

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024

It is again my privilege on behalf of the Board of Directors to present, for your adoption, the 52nd Annual Report for the Laurieton United Services Club Group for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

It is with a sense of pride and achievement that I submit my report. Throughout the year your Board has continued to focus on responsible financial management to continue to secure the Club's long-term future, by providing quality surroundings and service to our members at both of our venues.

I am pleased to report that the Club achieved another strong financial performance, and that can be directly attributed to the strategic and business planning undertaken by the Board and Management. The profit for the year of \$321,114 equates to EBITARD of \$1,376,412. This profit has allowed your Board to continue to upgrade the facilities of your Club and this year, at the LUSC, we have completely refurbished the Bistro including booth type seating, modernised the foyer incorporating a Bottle shop and renewed the adjacent toilets and RSL memorabilia; and at Kew Country Club, we have completed a new outdoor precinct which incorporates an outdoor kitchen, children's playground area, an 18 hole Mini Golf Course and a family entertainment area. These works have been completed whilst both venues have continued to provide members with the best quality food, beverage and entertainment.

This year's profit includes a Government Grant of \$327685 which has enabled your Board to complete a Masterplan for Kew Country Club in order that KCC can be the hub for the Kew/Kendall area and to provide an Emergency Evacuation Centre for Johns River, Kew/Kendall, Herons Creek, Lorne and Comboyne. These plans now provide the basis for the Masterplan for Kew Country Club for the coming years, and the Clubs Grants Committee are now actively seeking Government Grants to bring this masterplan to fruition.

I am also pleased to report that the Club finally received the necessary approvals to commence work on the new Waterfront Café and Bar, in the area where the Sports Bar was completely flooded some 3 years ago. We expect these works to be completed around Christmas and I thank our members for their patience. I am confident your patience will be rewarded.

It has certainly been a busy year.

To achieve some of these improvements your Board continues to acknowledge the importance of a close working relationship with local, state, and federal authorities, and we once again thank Mayor Peta Pinson and the Port Macquarie Hastings Council, The Hon. Leslie Williams MP, State Member for Port Macquarie and Federal Member for Lyne The Hon Dr David Gillespie for their ongoing support of your Club.

I am also proud to report that your Board has again improved the sustainability position of the Club over the past 12 months by making changes to our buildings to lower energy consumption; implementing additional sustainable practices within our operations and supporting community sustainable projects.

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I am again pleased to report that the LUSC/KCC Brand is being acknowledged in almost all areas of our community. With our continued focus on supporting Local organisations and sporting groups through our Club grants, donations, sponsorships, and other in-kind function support to over 90 local organisations.

I sincerely thank all my Board colleagues for their continued support of me and for their contribution and unwavering commitment to the Laurieton United Services Group. Along with a full calendar of meetings and conferences each Director is required to attend educational workshops and professional development seminars to ensure that they are fully prepared to set the direction for the continued success of your Club.

However, a good Board can amount to nothing if you don't have a good Management Team. I am extremely proud to say that we have an excellent Management team, and to that end, I would like to acknowledge, congratulate and thank the General Manager, Robert Dwyer, and his management team for their commitment and professionalism in guiding Laurieton United Services Club Group through the many challenges over the past year. The close relationship and culture of respect between your Board and the Management has continued, and is essential if we are to meet our strategic objectives.

Of course, we would not have the Club we have without staff, and I would like to sincerely acknowledge the contribution of all our staff. Our staff provide great service to our members with a smile, and for that, I say Thank You.

On a more sombre note, on behalf of the Board, Management, and staff I would like to convey our condolences to the families and friends of members who have passed away and sincerely thank our Welfare team for their continued work.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasise how much we value your continued patronage, support, and friendship. I can assure you that your Board will continue to provide facilities and services that make you proud to be a Laurieton United Services Club Group member.

Greg Armstrong

President