



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bruce Robinson

April 2024

The Board met several times over the month of April 2024, to consider various matters.

On Monday the 22nd April 2024, the Board met. After assessment and review, the decision was made to part ways with the CEO.

An interim Management team has been put in place, with Paul Sullivan resigning from the Board and being appointed to a role within Management of SWR Country Club as a Consultant. Danielle Rushworth has taken over the License of the Club and will be Secretary-Manager in a temporary role, as is required by law.

Paul and Danielle will work side by side conducting a review of operations and staffing. A staff meeting has been held on Monday 29th April 2024 and an explanation as to the Operations and Management moving forward was conducted.

As Members you may not see any immediate changes, as it is business as usual for you as a member, but over time there will be some changes.

The interim Management situation may run for some months while this review and assessment is undertaken, and the Board will be presented with a plan and decisions will be made accordingly.

The Club's whole of Food Operations has been contracted out to Nathan Darling and Henry Selman, who both have extensive experience in some of Sydney's top restaurants. The Bistro started officially under their stewardship on Tuesday 23rd April 2024. There will be some upgrades made to back of house kitchen area, to be able to provide a much better dining experience for our Members and Guests. Nathan and Henry will also be taking over the Diner in Social Alley after bedding down the Bistro. The Diner will become a full Mexican themed Diner. We welcome Nathan, Henry and their families to our Club and to South West Rocks area, and to providing a first-class dining experience to our Members and Guests.

The Country Club hosted the Anzac Day luncheon for the local RSL with around 100 guests in attendance, which was very successful, and we thank Alan Robinson and his team for the work they did on Anzac Day for our Community. Anzac Day at the Country Club was one of the biggest days the Club has seen, we wish to thank the Club's staff for the wonderful work that they did on the day, under stressful conditions, with the amount of people in the Club.

A Maintenance review is being undertaken, and prioritisation of works is being conducted, we will advise the Members more on this as the time approaches.



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The Golf Pro Shop is now the SWR Country Club Sports shop, with not only Ladies and Men's golf attire, golf balls, buggies etc, the store is now also stocking Taylor bowls equipment – bowls, bags, shoes, shirts, so pop into the Store and browse the shelves.

The inner Clubs continue to do well, with Tennis showing good numbers and financials, Bowls has seen an improvement in financials, so well done there, Golf is going well (we are still awaiting assessment from Crown Lands on the new rental figure).

The Club's overheads and Administration costs are still a concern, but with the catering being leased out, this will have a huge positive impact on the Club's cashflow, and we will continue to look at how we can grow our income, while containing costs.

On Thursday 2nd May 2024, we say a fond farewell to Karli Ford after 15 years of unbelievable dedication to the Country Club. A huge thankyou from the Board, Staff and the Members. Enjoy the next phase of your working life and all the best to you and your family.

Please keep up to date with What's on in the Club for May. We have a great entertainment lineup, with something live every weekend. We have you sorted for Mother's Day as well, from a Pinot & Picasso in Social Alley to a 2-course lunch in Rock Salt Bistro & Café.

Thank you for your support.

Cheers

Bruce Robinson - Chairman