing a Christmas dinner for each of the nine (9) Directors and their partners together with four (4) senior management and their partners at a cost not exceeding \$50.00 per head including drinks.

2. The members hereby approve the expenditure by the club in providing Christmas hampers to each Director not exceeding \$100.00 per Director.

3. The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (1) and (2) above are not available to members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

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### **FOURTH ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

1. The members approve and agree to reasonable expenditure by the President on goods and services provided by the Club, and as approved by the Board, to provide hospitality (including reasonable food and/or refreshments) and for reasonable costs and expenses of entertainment for:

- (a) any Patron of the Club or any prominent citizen or local dignitary visiting the Club;
- (b) special guests of the Club;
- (c) promotional activities approved by the Board;
- (d) volunteers or other persons participating in special events held by, or sponsored by, the Club; and
- (e) the reasonable promotion of the Club and its activities.

2. The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph 1 above are not available to members generally but only to the President.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

That the Articles of Association of Laurieton United Services Club Ltd be amended:

1. by adding the words 'Section 10(1)(j) and' before the words 'Section 10(7)' in Article 6(c);
2. in Article 8(a):
  - a) by deleting the words 'if the Club is a holder of a Club Licence'; and
  - b) by deleting the words 'section 23(1)(b)' and replacing them with the words 'section 23',
3. by adding the words 'Subject to Article 19(f)' and de-capitalising the word 'When' at the beginning of Article 19(e);
4. by adding a new Article 19(f) as follows:
  - '(f) A person may be admitted as a Temporary member for a period of up to, but not exceeding, 7 consecutive days (or for such longer period as the Casino, Liquor & Gaming Control Authority may approve in writing). The person must complete the register of Temporary members at the first time the person enters the Club's premises during that period.'

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5. by adding:
  - a) the words 'except in accordance with Article 34(h)' to the end of Article 19(c);
  - b) the words '(subject to Article 34(h))' after the words Temporary members in Rule 34(a); and
  - c) a new Article 34(h) as follows:
    - '(h) A Temporary member may introduce a guest (but the guest must not sign the register of guests), only if the guest is a minor in relation to whom the Temporary member is a responsible adult (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act) and the guest remains in the company and immediate presence of the Temporary member, and, the guest does not remain on the Club's premises any longer than the Temporary member.'
6. by deleting Article 68 in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Article 68:
  - '68. The Club must for each financial year, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, send or otherwise make available to each Full member a copy of the directors report, the annual report, and the financial report, for that financial year.'

### NOTES FOR MEMBERS

1. Paragraphs 1 & 2 of the Special Resolution update the Articles to reflect relevant sections of the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* (**Registered Clubs Act**) relating to sale and supply of liquor on the Club's premises.
2. Temporary members may now be admitted for a period of up to 7 days (or a longer period approved by the Casino, Liquor & Gaming Control Authority). Paragraphs 3 & 4 of the Special Resolution update the Articles to reflect this.
3. Under the Registered Clubs Act a Temporary member is permitted to introduce a guest who is under 18 (provided they do not sign the guests register) who must remain with the Temporary member at all times, for example, a child attending the Club with a parent. Paragraph 5 of the Special Resolution updates the Constitution accordingly.

4. The annual reporting requirements for companies limited by guarantee (such as the Club) under the *Corporations Act 2001* have changed. Paragraph 6 of the Special Resolution deletes references to sections of that Act which no longer apply, and the amendment will require the Club to provide annual reports to members in accordance with the current requirements of the Act for each financial year.

Members may access the annual reports by:

- reading them online or downloading them from the Club's website [www.laurietonclub.com.au](http://www.laurietonclub.com.au)

**OR**

- requesting the Club in writing to send a copy of the annual reports by post or email to the member's contact details as shown in the register of members (this request will be a standing request unless the member chooses to notify the Club otherwise in writing).
5. The Special Resolution will be passed if at least three quarters of the members who are present and cast their votes (being entitled to do so) on the Special Resolution, vote in favour of the Special Resolution.
6. Each financial Club Member and Sporting Member, and each Life Member, is entitled to vote on the Special Resolution. The Special Resolution must be considered as a whole and cannot be amended by motions from the floor of the meeting.
7. Employees of the Club are prohibited from voting and proxy voting is prohibited under the Registered Clubs Act.
8. A copy of the Club's current Memorandum & Articles of Association is available to members on request.

