

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Club Ltd. It is my honour and privilege as President, to tender the Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2018. The Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Club Ltd has enjoyed a reasonable trading year and as a result a profit of \$276,800 has been achieved. This is considerably less than the previous year, due to some very unforeseen downturns throughout the Shoalhaven District and a major complication within the main Club, which caused turnover to be drastically affected.

This outcome however could not be achieved without the entire professional Managerial and hard working Staff employed within the family network of the Club, capably led by C.E.O. Bernie. They are a credit to their industry and to this Club in particular and I thank each of them, on your behalf for a job well done and express our gratitude for their dedication.

I also extend best wishes and Bon Voyage to long serving and dedicated Assistant Manager, Tony Waller, who after 31 years of loyal and efficient service has decided to retire. Tony has carried out many and varied tasks during his marathon service with the Club and we wish him a happy retirement and Well Done Tony.

During the coming months, renovations will be carried out within the Main and Sports Clubs and there may be some disruption to you the Members and we respectfully request your indulgence and cooperation during this time. I feel certain the final result will be more than pleasing and relaxing for all Members when completed. Please bear with us on the matter.

The Annual General Meeting in June will recommence the first tier of the Triennial Rule in regard to election of Directors, meaning this year, nominations and voting will be required for President, Treasurer (Who may be Service or Associate Member) and Associate Director. All other positions will not require nominations.

The Board continues to support a vast number of charities and organisations across the Community and beyond, contributing well in excess of the amounts nominated by Government, not only through "Club Grants" but to many deserving charities not supported by Governments. For Clubs such as us to be in a position to donate to these extremely worthy causes gives great pleasure and satisfaction that We, You, may have helped someone in need and assist them to get their life back on track.

Once again a member of staff, James Williams, has been selected by the Board to represent the Club in the "Youth Leadership Challenge" on the very arduous and rugged trek across the "Kokoda Track." James will be the Ninth person to complete this adventure sponsored by the Club and we wish him bon voyage on a very special experience, may he cherish the sacrifices made by those valiant men.

On a very sad note, the very sudden passing of Club Treasurer, Mr. Kevin Bryson came as a complete and utter shock to all. Kevin was elected to the Board in 2009 and immediately endeared himself to all around him. Kevin will be missed by all his many friends and we extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Lee Anne and family, May he Rest in Peace.

On the sporting front, all subsidiaries have performed extremely well this year, congratulations to all the Winners, Runners of each various competitions in your sports and hearty congratulations to all the Presidents and Committees. Without these fantastic volunteers running their various sports the Club would not function as well, so well done to all you Committeemen and Women. Many thanks for your support and hospitality afforded myself at your presentation functions, they are exceptionally well organised and welcoming.

As previously stated, I am so very proud and privileged to have been President of this magnificent Club and my sincere thanks go out to my fellow Directors who have represented the Club with dedication and professionalism, Rick Meehan, Alan Bird, Bill Garrick, Greg Sturgiss, John Newbold and Eddie Lee many thanks Fellers, another successful year.

To those Members, who over the past twelve months have lost loved ones, please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss and may the memories of those cherished souls linger with you forever. To those on the sick list, we trust you get better soon.

Now comes the time when I bid you all adieu, time for me to move on and allow a new era to commence. After Thirty Seven years as a Board Member, Eleven of those years as President of this magnificent Club, I have decided to retire.

Over these years I have had the pleasure of meeting so many people from all walks of life, made so many lifetime friends, been made welcome at all functions and being an integral part in achieving so many major decisions and projects for the betterment of the Members and Club, particularly planning and building of the Sports Club.

I extend my sincere thanks to you all, particularly my family, during the early years, for your support, encouragement and friendship, I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment and appreciate you allowing me to represent you over those many years. It has been an Honour and privilege to serve you the Member, Thank You and Bless you all.

In closing, once again I would like to extend hearty thanks to C.E.O. Bernie, Office Staff, Department Managers and the entire Shoalhaven Ex-Servos team, well done folks it has been a honour and pleasure to work with you all over many years. To all the Members and visitors who continue to support both Clubs, thank you for your patronage, it greatly appreciated.

Keep safe and be kind to each other.

Sayonara, Thanks for the Memories.

Kevin Duffey
President.