



## **2018 SECRETARY MANAGERS REPORT**

Dear Members,

The Club is proud to be the focus of social, sporting and community activities in the Camden Haven and is equally proud to acknowledge that success for the LUSC and KCC means success for the entire community.

Our profits are reinvested back into our community through grants, donations, or new facilities and events for your entertainment. In 2017/18 we supported over 80 sporting and community groups. This couldn't have been done without the tremendous support from you, our members, and we are hopeful you are equally as proud to know that the profits from every meal you purchase, games play or beverage you enjoy has contributed to this support.

With the direction of a great Board, the management team have stayed true to the policies and procedures they have set to deliver the Club's vision to develop the optimum venue for the future, whilst creating sustainable financial viability, and maintaining our position as the focus of social, sporting, entertainment and community activities. Throughout 2017/2018 the Club achieved its vision in the following ways:

### **Developing an optimal Club for the future**

As part of the Club's commitment to our members we are committed to improving our facilities as financial opportunities arise.

In recent years we have constructed a great café overlooking the beautiful Camden Haven River, renovated the main bar and cellar, including the addition of a lift to the Sports Bar. We are now embarking on a renovation to the gaming room that will provide a refresh and revived look to an area that has become quite tired.

Our interior designer delivered great results on our past projects and we look forward to seeing the finished product.

The renovation will be completed in two stages to minimise the impact on our members and guests. This renovation started on Monday 23 July and we anticipate will be finished early in November.

### **At the Kew Country Club**

In recent months there have been some improvement projects to the facilities for members and guests at the Kew Country Club.

## **Golf**

On the golf course, this year we replaced the 8th green which was over 30 years old. In addition, nearly 50 additional trees have been planted to beautify the course as well as a new "Tallowood" course added to allow the game to be played in a more pleasurable manner.

In conjunction with one of our industry partners we have undertaken a project to replace the existing tee signs which should be completed soon.

For the new financial year, Brendan and his team will be focusing on the rejuvenation of the course bunkers.

## **Bowls**

In April and July the management team met with the KCC men bowlers to discuss the future of the grass green. From these meetings it was determined that unfortunately there is insufficient support or demand to warrant a full renovation to the grass green as well as the ongoing annual maintenance.

However the governing body has committed to renovating the synthetic green.

It is anticipated that these works will start in November and be finished in time for the Pennants season.

## **Club House renovations**

There have been many discussions around options to improve or renew the KCC clubhouse. The short- term plan will involve new floor being laid in the pro-shop, now that the flooding issue has been overcome. I'm sure the result will be much more appealing for Luke and his team to operate in.

The governing body has also commenced discussions with designers to draft a masterplan for the clubhouse that will enable improvements to be done in stages to enhance the appeal of the venue and an improved layout to promote trade.

## **Creating sustainable financial viability**

As detailed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, it is pleasing to see the Club's profit for the year increase from \$74,734 in 2016 to \$137,950 in 2017 to \$181,441 in 2018. It is also pleasing to know that the net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$55,000 to \$1,217,000.

## **Independent Living Units**

The Club is embarking on the construction of 25 Independent Living Units adjacent to the Club. It is anticipated that they will be in high demand with most enjoying water views and close proximity to community facilities.

The Club commissioned two independent feasibility studies and the results have been favourable. The latest plans will be received by the governing body in coming months and we anticipate that steps to obtain development consent will follow in the ensuing months. In light of this business activity, your Club has not lost sight of its purpose to be here for its members and has provided \$1.5 million in members' benefits including prizes, entertainment, bar, and catering subsidies.

### **The focus of social, sporting and community activity**

Clubs are the heart of their communities and, as noted, we contributed to over 80 community groups, including 22 of our own sub-clubs. Throughout the year we hosted in excess of 2,000 functions and are often commended for the high quality and range of entertainment we proudly host. For this, my hat goes off to the team of volunteers and staff who ensure the events are a success for all participants at both venues.

It is great to see our great work recognised by our industry peers; we are a finalist in the prestigious Clubs NSW Clubs and Community Awards in the Arts and Culture category.

### **The Team**

The management team and staff have performed tirelessly in delivering the policies that the Club's board determines. A great deal of thanks in bringing this to fruition goes to the administration team led by Teresa Carney, the operations team led by Jude Bird at the LUSC and Deniece Merryfull at KCC.

Jason Bird is doing an amazing job coordinating the catering team at both venues with the assistance of Kylie Oliver and all our staff. At LUSC, Jude is assisted by a strong team of coordinators and supervisors including Katrina Scott, Emma Ellul, Dean Myers, Rod Ware, Leesa Snow, Michelle Hollis and Neil McIntosh, who all deliver a great experience for you, our members.

The condition and playability of the golf course continues to receive praise from social players to golf professionals. Course superintendent, Brendan Hansard, is at the helm guiding his team of staff and volunteers and we are grateful of the work done by the team. Whilst it is difficult to single out volunteers, the behind the scenes work from Ingo Model on our machinery and the course works driven by life member, Geoff Mascord, are more than worthy of a special mention. The Club's golf professional Luke Garel does a great job in coordinating his team to make the golfers' experience at the KCC memorable and, in particular, I thank him for all the extra effort that goes into our major events.

As noted earlier, the Club is home to 22 sub-clubs which deliver a great deal of activities for you, our members. This couldn't have been done without the enormous support of the volunteer committees who put their hands up every year. Please ensure you thank them when you cross their path for giving up their time and energy in delivering great activities and competitions for so many people in our community.

It is great to see the Laurieton RSL Sub Branch numbers strong and on behalf of the governing body we are grateful for the effort the team puts into delivering commemorative events including Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Vietnam Veterans Day. Mike McClelland retired as president this year and Budgie Parrott took up the reigns and our team is grateful for the way he guides his team.

On behalf of our members, the Club is grateful for the sensitive work conducted by our Welfare Team who provide a great deal of support to our members. The team is coordinated by Anne Burton and the efforts of Margaret Henry, Edna Lamb, Zenda McDonald and Ellie Spiteri is truly appreciated.

On behalf of the governing body, management and staff, thank you for your support and patronage this year. We look forward to welcoming you to your Club for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Dwyer

Secretary Manager