If any financial member of the Club attending the Annual General Meeting requires clarification on any matter relating to the Financial Statements, please give your questions in writing to the Secretary Manager no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 so that your enquiry may be answered fully at the meeting.

*Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011*

By Direction of the Board

R D DWYER

Secretary Manager

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*President:* W POLL

*Vice President:* G ARMSTRONG

*Treasurer:* K WHYTE

*Directors:* A BURTON, J HENRY, I JACKSON,  
P KERR, B LANG, J SMITH

## CHANGES TO ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There have been some changes to the annual reports this year, because of changes in the legal reporting requirements.

The booklet you have received contains all the information normally contained in the annual report, with the exception of the detailed financial statements. The financial statements are 42 pages long, and will be omitted from this year due to cost and environmental reasons.

However, there are still two easy ways for Members to access a copy of the financial statements:

- Online at the Club's website [www.laurietonclub.com.au](http://www.laurietonclub.com.au)
- OR
- By completing the form below and returning it to the Club, or by sending the Club a written request asking us to send you the financial statements by post or email. For the 2011 financial statements, please ensure that the request is received by us no later than **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011**. After that date, you will be able to obtain a copy on request at the Club.

If you ask us to post or email the financial statements to you, then we will do that for each financial year until you notify us otherwise in writing. The Club will send the financial statements free of charge to your address in the register of members, so please remember to tell us of any changes to your contact details.

If you do not request the Club to send you the financial statements, you will be able to access the financial statements on the website each year.

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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the financial statements for each financial year:

By email:

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

By post:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***President's Report,***

("Virgin" Bashers Report)

G'day members, from the Outback. – As I start my report I'm on the tail end of the Variety Bash drive from Baulkham Hills to Broome. Along with my "bash" mates and LUSC stalwarts Robert Plante, John Sykes and Robert Dwyer, I say thank you to the Camden Haven for supporting this venture.

It has been an amazing experience and has reminded me again of the overwhelming importance of Community and those in need of a helping hand. This "Bash" raised well in excess of 1.8 million dollars for children with special needs throughout Australia. Perhaps in the near future Variety, the children's charity, may be able to help a child in our region because of our involvement in the organisation.

During the days on the road and among the outback communities, I considered there may be many people within our district who still don't appreciate the role our club plays within our community. Perhaps they only listen to the doom and gloom of ill informed groups (often politicians) who attack our industry unfairly under the excuse of so called public morality.

As the recurring cycle of gambling and alcohol stories hit the news without any grass roots research, who is aware harm minimisation programs do exist and do have positive results. It is part of our club's governance.

As well, do members and non members (perhaps your friends or neighbours) realise:

- The LUSC provides facilities free of charge all year round, for many charity groups. Last year our "In Kind" support to such groups exceeded \$100,000 and we donated \$90,000 to over 50 community groups.
- The LUSC is a non-profit organisation. This means profits do not go to any owner or shareholder. The profits are returned to provide all manner of improvements for its members and much support for many local community, sporting and charity organisations.
- The LUSC is a meeting place in the true sense. Members and guests socialise and are part of our everyday happenings.

I understand the importance our club has in filling the void for members who are alone or feel lonely at times and need some company. Our club offers a safe, relaxed environment to enjoy the facilities and be around others of like mind.

So pass the word around, talk about the positive and essential role your club plays in the Camden Haven.

Thank you to the management, all staff and our board for the responsive and responsible roles diligently executed during the year. It is with much pride I stand and support you for the past 11 years as President of the LUSC.

To those members who have lost loved ones I offer my sympathies and thoughtful wishes for the future.

