

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-2022 BY MAURIE HALL.

To our valued club members, I hereby present my third annual report as your President.

Our club has been on what you could call a roller coaster ride for the past few years with the Covid events that keep raising their ugly heads. So far, with government help and great attendance by our members we have been winning. We have done our absolute best to keep our members safe during this period and our record has been extremely pleasing. It has been a challenging time for many clubs, some having to close their doors for good in these uncertain times.

To improve the management of this uncertainty and to ensure the Club's future we must look at ways to make sure we can continue in a safe financial position for the long term. As well as ongoing maintenance there are major projects needed to improve our club and attract new members, keeping in mind that our already existing members have given us such great patronage, so we are always looking for better amenities for them.

That is why we are asking for support to change our block of land opposite the Club premises from core to non-core.

The men's shed is presently occupying this block and after ten years Michael Davis, President, of the men's Shed, has verbally informed me and Council's Deputy Mayor, Matthew Deeth, that the members of the shed are willing to be relocated to another allotment. Thank you, Michael and members of the shed, for this sound decision. Subsequently the land must be rezoned from core to non-core. This will take from eighteen months to two years to finalise.

Congratulations to Chef Troy and his staff for the fantastic menus they are providing for us in the Spillway Bistro. Troy is always looking for ways that he can improve his service with variety, now adding a delicious breakfast to his menu. He and his friendly staff are a valuable addition to our Club. Thanks Troy and your busy staff.

As you may know by now our Operations Manager, Jeanne Wilson, is leaving the club on 17th June 2022.

Jeanne has been a tower of strength for us in the new revamp. She progressed enthusiastically with every task we gave her, improving various operations. The club's Board, and I am sure, the members of the club, will be sorry to see her leave. Her service in various roles has extended to twenty- nine years. Jeanne has been excellent to work with, having a great rapport with the Board and staff. Thank you, Jeanne, we wish you all the best for the future.

The Club is presently in the process of advertising for a new Manager, who will have enthusiasm to lead it forward into a bright future for our members and staff with ongoing improvements and excellent management.

Speaking of staff, our Club has an efficient, friendly, and helpful staff. They have done very well during the Covid outbreaks, although it added much to their duties. I am proud of our staff, thank you all and keep up your valuable service.

We have purchased a Defibrillator, now mounted on the wall as you walk into the poker machine area.

We are hoping by the time this report goes out our Club has received insurance claims, caused by the recent harsh weather, from the Insurance Company to which we pay \$117,000 a year. This huge amount charged is because we are in a bushfire prone area.

Club activities:

Monday - Meat Raffle at **12 noon**. Charity Cash Housie – all Profit goes to Little Wings, a great charity which helps children with cancer.

Come along and help the children.

Tuesday - Closed.

Wednesday - Meat raffle starting at **7 pm**. Poker **7pm**

Thursday - Bingo – **12 noon** -Come along and join in, we miss you. **7 pm** Trivia, great night.

Friday - Darts. Starting at **7pm**.

Sunday - End of the month meat raffle plus four one hundred dollars membership draws. Starting at **12 noon**.

We were regretful that we had to cancel the Back to Warragamba Day Reunion. The wet weather and the flooding of the Wallacia Bridge did not help. See you all in 2023.

Our annual sponsorship of the Warragamba Primary School pupils for a scholarship to High School is ongoing. We also sponsor Junior League, Soccer and Little Athletics.

I would like to recognise the efforts of our Board of Directors and club members who have been available to help during the year.

Special thanks to all those members who volunteer their services throughout various areas of the Club. We could not survive without you. I would like to express my gratitude to Vice President, Dave Costello, who does a magnitude of work behind the scenes. Thanks for a huge effort, Dave. Also, special appreciation goes to the Board of Directors, who spent many hours on the door confirming immunisation status during the Covid epidemic. To our forever Returning Officer, John Letby, well done John. We value your efforts for always being available to us. Lastly a big thank you to Terry Frazer and Steve Keys, who help me maintain the club grounds every Tuesday and Thursday.

Don't forget our courtesy bus operates at the following times to collect you and return you safely home.

Friday 6pm until close

Saturday 3 pm 9.30 pm

Sunday 12 Noon until 5 pm.

See you at the Workers!

Best regards, Maurie Hall, President.