



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

I submit my report for the financial year ending December 2019. I wish that I was reporting a profitable year, unfortunately the club recorded a trading loss for the year of \$109,562 as reported in the financial report.

While a trading loss is never good to report the board of directors believes that the club is still financially strong enough to pay any debts as and when they become due and payable.

Looking back on the last year, even though trading was difficult, the board never lost sight of the strategic plan and continued in preparing your Club for the future:

- Entered into a new lease agreement with Eastern Tiger Restaurant.
- Commenced pre renovation work in preparation for proposed 2020 renovations of restaurant and function facilities.
- Commenced preparation for second restaurant for Western Terrace.
- Purchase of club courtesy bus.
- Purchasing of gaming entitlements for future use.

The support of local sporting and community groups throughout the past year continued your club's commitment to our local community. Your club will continue this support provided into the future, with plans to work more closely with the different groups to provide a better and long-term support programs.

Thanks to Secretary Manager Garry Malone, your management team and staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the club, members and guests.

To the board of directors thank you for your support, guidance, commitment and dedication throughout the year.

Finally, to the member's thank you for your support and patronage throughout the year, clubs are nothing without their member's, best wishes and health for the year ahead.

All future plans for the club have now been placed on hold, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

As members will have learnt covid-19 has had a devastating impact on all business's and employees across Australia and the hospitality industry has been no exception, starting with down turn in trade, social distancing measures and the forced closure of all Clubs and Pubs from midday on the 23rd of March.

This shutdown has unfortunately meant the cancelation of the Cardiff RSL Dawn service for the first time in recent memory. The many drive way dawn services showed that while we may not have been able to show our respects to past and present Sub Branch members in person they were kept in all our memories. Cardiff RSL staff must be also congratulated for the Facebook commemoration videos produced, including the unveiling of our new Ode of Remembrance Video.

Management and your board have worked to ensure that your club has met all legal and ethical requirements during this time. While preparing for the time that we can once again safely open our doors to provide a continuing place of employment for all our staff and a place of social happiness and leisure for all members.

When your club is eventually allowed to reopen it will certainly be with changes in line with government legislation in relation to covid-19.

When we are allowed to open with whatever limitations are legislated around social distancing, customer numbers, health checks and entertainment offerings are unknown, I ask that all members abide by any directions given by staff members.

Finally, to all Staff and members our thoughts are with you during these hard and uncertain times. These are once in a generation times that the majority of Australians have never experienced and hope to never experience again.

Until we all get the opportunity to meet back at your club “Stay Safe”

Greg McColl

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President