**Wayne Poll**, President.

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### Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present my financial report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

As always, sincere thanks go to our members and the many visitors who have continued to enjoy the facilities at both LUSC and the CHGC over the past twelve months. Your support is greatly appreciated, even more so given the difficult economic conditions that we all continue to experience.

The global financial crisis won't be going away for some time yet, and the prospect of the carbon tax – on top of sharply higher fuel, electricity and grocery prices – is creating widespread pessimism and a “save don't spend” mentality.

Not surprisingly, the licensed club industry has been through another challenging period, with many clubs having reported losses for the financial year.

It is therefore very pleasing to report that your Club has recorded a combined net profit after tax for the year of \$42,313. This result was achieved despite a great deal of inclement weather at different times during the year, which impacted significantly on the results of our golf and bowling operations.

However, our cash flows remain strong and we have again exercised close control over costs throughout the year. As a result, our overall financial position continues to be very sound.

Our net operating profit before tax was a seemingly modest \$7,146 but this represents an excellent turnaround of almost \$119k compared with the 2010 year (ignoring the one-off gain last year from the amalgamation).

Looking at the results for the different operating areas of our business, please keep in mind that the 2010 figures only cover 11 months of the previous financial year as the amalgamation took place at the end of July 2009.

\* **LUSC bar sales** rose marginally to \$1.564 million. Bar gross profit margin also improved slightly to 57.44%. Reduced wage costs of \$318k (-\$30k) enabled us to improve the LUSC bar net profit by \$31k during the year to \$551k.

\* **CHGC bar sales** totalled \$365k for the year (+\$5k) with net profit coming in at \$91k (+\$14k) due mainly to reduced wages of \$99k (-\$8k). The gross profit margin improved from 52.2% to 54% during the year.

\* **Sales in the LUSC bistro** decreased by \$64k to \$1.564 million, however the gross profit margin improved to 46.6% (2010 44.7%) due to lower cost of goods sold. Reduced wages of \$647k (-\$15k) saw the bistro net profit increase by \$13k to \$67.5k.

\* **LUSC poker machine clearances** increased by \$795k, or 7.6%. Jackpots increased by \$756k and net poker machine profit improved from \$2.603 million to \$2.683 million, an increase of \$80k or 3.1%.

\* **At the CHGC, poker machine clearances** increased by \$51k (10.6%) to \$531k and net profit was up by \$11k (+7.4%) to \$165k.

\* **The CHGC golf course trading results** were disappointing but not unexpected in view of the amount of rain which fell during the year. Total income was \$502k which is a 3.4% improvement over 2010. Annual net profit was \$104k, which is down by \$27k compared with 2010.

\* **CHGC bowls trading results** showed an overall loss of \$4k and again the weather played a big part in this outcome. On the positive side, the result does represent an improvement of \$13.5k over the previous year. We are looking forward to further improvement in the current year with the two new bowling greens in play

As can be seen, all operational areas performed well during the financial year, with only the golf course experiencing a fall in net profit compared with 2010.

Leaving out the one-off gain from the amalgamation last year, our combined profit result for the 2011 financial year has increased by \$33k and can be summarised as follows:

Operating profit at LUSC	\$125k	(+\$83k)
Less Operating loss at CHGC	\$118k	(+\$35k)
Plus Income tax credit	<u>+\$ 35k</u>	( -\$85k)
Profit for the year	<b><u>\$ 42k</u></b>	<b>(+\$33k)</b>

The profit result for LUSC is an excellent one, and whilst the operating loss at the CHGC is disappointing, the inclement weather conditions during the year have been beyond our control. We have also spent a significant amount on our two new bowling greens which are a wonderful asset for the local community and will result in increased patronage and improved profitability in future years.

Putting accounting to one side, I am proud to say that once again this year we have provided significant support to many local sporting clubs, schools and community groups. Our donations this year totaled more than \$90k (an increase of \$16k) and in addition we provided "in kind" support amounting to well over \$100k.

Thank you to my fellow directors and the management and staff for their hard work and considerable achievements during the year.

In closing, it would be remiss of me not to mention the Federal Government's proposed Mandatory Pre-Commitment legislation, which will have disastrous consequences for your Club should it come to fruition. I urge you to read the important message towards the back of this booklet, and do all you can to help us fight these proposed reforms.

**Ken Whyte**  
Treasurer

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**SECRETARY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Members of the Laurieton United Services Club (LUSC) have certainly had an exciting year following the amalgamation with the Camden Haven Golf Club. Your governing body's "One Club, Two Venues" direction has certainly provided some great benefits to you our members and for future generations. The most significant change this year, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the clubs, was the construction of the two additional bowling greens. After seven years of being 'at sea' the LUSC men's social bowlers have returned to the Camden Haven Golf Club's bowling greens. The launch of the additional greens was the culmination of a great deal of foresight and planning from the governing body. A great deal of thanks goes to our President, Wayne Poll, and the dedicated team of Board members, for their time in governing the public enterprise we continue to patronise and enjoy.

The year has certainly been conducted in line with the club's mission statement of developing the optimum Club for the future, whilst creating sustainable financial viability together with meeting our position as the focus of social and community activities.

Your club has provided \$90,000 in assistance to over 53 community groups during the year, and provided in excess of \$1.14 million in entertainment to you our members through competitions and prizes, beer futures, discounted meals and free shows. Commendations go to the Board and management team for delivering a net profit after tax of \$42,000 in tough economic times amid the GFC. The LUSC showed significant improvement from a before tax profit of \$42,000 to \$125,000 with good improvements in sales compared with last year. The CHGC improved from a before tax loss of \$153,000 to a loss of \$118,000 which is highly commendable during the wettest spring on record (Newcastle University).

Further details of these improvements are contained in the Treasurer's report, and it is worth noting that trading at your Club during the year resulted in the generation of cash flows from operations of \$691,000.

As mentioned, trade at the Camden Haven Golf Club was heavily impacted by the wet weather throughout the year. The Board and management are very proud of the improvements made to the cart paths and are working with a local engineer on a drainage management plan to reduce the greatest issue facing the CHGC. We are looking forward to increased patronage following the construction of the additional bowling greens, car parks and improvements to the clubhouse for the benefit of members and the community.

Unfortunately the Federal Government's collaboration with independent MP Andrew Wilkie (as detailed in recent press) does not create such a positive outlook for this community's clubs and their facilities. If the proposed Mandatory Pre-Commitment legislation comes to be, the cost for us to implement the technology is \$1.7 million and the projected reduction in income of 40% certainly provides a bleak outlook for us. The government's research into the existing voluntary exclusion scheme has shown a reduction in problem gambling by 50% in the last ten years – surely this is a better outcome for the community and the 99.4% of punters who gamble responsibly?

A great deal of thanks for the improvements in our trading and benefits to you, our members, goes to our management team and staff. With their assistance, net margins in our major trading centres showed improvements over last year. It has been a great year in our catering department thanks to our head chef Warren Thom and his talented team. We are continually overwhelmed by positive feedback for our catering operations through our day-to-day trade as well as our highly popular function trade at the LUSC that was greatly assisted by the waitressing staff led by Doris Harrow, Ann Cheesman and Bek Dykes. The catering trade at the Camden Haven Golf Club has also seen some improvements this year, under the guidance of Theresa Kirkwood in catering for the huge demands of the new facilities in such a confined environment.

The net bar trading at the LUSC and CHGC showed improvements compared with last year. This was greatly assisted by the contribution of operation managers Kathy Ibbotson and Deniece Merryfull with the assistance of supervisors Gail Kelly, Greg Pope, Katrina Brown and the team of dedicated staff at both venues.

Under the guidance of Mark Bird, the grounds staff at the CHGC have continued to develop and present a fantastic course and greens for your pleasure. Mark's team has certainly been refreshed, with five of his six staff joining the team this year. Their enthusiasm shows in their workmanship and accolades received, such as being one of seven clubs in NSW and ACT nominated for the Regional Pro Am of the Year. Achievements such as this would not have been possible without the assistance of the golf professional Steve Boswell and his team.

A great deal of thanks for your entertainment and other benefits go to operations managers Kathy Ibbotson and Deniece Merryfull with the assistance of Nathan Kerr, finance manager Steve Talbot, administration assistants Yvonne Harvey and Helen Monaghan in uniting the two businesses. The management team has been boosted with the recent recruitment of Bowls Manager Alan Wares, who is welcomed to our team. He has certainly hit the ground running.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who provide a great variety of entertainment and activities through our sub-clubs as well as on the bowling greens and our golf course. Without their commitment, your experience would certainly not be as enjoyable.

The management team is honoured to have a great working relationship with the Laurieton RSL Sub-Branch. Their growth in recent times, through the provision of honorary activities and support of commemorative ceremonies including Anzac Day, Vietnam Veteran's Day (which this year incorporated the Korean Veterans Day) and Remembrance Day, is a tribute to their attention to detail.

For many of our members the dedication of our welfare team is held in high regard. We thank our convener Ann Burton, Edna Lamb, Zenda McDonald and Margaret Henry for their care in assisting our ill members. As all our members would be aware, our club could not continue to exist without your support. I thank you for your patronage and look forward to entertaining you next year and beyond.

**Robert Dwyer**  
Secretary Manager

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

The draw for the position on the ballot paper for Election of Directors for 2011/2013 is as follows:-

- 1. Wayne Poll**
- 2. Ian Jackson**
- 3. James (Jim) Henry**
- 4. Ken Whyte**
- 5. Jim Smith**
- 6. Greg Armstrong**
- 7. Michael Burg**
- 8. Anne Burton**
- 9. Pat Kerr**
- 10. Barry Lang**

**Returning Officer: D. Napper**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

**Witness: A. Dickenson**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2011**



### **Wayne POLL**

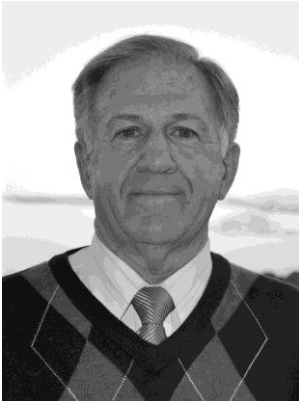
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#### **QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- President LUSC 11 years, involved in all aspects of LUSC working groups
- 15 years on LUSC Board in various roles, including Finance Committee for 11 years
- Many accreditations from Clubs NSW Directors Institute
- Successful business owner /manager for 45 years (including 30 years in the Camden Haven)
- Committed to the responsibility of the Director's position
- Willingness to volunteer generously and serve the community by ensuring a successful financial outcome for the Club and its members
- Financially support many local charity and community organisations
- Justice of the Peace

#### **IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* Setting policies according to the Clubs' objectives and governing legislation \* Ensuring management is executing policies effectively and efficiently whilst complying with the law \* Understanding of the responsibilities of the honorary Director's position \* Commitment to steering our Club through an ongoing period of development and improvements to benefit the community and for all members



### **Ian JACKSON**

Driver – Public Passenger

#### **QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director 17 years (including Treasurer for 6 years).
- Member of Clubs NSW Directors Institute
- Previous President, Secretary and Treasurer of Rotary (Member 15 Years)
- Qualifications in business management, administration and personnel management.
- Licensed Real Estate Agent
- Auditor - Department of Education and Training
- Department of Defence – Army - Retired Lieutenant Colonel
- Business owner/operator
- Justice of the Peace

#### **IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To support local employment, trade and community \* To provide strategic financial planning \* To ensure continued high level of member benefits \* To maintain "family oriented" club environment

**James (Jim) HENRY**

Retired Operations Manager

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director 5 years
- Member and national accreditation from Clubs NSW Directors Institute
- Corporate Management training
- Business Management courses
- NRMA Operations for 30 years
- 20 years NRMA Regional Management Country Operations
- Financial management skills

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* Work in a team environment to develop and set the Club's direction, policy, and strategy \* Balance the financial management and growth of the club through sound planning \* Focus on needs of members, staff and local community groups

**Ken WHYTE**

Retired Boilermaker

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director 10 years (currently Treasurer, member of Citation and House & Building committees, member Golf Club Advisory Group and Club's CDSE delegate)
- Member and National accreditation from Clubs NSW Directors Institute.
- Also completed Finance for Club Boards and Pre-Nomination
- Treasurer LUSC Fishing Club

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* Continued support for local sporting bodies and local community groups \* To continue the good financial management of the Club \* At the same time, continue the upgrade of both venues for the benefit of members and guests \* To remain the No.1 Club in the area



**James (Jim) SMITH**

Retired motor mechanic

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director 10 years
- Member of Clubs NSW Directors Institute.
- Clubs NSW Director Foundation national accreditation.
- Past Lawn Bowls Organiser 5½ yrs
- Past Vice President LUSC Bowling Club
- Director Guilford Bowling Club 3 yrs.
- Member of RSL Sub-Branch, Lawn Bowling Club,

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To work with the members of our Club \* To maintain a sound financial future \* To support our Sub-Clubs



**Greg ARMSTRONG**

Accountant

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- Past President, Vice President & Director of LUSC with 19 years experience on the Board.
- Member of Clubs NSW Directors Institute
- Current occupation as a practicing accountant 26 years in public practice demonstrates my financial and commercial experience.
- Active member of Rotary 32 yrs.
- Current President of the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* I would like to see the club continue as a community leader which supports the community and member needs, whilst practising sound management principles \* Continue to see the successful integration and integration of the Camden Haven Golf Club with the mother club



### **Michael BURG**

Retired Ambulance Officer

#### **QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- School certificate, tertiary & trade qualifications and university degree in theology
- 19 ½ years Ambulance Service of NSW, 3 years A C Hatricks Chemicals P/L, 6 years Australian Army, 4 years ANZ Bank
- Financial planning and management with St John Ambulance, Surf Life Saving Australia and NSW SES
- Management role with NSW Ambulance service as Acting Station Officer.
- Many years involvement with volunteer organisations in their financial planning and management at all levels
- Two years as Vice President with Laurieton RSL Sub-Branch, and currently the Pastoral Minister

#### **IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To be part of a dynamic team leading the LUSC towards financial security \* To provide the members with good variety in activities and entertainment



### **Anne BURTON**

Retired Printery Manager

#### **QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director for 2 years
- Manager of BHP Printery (2 Years).
- Numerous management training courses attended.
- Member and national accreditation from Clubs NSW Directories Institute
- Community and fund raising for various charities
- Treasurer – Red Cross (8 years)
- Treasurer – Torch Bearers (3 years)
- Assist Secretary/Treas.– Travel Club
- Vice President – Ladies Probus Club
- Volunteer- Meals on Wheels (9 yrs)
- LUSC Welfare Officer
- Call Club Bingo and assist at entertainment functions

#### **IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To accept responsibility on behalf of members and the local community to look after the assets and interests of the Club \* To continue to be part of a team who look after the interests of the members and support local businesses and the community \* To make financial decisions with due diligence



**Patricia (Pat) KERR**

Secretary

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director for 2 years
- Member of House & Building Committee
- Justice of the Peace
- Licensed real estate agent with 38 years experience in the industry, including financial management of trust accounts
- More than ten years experience in local cricket administration
- President & Handicapper - CHGC Ladies Golf (12 months)

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To see the Club maintain its position as the premier entertainment venue in the area \* To ensure that the Club's golf and bowls facilities are among the best on the coast



**Barry LANG**

Retired Distribution/Operations Manager

**QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- LUSC Director for 6 years
- Member and national accreditation from Clubs NSW Directors Institute
- HSC, Diploma in Food Technology (Hawkesbury Agriculture College)
- 21 years Australian Regular Army (Returned from active service)
- Branch Manager, Rentokil Pest Control
- NSW Distribution & Operations Manager for Woolworths (Big W)
- Own freight transport business
- Business skills include financial planning, budgets, payrolls, financial management and military establishments, management of sergeants and officer's mess

**IDEALS & ASPIRATIONS FOR THE CLUB:**

\* To be part of an efficient and futurist leadership team \* To continue to contribute to the strategic and operational success of our Club ("One Club, two sites") \* To be part of the continued success of the LUSC Group of Clubs

# LAURIETON UNITED SERVICES CLUB LIMITED

ABN 44 000 969 522

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

During the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Laurieton United Services Club sponsored, donated or provided in-kind support to the following organisations.

CH Arts & Crafts Group	Comboyne Community Assoc.
CH Chamber of Commerce	Hastings Valley Fine Arts Assoc.
CH Cricket Club	Heart Moves
CH Day View Club	Johns River Progress Assoc.
CH Dragonboating Club	Kendall Blues RLFC
CH Embroidery Group	Kendall Public School
CH Evening View Club	Kendall Tennis Club
CH Garden Club	Laurieton Public School
CH High School	Laurieton Swimming Club
CH Hockey Club	LUSC Bridge Club
CH Junior Rugby League	LUSC Bridge Club
CH Ladies Golf	LUSC Chess Club
CH Lantern Club	LUSC Fishing Club
CH Laurel Club	LUSC Friendship Quilters
CH Legacy	LUSC Indoor Sports Club
CH Lions Club	LUSC Ladies Golf
CH Marine Rescue	LUSC Lawn Bowls Club
CH Meals on Wheels	LUSC Mens Golf
CH Mens Golf	LUSC Snooker Club
CH Mens Vets Golf	LUSC Sunday Euchre Club
CH Music Festival	LUSC Thursday Social Golf
CH Neighbourhood Centre	LUSC Travel Club
CH Netball Club	LUSC Wednesday Euchre Club
CH Orchid Society	MNC Cricket Council
CH PAH & I Society	MNC Football Assoc.
CH Pony Club	North Haven Public School
CH Probus Club	Port Macquarie Race Club
CH Quota Club	Port Macquarie Triathlon Club
CH Red Cross	Riding for the Disabled, Kendall
CH Redbacks Soccer Club	RSL Ladies Auxilliary
CH Rotary	RSL Sub Branch
CH Senior Citizens	Special Kids Xmas Party
CH Sport & Rec. Council	St Josephs Early Childhood Services
CH Touch Football Assoc.	State Emergency Services
CH War Widows Assoc.	Torchbearers for Legacy

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

The support received by the above organisations may not be available in the future.

Over recent months you may have heard or seen media reports relating to the proposed gambling reforms currently being considered by the Federal Government. At the heart of these reforms is a proposed Mandatory Pre-Commitment ("MPC") Scheme which treats every Poker Machine Player as a problem gambler.

Putting it simply, if these reforms become law LUSC will cease to exist as you know it today. The capital costs alone of installing the technology will put enormous financial strain on us, while the anticipated drop in revenues as social and casual players refuse to register for the 'licence to gamble' has the potential to cripple LUSC.

In order to combat the impact of these gambling reforms, we will be forced to (among other things) significantly increase food & bar prices, increase membership fees, cancel bingo sessions, cut back on entertainment and reduce other member benefits.

Since 1953 LUSC has supported many local charities, Not for Profit organisations and sporting groups in the Camden Haven Community. Yes, LUSC and its Members have benefited greatly from poker machines and the revenue that is generated. However we have always taken a very responsible approach to reinvesting these revenues back into services and facilities for our Members, as well as throughout the local community.

For more information on the MPC reforms, please go to [www.its-unaustralian.com.au](http://www.its-unaustralian.com.au)

It is pertinent to note that Australia's leading problem gambling researcher does not support the proposed MPC legislation, and in fact there are fears that it will actually increase the rate of problem gambling.

You can help LUSC fight these proposed reforms by:

- ◆ Writing a letter to the Editor of your chosen newspaper(s); and/or
- ◆ Contacting our local Federal Member, Rob Oakeshott, at [www.roboakeshott.com](http://www.roboakeshott.com)